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[October 2022] Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

Full Newsletter: [<https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=73e8e9414b5a25e31f84f3b3f&id=de0a3d9178>]

Highlights

1. Manhattan District Attorney Alvin L. Bragg, Jr. recently announced the indictment of Damian Baeza Rendon, 20, for sexually assaulting three women as they used public transit in June and August 2022. Baeza Rendon is indicted on one count of Attempted Rape in the First Degree, two counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, two counts of Forcible Touching and one count of Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree. Two of the three incidences occurred on the Upper East Side. "All New Yorkers have the unequivocal right to travel through our City's subways and streets," said DA Bragg.
 - Domestic Violence Hotline: (212) 335-9373
2. The Manhattan District Attorney's Office kicked off Domestic Violence Awareness Month with the sixth-annual "Shine the Light" community march in Washington Heights. Our Education Team is also working hard to bring Domestic Violence presentations to community groups around the borough. The presentation, conducted by an Assistant District Attorney, can vary from 30 minutes to an hour and explains and answers questions regarding domestic violence cases and the criminal justice process. We also provide recommendations on steps to take if you, a family member, or a friend are a victim or survivor of domestic violence in NYC.
 - If you are interested in scheduling a presentation, please **fill out** the following [form](#) or contact the Community Partnerships Unit directly at (212) 335-9082.
 - Join us on October 24th for a second Shine the Light event in Harlem (details to follow in our next newsletter).
3. DA Bragg also recently announced the guilty plea of Brian Boyd, 27, for fatally striking 65-year-old Lisa Banes with his unlicensed, unregistered electric moped, and then fleeing the scene. Boyd pleaded guilty in New York State Supreme Court to Manslaughter in the Second Degree and Leaving the Scene of an Incident Resulting in Death without Reporting. Boyd is expected to be sentenced on November 30, 2022. "Brian Boyd drove recklessly with no regard for pedestrians, fatally striking a beloved actress and New Yorker before speeding off to avoid accountability," said District Attorney Bragg. Boyd was arrested on August 5, 2021, following an extensive investigation by the NYPD and the Manhattan DA's Office.
 - Please find the full press release here: <https://www.manhattanda.org/d-a-bragg-announces-manslaughter-plea-in-hit-and-run-death-of-lisa-banes/>