

NYPD stationhouses begin stop-and-frisk program reforms following judge's recommendations

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The NYPD's stop-and-frisk program has come under fire in recent years, prompting protests like one. Monday say the department starting of a pilot program outfitting cops with body cameras. (Seth Wenig/AP)

Reforms to the NYPD's controversial stop-and-frisk program are underway at stationhouses throughout the city.

Manhattan Federal Court Judge Analisa Torres approved a memo Monday detailing the constitutional bases for the practice. The document also prohibits racial profiling by police and orders the start of a pilot program outfitting cops with body cameras.

"Commanding officers of all precincts, (public service areas), and transit districts are

directed to ensure that this . . . message is read at 10 consecutive roll calls. In addition, a copy of this message shall be posted conspicuously in all such commands and provided to all officers," the NYPD's court-appointed federal monitor, Peter Zimroth, wrote.

The order is the result of 2013 rulings declaring the NYPD's stop-and-frisk program unconstitutional. The practice, as it existed, resulted in cops targeting millions of black and Hispanic men on the basis of race, Judge Shira Scheindlin ruled.