



**Testimony of Loree Sutton, MD (BG, USA, Ret.)
Commissioner for the New York City Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)**

New York City Council Committee on Veterans

14th Floor Committee Room, 250 Broadway

October 29, 2018

Good morning Chair Deutsch and esteemed members of the New York City Committee on Veterans. My name is Loree Sutton and, as always, I am honored to serve as the founding Commissioner of The New York City Department of Veterans' Services (DVS). I am joined today by Deputy Commissioner Jeff Roth and Eric Henry, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.

As Veterans Day approaches next month, including the myriad events occurring throughout the City of New York in November, DVS is excited to work together with our city partners to celebrate and honor the service of veterans, service members of all components and family members, locally and beyond. In particular, we invite everyone to participate in the annual New York City Veterans Day Parade, now known as America's Parade, organized by the United War Veterans Council (UWVC), on Sunday November 11th, 2018. I look forward to seeing many of you on this special day and throughout the month.

Today, I welcome the opportunity to discuss Local Law 23-2015, as well as the proposed Intro. 1118-2018. Before doing so, I would like to briefly highlight some of the ways DVS, since its transition from mayoral office to citywide department in 2016, has put tremendous effort into implementing best practices for connecting with NYC veterans, service members and families, including active engagement and assistance activities to improve the lives of our community.

DVS is proud to continue its City-wide presence, with satellite sites in each of the five boroughs featuring posted office hours to participation in events occurring at a variety of venues throughout the city. Through the agency's newly organized Engagement and Community Services (ECS) unit, Engagement Coordinators are trained to connect veterans and their families to trusted resources available through City, State, and Federal governments as well as community-based organizations drawing from the private, philanthropic and social sectors. In addition, DVS is committed to connecting Veterans and their families to City careers, services and resources through the DVS website for direct access to City job opportunities; collaborating with DCAS City-wide Recruitment/WorkForce1 and all sectors to identify HR best practices; and developing public-private partnerships aimed at enhancing business, educational, entrepreneurial and employment opportunities.

DVS also connects veterans and their families with opportunities to heal, to grow, and to thrive. As part of the First Lady of New York City's pioneering *ThriveNYC* mental health initiative, DVS has developed the *VetsThriveNYC Core4 Whole Health Model™*, which uses arts and education, peer-to-peer support, holistic services and clinical treatment to address the full impact war on the mind, body and spirit of veterans. DVS continues to administer the provisions of Local Law 42/2013 by providing trainings to City Agency Veteran Liaisons, such as Veteran Mental First Aid, also available to agencies, non-profits and veteran service organizations.

Working in collaboration with our city agency, federal government and community partners, DVS remains dedicated to effectively ending veteran homelessness in New York City. DVS's housing team continues to develop new housing resources and, using our peer to peer model, works directly with veterans in shelter to help navigate the housing search process in the City. This effort is supported by our in-house Aftercare Coordinator and constituent team that work day in and day out to prevent evictions and provide overall housing stability to formerly homeless and at-risk veterans. I am delighted to share with you today that we have recently been approved to add another Veteran Peer Coordinator to the team. This will increase the number of veterans we move into permanent housing by an estimated 20%.

Another important partnership is DVS's strong working relationship with the City's Veterans Advisory Board (VAB), whose membership is currently in transition. We look forward to welcoming the upcoming round of Mayoral and Council appointments, soon to be announced. Appointed by the Mayor and Speaker, the VAB membership is carefully chosen to sustain a diverse range of service backgrounds, community engagement interests, borough representation and professional expertise to help facilitate dialogue with the New York City veterans' community.

Moving forward to the topics of today's hearing, I am pleased to discuss Local Law 23-2015, as well as the proposed Intro. 1118-2018.

Local Law 23 was introduced by Councilmember Paul Vallone, passed by the City Council and subsequently signed by the Mayor in 2015. This law annually requires the Mayor's Office of Operations to compile various information regarding veterans utilizing housing assistance through the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), applying for civil service through the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), and applying for and receiving licensing permits through the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH).

This information is useful in evaluating how many veterans are accessing our City government through these specific agencies, and DVS appreciates the work performed by our sister agencies in documenting this data. In reviewing this data from the past three calendar years (2014-2017), positive trend lines are noteworthy in two specific areas: 1) the number of veterans who have applied for employment with the City of New York through self-identification via their veterans' civil service credit; and 2) the number of veterans who have applied for and accessed our City's public housing stock. DVS is proud to work in collaboration with NYCHA, HPD and HRA to connect veterans with eligible subsidies with all applicable housing resources.

