

Senator Serrano Pushes for Review of Recent Incidents Involving Roosevelt Island Public Safety Department

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(Roosevelt Island)- Senator Serrano reacted to news of an alleged incident involving the Roosevelt Island Public Safety Department and an island resident.

"Roosevelt Island residents have approached my office with concerns about an incident allegedly involving Anthony Jones and the actions of the Public Safety Department. These allegations are troubling, however I believe that the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation acted appropriately in referring the incident to the State Inspector General for thorough review. It is important that the Inspector General be given the opportunity to independently investigate these allegations and make an appropriate determination."

"I am sponsoring bill S3808/A956 in the Senate to implement a New York State Civilian Review Board. This bill was previously introduced in the Assembly by Assemblymember Micah Kellner, and I thank Micah for his leadership on this issue. Any and all complaints concerning misconduct by officers of the law should be taken seriously. The implementation of a Civilian Review Board will ensure that complaints, such as those allegations regarding the Roosevelt Island Public Safety Department, are independently investigated."