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STATEMENT OF QUEENS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY MELINDA KATZ

District Attorney Melinda Katz today announced that she is moving to dismiss the charges against Peggy Herrera, the mother of an emotionally disturbed son who required assistance during a mental health episode in August of 2019. At the time, Herrera's son had locked her out of their home and police were unable to convince him to open the door.

"I have reviewed the case with my office and have determined that the interests of justice would be served by dismissing the criminal charges filed against her as a result of this incident." DA Katz said. The DA also noted that after her arrest, efforts by Ms. Herrera as well as those by the advocacy groups and elected officials brought attention to the issue of how we as a City respond to calls for assistance involving emotionally disturbed people.

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