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Norwood: Teen Assaulted in Oval Park Missing Mom Says

By SILE MOLONEY

A video circulating online showing a young teenage girl being assaulted by other teens on Wednesday, April 1, in the Williamsbridge Oval park in Norwood had been previously reported missing, according to the teen's mom. The brutal assault took place where 14-year-old of Angel Miguel Mendoza Hernandez was fatally stabbed during a prior gang assault on Aug. 5, 2025.

In the video of the latest gang assault, attached further below, a fight appears to break out in the vicinity of the Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center near the basketball courts between a group of teens. Several teens are heard shouting in shock at the sight of the fight while others film it.

At least one young teenage girl is seen being kicked in the face by another girl, after which her head hits the pavement, and she is also seen being hit/punched by another boy. Another person, seemingly male, also appears to be assaulted a short distance away. One girl is heard saying seemingly to the girl on the ground something to the effect of, "Don't you come back into this f*cking park, Bitch."

Norwood News asked the local NYC Parks' employees at the recreation center if they had seen or heard the assault and the manager said they had not. We asked if we could view the footage from the newly installed cameras and were informed that we could not.

In the meantime, the mother of the female victim contacted *Norwood News* to say that it's her daughter in the video being assaulted and that she had been reported missing in December 2025, had subsequently returned home, but went missing again on Feb. 19. *Norwood News* had indeed reported on the missing teen, Samantha Carattini, in January this year.

The girl's mother said she, herself, has since spoken to the NYPD, having seen the video of the assault online and having identified her daughter from it. When contacted to ask if they had received a complaint regarding the assault, an NYPD spokesperson told *Norwood News*, "There are no reports on file with the information provided in your inquiry." They also said they had no new report of a missing person from February 2026.

The girl's mom, Cheryl Carattini, said her daughter is 16. The NYPD missing person's report identified her as being from Bedford Park. Carattini mentioned that her daughter had been experiencing a lot of mental instability since the death of her father and that she had allegedly told other people that she had been thrown out, an allegation her mother refutes. Her mother went on to say that she is currently paying for her daughter's cell phone and had even been in touch with her recently but since the assault, she has been unable to reach her. Carattini alleged Samantha had run

away in the past. With her consent, *Norwood News* shared Carattini's contact information with both the NYC Parks department and with the NYPD, since the mom said she wants to view the security cameras installed in the Oval in order to see in which direction her daughter left after the assault. In the video, she is seen sitting up after the incident.

Three NYPD vehicles were later seen in the park on Friday evening, April 3. Two parkgoers who spoke to *Norwood News* said they stopped, officers got out and talked to some people, and then left again. They were later seen by *Norwood News* leaving the park. Since the incident, a Parks Enforcement Patrol vehicle has been seen parked in the vicinity of the rec center on different dates, including on April 13.

In reference to the assault, a separate concerned parent with knowledge of the video, had earlier written, "My child showed me a video that has been circulating among students. It appears to show a group of teenagers assaulting a young girl at a park April 1, 2026 around 4:30pm."

The resident continues, "If any parents in this group recognize the teens involved, either participating in or encouraging this act of violence, please check in with them immediately. If you are the parent or guardian of the victim, please feel free to use this video as evidence for reporting or legal action."

She continues, "It is deeply upsetting that with school already out, this is how spring break is beginning. We must do better as a community to ensure our children are safe and supported."

Norwood News later spoke to the concerned parent and asked if she could confirm if the incident definitely took place in the Williamsbridge Oval in Norwood on April 1, at 4.30 p.m. and she confirmed that it did as she had a time stamp for the video. We asked if her own child was ok, and she said he was, adding that he was not involved in the incident.

She continues, "It is deeply upsetting that with school already out, this is how spring break is beginning. We must do better as a community to ensure our children are safe and supported."

In reference to the newly installed cameras at the rec center and Angel's death last year, we asked the woman how she felt as a parent in light of the latest assault in the park. The resident referenced the then-upcoming Spring Egg Hunt planned for the Oval on Saturday, April 4, and in light of that event and the assault, added, "This is very scary." She also said that there had been several other fights in the park the same day. Cheryl Carattini also alleged there are frequently fights in the park.

Norwood News also followed up with EMS to ask if the department had been alerted about the assault on Wednesday and a spokesperson responded, saying, "Nothing found at provided location and

time."

As reported, following Angel's death last year, amid widespread public concern in the local community, State Sen. Gustavo Rivera (S.D. 33) announced on Dec. 16, 2025, that 20 cameras had finally been installed all around the Oval recreation center, while other "Argus" cameras funded by Councilman Eric Dinowitz (C.D. 11) and Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, were installed outside the entrance to the Oval on Van Cortlandt Avenue, as well as another near the basketball courts inside the park.

It's unclear if another device affixed to a pole located directly *inside* the park entrance located in front of Van Cortlandt Avenue is also a camera or not. *Norwood News* has asked the NYPD for clarification.

Several residents we spoke to in the Oval park on Friday, April 3, said they did not know anything about the assault on the teen and were saddened to hear of it. One person said there were fights in the park every day among youngsters. We returned at around 4.30 p.m. and spoke to several youths (over 18) in the park and though some had heard of the incident, one group said they had been in Harlem on Wednesday at that time, and another group said they heard about it but hadn't seen it.

On Sunday, March 22, following a single-vehicle car crash on Jerome Avenue and Mosholu Parkway, also in Norwood, we spoke to a young male employee working in the corner deli located at the intersection of the two streets and in passing he mentioned that a few days prior, a young girl had been jumped on after school by several other youth and had come into the deli crying. He said someone eventually accompanied her home.

Five teens were arrested and four were later charged with Angel's murder, while others are still sought. The incident shocked the local community and was followed by some disturbing rapes close to the same area as where the murder took place.

Meanwhile, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark announced on Friday, March 27, that three teens were formally indicted for the fatal shooting of 16-year-old Christopher Redding, who was killed on Feb 11 as he ran from gunfire at West 238th street and Broadway in the Kingsbridge section of The Bronx. Two other teens were wounded during the same incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website at <https://crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/>, or X @NYPDTips.

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Bronxites Mark Good Friday & Easter

By MIRIAM QUIÑONES

Bronx Christians and congregants of St. Philip Neri's Church, located at 3025 Grand Concourse in Bedford Park, observed Good Friday with a procession on Friday, April 3. A few streets were blocked by the police cars but not for long as the group crossed the street to

the other side of the Grand Concourse at 201st Street.

Meanwhile, the same day, community-based organization Theory9 hosted a Good Friday food pantry at Our Lady of Angels Church, located at 2860 Sedgwick Avenue in Kingsbridge Heights. It followed the Theory9 Autism Awareness

Spectrum Festival the night before.

