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AVP learns of an anti-LGBTQ hate violence incident in Chelsea, Manhattan

AVP has learned of a reported anti-LGBTQ hate violence incident that occurred on Tuesday, May 6, at Dallas BBQ’s, a local restaurant in Chelsea, Manhattan. According to DNA Info (warning: explicit violence in the video), two gay men, Jonathan Snipes and Ethan York-Adams, were violently attacked by another patron who allegedly used anti-gay language. The NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force is currently investigating the incident to determine motive.

According to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs’ (NCAVP) most recent report on hate violence to which AVP contributed local data, reports of hate violence increased 26% in New York City against LGBTQ and HIV-affected people, continuing a four-year trend in increases.

AVP has reached out to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center, New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito’s office, the Mayor’s Community Affairs Unit, the office of City Councilmember Corey Johnson, the office of Public Advocate Letitia James, the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, the NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force, the LGBT Liaison to the Police Commissioner, and the NYPD Community Affairs Unit.

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 Hate Violence Community Action Committee, a community and survivor-led working group that addresses hate violence, police violence, pick-up violence, and discrimination against 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, or you can report violence anonymously online, or to ask for a counselor to reach out to you.

Find out more about AVP at our website, www.avp.org, and get regular updates on our ongoing work on Facebook.com/antiviolence or Twitter @antiviolence, and get involved and make a difference.