

Footage Shows  
Prison Officers  
Hitting Inmate

Inquiries Into Death at  
New York Facility

By ED SHANAHAN  
Corrections officers punched and kicked a handcuffed, shackled inmate in the groin and chest during a fatal attack at a prison in central New York this month, video footage released publicly on Friday shows.

The footage was recorded by body cameras worn by four of the officers. It was made public by Letitia James, the state attorney general, as part of her office's investigation into the death of the man, Robert Brooks, and the beating that preceded it.

Among other things, the videos show one corrections officer using a booted foot to kick Mr. Brooks, whose face is bloodied, and then force him onto his back on an infirmary examination table while another officer punches Mr. Brooks in the upper body.

Ms. James said that the eight videos her office released depicted “shocking and disturbing” behavior.

“I do not take lightly the release of this video, especially in the middle of the holiday season,” she said during an online presentation. “But as the attorney general I release these videos because I have a responsibility and duty to provide the Brooks family, their loved ones and all New Yorkers with transparency and accountability.”

The investigation could result in criminal charges for some or all of those implicated in the assault, as could inquiries by the State Police and the corrections department's Office of Special Investigations.

Mr. Brooks was Black and all the officers in the video appear to be white. Ms. James did not mention race in her description of the beating. But in a watchdog report issued last year about the prison, the Marcy Correctional Facility, nearly 70 percent of inmates who were interviewed reported racial bias among staff members.

The videos were released two weeks after the attack and days after Gov. Kathy Hochul said she was moving to fire the 14 prison workers implicated in the attack.

The footage was previously described as “horrific” by members of Mr. Brooks's family and “incomprehensible” by the prison officers' union. The videos do not include sound; the officers' cameras were running but they do not record audio unless the officer ac-

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With al-Assad Gone, a Group Lives in Fear

Inside the ruined Assad family mausoleum in Syria. Outcries for justice have made the once-favored Alawite sect uneasy. Page A4.

Trapped by Sudan’s Civil War, She Treated Its Fighters to Survive

By DECLAN WALSH

PORT SUDAN, Sudan — At a makeshift clinic in Sudan's battle-torn capital, a determined young woman rushed to save fighters and civilians alike.

She had no formal medical training. But as beat-up cars skidded to a halt outside the clinic's door, disgorging the wounded, she did her best to treat them — stanching gunshot wounds, changing dressings, improvising blood tests with her cellphone.

Drones buzzed overhead. Snipers perched on rooftops. Explosives struck the clinic, and more than once, the woman, Amal Abdelazeem, thought she was going to die.

The war has remade her. “I’m a different person now,” she said, days after escaping the city.

Hers was the generation that was supposed to save Sudan. They thronged the streets and toppled a dictator in 2019, in a moment of audacious hope that promised a sparkling future to wash away the decades of stale autocracy. Ms. Abdelazeem, then

in college, attended one protest. “We needed a new Sudan,” she said.

But the old Sudan returned quickly, and with a vengeance. The civil war that erupted last year between rival military factions not only split a giant African

nation in two — it also derailed an entire generation, forcing young Sudanese to make painful choices as they navigated a war that few wanted.

Democracy activists picked up guns to fight alongside the soldiers they once despised. Artists

set up food kitchens. Lawyers collected rape testimony. Millions fled Sudan.

But millions more, like Ms. Abdelazeem, who is 26, had to stay. She was trapped in a neighborhood that had fallen to the Rapid Support Forces, or R.S.F., the fear-some paramilitary group that is battling Sudan's military for control of the country. Such areas are the conflict's blind spots, so dangerous that even local reporters dare not venture there.

She had no money to run, and the war quickly presented a series of excruciating choices. It split her family — one brother was detained by the R.S.F., while another brother joined the group. It forced her to choose between food and safety.

And she felt buffeted between the two sides, patching up fighters while being targeted by them, viewed with suspicion at every turn.

