



Commissioner Tisch & Mayor Adams Must Fire Lt. Jonathan Rivera for Killing Allan Feliz



On October 17, 2019, NYPD Lt. Jonathan Rivera shot and killed Allan Feliz, a Dominican father from Washington Heights, after he and Officers Edward Barrett and Michelle Almanzar unjustly detained Allan during a car stop. The officers escalated and within seconds Lt. Rivera shot and killed Allan.

Eight Facts About the NYPD Killing of Allan Feliz

1. **Allan Feliz was unarmed** when NYPD Lt. Jonathan Rivera shot him in the chest at close range.
2. **The NYPD admitted to being wrong** when they stopped Allan for not wearing his seatbelt.
3. **The NYPD escalated and created a crisis by illegally detaining Allan**, running his ID, and attacking him.
4. When Allan returned to his car, **Officer Edward Barrett immediately began punching him**.
5. Lt. Rivera climbed into the passenger seat - on top of Allan's passenger - **beat, tasered, threatened to kill, and then shot Allan**.
6. Officer Barrett aggressively yanked Allan from the car, **exposing his genitals**.
7. **The NYPD left Allan handcuffed and bleeding out in the street with his genitals exposed**.
8. Right after killing Allan, **Lt. Rivera exclaimed, "My hand got tired"** while talking with other officers.

Allan Feliz's family has been fighting for accountability for Allan's murder through over five years of delays and obstruction by two mayoral administrations, the NYPD, and the Lieutenants Benevolent Association, the police union that represents Lt. Rivera.

1. **The NYPD Force Investigation Division (FID) kept their investigation open for over two years**, which stalled the CCRB investigation past the 18-month deadline for most discipline charges.
2. **The Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) substantiated fireable charges against Lt. Rivera in May 2023**.
3. In Aug 2023, after the CCRB already substantiated charges, the **Lieutenants Benevolent Association Union filed a "re-open request" with the CCRB**, which was rejected. A "re-open request" is a tool for civilian complainants to use to re-open CCRB investigations when new evidence emerges.
4. Around the same time, the Feliz family learned that the **NYPD is considering taking the case away from the CCRB** using provision 2 of the CCRB-NYPD memorandum of understanding.
5. **Dozens of city and state elected officials have sent three letters** to Mayor Adams and the NYPD Commissioner calling for Lt. Rivera to be fired, one in [Sept. 2023](#), one in [Oct. 2024](#), and one in [March 2025](#). **LatinoJusticePRLDEF, Center for Constitutional Rights and other organizations sent a similar letter in Dec. 2023**. Neither the mayor nor any NYPD Commissioner have provided a substantive response to any of these letters.
6. The **NYPD refused to serve the substantiated charges** to Lt. Rivera so that a discipline trial could be scheduled for over a year.
7. In February 2025, Deputy Commissioner of Trials Rosemarie Maldonado determined Lt. Rivera to be guilty of excessive force and assault in the first degree and recommend he be fired. **NYPD Commissioner Tisch has yet to take action**.