The following day, kids enjoyed various Spring Easter Egg Hunts in the Williamsbridge Oval Park in Norwood, in St. James Park in Fordham Manor and elsewhere. Around 100 children and their parents participated in the Oval's festivities with some seen taking photos

with the Easter Bunny, Crusaders for Children's Rights, and State Sen. Gustavo Rivera (S.D. 33). World Yo-Yo Champion Brian Melford from The Bronx taught dozens of kids how to Yo-Yo, in hopes of bringing back this old-school fun game.

**Sile Moloney contributed to this story.*



Screenshot by Miriam Quiñones

A GOOD FRIDAY procession is seen near St. Philip Neri's Church on the Grand Concourse, Bedford Park, The Bronx on Friday, April 3, 2026.



Photo courtesy of Theory 9

ISAIAH BROWN OF Theory 9 hands out food bags on Good Friday, April 2, 2026 at Our Lady of Angels Church, 2860 Sedgwick Avenue in Kingsbridge Heights.

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Out & About

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EVENTS

On Saturday, April 18, at noon, The Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade committee will host the **40th Anniversary Fashion Show Pageant** "honoring the past and inspiring the future" at the auditorium of M.S. 224, 345 Brook Avenue, Bronx. Admission is \$20. Visit <https://bit.ly/4syh9RC> for more information.

The Kingsbridge Historical Society is holding a fundraiser for the Society and Van Cortlandt House Museum with Live Tavern Music, Drinks, and Entertainment on Sunday, April 19, at 4.30 p.m. at Van Cortlandt House Museum, 6036 Broadway, Bronx. Discounted tickets are available for early birds. Visit <https://bit.ly/4tlvTUQ> for more information.

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance, Women of Woodlawn, Woodlawn Taxpayers Association & partners present **Woodlawn Family Fun Day** on Saturday, April 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Indian Field, Van Cortlandt Park. Come along and enjoy a range of family-centered activities with a focus on nature. For more information, visit www.vancortlandt.org.

Join **Kingsbridge Library**, 291 West 231st Street, Bronx on Saturday, April 18, at 4 p.m. for free, two-person adult board game competitions in Chess, Scrabble, Trouble, Connect 4, Monopoly and more. Visit www.nypl.org/Kingsbridge for more information.

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Lehman Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Bedford Park Blvd W, Bronx, presents **Disco Fever**, starring The Tramps ft. Earl Young, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, France Joli, First Choice, Hues Corporation, Musique, Lime, Fonda Rae, Rainere Martin on Saturday, April 18, at 8 p.m. For tickets, call (718) 960-8833 or visit <https://www.lehmancenter.org/events/disco-fever>.

MOVEMENT

Sign up for a **5K or 3K family, fun run/walk** at the Bronx Zoo on Saturday, April 25, and help save red pandas and other amazing wildlife. Enjoy a day at the Bronx Zoo with 10,000+ animals. Race day also includes free Bronx Zoo admission, star attractions and rides like Wild Asia Monorail, a DJ, music and cardio dance, games, activities and face painting, photo booths and wildlife characters, red panda T-shirts and medals, and free parking. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3OIgtAN>



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NEWS BRIEFS

By **SÍLE MOLONEY**

Bronx Electeds Call on Social Media Companies to Curb “Takeovers”

Prior to Spring Break on April 1, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark and other Bronx elected officials requested that TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, and YouTube take proactive measures to prevent the spread of content that encourages riots and other unsafe mass gatherings. The request follows what Clark described as the violent takeover by around 100 teens of The Mall at Bay Plaza on President’s Day.

In a formal letter sent to the various platforms’ CEOs, the officials asked that the companies “monitor and remove posts that actively encourage or organize mall takeovers or similar gatherings, work with local law enforcement and community organizations to identify trends in youth-driven events that pose public safety risks, educate users, especially minors, on the legal consequences and danger of organizing or participating in mass takeovers, and suspend social media privileges for those who incite such incidents.”

“Social media is an influential driver in the lives of young people and how they communicate,” Clark said. “In February, we witnessed the horrific ‘takeover’ of The Mall at Bay Plaza, where stores were trashed, mall employees were berated, the safety of Mall patrons was placed at risk, and teens placed themselves in danger. This violent event was possible because of the misuse of social media hashtags. I am urging the owners of these platforms to use their power to stem these ‘takeovers’ from happening in The Bronx and across the nation.” Another takeover took place at the Bronx Terminal Market in the South Bronx on Friday, April 10, with videos of the incident circulating on social media thereafter.”

The letter was signed by Clark, Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, State Sen. Jamaal T. Bailey (S.D. 36), Assembly Member Michael Benedetto (A.D. 82), and City Council Members Kevin Riley (C.D. 12) and Althea Stevens (C.D. 16), along with Eric Shalem, VP of Prestige Properties/The Mall at Bay Plaza.

Former NYPD Sgt. Erik Duran Gets 3 to 9 Yrs for Killing Eric Duprey

Former NYPD Sgt. Erik Duran was sentenced on Thursday, April 9,

to 3 to 9 years in prison for the unintentional killing of Bronxite Eric Duprey, a young father, in Fordham Manor in August 2023, during an undercover drug operation when Duprey sold some drugs to an undercover officer and later tried to flee the scene when he was about to be apprehended by police. Duran threw a picnic cooler at Duprey while he was on a moped causing him to fall, incur serious head injuries, and die. Duran, also a father, had been found guilty in February. The defense plans to appeal the sentencing.



Photo by David Greene

ANDY PERALTA OF Charlotte Gardens, who was killed in a bus-motorcycle collision in front of Tracey Towers, Bedford Park April 8, 2026, is seen in a photo of a photo at a memorial site.

Bedford Park: Young Motorcyclist Killed Near Tracey Towers

A 32-year-old male motorcyclist has died following a collision involving an MTA bus close to Tracey Towers in Bedford Park, police said. Separately, at least two videos posted to two different social media platforms have referenced an earlier nearby police chase seemingly insinuating that chase resulted in the crash with the bus. *Norwood News* is unable to confirm if there is any direct link between the two incidents, given the timing of each.

When contacted about the crash, the NYPD said it received a call on Wednesday, April 8, at around 5.14 p.m. for a crash in the vicinity of Jerome Avenue and West Mosholu Parkway South. They said a 2019 Novabus (MTA bus) driven by a 30-year-old female bus driver was traveling eastbound on West Mosholu Parkway South when a 2025 Zhilong motorcycle, driven by a 32-year-old man, was traveling northbound on Jerome Avenue, made a left turn onto West Mosholu Parkway South against the flow of traffic, and struck that front driver side of the MTA bus.

They said the driver was ejected from the motorcycle, sustained severe head trauma, and was transported by EMS to St. Barnabas

Hospital in Belmont where he was later pronounced deceased. Police said there were no other injuries reported and the bus remained on scene. They said the victim was identified as Andy Peralta from Charlotte Gardens. His cousin told *Norwood News* Peralta grew up in University Heights.

