

# COMMUNITY ALERT



**AVP is deeply saddened by the murder of John Lea and seeks to raise awareness of LGBTQ Domestic Violence**

**January 22, 2010**

AVP was saddened and shocked to learn that John Lea was discovered brutally murdered in his Hell's Kitchen apartment yesterday afternoon, Thursday, January 21, 2010. We offer our deepest condolences and support to his family and friends. AVP is disturbed to learn of allegations that the police are investigating this as domestic violence-related homicide and that the NYPD is currently searching for Lea's live-in lover, identified as Justin Waller. AVP is working with local officials and will provide all support and assistance possible to resolve this tragic murder.

Domestic violence is far more common than people realize in LGBTQ relationships and, at its most extreme, can end tragically in murder. The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Program's (NCAVP) 2008 national report on domestic violence within the LGBTQ communities reported a 125% increase in domestic violence fatalities. If you or anyone you know has ever felt unsafe in a relationship, 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**

**We can help.  
212.714.1141**

Some LGBTQ relationships can be hurtful, unsafe or violent. If you have ever felt unsafe in a relationship or know someone who has, call us on our 24-hour bilingual (English/Spanish) hotline: **212.714.1141**

You are not alone. [www.avp.org](http://www.avp.org)

## **VIOLENCIA DOMESTICA**

**Podemos ayudar.  
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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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