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[April 2023] Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

Full Newsletter: [<https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=73e8e9414b5a25e31f84f3b3f&id=3552ece75b>]

Highlights

1. Last month, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office released a Discovery Reform Fact Sheet to explain the Office's key findings and recommendations for promoting public safety after reforms to the discovery statute in 2019. In criminal court, discovery is the process by which the prosecution provides its evidence to a person accused of a crime. The New York State Legislature's revisions of the state's evidentiary discovery laws in 2019 addressed unfair practices that had kept those charged with crimes unaware of the evidence against them. The DA's Office firmly agrees with the intent of these reforms, and with most of the new statutory language. However, they found that these changes have significant unintended consequences that undermine public safety by causing thousands of cases to be dismissed on legal technicalities.

The full Discovery Reform Fact Sheet has been submitted to CB6 for distribution.

2. Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg recently hosted leaders of NYPD Patrol Borough Manhattan South and discussed their strategies to enhance public safety by driving down gun violence, prosecuting hate crimes, tackling recidivism and more. From March 7 through March 31, Manhattan South had zero homicides and zero non-fatal shootings – 25 consecutive days without a bullet striking anyone below 59th Street. Through our continued collaboration we will work to keep our communities safe.
3. District Attorney Bragg announced the trial conviction of Daryl Campbell, 37, for shooting and killing 33-year-old Ronald McPhatter, a bodyguard, during a confrontation at Irving Plaza, and shooting and seriously injuring three others. "In addition to seriously injuring his rival and killing his rival's bodyguard, Mr. Campbell shot innocent bystanders and put hundreds of other lives at risk. We will vigorously prosecute anyone who commits this type of deadly violence."
 - Here is a link to the full press release for those interested in learning more:
<https://manhattanda.org/d-a-bragg-announces-manslaughter-conviction-of-daryl-campbell-for-irving-plaza-shooting/>