In a follow-up report of the incident, the NYPD said that further investigation determined that at around 5.10 p.m., police officers had observed a 2025 Zhilong motorcycle, driven by 32-year-old man in the vicinity of East 205th Street and Jerome Avenue traveling opposite the flow of traffic. They said they tried

to stop the vehicle when the driver made a U-turn and fled from the officers.

They said the motorcyclist proceeded northbound on Jerome Avenue and made a left turn onto West Mosholu Parkway South, traveling westbound, opposite the flow of traffic and struck the MTA Bus which had around 20 passengers on board. They said there are no arrests and the investigation is ongoing.

With collision investigations, the NYPD handles all criminal aspects of the investigation, while NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) reviews the street design at the locations of these crashes.

Opinion

Stop Overdose Deaths, Protect Our Youth

By **REV. ADDIE BANKS & CHEVON RUCKER**

In homes across The Bronx, prescription medications often sit quietly in medicine cabinets and on nightstands, unused, expired, and easily accessible. While they may seem harmless, public health experts warn that these medications can become a dangerous pathway to misuse, especially among young people.

On Saturday, April 25, 2026, Bronx residents will have an opportunity to take action during National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, a nationwide initiative led by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to safely dispose of unused and expired prescription medications. The goal is simple: remove access before it turns into risk.

This is a crisis that continues to impact The Bronx and the urgency behind Take Back Day is grounded in data that reflects the stark reality facing the borough. According to the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOH), there were 2,192 overdose deaths across the City in 2024, with The Bronx leading in overdose death rates at 60.1 deaths per 100,000 residents.

According to the data, overdose deaths are a leading cause of premature death, underscoring the need for continued prevention efforts. While overdose deaths are often associated with illicit drug use, the pathway to misuse frequently begins much closer to

home. According to the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 42.3% of people who misuse prescription pain relievers get them from a friend or relative. This means that many individuals first access medications from household medicine cabinets, often without anyone realizing the risk.

Recent data shows that substance use behaviors are already present among our City’s youth, reinforcing the importance of early prevention. According to DOH, 17% of NYC public high school students reported drinking alcohol, and 13% reported using cannabis in the past 30 days. These findings highlight the importance of early prevention and awareness among youth and families.

For community leaders, the message is clear: prevention must begin before misuse starts. “Prevention is not just about responding to a crisis, it’s about getting ahead of it,” said Rev. Addie Banks, CEO of the Groundswell Group and Bronx-based executive director of the WEPA (We Engage in Prevention Awareness) Prevention Coalition. “When we remove unused medications from our homes, we are removing opportunities for misuse. This is about protecting our children, our families, and our future.”

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day offers a simple but power-



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MEMBERS OF THE WEPA Prevention Coalition work to curb addiction in The Bronx in an undated photo.

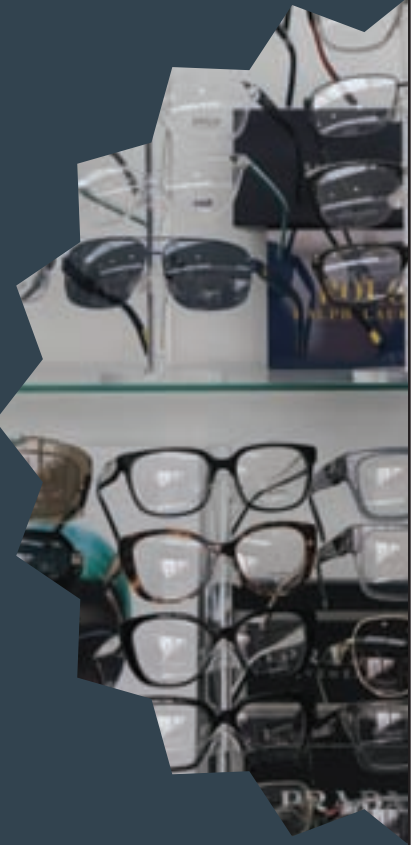


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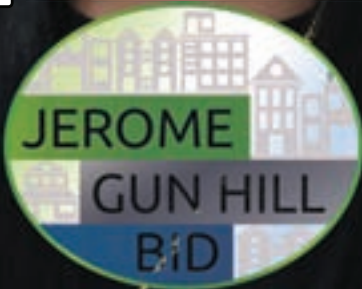
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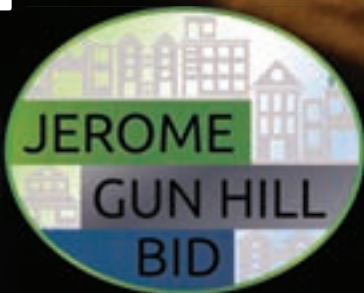
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES COMPILED BY SÍLE MOLONEY

AG & DEC Inspect Sites to Halt Illegal Pesticide Sales in Bronx

New York Attorney General Letitia James announced Friday, April 10, that her office (OAG) and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) staged a surprise inspection of three wholesale warehouses in The Bronx and served cease-and-desist letters as part of an ongoing investigation into a hazardous pesticide supply chain to stop the illegal sale and distribution of “dangerous, unregistered pesticides” in New York City.

Officials said the enforcement action found and quarantined illegal pesticide products in two of the three warehouses. They said illegal pesticides pose serious health risks to humans and need to be disposed of securely to prevent contamination. They said the pesticides targeted are often misused for household pest control, which they said is particularly dangerous given the lack of proper ventilation.

OAG officials said the investigation is focused on the illegal sale of “Sniper,” a highly toxic, unregistered insecticide that they said has been linked to numerous poisoning cases reported to the New York City Poison Center. *Norwood News* has asked the OAG if they can confirm where in The Bronx the surprise inspections were carried out and will share any updates we receive. Visit <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/poison-control.page> for more information on poison control.

Parents Night Out

Join a Parents Night Out event and get guidance on how to complete your child’s FAFSA or TAP application on April 20, at 4 p.m. with NYS Higher Education Services Corporation. Register at www.linktr.ee/HESC.

Paint Drop-Off Event

A paint drop-off event is taking place on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fordham University Parking Area A, 2691 Southern Blvd, Bronx. Households may drop off any amount of latex or oil-based paint, and businesses may drop off any amount of latex but limits apply to oil-based paint. Visit <https://bit.ly/4sAFCWE> for more information.

2027 Cultural Development Fund

NYC Cultural Affairs has announced its fiscal year 2027 cultural development fund application for NYC not-for-profit arts and cultural organizations. The department will consider proposals in every cultural discipline, and from every area of the City, for services that are provided in the five boroughs and within the City’s fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027). Find out more at <https://tinyurl.com/y638as9w>.

