

No apology needed from court officers

In your editorial of March 22, you chastise court officers for detaining an individual who was taking pictures of the White Plains court facility. You are correct in saying that there will be no apology from this union or these court officers for performing their duty, which includes protecting court facilities.

I told your reporter that more than a year ago, court officers assigned to this same facility were berated by Administrative Judge Francis Nicolai for not detaining another group of individuals who were photographing the very same building. The Office of Court Administration owes court officers an apology for their appalling failure to enunciate a policy in this area. In spite of your civics lesson, when it comes to detaining individuals, policies are necessary to provide guidance to law enforcement officers.

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