

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

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<u>Highlights</u>

- Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg recently announced the first-ever repayment of wages to workers through the Manhattan DA's Office's Stolen Wage Fund, created in partnership with the New York State Department of Labor. Pursuant to a case handled by our Worker Protection Unit, seven employees of the now-defunct Ampak Electrical Services who performed electrical work at the site of the midtown Virgin Hotel in 2021 received the \$50,000 pay promised to them for nearly 1,800 total hours of work.
 - Here is a link to the full press release for those interested in learning more: <u>https://manhattanda.org/d-a-bragg-returns-50000-in-stolen-wages-to-new-york-city-workers-through-offices-stolen-wage-fund/</u>
- 2. Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg awarded nearly \$6 million to The Bridge, a peer-founded housing and behavioral health services provider, to create a network of Neighborhood Navigators that will build a network of support to immediately reach New Yorkers with deeply entrenched needs. Neighborhood Navigators from The Bridge will build trusting relationships with individuals who may have a mental illness or substance use disorder that are living or spending significant time on the street in Manhattan priority areas determined by community feedback. "By addressing fundamental needs like access to a safe home and mental health care, we can improve public safety in our communities," said DA Bragg.
 - Here is a link to the full press release for those interested in learning more about the Neighborhood Navigators Program: <u>https://manhattanda.org/d-a-bragg-makes-major-mental-health-investment-awards-6-million-to-the-bridge/</u>
- 3. Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg announced the indictment of Kyle Fernandez, 20, for injuring seven people, including two children, outside of Grand Central Station when he struck multiple pedestrians and a bicyclist while operating a stolen vehicle with his ability impaired by drugs.
 - Here is a link to the full press release on this indictment: <u>https://manhattanda.org/d-a-bragg-announces-indictment-in-rush-hour-car-chase-crash-that-injured-seven-by-grand-central-station/</u>