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Bronx Walk of Fame People’s Choice Culinary Arts

The Office of Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, The Bronx Tourism Council, The Bronx Economic Development Corporation and the Business Initiative Corporation are seeking nominations in the context of Bronx Week 2006 for the Bronx Walk of Fame People’s Choice Recipient in Culinary Arts. For more information, visit www.ilovethebronx.com/bronx-ball-2026.

NYC Parks Lifeguard Qualifying Test

All potential lifeguards must pass the Lifeguard Qualifying Test, which includes a vision and swim exam. To qualify, you must be at least 16 years of age by July 18, 2026, have at least 20/30 vision in one eye and 20/40 in the other, without corrective lenses. (Glasses and contact lenses may not be worn during the eye exam.) and be able to swim 50 yards in 50 seconds or less, with proper form. For more information, visit the Become an NYC Parks Lifeguard page here: <https://www.nycgovparks.org/opportunities/jobs/lifeguards>.

Upcoming Union Apprenticeships

Union apprenticeships taking place in March / April 2026 include LU#12 Heat & Frost Insulators (opens March 27), DC9 Structural Steel Painters (opened March 30), and LU#7 Tile, Marble & Terrazzo Workers (opened April 13). Visit www.bandana.com/b/nyunion for more information.

Domestic Violence Community Conversation

Bronx Community Board 7 and Council Member Oswald Feliz (C.D. 15) are hosting domestic violence community conversations in the near future (dates TBC) to help plan, develop and execute DV awareness, prevention and support programming in the district. Be part of the conversation and sign up at bit.ly/4akOkSQ.

Primary Elections Key Dates

The change of address deadline so you can vote at the correct polling location is Monday, June 8. The voter registration deadline is Saturday, June 13. The mail ballot request deadline (requested online or by mail) is Saturday, June 13. Early voting begins Saturday, June 13.

The in-person mail ballot request deadline is Monday, June 22. The mail ballot postmark deadline is Tuesday, June 23. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 23. Only voters enrolled in a political party can vote in that party’s primary. The mail ballot receipt deadline is Tuesday, June 30, meaning this is the last day by which the Board of Elections can receive your mail ballot and have it counted.

CRIME FILE

BY SÍLE MOLONEY



Photo by Kyle Mazza

NYPD CRIME SCENE Investigators remove evidence from a location in the vicinity of Davidson Avenue and West 190th Street in the University Heights section of The Bronx on Saturday, April 4, 2026, after a 25-year-old man was arrested on Friday, April 3, 2026, on two counts of rape of a 16-year-old girl.

University Heights: 25-Year-Old Man Charged with Rape of 16-Year-Old Girl

A 25-year-old man was arrested Friday, April 3, following the rape of a 16-year-old girl in University Heights, police said. Police said Edward Iciano was arrested following a complaint received at 11 a.m. April 3 for an incident that occurred earlier that morning, adding that Iciano was charged with two counts of rape. NYPD crime scene investigators were seen in the vicinity of Davidson Avenue and West 190th Street the next day, carrying brown bags of evidence into a waiting crime scene unit vehicle.

Iciano is presumed innocent unless and until convicted in a court of law. Asked if he had any prior convictions,

police said he had not. The latest statistics of rape and sexual assault incidents in the 52nd Precinct, where the incident occurred are included in our Crime File. The NYPD said it investigates around 14,000 complaints of sexual assault annually, including sexual violence involving intimate partners, acquaintances, strangers, and children.

They said the Special Victims Unit (SVU) is comprised of over 300 highly trained investigators tasked with conducting investigations into sexual violence that are trauma informed, victim centered, and offender focused, to ensure survivors of these crimes receive the care and assistance they need while reporting sex crimes and engaging in the criminal justice process.

Meanwhile, they said their diverse, multi-lingual, and culturally aware SVU handles reports of crimes of sexual violence citywide, with an Adult Special Victims Squad and a Child Special Victims Squad in each county, as well as a citywide Human Trafficking Task Force, and multiple other units tasked with assisting with these investigations.

They said that each squad is staffed with at least two advocates from the Safe Horizons (nonprofit) crime victims assistance program to ensure not only are survivors of sexual violence able to participate in the criminal justice process, but they are able to do so while also receiving access to the resources, care, and services they need to begin the healing process.

They said the SVU's 24-hour hot-

line is staffed around the clock allowing people to report sex crimes and get connected directly and immediately with the appropriate squad who will handle their report. To report a sex crime, call the 24-hour hotline at [646-610-7272](tel:646-610-7272) or [212-267-7273](tel:212-267-7273). The Sexual Assault Survivor Resource Guide can be found in every precinct, police service area, and transit district throughout New York City and can also be accessed at <https://svfreenyc.org/resource-guide/>.

Belmont: 21-Year-Old Male Shot, One Person Arrested

Police said a 21-year-old man was shot in Belmont near 663 Crescent Avenue and is likely to survive. The address provided was for a tax business. On arrival in Belmont, *Norwood News* saw that police had cordoned off a section of nearby Cambreleng Avenue at the intersection of East 187th Street, outside Nashley Barbershop, located at 2400 Cambreleng Avenue. A local worker told us that was where the shooting took place.

Police later said the man was shot at 2.19 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, in the torso and was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital and is stable. They said one person was taken into custody. A local woman told *Norwood News* she heard an argument and then gunshots. Asked if she could describe the argument, she said she thought she could hear a woman but couldn't make out what was said and didn't see anything as she was in the back of a nearby building.

Another local woman said she had

heard from other locals that a Venezuelan prostitution ring was being run out of the building housing the barbershop. *Norwood News* is unable to validate this assertion but will share any further information we obtain / receive. The same woman said she heard that seven shots were allegedly fired. Seven cones / markers were seen at the crime scene marking the shell casings.

Another woman alleged there were often gangs hanging out near the Barbershop who fought among themselves and that she had also witnessed adults of different sexual orientations lined up on the opposite side of the street to the barbershop selling their bodies. Some of the windows on the higher floors of the building were seen boarded up / taped over.

Several young men were seen outside the corner store close to the crime scene on the day of the shooting. They either declined to be interviewed or said they did not know anything about what happened. *Norwood News* also spoke to some employees at some local businesses but they each said they did not know what happened. Another man who was visiting a friend in the area said it was a good neighborhood with hard-working people and that he never saw a defined pattern of problems.

Fieldston: Third Person Charged in Murder & Nonfatal Shooting

Police said a third person has been arrested following the fatal shoot-

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Letters To The Editor

Editor's Note: We reserve the right to edit letters for space, clarity, civility and accuracy.

New York for All

[The following open letter of support for the passage of the New York for All Act S.2235A(Gounardes)/A.3506 (Reyes) was sent to NY Gov. Kathy Hochul, NY Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and NY Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and the NYS Legislature from several New York State faith leaders and faith-based organizations on March 12, 2026. It has been edited for length.]

