

COMMUNITY ALERT



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AVP learns of two incidents of violence in the West Village this week

AVP has learned of two separate, troubling incidents of violence that occurred in or around LGBTQ bars in the West Village this week. A woman [has told the NYPD](#) that she was raped in the bathroom at the Duplex, on Monday, June 25 at 12:30AM in the hours following the Manhattan Pride Parade. Then, in the early morning hours of Tuesday, June 26, Ramel Blount, 23, and Derrick McVay, 22 allegedly approached a man who was standing outside the Stonewall Inn and [beat and robbed him](#). The two men are under arrest, charged with robbery, assault, criminal mischief and possession of stolen property.

While we do not know of an explicit bias-motivation in either of these incidents, AVP always wants our community members to be aware of these incidents as they occurred in LGBTQ-friendly spaces. We also want everyone to be safe and use our [Pride Safety Tips here](#). AVP is in touch with the NYPD, the office of New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and the Manhattan District Attorney's office regarding these incidents and we will keep you informed of developments on [Facebook](#).

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.

Find out more about AVP at our [website](#), get regular updates on our ongoing work on [Facebook](#), and [get involved](#) and make a difference!