We look forward to working with our fellow agencies involved to evaluate all data presented through the most recent report and determining how the City of New York can best continue to promote enhanced access to care, services and resources for its veteran community.

I would also like to mention that DVS has partnered with the Mayor's Office of Operations to provide an opportunity for veterans to self-identify through Local Law 127-2016, which requires city agencies such as the Department of Social Services, the Administration for Children's Services, the Department of Homeless Services, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department for the Aging, the Department of Youth and Community Development, and the Department of Education to provide to all persons served through these agencies with a demographic information survey that contains an option for multiracial ancestry or ethnic origin. This form is available now and we look forward to new insights we will learn concerning our City's veteran population.

Regarding Intro 1118-2018, this proposal would require Department of Veterans' Services to submit an annual report to the Council on agency personnel numbers; titles and job functions; the number of veterans who received services from DVS; the methods by which veterans and their families learned about seeking assistance through the agency; and the numbers of veterans engaged and assisted.

Currently, City budget documents and the MMR include most of the information sought through Intro. 1118. Furthermore, these documents are released during the same timeframe identified in this proposal. While DVS looks forward to continued collaboration with the City Council concerning DVS personnel and performance metrics, we are confident that these aims can be best achieved through existing reporting mechanisms.

Thank you again for this opportunity to meet with you today. At this time, I am happy to address any questions you may have.



**Department of
Social Services**

Steven Banks
Commissioner

**Department of
Veterans' Services**

Loree Sutton, MD
Commissioner

October 25, 2018

LETTER TO STUDENT VETERANS ON GI BILL DELAYS

We are aware that many student veterans have not yet received their federal GI Bill housing allowances. We've been informed by the federal government that this is due to delays in processing of claims at the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) while the VA is implementing new legislation known as the Forever GI Bill. It appears to be a nationwide problem, affecting hundreds of thousands of student veterans across the country.

To assist NYC student veterans who are most in need, NYC's Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) and Department of Social Services (DSS) are collaborating to identify supports and resources for students who might be adversely impacted by these delays.

We encourage any NYC student veteran who is the primary resident in a private apartment, has fallen behind in making rent payments and needs immediate assistance to visit the NYC Department of Social Services (DSS) Michael J. Handy Veterans Service Center located at 25 Chapel Street, 6th Fl, Room 606, Brooklyn, NY 11201 to have their case evaluated for emergency rent arrears funds and other benefits.

Details on what documents to bring can be found on the attached pdf document. More information on emergency rent arrears assistance is available at 718-557-1399 or on the DSS website at <https://on.nyc.gov/2yzFFtr>. As required by law, student veterans who are deemed eligible for an emergency rent arrears payment will also need to sign a repayment agreement to pay back the amount provided within twelve months of issuance, during which time the VA should be able to provide the GI Bill housing allowances that veteran students need. For any other benefits questions, student veterans should contact DVS at 212-416-5250 or info@veterans.nyc.gov.

Our city is home to approximately 12,000 student veterans, many of whom rely on the GI Bill housing allowance as their sole means to pay rent. The GI Bill is backed by the federal government and considered lawful income. It is illegal to deny housing to veterans using the GI Bill in accordance with Local Law 119/2017.

We recognize that the payment delays cause financial hardship for both student veterans who find themselves without necessary funds to pay rent as well as for landlords who have yet to receive expected rent. We urge landlords and housing managers to exercise patience with their student veteran tenants.

The City of New York stands behind our student veterans, who have served our nation and to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude.

