

COMMUNITY ALERT



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AVP mourns the death of Robert Jenkins; friend in custody alleges unwanted sexual advances

AVP extends our condolences to Staten Island resident Robert Jenkins' family, friends, and community. Jenkins' son discovered his body early Saturday morning. He had been badly beaten and a medical examiner's report also revealed that he had been choked.

On Monday February 28th Jenkins' friend Ronald Jones was arraigned on second-degree murder charges. Jones has told police that he was [driven into a murderous rage by Jenkins' unwanted sexual advances](#).

While details of this case are still emerging it seems clear that a tragedy occurred between these two friends. AVP believes that sexual advances—whether or not they have occurred in this case—never justify murder. AVP is reaching out to the NYPD and partner organizations on Staten Island and will keep our community members informed of any developments.

AVP encourages you to report any anti-LGBTQ bias, including hate speech, bullying, harassment, and physical violence, to our **24-hour bilingual (English/Spanish) hotline at 212-714-1141** where you can speak with a trained counselor or online on our [secure reporting form](#).

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