

# COMMUNITY ALERT



## John Lea's alleged murderer Justin Waller arrested in Vermont

January 25, 2010

On Thursday, January 21, 2010, John Lea was discovered brutally murdered in his Hell's Kitchen apartment. The NYPD immediately began investigating this case as a domestic violence-related homicide, focusing on Lea's live-in lover, Justin Waller. Officers from the Midtown North Precinct apprehended Waller over the weekend in Manchester, Vermont where he allegedly confessed to Lea's murder. AVP commends the NYPD and the officers of the Midtown North Precinct for their quick and effective handling of this case. We offer our deepest condolences and support to John Lea's family and friends.

Domestic violence, which can range from verbal abuse to physical injury, and include control of finances, medical care and access to family, friends and children, is more common within LGBTQ relationships than people realize. If you or anyone you know has ever felt unsafe in a relationship, you are not alone: AVP is here to support you and to safety plan with you. Please call us today on our 24-hour bilingual (English/Spanish) Hotline at (212)714-1141.



### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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### VIOLENCIA DOMESTICA

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Algunas relaciones LGBTQ pueden ser dañinas, inseguras o violentas. Si usted se ha sentido atemorizado en una relación o sabe de alguien que se encuentra en esta situación, llámenos a nuestra línea de ayuda bilingüe (Inglés/Español) disponible las 24 horas: 212.714.1141

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