NYC DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

We need your strengths. The New York City Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) fosters purpose-driven lives for New York City service members, veterans, and families through:

Targeted advocacy, at the city, state, and federal levels

Community engagement, in your borough and your community

Compassionate service, making it easier to access the benefits you've earned

We take a "whole of life" approach: We understand that service members, veterans & their families need a place to live, the means to live, and the right skills to pursue fulfilling lives. We do this through three programs:



HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES

Housing Coordination Center: identifying housing opportunities and coordinating the rent-up process for owners and property managers

Peer coordinators: helping homeless veterans find and obtain safe, affordable housing

Aftercare & eviction prevention: assisting formerly homeless and at-risk veterans access the supports they need for housing stability



VETERANS SUCCESS NETWORK

Veterans on Campus: connecting with student veterans to ensure successful transitions to civilian life

Mentor a Veteran: creating connections to veteran & civilian mentors for all stages of life

Veterans Career Council: empowering veterans to find success in the public and private sector workforce



VetsThriveNYC

Core4 Whole Health Model: strength-based approach incorporating the power of culture and the arts, peer connection, community holistic services, and clinical care

Caregiver Network: support networks for service member and veteran caregivers

Mental Health First Aid: certification programs customized for those who interact with military and veteran populations

Fellow veterans & family members are here to help. Our Peer Outreach Team of veterans and veteran family members understand from experience how hard it can be to navigate services. We help every veteran regardless of era of service, branch of service, or discharge status find services you're eligible for.

We're here for you, across NYC. Connect with one of our Veteran Outreach Team members online at www.nyc.gov/vets, on social media @nycveterans, or in your home borough at:



Office hours: 10am-noon and 1pm-4pm.
Call 212-416-5250 for an appointment.

Brooklyn
Workforce One
9 Bond Street
5th floor (M, W)

Bronx
Bronx Borough Hall
851 Grand Concourse
Rm 209 (T, W, Th)

Queens
Queens Borough Hall
120-55 Queens Blvd
Rm 222 (M, T, Th)

Manhattan
Manhattan Borough Hall, 431 W125th St,
Main floor (M, F)

Staten Island
Staten Island Borough Hall, 10 Richmond Terrace, Rm G-15 (T,W)

College of Staten Island, 2800 Victory Blvd Campus Center,
Rm 216, (M, Th)



NYC
Veterans

www.nyc.gov/vets



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Coordinated access to care with 80+ vetted service providers: <https://newyorkcity.americaserves.org/>



EDUCATION

Over 12,000 veterans use their GI Bill in NYC, with approximately 1,500 new students enrolling each year. DVS offers a [Welcome Packet](#) for student veterans with lists of resources on using your GI Bill, securing housing, finding career and post-military service mentors, and additional available benefits.

Student veterans should know that their GI Bill is a lawful source of income for housing and it is illegal to deny students housing who are using their GI Bill BAH. Obtain official documentation on this with our [information letter](#) at the DVS website or contact the Commission on Human Rights to [file a complaint](#).



EMPLOYMENT

Veterans contribute to New York City's vibrant workforce across industries in both the public & private sector. Veterans receive preferential credit when applying to work for New York City government. Learn more about NYC government job opportunities and [claiming your veterans credit](#) at the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS).

Connect with DVS to learn more about [entrepreneurship](#) opportunities, private sector [employment](#), job placement, training programs, career [mentoring](#), [vendor licenses](#), and other resources.



HEALTH

DVS is committed to building out community based approaches for enduring mental, physical and spiritual health. [VetsThriveNYC](#), part of NYC's ThriveNYC initiative, extends the front-line of hope, healing and wholeness from the clinic to the community.

VetsThriveNYC includes Veteran Peer Coordinators who implement the Core4 Whole Health Model™: a community and peer-based approach to veteran wellbeing focused on increasing connections through:

- [Culture](#): Education and Cultural Initiatives (C1)
- [Connection](#): Peer Intervention & Social Support (C2)
- [Community](#): Holistic Services (C3)
- [Clinical](#): Treatment & Medical Care (C4)



HOUSING

DVS' top housing priority is to help house homeless veterans, develop and sustain a system that rapidly rehuses all those that become homeless, and help prevent the trauma of homelessness in the first place. Working with our [public and private partners](#), NYC has reduced veteran homelessness by [90% since 2011](#) and, in 2015, was [certified](#) by the federal government for having ended chronic veteran homelessness.

Despite these milestones, our work continues. With more than 100 veterans becoming homeless each month, our team continues to serve our veterans that have fallen on hard times. If you're a veteran who has become homeless or is at-risk of losing your home, please contact us at 212-316-5250. If you're interested in renting to one of our veterans, please visit our [website](#) for information on current landlord and broker incentives, and email us at housing@veterans.nyc.gov or call our landlord hotline at 646-866-9311.



