

# COMMUNITY ALERT



**October 20, 2010**

## **AVP condemns a wave of anti-LGBTQ incidents that occurred this past week in the West Village and the Bronx**

On Monday, October 11, [two people were attacked at Julius Bar](#), New York's oldest gay bar, on West 10<sup>th</sup> Street in the West Village. The suspect, who has a known history of luring gay men with the intent to rob and physically harm them, is currently in custody, and is also believed to be responsible for a disturbance at Ty's Bar earlier in the evening. In recent weeks, we have also seen [brutal anti-gay attacks at the Stonewall Inn and in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood](#). AVP is working with local bar owners and community leaders to create a comprehensive response to preventing future violence from occurring.

Violence has also continued in the Bronx. On October 17, at a restaurant in White Plains Road, two men were waiting for food when an alleged perpetrator walked into the restaurant, called the two victims "faggots," and physically assaulted them. When police arrived, the alleged perpetrator also attacked one of the responding officers and was arrested. On October 18, a 27-year old was attacked on 182<sup>nd</sup> Street in the Bronx. The perpetrator shouted anti-gay remarks and stabbed the victim in the back with a knife. The victim was hospitalized and is in stable condition and the alleged assailant was arrested. Finally, there have been allegations of robbery and threats made by Latin Kings Goonies members, the group alleged to be responsible for [the horrific anti-gay attack of three Bronx men last week](#). The members associated with this latest incident have no connection at this time to last week's incidents and arrests.

"LGBTQ people in the Bronx, as well as our larger communities, will not be intimidated by these acts of violence," said Joyce Choi Won Li, Local Organizer for the New York City Anti-Violence Project. "AVP has been working with, and will continue to work with, our communities to support local initiatives and promote safety in all neighborhoods."

"The Bronx Community Pride Center remains concerned, angry and vigilant about these ongoing attacks on the LGBTQ communities in our borough. We are reaching out to organize a community response, and plan to build coalitions to combat these crimes. We are planning a Town Hall in Morris Heights to discuss the Osborne Place attacks," said Dirk McCall, Executive Director of the Bronx Community Pride Center.

AVP is working with the Bronx Community Pride Center, Boogie Down Pride, Hispanic AIDS Forum, members of We are the Bronx Fellowship, New York City Council Speaker

Christine Quinn's office, the NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force and the Bronx and New York County District Attorney's Offices to coordinate responses to all of these incidents, which are still under investigation.

Please visit our [Facebook page](#) to stay up to date with information about upcoming community outreach, actions and activities.

AVP encourages you to report any anti-LGBTQ bias, including hate speech, bullying, harassment, 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. More information about the New York City Anti-Violence Project can be found at our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).