

Transcript: Mayor Eric Adams Makes a Statement With the Lewin Family

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Mayor Eric Adams: Just think about this for a moment. And what the family said while we spoke just really resonated with me. Young Kade. Whose child is next? Whose child is next? These could have been Jordan sneakers, my son. Whose child is next? This story just strikes at the heart of the trauma in our city and in our country. This amazing young girl was just taking care of her young family members, treating them to food, just having them out enjoying the day, the night, pulled over just to watch a movie and to eat the food. In that instant, lost them, lost Kade. Whose child is next? And when you understand the realness of this, you understand the urgency. And so when I move with the urgency and people are telling me to slow down, what the hell is wrong with you? Whose child is next? And the overwhelming number of the victims are black and brown.

Mayor Adams: Overwhelming. We can replace the name of Kade with so many other names. Promising young people snatched away from us, snatched away from us. Promising young people snatched away from us for no other reason, too many guns on our streets, too many people who are willing to use those guns to harm innocent people. So all the talk about those who are shooting, what about the innocent people? What about them? Do they matter? Do they matter? I say they matter.

Mayor Adams: And it's time for us to move with a level of urgency to deal with this violence that we are witnessing in our city. It's a painful moment. Jenna's mom laid out this young girl's promising life. Graduating, going to college, two jobs. She stated that I want to show her the love and bought her a car so that she can enjoy her family members together. All she thought about were the children. That's all she thought about. Now she sits in the hospital blaming herself because of the violence of someone.

The entire country should listen to the narrative of this family. Immigrants coming here to this country, looking for a better way of life, not for someone to take their life.

Mayor Adams: You'll never get over this moment. This is their neighborhood. This is their community. Right down the block from where the shooting took place is where the mom was there doing hair. Watching that baby in the car. We're so sorry. Words cannot take away what you are going through. But you're representative of the best that this city and country has to offer and your children represented that. And those who took their lives will be found. The police commissioner and I, we are committing to finding them. But it's time this entire city stand with families like these because there's only one question we have to answer if we don't get this right. Whose child is next?

Police Commissioner Keechant Sewell, Police Department: Good morning. The pall of violence across this city must be lifted. Your NYPD is doing everything it can and knows how to do well to deter and prevent and apprehend those responsible but we need your help. Kade's mother needs your help. Jenna's mother needs your help. Murders, shootings, robberies, assaults, go against everything we should believe ourselves to be. If you have any information that can help us apprehend those responsible for the killing of a 12 year old and the seriously injuring of a 19 year old sitting in a car eating, I ask you to please call (800) 577-TIPS.

Commissioner Sewell: Para español, llame (800) 57-PISTA

Commissioner Sewell: These families need your help. Please call. Thank you.

Mayor Adams: And we need also, we're putting out a call to help this family during this time with the mounting cost of burying Kade, the medical costs of young Jenna that's still in the hospital with six bullets. Six bullets in that baby girl. Six bullets in that baby girl. This baby girl here, this baby girl. So we're asking people to help us during this difficult time. I would personally contribute, but we want contributions to go to the lisadozierfuneralservice.com, lisadozierfuneralservice.com to raise the money that's needed, this family being hit with this real crisis.

Mayor Adams: I want to thank AT Mitchell. For his crisis management team, Man Up, for the work they're doing to deal with this real issue that we are facing of trying to get these guns off our street. Brother, I appreciate you for being here and the other crisis management teams that are here as well. But we are asking people to help this family

during this difficult time. We want to have the mother come forward and the aunt. We're really asking you to bear with them. This tragedy is so fresh.

Mayor Adams: But they do want to speak to the city and it's a very difficult thing to do so bear with them. We're asking you after they speak to give them a sense of privacy so they can grieve. This is so hard to lose a child. Mothers should not be burying their children. And so they wanted to come out and just share with the city their feelings and we're just asking after to give them the privacy that they need.

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Mayor Adams: Suzette. Kade's mother.

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Mayor Adams: Thank you. Thank you. We're not going to take any questions.

Mayor Adams: [Lisadozierfuneralservice.com](https://www.lisadozierfuneralservice.com) for the support for this family so they can get the support and the medical assistance. We're calling on New Yorkers to help us and help this family during this difficult time. This baby's in the hospital with six bullets in her.

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