LEGAL

As of 2017, service members and veterans are a protected class in New York City's Human Rights Law. If you feel you've been discriminated against based on your military status, you can [file a complaint](#) with the Commission on Human Rights.

For other legal services, from discharge status upgrades to other legal issues, DVS can connect you to the resources you need through the [City Bar Justice Center's Veterans Assistance Project](#). The Project is designed to meet the needs of veterans living in New York City by providing low income veterans with pro bono assistance with disability benefits claims before the New York City Regional Office of Veterans Affairs. To get connected, call (877) 564-3383.



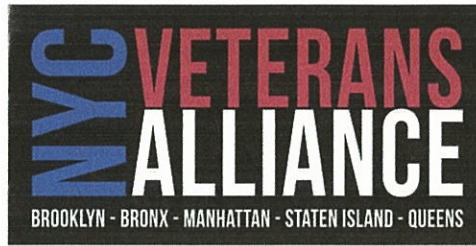
TALK TO US

WALK IN to DVS satellite sites (see map on page 1) or our main office at 1 Centre Street, Suite 2208 New York, NY 11215; Call us at 212-416-5250 or find us online at www.nyc.gov/vets, on social media @nycveterans or email us at info@veterans.nyc.gov

VISIT A VA Vet Center: 212-686-7500 or visit www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=744 to locate a center near you

SIGN UP for services at <https://newyorkcity.americaserves.org/>

GET IMMEDIATE HELP by calling the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 (press 1)



NYC Veterans Alliance

www.nycveteransalliance.org

www.ourveterans.nyc

Testimony by

Kristen L. Rouse
President & Founding Director
NYC Veterans Alliance

Committee on Veterans

Oversight: Ensuring Veteran Access to City-Administered Services
Intro. 1118

October 29, 2018

Good morning and thank you to Chair Deutsch and the Committee for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Kristen Rouse and I am an Army veteran with more than 24 years in service, including three tours of duty in Afghanistan. I am President and Founding Director of the NYC Veterans Alliance, a member-driven, grassroots policy advocacy and community-building organization that advances veterans and families as civic leaders.

On behalf of our members and supporters, we state our strong support for this committee providing oversight of the services provided to veterans and their families by DVS and other city agencies, programs, and funding. We are, however, uncertain of whether Intro. 1118 or other recent bill proposals will effectively accomplish the oversight and accountability that our community has called for and deserves.

In February 2015, I stood beside members of this committee—including Council Members Vallone and Eugene—in a City Hall press conference to laud passage of Local Law 23-2015,¹ which mandated annual reporting on the number of veterans receiving services from city agencies, including NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA); NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD); NYC Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA); NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH); and the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS). These agencies were tasked with tracking veterans involved in Mitchell Lama housing applications, vending licenses, housing vouchers, city procurement, and city employees. Local Law 23 was a vital step toward making veterans more visible in how our city tracks and quantifies city services. It wasn't perfect, in that veterans receiving help from HRA and other agencies were omitted from this bill—but it nevertheless ensured that data on veterans would be captured and reported by some of our largest city agencies.

Later in 2015, we advocated for the creation of an independent city agency overseeing veterans' services, stating the need that our community saw for this new agency to play a vital coordinating role in how the city delivers and accounts for services to veterans and their families at taxpayer expense. The establishment and growth of DVS has been a tremendous benefit to our veterans community, but an agency limited in size must be empowered in its scope to synchronize and manage the city's efforts to reach, serve, and be accountable to veterans and their families.

¹ <http://www.gothamgazette.com/index.php/government/5603-council-passes-three-bills-to-improve-services-for-military-veterans>

The intent behind bills heard today and last June—to bring accountability for DVS in the veterans and family members it is serving—is good. But even better would be for this committee to examine ways it can empower DVS to accomplish its mission.

