

COMMUNITY ALERT



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AVP condemns hate violence incident in Brooklyn, encourages reporting of hate violence incidents

The New York City Anti-Violence Project (AVP) has learned of the arrest of Louis Newman, a 43-year-old Brooklyn resident who is accused of wielding a knife while making anti-gay remarks to two 22-year-old men on Saturday morning, June 6, at 9:30am on Utica Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. The victims were able to wave down NYPD officers who arrested Newman. Newman has been charged with menacing as a hate crime and criminal possession of a weapon.

“June is Pride month, a time of great celebration for our communities, but also a time where the reports of violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities historically increases,” said Sharon Stapel, AVP’s Executive Director. “The more visible we are, the more vulnerable we are to anti-LGBTQ bias and hate. This kind of violence is meant to send a message of fear and intimidation to the entire LGBTQ community and AVP stands with the community to say we are proud of who we are and we will not tolerate this violence.”

AVP encourages you to be especially aware of your surroundings this month—and always— and to report any anti-LGBTQ bias, including hate speech 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.

In addition, AVP has also introduced [a new secure online form for reporting anti-LGBTQ bias incidents](#) that you have experienced or witnessed. AVP provides individual counseling, support groups, advocacy and referrals to LGBTQ survivors of hate violence. Please call **our 24-hour bilingual (English/Spanish) hotline at 212-714-1141** for more information.

More information about the New York City Anti-Violence Project can be found at our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#). Additional safety tips are also available on our [website](#).

Please forward this e-mail to your friends and urge them to stay safe.