

Statement from Mayor Lovely Warren regarding the NYS Attorney General's conclusion of its investigation into the death of Daniel Prude:

“The announcement by the Attorney General is hard for many of us to understand. Today's findings will not undo the damage done nor bring Mr. Prude back to his loved ones. And, we extend our fullest prayers and condolences to his children and his family. There are no words that can comfort a family who has lost their loved one in this tragic way. Our actions going forward will ensure that Daniel Prude's death was not in vain.

As a City and a community we must work towards changing policies and procedures to correct the inequities in the system. I am committed to focusing my energy and anger on creating the change our community so desperately seeks, and I ask that you join with me.

Our recent draft proposals reimagining policing in response to Executive Order 203, and Chief Herriott-Sullivan's revised orders and procedures, which she will announce soon, are evidence of this effort.

I ask us all to put the wellbeing of our community first and to act with sincerity to improve our City. If we do that with the dignity and humanity God has instilled in all of us, we will create the change that Mr. Prude's death, and that our history, demands.

I pray that we all choose this path. I pray for the Prude family, and for his soul, on this difficult day. Let us live the words we have all spoken to create a most just and equitable Rochester for everyone. God bless you and our City.”