To this end, we pose the following questions to this committee:

- 1) Will you make public the reports of NYCHA, HPD, DCA, DOHMH, and DCAS on the number of veterans it has served since Local Law 23-2015 was implemented? And will this reporting be made visible in the Mayor’s Management Report (MMR) and/or other essential citywide reporting?
- 2) Will new legislation ensure that the city’s contracting and management of VetConnectNYC² will effectively track services, referrals and referral methods, follow-up metrics, and other key access and accountability data for veterans and family members seeking resources from DVS and other government and community-based organizations?
- 3) Will legislation include a provision for a dedicated Agency Chief Contracting Officer (ACCO) to manage the city’s contracts for veterans’ services—to include not only VetConnectNYC, but also the \$2.3 million in discretionary funds granted by the city to community-based organizations for the purpose of serving veterans and their families?
- 4) Will new legislation ensure that DVS would not need to duplicate reporting already included in the MMR,³ budget documents, other existing public information and open data on its activities, staff, and salaries⁴?
- 5) Also related to prior legislation—is this committee still overseeing the Veterans Advisory Board? As the city’s only chartered body of veterans advising city government, the VAB currently has eleven members serving on terms that expired last year and early this year. The VAB did not meet its mandated five meetings last year, and it has held three public meetings without quorum or current appointments.

There is much work ahead for DVS as it continues building programs and growing in its performance and accountability to the veterans and family members it serves. There also is much, much work ahead for the Veterans Committee.

On behalf of the NYC Veterans Alliance, I thank you for the opportunity to testify today. Pending your questions, this concludes my testimony.

² <http://www.gothamgazette.com/city/6613-long-awaited-city-s-new-approach-to-veterans-services-moves-ahead>

³ <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/operations/downloads/pdf/mmr2018/dvs.pdf>

⁴ <https://data.cityofnewyork.us/City-Government/Citywide-Payroll-Data-Fiscal-Year-/k397-673e>



TOWAKI KOMATSU EVENT DETAILS



AIDED #201604801152	
Aided Date: 07/02/2016	Aided Time: 14:45:00
Aided Location	
Aided Address: (AIDED LOCATION) 802 FAIRMOUNT PLACE #4B , BRONX, NEW YORK	Aided Precinct: 048
Aided Victim	
Victim Name: TOWAKI KOMATSU	Victim Pedigree: M / X / 43
Victim Address: (HOME-PERMANENT) 802 FAIRMOUNT PLACE #4B , BRONX, NEW YORK 10460	Victim DOB: 02/23/1973
Victim Phone Number:	Victim Uncared For: N
Victim Homeless: N	Victim EDP History: U
	Victim EDP Description:
Aided Details	
Aided Category: INJURED	ACR #:
Aided Refused: Yes	PCR #:
City Involved: No	Agency: 048
Removed To: NOT APPLICABLE	Mouth to Mouth: No
Facility Type:	Resuscitated: No
Treated By:	Spray Used: No
Details: C/V STATES THAT WHILE HAVING A VERBAL DISPUTE W/ LISTED PERP AT T/P/O, LISTED PERP PUNCHED HIM MULTIPLE TIMES IN THE FACE AND ABOUT THE BODY CAUSING C/V TO COMPLAIN OF SUBSTANTIAL PAIN IN ARMS AND FACE. C/V ALSO HAS REDNESS ON FACE AND IS IN FEAR FOR HIS SAFETY. C/V REFUSED MEDICAL ATTENTION AT SCENE.	

AIDED #201701401617	
Aided Date: 08/08/2017	Aided Time: 19:45:00
Aided Location	
Aided Address: (AIDED LOCATION) EAST 42 STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK	Aided Precinct: 014
Aided Victim	
Victim Name: TOWAKI KOMATSU	Victim Pedigree: M / A / 44
Victim Address: (HOME-PERMANENT) 9960 64 STREET #3V , QUEENS, NEW YORK	Victim DOB: 02/23/1973
Victim Phone Number:	Victim Uncared For: N
Victim Homeless: N	Victim EDP History:

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3/16/2016	Make Case Comment	Harris,V	He also provided a lease stating this is where he moved to but stated he was suppose to be moving in apartment by himself but when he moved he found out there was someone else sharing the apartment with him. and the first lease he signed was change by landlord.

