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Highlights

1. The Manhattan District Attorney's Office is currently accepting applications for our Gun Violence Prevention Fellowship through Friday, April 22nd. Our Fellowship will provide a unique platform to create and implement gun violence prevention policies and strategies. This could include educating and mobilizing young people in Manhattan communities around the issue of gun violence, advocating for strong gun laws through New York-based media, and strengthening bonds between young adults and existing networks of advocates and survivors. At the end of the program, Fellows will present innovative, youth-focused policy or legislative solutions to address gun violence based on the insight gained during their time at the D.A.'s Office.
2. The Manhattan District Attorney's Office is hosting our 37th Annual NY Crime Victims Candlelight Vigil on Sunday, April 24, 2022 from 2-4 p.m. The event provides a day of healing from trauma for crime victims. Participants share powerful stories of healing and display photos of loved ones at the ceremony. On-site counseling and child care services are available on premises.
3. In January, DA Bragg launched the new "Manhattan Small Business Alliance" to reduce shoplifting and commercial robberies in partnership with small business leaders in every neighborhood of Manhattan. The Alliance comprises of local business owners, Business Improvement District ("BID") directors, members of law enforcement, and social service providers. The Alliance meets regularly to analyze and review data, as well as develop solutions to curb shoplifting and the impact on businesses. The Alliance has also created issue and area-specific focus groups to tailor solutions to specific areas, including one concentrating on Midtown/Upper East & West Side businesses.
4. Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, Jr., announced the creation of the Office's first Pathways to Public Safety Division to elevate the use of diversion and evidence-based programming, ensuring individuals involved in the criminal justice system receive

necessary services to reduce recidivism and enhance public safety. The division (first of its kind) will house and transform the Office's practices relating to innovations such as Specialized Court Parts and Diversion Opportunities.

5. DA Bragg Announces Prison Sentence for Capitol Insurrection Participant. Samuel Fisher, 33, was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison for illegally possessing numerous loaded firearms in an Upper East Side apartment. Fisher, a QAnon conspiracy theorist who participated in the January 6th Capitol insurrection in Washington D.C., previously pleaded guilty to one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree. "Samuel Fisher is a dangerous conspiracy theorist who participated in one of the gravest attacks on our democracy," said District Attorney Bragg. "Not only did he threaten to commit violence against his fellow citizens, he had the potential to follow through with his arsenal of advanced weaponry and ammunition. Today's sentencing makes clear that we will hold accountable those who possess illegal firearms and high-capacity magazines in our city."