Dear Governor Hochul and Members of the New York State Legislature,

We write to express our unequivocal support for the New York for All Act and urge you to advance and pass this vital legislation without delay. As multifaith leaders rooted in the belief that immigrant justice is a moral imperative, we are guided by the teachings of compassion, dignity, and the sacred

duty to protect the most vulnerable among us, especially Black, brown, working-class, and immigrant New Yorkers. We have witnessed firsthand the harm caused when immigrant communities are forced to live in fear of detention, separation, or deportation simply for trying to access schools, hospitals, or other basic services.

The New York for All Act is common-sense, urgently needed legislation that protects immigrant New Yorkers and enhances public safety for everyone. It would ensure that local and state government employees, including law enforcement, are not conscripted into a federal deportation agenda that undermines trust and erodes community safety. By prohibiting collusion with ICE, it affirms that New York is a place of refuge and not surveillance.

As people of faith, we believe in sanctuary. This is not abstract theology—it is a living mandate. And right now, it demands that we act. We cannot claim to be a state that protects all New Yorkers while ICE is allowed to roam our schools and hospitals unchecked, or while local officials depu-

tize themselves as immigration enforcers. Our families are afraid to send their children to school or seek urgent care, fearing it may lead to separation or deportation. That is not the New York we believe in.

Other states like California, Illinois, and New Jersey have already taken this critical step to protect immigrant residents. It is time that New York catches up. With the rise in 287(g) agreements across the state, and billions in federal funds flowing to ICE, our communities are under threat like never before. New York must respond with clarity, courage, and compassion.

We call on you, our elected leaders, to protect immigrant New Yorkers and pass the New York for All Act. Our faith compels us to speak out, and our communities are depending on you to lead.

Editor's Note: It was signed by over 100 faith-based organizations and individuals of different religions across New York State and City, including The Bronx.

As a spin-off of the late Congressman John Lewis's moniker "Good Trou-

ble," The Sisters of Charity NY have since adopted the moniker and hashtag "#HolyTrouble" writing on Sept. 25, 2025, "The best way to resist the lies of Christian Nationalism is through the spirit of Good Trouble that John Lewis taught us—and the Holy Trouble that Elizabeth Seton lived.

Christian Nationalism twists faith for power. It betrays the Gospel by targeting the poor, the sick, the homeless, the marginalized, communities of color, and immigrants, but the Gospel of Jesus calls us to the opposite: solidarity, compassion, and justice. That's the trouble worth making! #GoodTrouble #Holy-Trouble #SaintsWereWoke #Sister-sofCharityNY"

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CRIME FILE - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS

BY SÍLE MOLONEY



TrafficStat		Week of 03/29/26 - 04/05/26					
	% Chg	28 Day		Year to Date			
		2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Collisions							
Collisions	-81.1%	88	83	4.8%	234	201	16.4%
Injury Collisions	-70.0%	31	28	10.7%	103	101	2.0%
Total Injuries	-41.0%	44	43	2.3%	149	142	4.8%
Motor Vehicles							
Car	-88.2%	29	31	-4.5%	88	86	2.1%
Pedestrian	-100.0%	0	7	38.8%	30	31	-3.2%
Traditional Bicycle	-100.0%	1	2	-80.0%	5	8	-37.5%
Multimodal Transportation							
Multimodal Transportation	0.0%	0	3	88.7%	10	7	114.3%
Fatalities							
Total Fatalities	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Motor Vehicles							
Pedestrian	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Traditional Bicycle	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Multimodal Transportation	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%

TrafficStat		Week of 03/29/26 - 04/05/26					
	% Chg	28 Day		Year to Date			
		2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Collisions							
Collisions	-81.1%	88	83	4.8%	234	201	16.4%
Injury Collisions	-70.0%	31	28	10.7%	103	101	2.0%
Total Injuries	-41.0%	44	43	2.3%	149	142	4.8%
Car	-100.0%	18	10	30.0%	52	38	-11.8%
SUV	-80.0%	8	14	-36.7%	40	31	28.0%
Other MV	-100.0%	2	2	0.0%	7	8	-16.7%
Pedestrian	-100.0%	0	7	38.8%	30	31	-3.2%
Traditional Bicycle	-100.0%	1	2	-80.0%	5	8	-37.5%
E-bike	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	2	0	0.0%
Stand-up Scooter	0.0%	1	0	0.0%	4	0	0.0%
Moped	0.0%	4	3	33.3%	8	6	33.3%
Motorcycle	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	1	1	0.0%
Off Road (EM Bikes/ATV)	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Other Device	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Fatalities							
Total Fatalities	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Motor Vehicles							
Pedestrian	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Traditional Bicycle	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Multimodal Transportation	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%

TrafficStat		Week of 03/29/26 - 04/05/26					
	% Chg	28 Day		Year to Date			
		2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Fatalities							
Total Fatalities	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Car	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
SUV	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Other MV	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Pedestrian	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Traditional Bicycle	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
E-bike	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Stand-up Scooter	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Moped	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Off Road (EM Bikes/ATV)	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Other Device	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%

Source: NYPD / TrafficStat

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS in the 46th Precinct for the 28-day period ending April 5, 2026, compared to last year (left), and year-to-date traffic accidents in the 46th Precinct as of April 5, 2026, compared to last year (right). This precinct covers some or all of Fordham, University Heights, Morris Heights and Mt. Hope.

TrafficStat		Week of 03/29/26 - 04/05/26					
	% Chg	28 Day		Year to Date			
		2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Collisions							
Collisions	-45.8%	88	75	-22.7%	252	236	6.8%
Injury Collisions	-80.7%	38	28	-10.3%	98	98	1.0%
Total Injuries	-76.8%	38	27	-6.4%	134	129	19.4%
Motor Vehicles							
Car	-80.8%	25	24	4.2%	134	89	33.3%
Pedestrian	-80.0%	0	9	44.4%	20	32	-37.5%
Traditional Bicycle	0.0%	4	2	100.0%	0	3	88.7%
Multimodal Transportation							
Multimodal Transportation	0.0%	1	2	-80.0%	0	0	0.0%
Fatalities							
Total Fatalities	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Motor Vehicles							
Pedestrian	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Traditional Bicycle	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Multimodal Transportation	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%