From: HRA Freedom of Information Law Office FOIL@hra.nyc.gov
Subject: RE: New FOIL request
Date: May 8, 2018 at 10:45 AM
To: Towaki Komatsu towaki_komatsu@yahoo.com

FOIL Request #18-282

Re: FOIL Request – Fair Hearing Records Info

Dear Towaki Komatsu:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request made on May 7, 2018, in which you submitted the following questions regarding a change HRA personnel made to an apartment number associated with me on 2/18/16:

1. *What information did HRA have about where I resided **a)** immediately prior to 2/16/16 and **b)** immediately prior to HRA having made a change on 2/18/16 to an apartment number associated with me?*
2. *When HRA personnel made a change on 2/18/16 to information about an apartment number associated with me, what was the specific address that corresponded to the change that it made after it made that change?*
3. *Who directed HRA personnel to make this change on 2/18/16?*
4. *What sources of information did HRA use to make this change on 2/18/16?*
5. *Have the following members of HRA been aware of this change that was made on 2/18/16 and, if so, on which dates did they become aware of this change? HRA Commissioner Steven Banks, Jeffrey Moszczyc, Ann Marie Scalia, Marin Gerber, Martha Calhoun, and Jordan Dressler.*

The Department of Social Services/Human Resources Administration (“DSS/HRA”) is hereby denying your request. Please be advised that FOIL does not require an agency to prepare or create a record in response to a request for information. See Public Officers Law §89(3)(a). FOIL does not require an agency to supply information in response to questions.

However, as your questions pertain to records provided as part of your Fair Hearing evidence packet, your questions have been forwarded to the Fair Hearing Unit for review.

Should you choose to appeal this decision, please send your written appeal to HRA’s Appeal Officer, Martha Calhoun, Office of Legal Affairs, Human Resources Administration, 4 World Trade Cent, 150 Greenwich Street, 38th floor, New York, New York 10007, or by email at <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/about/foil-request.page> within 30 days in accordance with POL Sec. 89(4)(a).

Sincerely,
DSS FOIL Unit

From: Towaki Komatsu [mailto:towaki_komatsu@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 12:21 PM
To: HRA Freedom of Information Law Office
Subject: Re: New FOIL request

HRA FOIL team,

This is Towaki Komatsu.

I am sending you this message to submit a new FOIL request for you to immediately complete.

Specifically, I demand to be provided with detailed information about precisely what change HRA personnel made to an apartment number associated with me on 2/18/16 that is reflected in the following screenshot that is from an evidence packet I received that is comprised of some of HRA's records about me. Furthermore, I demand to be immediately provided with detailed information about the basis for why HRA made this change to its records about me on 2/18/16. In other words, the following questions must be answered by HRA immediately:

1. What information did HRA have about where I resided a) immediately prior to 2/16/16 and b) immediately prior to HRA having made a change on 2/18/16 to an apartment number associated with me?
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From,

Towaki Komatsu

Mount Sinai Beth Israel
Department of Emergency Medicine
First Avenue at 16th Street
New York, NY 10003

212-844-1644

Medical Records

Take-Home Instructions for the Patient

Patient's Name: Komatsu, Towaki **DOS: 07/02/2016 19:51**
Medical Record Number: 300001782686
E.D. Attending Physician: MD Nicole Nembhard
E.D. Resident or Physician Assistant: PA-C Dafna Gershoony
E.D. Primary Nurse : Adora Chatman, RN
Primary Care Provider: Physician - Non-BI
Primary Diagnosis: Abrasion of left forearm
Additional Diagnoses: Head injury

If you were seen in the Emergency Department today and you have any questions relating to your treatment, please call 212-420-2840

PLEASE NOTE: The examination and treatment that you have received in the Emergency Department have been rendered on an emergency basis only and are not intended to be a substitute for or an effort to provide complete medical service. A follow-up doctor or facility is named below. It is important that you be checked again as recommended below and report any new or remaining problems at that time, because it is impossible to recognize and treat all elements of injury or illness in a single Emergency Department visit. In addition, if an X-Ray has been taken here, it has been read on a preliminary basis only, and a final review will be made by the Radiologist. If there is a change in the preliminary x-ray reading you will be contacted by our follow-up staff

Call to arrange an appointment to see the following physician for follow-up care.

WARNING: You or your child may have been treated with a sedative or pain medicine to provide comfort during your Emergency Department visit. Even though most of the effects will be gone by the time you leave for home, some effects may linger for up to 24 hours. These include: sleepiness, confused thinking, dizziness, nausea, and difficulty walking. If you or your child received this medication, it is very important that activities should be limited or supervised for at least the next 24 hours:

- Do not drive a car or operate machinery and be very careful around stairs.
- Avoid alcohol or any other sedating medicines
- Children should not ride bikes, use a skateboard, go swimming, or play on swings or monkeybars.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PAPER PRESCRIPTION

As of 3/27/16, New York State Department of Health now requires computer-generated (electronic) prescriptions for all medications be sent directly to your pharmacy. However, Mount Sinai Beth Israel providers have been granted a temporary waiver from the ePrescribing requirement and may write paper prescriptions. By law, once a provider has been granted a waiver, the pharmacy must fill your prescription.

