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Community Alert: Report of MTA Police Department assault and misconduct in Grand Central Station

The New York City Anti-Violence Project (AVP) was outraged to learn of Jesse Archer's report of police assault and misconduct in Grand Central on Friday night. After speaking with the New York Police Department (NYPD), AVP has learned that the police involved were Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Police Officers. AVP is demanding that the MTA Police begin an immediate investigation of this incident. AVP is committed to working with all victims of police brutality to receive the services and support that they deserve and to holding the police accountable for their actions.

After the allegations of police misconduct in Hell's Kitchen in late September and these recent allegations of police brutality in Grand Central last weekend, AVP has called upon the NYPD to institute comprehensive training on police response to anti-LGBT violence for all police precincts. AVP will make the same demands of the MTA Police. AVP is working with elected officials to assure that the police are held accountable for police brutality and misconduct.

Anyone who has experienced violence at the hands of the police or anyone else should contact AVP's 24 hour bilingual hotline at 212.714.1141.