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## AVP learns of Intimate Partner Violence Murder-Suicide in Brooklyn; raises awareness of LGBTQ Intimate Partner Violence

AVP has learned of an [intimate partner violence murder-suicide](#) that occurred yesterday in the East New York neighborhood of Brooklyn. According to police, Jason Lopez, 22, fatally shot his boyfriend Tory Curtis when he found Curtis at the home they shared with a third, unidentified man. Lopez then shot himself fatally. The unidentified man hid while the shooting took place and has survived.

An estimated one in four lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and HIV-affected (LGBTQH) people will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime. The most recent report on LGBTQH intimate partner violence issued by NCAVP shows a 38% increase in reports of intimate partner violence in 2010. The 2010 report highlights shows an increase in the severity of violence experienced by LGBTQ and HIV-affected survivors of intimate partner violence. In 2010, more than half of survivors (55.4%) experienced physical violence at the hands of their abusive partners, a substantial increase from 2009 (36.5%).

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 violence you experience or witness to our **24-hour bilingual (English/Spanish) hotline at 212-714-1141** where you can speak with a trained counselor and seek support, or you can [report violence anonymously online](#) via our website.

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