What if my pharmacy refuses to fill my paper prescription?

1. Tell the pharmacist to call the New York State Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) directly at 866-811-7957 (8.45 am to 4.45 pm), wait for assistance, and the operator will confirm that paper prescription can be filled.
2. Tell your provider that your pharmacy refused to fill your prescription. Be sure to give your provider the name, address, and phone number of the pharmacy.

CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BRONX COUNTY

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

v.

1. RONALD SULLIVAN M/57
Arrest# B16639255

Defendant

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF THE BRONX

TOWAKI KOMATSU states that on or about May 12, 2016 at approximately 11:00 AM inside of 802 FAIRMOUNT PLACE, APT. 4B, County of the Bronx, State of New York,

THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED THE OFFENSE OF:

1 (V) P.L. 240.26(1) Harassment 2^

(2) on or about July 2, 2016 at approximately 2:45 PM inside of 802 Fairmount Place, Apt. 4B, County of the Bronx, State of New York,

THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED THE OFFENSES OF:

1 (M) P.L. 120.00(1) Assault 3^ DQO
2 (M) P.L. 120.15 Menacing DQO
3 (V) P.L. 240.26(1) Harassment 2^

IN THAT THE DEFENDANT DID: with intent to harass, annoy or alarm another person struck, shoved, kicked or otherwise subjected such other person to physical contact, or attempted or threatened to do the same; intentionally cause physical injury; by physical menace, intentionally places or attempts to place another person in fear of death, imminent serious physical injury or physical injury and with intent to harass, annoy or alarm another person struck, shoved, kicked or otherwise subjected such other person to physical contact, or attempted or threatened to do the same.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE DEPONENT'S BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TPO#1

Deponent states that, at the above time and place, deponent observed defendant state in sum and substance: I'M GONNA KICK YOUR ASS and then run towards deponent. Deponent further states, that deponent observed a security guard at the above-mentioned location stand in front of defendant preventing to defendant coming closer to deponent.

Deponent further states, that as a result of defendant's aforementioned conduct he suffered annoyance, alarm, and fear for his physical.

TPO# 2



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Deponent states that, at the above time and place, deponent observed defendant run towards deponent and then repeatedly strike deponent on the left side of deponent's head with closed fists. Deponent further states, that when deponent attempted to block his face with his left arm, defendant continuously struck deponent on the left arm.

Deponent further states that as a result of defendant's aforementioned conduct he suffered substantial pain to his head and left ear, and lacerations to his left arm. Deponent further states that defendant's aforementioned conduct caused deponent to seek treatment at a hospital where deponent was diagnosed with concussion. Deponent further states, that deponent experienced annoyance, alarm, and fear for his physical safety.

FALSE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE PUNISHABLE
AS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO P.L. 210.45



08/26/2016 (20:23)

DATE and TIME

SIGNATURE



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**BRONX COUNTY—COMPLAINANT/
WITNESS NOTIFICATION REPORT**
PD 113-152 (11-96)-CSS2

!!!ATTENTION!!!
*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****

Defendant's Name SULLIVAN, RONALD G
A/O Name, Shield, Command Det. [Signature] 48104
Date of Arrest 07/10/16
Defendant's Court Date 09/20/16

The above defendant has been arrested for the charge of 120.00
In order to process this arrest, you **MUST** appear on 09/06/16 between the hours of 9:00 A.M.
(Complainant or Witness Return Date)
and 7:00 P.M. at 215 East 161st Street in the Bronx Criminal Court Building at Room M-38.

If for any reason, you cannot appear at the above date, and you still wish to proceed with this case, you **MUST**
call (718) 590-3832 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. in order to reschedule your appointment. You **MUST**
make these arrangements before 09/06/16
(Complainant or Witness Return Date)

If you do not appear on the date of your appointment or you fail to reschedule a new date, your case WILL be dismissed.