One morning at a checkpoint, a young R.S.F. fighter brusquely demanded to know why Ms. Abdelazeem insisted on wearing a

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Amal Abdelazeem, 26, is part of the generation that toppled a dictator, with high expectations for their lives. Until the fighting.

Charges in C.E.O. Murder Case  
Test New York’s Terrorism Laws

By HURUBIE MEKO

Six days after Sept. 11, 2001, as New York City reeled from the worst terrorist attacks on American soil, lawmakers in Albany passed sweeping antiterrorism laws. Since then, prosecutors have used them infrequently.

But last week, the Manhattan district attorney's office leveled a terrorism charge against Luigi Mangione, a 26-year-old man accused of killing a health insurance executive, classifying the crime not just as a murder but also as an attack on democracy.

Prosecutors' decision to characterize the killing of the UnitedHealthcare chief executive, Brian Thompson, as a political act will test the law. And it will have implications beyond the courtroom.

The defendant, who carried a handwritten manifesto decrying the American health care system, has been cast as a martyr by some people sympathetic to his apparent philosophy — and the charges could strengthen that perception. Some have criticized what they

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Post-9/11 Measures

see as a judgment by the authorities that the killing of a wealthy executive is more important than the deaths of the anonymous poor. And as a practical matter, terrorism could be a more difficult charge to prove than second-degree murder.

Alvin L. Bragg, the Manhattan district attorney, has argued that the terrorism charge is warranted because the gunman's act was meant to do more than kill Mr. Thompson — it was meant to send a message to the public. Mr. Mangione, he said at a news conference last week, intended to “sow fear.”

“This type of premeditated, targeted gun violence cannot and will not be tolerated,” Mr. Bragg said.

Zachary W. Carter, who served

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RICHARD PARSONS, 1948-2024

With Charm, He Cleaned Up  
Multiple Corporate Calamities

By BENJAMIN MULLIN

Richard D. Parsons, whose humane approach to business made him a serial troubleshooter at distressed companies including Time Warner, CBS and Citigroup and a sought-after adviser at the highest echelons of American industry, died on Thursday at his home in Manhattan. He was 76.

The cause was cancer, said Ronald S. Lauder, a member of the Estée Lauder board and one of Mr. Parsons's oldest friends.

Mr. Parsons's winding career tracked the biggest companies in American media and finance — and the biggest problems. Time and again, he stepped in when things looked catastrophic and put his smooth leadership style to work, disentangling Gordian knots and assuaging discontented shareholders.

Mr. Parsons, a jazz-loving oenophile who served on the board of the Apollo Theater and



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Richard Parsons in 2013. He had a lengthy résumé as a fixer.

owned a Tuscan winery, rose to the top of the business world in an era when he was frequently the only Black executive in the boardroom. A self-described “Rockefeller Republican,” Mr. Parsons spoke out on social justice issues in the wake of George Floyd's

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DORTHY MOXLEY, 1932-2024

Mother Who Pursued Justice  
For Her Daughter For Decades

By ROBERT D. McFADDEN

Dorthy Moxley, who crusaded half her life for justice in the murder of her teenage daughter, Martha, in Greenwich, Conn., in 1975, but was never fully vindicated in her belief that a young neighbor related to the Kennedy family had killed her with a golf club, died on Tuesday at her home in Summit, N.J. She was 92.

Her son, John, said the cause was complications of the flu.

For more than four decades after the gruesome death of her daughter, Mrs. Moxley remained a compelling figure in the sprawling story of a classic mystery that captured world attention with its wealth and celebrity, its idyllic setting, its endless wrong turns and dead-end investigations, its inconclusive courtroom dramas, and an outpouring of books, films, documentaries and publicity.

Throughout those years, Mrs. Moxley had no standing except as



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Dorthy Moxley and a portrait of her daughter, Martha, in 1997.

a witness and on the moral high ground of a mother devastated by the loss of her child. But she was a tenacious presence in the case, talking to journalists and anyone who might help further the investigations, pushing detectives for new leads, and eventually cham-

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