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## News

THE CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OFFICE TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## **NEWS ADVISORY**

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## MAYOR'S OFFICE TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE JOINS THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 72nd PRECINCT, THE TRINITY HEALING CENTER AND LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE SAFETY IN THE HOME

**EVENT:** The Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence joins with the New York City Police Department 72nd Precinct, and the Trinity Healing Center to raise awareness of domestic violence support services in light of the recent death of 28-year-old Sunset Park resident, Ms. Jacqueline Roman, who died last month from injuries sustained from an alleged brutal assault by her ex-live-in boyfriend.

Domestic violence is an underreported crime. Immigrant women, in particular, may be less likely to report abuse than nonimmigrant women due to language barriers or cultural differences. Today's event will focus on the availability of multilingual resources to victims within the local and citywide community. For help 24-hours a day, victims can call the NYC Domestic Violence Hotline at 1(800) 621-4673.

Through the efforts of all New Yorkers to end family related violence, major domestic violence crime (murder, rape, and felony assaults) decreased by 10.8% in 2003 and family related homicides decreased by 17.9%.

Domestic violence is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors designed to achieve and maintain power and control over another person in an intimate relationship. The power and control exercised by the batterer may include sexual assault, physical battering, verbal threats and psychological abuse. Victims of domestic violence can be married, divorced, or dating. Domestic violence is a crime in New York City and batterers will be held accountable.

WHEN: Thursday, March 11, 2004 at 6:30 PM

WHERE: Trinity Lutheran Church Entrance on 4th Avenue between 45th and 46th Streets Sunset Park, Brooklyn 11220

## **INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:**

Commissioner Yolanda B. Jimenez, Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, Administration for Children's Services, City Council members, others TBD

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