

BREAKING NEWS



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AVP learns of New Year's Eve assault against a transgender woman

The New York City Anti-Violence Project has learned of a violent sexual assault that occurred on the Third Avenue Bridge connecting East Harlem and the Bronx. Right before midnight on New Year's Eve, a transgender woman was sexually assaulted by a man who solicited her for sex. She was attacked when she refused his solicitation. The attacker has not been apprehended.

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) report, *Hate Violence Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and HIV-Affected Communities in the United States in 2010*, documented 27 anti-LGBTQ murders, the second highest yearly total ever recorded by the coalition. **Transgender women made up 44% of the 27 reported hate murders in 2010, while representing only 11% of total survivors and victims.**

AVP is currently reaching out to the NYPD, the office of New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, community organizations, and media outlets to follow up on this incident. **We will keep you informed of developments and ways to take action.**

AVP encourages you to report any anti-LGBTQ bias that you have experienced or witnessed, 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 and seek the support you need. More information about the New York City Anti-Violence Project can be found at our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).