TrafficStat		Week of 03/29/26 - 04/05/26					
	% Chg	28 Day		Year to Date			
		2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Collisions							
Collisions	-45.8%	88	75	-22.7%	252	236	6.8%
Injury Collisions	-80.7%	38	28	-10.3%	98	98	1.0%
Total Injuries	-76.8%	38	27	-6.4%	134	129	19.4%
Car	-80.0%	11	12	-8.3%	71	49	44.9%
SUV	-100.0%	12	12	0.0%	40	27	30.1%
Other MV	0.0%	2	0	0.0%	3	0	0.0%
Pedestrian	-80.0%	0	9	44.4%	20	32	-37.5%
Traditional Bicycle	0.0%	4	2	100.0%	0	3	88.7%
E-bike	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%
Stand-up Scooter	0.0%	1	1	0.0%	3	1	300.0%
Moped	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%	2	3	-33.3%
Motorcycle	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Off Road (EM Bikes/ATV)	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Other Device	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Fatalities							
Total Fatalities	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Motor Vehicles							
Pedestrian	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Traditional Bicycle	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Multimodal Transportation	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%

TrafficStat		Week of 03/29/26 - 04/05/26					
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		2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Fatalities							
Total Fatalities	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Car	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
SUV	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Other MV	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Pedestrian	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Traditional Bicycle	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
E-bike	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Stand-up Scooter	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Moped	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Off Road (EM Bikes/ATV)	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Other Device	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%

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TrafficStat		Week of 03/29/26 - 04/05/26					
	% Chg	28 Day		Year to Date			
		2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Collisions							
Collisions	-30.3%	88	109	-22.0%	314	301	-4.1%
Injury Collisions	-83.2%	36	52	-30.8%	112	128	-12.5%
Total Injuries	-44.0%	50	63	-12.7%	149	179	-16.8%
Motor Vehicles							
Car	-36.7%	40	58	-6.3%	102	116	-12.1%
Pedestrian	-37.1%	8	18	-50.0%	28	41	-30.0%
Traditional Bicycle	-100.0%	2	3	-33.3%	9	10	-30.0%
Multimodal Transportation							
Multimodal Transportation	-100.0%	0	6	-18.7%	17	12	41.7%
Fatalities							
Total Fatalities	0.0%	0	2	-100.0%	0	2	-100.0%
Motor Vehicles							
Pedestrian	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%	0	1	-100.0%
Traditional Bicycle	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%	0	1	-100.0%
Multimodal Transportation	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%

TrafficStat		Week of 03/29/26 - 04/05/26					
	% Chg	28 Day		Year to Date			
		2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Collisions							
Collisions	-30.3%	88	109	-22.0%	314	301	-4.1%
Injury Collisions	-83.2%	36	52	-30.8%	112	128	-12.5%
Total Injuries	-44.0%	50	63	-12.7%	149	179	-16.8%
Car	-22.2%	24	28	-4.0%	81	74	11.1%
SUV	-80.0%	12	12	0.0%	40	40	12.5%
Other MV	300.0%	4	1	300.0%	6	3	300.0%
Pedestrian	-37.1%	8	18	-50.0%	28	41	-30.0%
Traditional Bicycle	-100.0%	2	3	-33.3%	9	10	-30.0%
E-bike	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%	4	3	33.3%
Stand-up Scooter	0.0%	2	1	100.0%	4	2	100.0%
Moped	-100.0%	3	4	-20.0%	8	6	33.3%
Motorcycle	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	1	0	0.0%
Off Road (EM Bikes/ATV)	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%
Other Device	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Fatalities							
Total Fatalities	0.0%	0	2	-100.0%	0	2	-100.0%
Motor Vehicles							
Pedestrian	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%	0	1	-100.0%
Traditional Bicycle	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Multimodal Transportation	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%

TrafficStat		Week of 03/29/26 - 04/05/26					
	% Chg	28 Day		Year to Date			
		2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Fatalities							
Total Fatalities	0.0%	0	2	-100.0%	0	2	-100.0%
Car	0.0%	0					

CRIME FILE - MAJOR CRIME STATISTICS

BY SÍLE MOLONEY



Patrol Borough: Bronx Precinct: 046

Complaint Book Week of 03/30/26 - 04/05/26

	% Chg	28 Day			Year to Date		
		2026	2025	% Chg	2026	2025	% Chg
Murder	- %	2	0	- %	4	0	- %
Rape	0.0 %	6	7	-14.3 %	13	12	8.3 %
Robbery	-8.3 %	45	26	73.1 %	118	96	22.9 %
Felony Assault	41.2 %	83	78	6.2 %	235	214	9.8 %
Burglary	66.7 %	18	11	63.6 %	56	39	43.6 %
Grand Larceny	111.1 %	57	52	8.6 %	166	167	-0.6 %
Grand Larceny Auto	300.0 %	20	24	-16.7 %	45	60	-20.0 %
Total	55.6 %	231	196	17.9 %	640	588	8.8 %
Patrol	48.9 %	225	191	17.8 %	614	576	6.6 %
Transit	0.0 %	0	1	-100.0 %	11	3	266.7 %
Housing	- %	6	4	50.0 %	15	9	66.7 %
Shooting Victims	-66.7 %	2	4	-50.0 %	4	5	-20.0 %
Shooting Incidents	-50.0 %	2	3	-33.3 %	4	4	0.0 %
UCR Rape*	0.0 %	6	10	-40.0 %	16	16	0.0 %
Other Sex Crimes	-33.3 %	6	8	-25.0 %	23	18	27.8 %
Pett Larceny	-12.0 %	96	95	1.1 %	290	248	16.9 %
Misd. Assault	50.0 %	101	67	50.7 %	278	210	32.4 %
Hate Crimes	0.0 %	1	0	- %	1	0	- %
Traffic Fatalities	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %

All figures are preliminary and subject to further analysis and revision. Data Summaries as of 6/13/17. Unless otherwise noted, crime statistics reflect New York State Penal Law (NYSP/L) definitions. * Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Rape consists of all crimes defined in the FBI UCR definition of rape.

Source: NYPD / CompStat

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Patrol Borough: Bronx Precinct: 050

Complaint Book Week of 03/30/26 - 04/05/26

	% Chg	28 Day			Year to Date		
		2026	2025	% Chg	2026	2025	% Chg
Murder	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	4	0	- %
Rape	- %	7	3	133.3 %	12	7	71.4 %
Robbery	200.0 %	8	7	14.3 %	29	28	3.6 %
Felony Assault	200.0 %	25	17	47.1 %	62	56	10.7 %
Burglary	-100.0 %	5	20	-75.0 %	21	44	-52.3 %
Grand Larceny	0.0 %	34	41	-17.1 %	110	128	-9.4 %
Grand Larceny Auto	66.7 %	16	21	-23.8 %	66	59	11.9 %
Total	12.0 %	95	109	-12.8 %	310	322	-3.7 %
Patrol	12.0 %	92	106	-13.2 %	295	305	-3.3 %
Transit	0.0 %	0	1	-100.0 %	4	3	33.3 %
Housing	0.0 %	3	2	50.0 %	11	14	-21.4 %
Shooting Victims	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	7	0	- %
Shooting Incidents	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	3	0	- %
UCR Rape*	- %	8	3	166.7 %	13	8	62.5 %
Other Sex Crimes	- %	7	4	75.0 %	34	9	277.8 %
Pett Larceny	-59.1 %	87	72	20.8 %	273	229	19.2 %
Misd. Assault	-28.6 %	36	22	59.1 %	105	83	26.5 %
Hate Crimes	0.0 %	2	0	- %	3	0	- %
Traffic Fatalities	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	3	0	- %

All figures are preliminary and subject to further analysis and revision. Data Summaries as of 6/13/17. Unless otherwise noted, crime statistics reflect New York State Penal Law (NYSP/L) definitions. * Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Rape consists of all crimes defined in the FBI UCR definition of rape.

