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AVP learns of an intimate partner violence incident in East New York, Brooklyn

The New York City Anti-Violence Project has learned of an intimate partner violence (IPV) incident that occurred this past Saturday, May 2nd in East New York, Brooklyn. According to local media reports, Krystal Childs, an off-duty NYPD traffic enforcement agent, was arrested and charged with misdemeanor assault and harassment for attacking her girlfriend. Childs’ girlfriend sustained minor injuries in the assault.

NCAVP’s report Intimate Partner Violence in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and HIV Affected Communities in 2013, released in October of 2014, reported a slight increase in intimate partner violence issues nationally. Here in New York City, AVP saw a 26% increase in survivors reporting IPV in 2013.

AVP has reached out to the Brooklyn Family Justice Center, New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito’s office, the office of Public Advocate Letitia James, New York City Council Member Rafael Espinal’s office, the NYPD Domestic Violence Unit, the NYPD Community Affairs Unit, the LGBT Liaison to the Police Commissioner, and the King’s County District Attorney’s Office.

TAKE ACTION WITH AVP

In response, AVP will be engaging in outreach in the neighborhood in which the incident occurred in the weeks ahead. We will post outreach details as soon as they have been confirmed on our Facebook page and on AVP’s events calendar. AVP’s Real Talks Community Action Committee, a community and survivor-led working group that addresses intimate partner violence and sexual violence within LGBTQ and HIV-affected communities, meets monthly at AVP, to get involved contact LaLa Zannell at lzannell@avp.org.

REPORTING VIOLENCE HELPS END VIOLENCE

AVP encourages you to report violence you experience or witness to our free and confidential 24-hour bilingual (English/Spanish) hotline at 212-714-1141 where you can speak with a trained counselor and seek support, including information on our LGBTQ IPV Support Groups, or you can report violence anonymously online, or to ask for a counselor to reach out to you.

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