

JURY ACQUITS MAN
WHO WAS CHOKING
RIDER ON SUBWAY

CLEARED OF HOMICIDE

Split Reaction in a Case
Reflecting Tensions
in New York City

By HURUBIE MEKO
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Daniel Penny, a former Marine who choked a fellow subway rider on an uptown F train last year, was acquitted on a charge of criminally negligent homicide on Monday, ending a case that had come to exemplify New York City’s post-pandemic struggles.

The jurors decided that Mr. Penny’s actions were not criminal when he held the rider, Jordan Neely, in a chokehold as the two men struggled on the floor of a subway car on May 1, 2023. Mr. Neely, who was homeless and had a history of mental illness, had strode through the subway car that afternoon, yelling at passengers and frightening them, according to witnesses.

After the forewoman announced the verdict, the courtroom erupted, with some people cheering the outcome and others responding with anger.

Upon hearing the words “not guilty,” Mr. Penny’s lawyer, Thomas A. Kenniff, slapped his palm on the defense table and turned to hug Mr. Penny, who had a large grin on his face. Another of his lawyers, Steven Raiser, stood and kissed his client on the cheek.

Mr. Neely’s father, Andre Zachery, lashed out at supporters of Mr. Penny, and the judge asked him to leave the room.

The jurors had spent more than three days trying to come to a unanimous decision on whether Mr. Penny, 26, was guilty of manslaughter — a higher charge — in the death of Mr. Neely, 30. On Friday, the jurors sent two notes to the judge overseeing the trial saying that they had deadlocked.

After the jurors — seven women and five men — sent the first note that morning, the judge, Maxwell T. Wiley, instructed them to resume their deliberations. When the jurors sent the second note in the afternoon, telling Justice Wiley that they were still unable to reach an agreement, he granted the prosecution’s request to dismiss the charge. He sent the jurors home for the weekend, telling them to prepare to begin deliberating on the lesser charge, criminally negligent homicide, on Monday. Ultimately, they decided

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Shock, Glee and Unease as Syrians Wonder What’s Next



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SYMBOL OF TERROR Thousands of Syrians descended on the Assad regime’s notorious Sednaya prison outside Damascus. Page A7.

Call by Tipster
Leads to Arrest
In N.Y. Killing

By ED SHANAHAN

The tipster’s call to the local police came in shortly after 9 a.m. Monday from a McDonald’s in western Pennsylvania.

The caller said that a customer there looked like the man in photos shared by New York authorities who were searching for a suspect in the brazen killing of a health insurance executive in Manhattan last week.

When officers arrived at the McDonald’s, on an anonymous, four-lane stretch of road in Altoona, Pa., that is dotted with chain stores and fast-food restaurants, they approached the customer, Luigi Mangione.

“He was sitting there eating,” Joseph E. Kenny, the New York Police Department’s chief of detectives, said at a news conference.

Mr. Mangione was wearing a blue surgical mask and had a laptop. One of the officers asked him to pull down the mask and then asked whether he had been to New York recently, according to a

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Intercepting Self-Harm, but Many False Alerts

By ELLEN BARRY

Dawn was still hours away when Angel Cholka was awakened by the beams of a police flashlight through the window. At the door was an officer, who asked if someone named Madi lived there. He said he needed to check on her. Ms. Cholka ran to her 16-year-old’s bedroom, confused and, suddenly, terrified.

Ms. Cholka did not know that A.I.-powered software operated by the local school district in Neosho, Mo., had been tracking what Madi was typing on her school-issued Chromebook.

While her family slept, Madi had texted a friend that she planned to overdose on her anxiety medication. That information

Schools Use A.I. to Spy
on Students’ Devices
to Prevent Suicide

shot to the school’s head counselor, who sent it to the police. When Ms. Cholka and the officer reached Madi, she had already taken about 15 pills. They pulled her out of bed and rushed her to the hospital.

Thousands of miles away, at around midnight, a mother and father in Fairfield County, Conn., received a call on their landline and were unable to reach it in time to answer. Fifteen minutes later, the doorbell rang. Three officers were on the stoop asking to see their 17-

year-old daughter, who had been flagged by monitoring software as at urgent risk for self-harm.

The girl’s parents woke her and brought her downstairs so the police could quiz her on something she had typed on her school laptop. It took only a few minutes to conclude that it was a false alarm — the language was from a poem she wrote years earlier — but the visit left the girl profoundly shaken.

“It was one of the worst experiences of her life,” said the girl’s mother, who requested anonymity to discuss an experience “traumatizing” to her daughter.

In the array of artificial intelligence technologies entering American classrooms, few carry higher stakes than software that

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Neosho High School in Missouri. From 2014 to 2018, eight of its 5,000 students died by suicide.

Haitians Who Fled to Dominican Republic Are Returned in Cages

By HOGLA ENECIA PÉREZ
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BELLADÈRE, Haiti — Cage-like trucks fitted with iron bars that appear designed to carry livestock line up every morning at the border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

The vehicles at the Elías Piña border crossing are not loaded with cattle, but with Haitians being deported by the Dominican

immigration authorities. They include young men, pregnant women, unaccompanied children and some people who have never lived in Haiti.

Since October, more than 71,000 people have been deported to Haiti.

Rose-Mieline Florvil, 24, who lived in the Dominican Republic for less than a year, said immigration agents recently raided her house in Santiago, in the northern

Abuses Afflict Process,
Rights Groups Say

part of the country, one day before dawn and said something along the lines of “Black woman, come here.”

“I couldn’t run, because I’m pregnant,” she said.

The extraordinary wave of de-

portations — Dominican officials say the goal is 10,000 per week — reflects a stringent new immigration policy by a country with a complicated and racially charged history with Haiti.

The nations share the island of Hispaniola, and the Dominican Republic, the far more prosperous of the two, has sounded increasingly loud alarms about shouldering the burden of what experts say

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With Their New Power Player,
Mets Turn Tables on Yankees

By DAVID WALDSTEIN

Did you feel the ground shake Sunday night? Did New York suddenly tilt from the Bronx down to Queens?

For decades, Yankees fans scoffed at Mets fans, mocking them just for loving their little team in Flushing. The big, corporate Yankees sucked up most of



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Juan Soto will be relocating from the Bronx to Queens.

the oxygen in New York, and if there was any left over, only then were the scrappy Mets allowed to breathe in the exhaust.

That all changed overnight, just as Steve Cohen, the multi-billionaire owner of the Mets franchise, promised it would. The Mets took Juan Soto from the Yankees [Page B6].

Soto played only one season in the Bronx, but he helped the team get to the World Series for the first time in 15 years. And then he did what no superstar, top-flight free agent had ever done in the past: He spurned the Yankees to join the Mets for more money. He accepted the Mets’ staggering offer of \$765 million for a 15-year contract.

It definitely stunned the Yankees and their devoted supporters, who have absolutely no expe-

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