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CRIME FILE - CONTINUED



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ing of a 44-year-old man and the hospitalization of a 35-year-old man after a non-fatal shooting in Fieldston on Sunday, Jan. 25. As reported, a man and a woman were previously arrested in connection with the incident. Police said that on Jan. 25 at around 2.50 a.m., officers responded to a 911 call regarding an assault at the intersection of West 242nd Street and Broadway, the site of the 242nd Street subway station.

“Upon arrival, officers observed a 35-year-old male with a gunshot wound to the knee, and a 44-year-old male with a gunshot wound to the chest,” police said. “EMS responded and transported the 44-year-old male to St. Barnabas Hospital where he was pronounced deceased and the 35-year-old male to St. Barnabas Hospital in stable condition.” The deceased was identified as Keon Gill, 44, of Middletown, NY.

On March 3, they said Naya Brown, 26, (no address provided) was arrested and was charged with murder the same day. In a separate police report, the NYPD disclosed that an off-duty, 26-year-old, NYC Department of Education employee had been arrested and charged with murder on March 3 in the confines of the 50th Precinct and they named Brown as the employee.

Police also said that Pernell Warren, 37, of Bedford Park had been arrested on Feb. 1, at 9.45 p.m. They said he was charged with murder, manslaughter, and criminal possession of a weapon.

When asked what position Brown held within the DOE, and if the department had any comment, a DOE spokesperson said, “NYC Public Schools takes all matters involving employee conduct extremely seriously. The alleged behavior is deeply disturbing, and upon learning of these allegations, this individual was immediately suspended. If the allegations are confirmed, we will pursue termination.”

We were informed that Brown is employed as a community coordinator and has worked with the agency since 2022. On Thursday, April 8, police said Daniel Ligon, 39, of Middletown, NY was arrested and charged the same day with murder. All three are presumed innocent unless and until convicted in a court of law.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website at <https://crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/>, or on Twitter @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

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Complaint Book Week of 03/30/26 - 04/05/26

	% Chg	28 Day			Year to Date		
		2026	2025	% Chg	2026	2025	% Chg
Murder	0.0 %	2	0	- %	3	0	- %
Rape	- %	2	3	-33.3 %	9	17	-47.1 %
Robbery	28.6 %	25	31	-19.4 %	105	93	12.9 %
Felony Assault	212.5 %	81	70	15.7 %	242	207	16.9 %
Burglary	-83.3 %	11	22	-50.0 %	36	63	-42.9 %
Grand Larceny	-17.6 %	58	57	1.8 %	201	213	-5.6 %
Grand Larceny Auto	-33.3 %	23	15	53.3 %	54	64	-15.6 %
Total	22.7 %	202	198	2.0 %	650	657	-1.1 %
Patrol	22.7 %	201	196	1.5 %	636	647	-1.7 %
Transit	0.0 %	1	0	- %	11	10	10.0 %
Housing	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	3	0	- %
Shooting Victims	- %	3	1	200.0 %	5	2	150.0 %
Shooting Incidents	- %	2	1	100.0 %	4	2	100.0 %
UCR Rape*	- %	4	3	33.3 %	12	18	-33.3 %
Other Sex Crimes	-75.0 %	11	10	10.0 %	23	25	-8.0 %
Pett Larceny	-31.6 %	164	134	22.4 %	498	428	16.4 %
Misd. Assault	15.0 %	65	83	-21.7 %	245	202	21.3 %
Hate Crimes	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	2	0	- %
Traffic Fatalities	0.0 %	0	2	-100.0 %	0	2	-100.0 %

All figures are preliminary and subject to further analysis and revision. Data Summaries as of 6/13/17. Unless otherwise noted, crime statistics reflect New York State Penal Law (NYSP/L) definitions. * Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Rape consists of all crimes defined in the FBI UCR definition of rape.

Source: NYPD / CompStat

MAJOR CRIME STATISTICS for the 52nd Precinct for the 28-day period ending April 5, 2026, compared to the same timeframe last year (left), and year-to-date major crime statistics for the 52nd Precinct as of April 5, 2026, compared to last year (right). This precinct covers some or all of Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge, Norwood, Bronx Park, and University Heights.

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Public and Community Meetings

The next 52nd **PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL** meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, at Monroe University, The King Hall Building, 2501 Jerome Ave., Bronx. Call the 52nd Precinct Community Affairs office at (718) 220-5824 to be added to the email distribution list.

The next **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7 (CB7)** general board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 28, at 6.30 p.m. at *Monroe University, Mintz Auditorium, 2501 Jerome Avenue, Bronx.* Contact KCabreraCarrera@cb.nyc.gov to be added to the distribution list. All meetings are in person unless otherwise notified by Bronx CB7.

The next **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 (CB8)** general board meeting will be held in May (date TBC). To join via Zoom or phone, visit <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/2114033690> or call +16465588656, and enter the Meeting ID 2114033690#. Contact BX08@cb.nyc.gov to be added to the distribution list, and check <http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8> for any updates.

The **BEDFORD MOSHOLU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** monthly meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 400 E. Mosholu Pkwy. South in Apt. B1 (lobby floor). For more details, please contact bedfordmosholu@verizon.net.

Opinion

Stop Overdose Deaths, Protect Our Youth

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ful opportunity for residents to take action. Residents are encouraged to bring unused or expired prescription medications to authorized drop-off locations, remove personal information from medication labels, and dispose of medications safely and anonymously with no questions asked. Accepted items include pills, capsules, and patches.

They are also encouraged to practice year-round safe disposal at home. WEPA provides safe disposal “Deterra” bags to pharmacies, health centers, and at local tabling events. These easy-to-use bags allow individuals to safely deactivate unused or expired medications at home by simply placing the medication inside, adding warm water, and sealing the pouch. The contents are rendered harmless and can then be disposed of in the household trash.

By making safe disposal simple and accessible, Deterra bags help

prevent misuse, reduce the risk of overdose, and protect our youth and families.

