



NEWS ADVISORY

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On Sunday, February 1, the Unified Court System contacted the New York Post to inform it that its story on Saturday, January 31, regarding Gerardo Miguel Mora's appearance before Judge Sheridan Jack-Browne, in New York City Criminal Court, New York County, contained numerous erroneous facts.

Judge Jack-Browne was not presented with any pending warrant for Mr. Mora, was not asked to hold him for any reason, and followed the law in every respect when handling his appearance. Mr. Mora appeared at 100 Centre Street in response to a misdemeanor charge of petit larceny, which on its face would not have authorized the court to set bail or otherwise detain the defendant on the only matter before the court that day. After the prosecutor recommended supervised release and the defense did not object, the court so ordered it.

Moreover, Judge Jack-Browne did not allow Mr. Mora to "flee through a back door" and at no time was he "chased down outside." Mr. Mora walked out of Judge Jack-Browne's courtroom at 12:55 p.m. and did not leave the courthouse until 1:47 p.m. He exited the courthouse through the public exit on Baxter Street, and security video from the exterior of the courthouse shows that he exited the courthouse in handcuffs and was accompanied by federal law enforcement personnel, who placed him in a vehicle.

UCS advised the Post of these errors and stated that if the Post did not correct the story, the Unified Court System would have to do so ourselves. The Post assured UCS that it would publish a corrective article.

Instead, today the Post published an opinion piece repeating the falsities in its original article. UCS again contacted the Post, which has yet to provide an explanation for its insistence on standing by false information and its failure to adhere to its promise to correct its reporting.

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