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September 1, 2021, New York In response to a <u>report</u> just filed by Peter Zimroth, the court-appointed monitor in the landmark stop-and-frisk case *Floyd v. City of New York*, stop-and-frisk attorneys issued the following comments:

This latest monitors report shows that reports of the demise of race-based stop and frisk in New York City were greatly exaggerated, said Center for Constitutional Rights Senior Attorney **Darius Charney**, lead counsel for the Floyd plaintiffs. After almost seven years of federal oversight, the NYPD still conducts more than 80 percent of its stops on Black and Latinx New Yorkers, just like it did during the height of the Bloomberg stop-and-frisk era a decade ago. And because of the vast number of unreported stops, asdocumented by the monitor, the racial disparities are larger than we realize.

Attorney **Jonathan Moore** of Beldock, Levine & Hoffman, LLP, co-lead counsel for the *Floyd* plaintiffs, said, Unless and until the NYPD can make adequate assurances that they are documenting all stops and encounters, we will never be able to determine if they are engaged in constitutional policing. The monitor admits that there is no way to determine whether the NYPD is engaged in constitutional policing given the NYPDs admitted failure to document all stops and encounters.

Also of note:

In August 2013, the Center for Constitutional Rights and co-counsel won a <u>landmark ruling</u> that found the NYPDs stop-and-frisk practices to be racially discriminatory and unconstitutional under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments. The court appointed a monitor to oversee reforms, including a joint remedial process that is intended to solicit substantive input from directly affected communities as well as other stakeholders.

Read the monitors report here.

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