In the Bronx, WEPA continues to lead prevention efforts through its “Keep Our Kids Safe” campaign, which focuses on expanding access to permanent medication drop boxes, distributing medication lock boxes and disposal kits (Deterra bags), and educating youth and families about the risks of substance misuse.

These efforts aim to reduce access, increase awareness, and create safer environments across Bronx communities. Residents can find a nearby drop-off location by visiting the DEA website: takebackday.dea.gov.

As the Bronx continues to address the challenges of substance misuse, National Take Back Day serves as a reminder that prevention is a shared responsibility. Clean it out, lock it up, and drop it off because the path to prevention doesn’t begin on the streets, it begins at home.

WEPA is a Bronx-based coalition dedicated to reducing substance misuse and strengthening community health through education, prevention programs, and environmental strategies. WEPA works closely with schools, families, and local partners to build safer, healthier neighborhoods. Visit www.wepa-bronx.org for more information or follow @jubilantwepa on Instagram.



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Trans Visibility Celebrated

By **SÍLE MOLONEY**

Transgender Day of Visibility was marked in The Bronx on Monday, March 30, with an event hosted by Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson at Hostos Community College in the South Bronx in conjunction with Destination Tomorrow, the Bronx's designated LG-BTQ+ center, and the Bronx LGBTQIA+ taskforce.

The event comprised remarks shared by representatives of Destination Tomorrow, Hostos, and the offices of various elected officials, including from the Office of the Attorney General and NYC Commission on Human Rights, as well as by the borough president and Council Member Justin Sanchez (C.D. 17), who were both in attendance.

The program also included a moderated conversation led by Tabytha Gonzalez, director of policy & advocacy at Destination Tomorrow, with panelists Hansberry, Alex Sanchez, Asha Lyons of VNS Health, and Mizz Turner of Destination Tomorrow. The event was centered on community dialogue, education, and advocacy, highlighting legal protections in New York and access to gender-affirming care.

Its purpose was to honor the strength, resilience, and contributions of transgender and nonbinary communities while uplifting the importance of visibility, dignity, and inclusion across The Bronx and New York City. The discussion focused on addressing current updates regarding legal protections in New York and access to gender-affirming care.



Photo by Sile Moloney

A DANCER PERFORMS following the Trans Day of Visibility event held at Hostos Community College in the South Bronx on Monday, March 30, 2026.



Photo by Sile Moloney

ATTENDEES POSE FOR a photo after the Trans Day of Visibility event held at Hostos Community College in the South Bronx on Monday, March 30, 2026.

Hostos President Daisy Cocco De Filippis, though present at the event, asked Rachel Colst of the Hostos LG-BTQ+ council, to welcome everyone and read a statement on her behalf. In doing so, Colst referenced a City Council grant the college received of \$30,000 to promote LGBT+ life on campus.

"It is a sign that we are moving past the days when the trans community was marginalized in New York, and that we are one step closer to equality," Colst read in part. "At Hostos, we believe in education as a pathway to empowerment, among other things, and today's gathering reflects that belief in action, a space where voices are uplifted, identities are affirmed, and solidarity is made visible."

The representative from the attorney general's office said it was a difficult time for the queer community. "We've seen reckless attacks on the LGBTQ community from this federal administration, attacks on funding for healthcare research, attacks on access to transgender care, attacks on transgender individuals' basic rights, and attacks on our LG-BTQ immigrants, but nevertheless, the attorney general's office put in the work to win progress within our community and at every turn, the AG has stood firm against this administration and defense of all New Yorkers," they said in part.

They went on to say in part that the AG's office is actively enforcing anti-discrimination laws to protect the community's rights as regards employment, housing, healthcare and more, has sued to protect funding for medical research benefiting the queer community, supported cases to fight conversion therapy and bans on transgender individuals' rights to serve in the military, and spoken out to make it clear that New York

remains an inclusive, supportive place for everyone.

"The attorney general has held hospitals and institutions accountable, making it clear that denying medical necessary care to a transgender individual is not just wrong but unlawful," they said in part.

Christine Clark, commissioner of NYC Commission on Human Rights, thanked all those who made sure that New York City was a place where everyone could live "openly and safely and freely." Clark said transgender and gender non-conforming people continued to face discrimination, harassment and violence every day, despite the support of their community and despite New York City having the strongest civil rights laws in the country.

"In this moment, visibility matters more than ever, because we are seeing efforts to erase trans people entirely from public life, efforts to deny identity, to restrict access to basic services, health care, and to make people feel like they do not belong," Clark said. "So let me be clear, trans New Yorkers belong here."

For his part, Sanchez said in part, "The media likes to talk a lot about trans people, but not about what trans people go through, not about what trans people have to live every single day, and not what it's like to be the most marginalized." The councilmember said there was a lot of talk in the media about the trans community "getting every resource under the God's green earth" when they "sometimes can't even sign up for food stamps" and "are being killed at astronomical rates."

Sanchez added in part, "Trans people are less than 1% of the population, but 1% of this population is control-

ling astronomical proportions of this wealth and keeping everyone without the cookie, but they want us to fight for crumbs. Well, I refuse to continue to allow us to fight for crumbs, and that's why I'm here to fight for the whole damn cookie."

Sage Rivera from Destination Tomorrow thanked everyone for attending, adding in part, "As you know, we are here for a momentous, beautiful, and very purposeful occasion. Half of life is showing up, and you being here, walking through that door is a revolutionary act."

During the panel discussion, Gonzalez highlighted that denying a trans person the cost of their medication exacerbated their mental health. Meanwhile, Asha Lyons of VNS Health, one of the panelists, talked about the importance of investing in trans youth. "Quite often you walk on this earth, wishing someone saw your value," she said.

One of the other panelists talked about how HRT (hormone replacement therapy) is often overtly, in their view, focused on the trans community, even though it's also used by menopausal women, for example. The same panelist talked about how older members of the trans community sometimes believe younger members of the community have it easier in terms of access to care, but the panelist mentioned how they still have difficulties when it comes to having such care covered by their health insurance company.

The same panelist talked about having "transphobic" parents, with whom they no longer live, fears around having their personal address disclosed to their parents and more. The panelist also talked about how some trans-centered organizations were born out of the need to support trans youth due to the high numbers of vulnerable, often murdered trans youth.

The event concluded with an uplifting dance performance. Clark added that protecting trans rights was not just the responsibility of one agency or one community, but of every single person in the city. The commissioner said, "To anybody here who has experienced discrimination or who knows someone who has, I see you, I believe you, and I'm here for you and here to help. Please call us."

To read more on this topic, please visit www.norwoodnews.org or visit our YouTube channel where we will be posting some of the recordings of the event.

Destination Tomorrow is located at 452 East 149th Street, Bronx, and can be reached by phone on (646) 723-3325 Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or via email on info@destinationtomorrow.org. More information can be found at www.destinationtomorrow.org.

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