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**MAYOR DE BLASIO, COMMISSIONER BRANN ANNOUNCE DISCIPLINARY
ACTION AGAINST 17 OFFICERS, INCLUDING FOUR SUSPENSIONS WITHOUT
PAY, FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH OF LAYLEEN POLANCO**

*The Department of Correction has now concluded its own internal investigation after the
Bronx DA found no criminal activity following its six-month investigation*

NEW YORK—Following the conclusion of an internal investigation, Mayor de Blasio today announced that 17 uniform Department of Correction staff will be charged for their conduct surrounding the death of Layleen Polanco. Three officers and one captain will be suspended without pay immediately. This comes as the Bronx District Attorney filed no charges following their own six-month investigation into the circumstances surrounding Polanco's death.

"The death of Layleen Polanco was an incredibly painful moment for our city," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "What happened to Layleen was absolutely unacceptable and it is critical that there is accountability."

"We are committed to ensuring that all of our facilities are safe and humane. Even one death in our custody is one too many and this swift and fair determination on internal discipline makes clear that the safety and well-being of people in our custody remains our top priority," said **Department of Correction Commissioner Cynthia Brann**.

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