Complainant/Witness Name KOMATSY FOWAKI
Complainant/Witness Signature [Signature]
A/O Signature [Signature]

!!!ATENCION!!!
*****ANUNCIO IMPORTANTE*****

Nombre del acusado: _____
Nombre, Numero de Placa y Cuartel (comisaria) del policia que efectuo el arresto: _____
Fecha del arresto: _____
Dia para el acusado presentarse en Corte: _____

El acusado arriba mencionado ha sido arrestado por los cargos de _____
Para poder procesar este arresto, usted debe comparecer el dia _____
(Complainant or Witness Return Date)
entre las horas de 9:00 A.M. a 7:00 P.M. en el 215 Este de calle 161, en el edificio de la Corte Criminal del Bronx, oficina M-38.

Si por cualquier motivo usted no puede comparecer en la fecha arriba mencionada y aun desea continuar con este caso, usted debera llamar al (718) 590-3832 entre las horas de 9:00 A.M. a 7:00 P.M. para obtener otra cita. Usted debera efectuar estos arreglos antes de _____
(Complainant or Witness Return Date)

Si usted no comparece en la fecha que ha sido citado/a, o no pide una nueva cita, su caso sera dado por terminado.

Nombre del querellante/testigo _____
Firma del querellante/testigo _____
Firma del policia que efectuo el arresto _____

DISTRIBUTION: WHITE—Complainant BLUE—Arrest Folder PINK—A.D.A.



INCIDENT INFORMATION SLIP

PD 301-164 (Rev. 3-98)-Pent (RMU)

Date: 7/3/16

Welcome to 048 450 CROSS BRONX EXPRESSWAY 718-299-3900
(Command) (Address) (Telephone No.)

We hope that your business with us was handled satisfactorily. Your particular matter has been assigned the following number(s):

Complaint Report No.: 2016-048004961 Accident Report No.: _____ Aided Report No.: _____

Reported to: PO Guity _____ Date of Occurrence: 7/2/16 Time: 1508
(Rank) (Name) (Shield No.)

Location of Occurrence: 802 Fairmount Place Apt 4B Bx, NY

Crime: Assault 3°

Please keep this report should you have to refer to this matter in the future. If you need any further assistance feel free to contact us at telephone number 718-299-3900. Please let us know if you have any suggestions on how we can better serve you. As you may already know, we will provide you with a crime prevention survey of your residence or business. Please ask for more information on this and other crime prevention initiatives. Our goal is to make you and your property safe.

COURTESY — PROFESSIONALISM — RESPECT

REMEMBER: CALL "911" FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY!!!!

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Case Details - Summary

CASE INFORMATION

Court: **Bronx Criminal Court**
 Case #: **2016BX042188**
 Defendant: **Sullivan, Ronald G**

Defendant

Name: **Sullivan, Ronald G**
 Birth Year: **1959**
 NYSID: **9937368J**

Incident and Arrest

Incident

Date: **July 2, 2016**
 CJTN: **67733435J**

Arrest

Date & Time: **July 11, 2016 11:16**
 Arrest #: **B16639255**

Officer

No Officer Information on File

Attorney Information

Defense Attorney

Name:
 Type: **Bronx Defender Services**
 Court Date: **October 6, 2016**
 Court Part: **DAT**

Assistant District Attorney

Name:
 Assigned: **October 6, 2016**

Next Appearance

Date: **February 24, 2017**
 Court: **Bronx Criminal Court**
 Part: **TP5**

Docket Sentence

No Sentence Information on File

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Case Details - Charges

CASE INFORMATION

Court: **Bronx Criminal Court**
 Case #: **2016BX042188**
 Defendant: **Sullivan, Ronald G**

Charge	Detail	Disposition/Sentence
PL 120.15 00	B Misdemeanor, 1 count, Not an arrest charge, Arraignment charge Description: <i>Menacing 3rd</i>	
PL 240.26 01	Violation, 1 count, Not an arrest charge, Arraignment charge Description: <i>Harassment 2nd- Phy Contact</i>	
PL 120.00 01 **TOP CHARGE**	A Misdemeanor, 1 count, Arrest charge, Arraignment charge Description: <i>Aslt W/int Causes Phys Injury</i>	

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Case Details - Appearances**CASE INFORMATION**

Court: **Bronx Criminal Court**
Case #: **2016BX042188**
Defendant: **Sullivan, Ronald G**

Date/Time	Judge/Part	Calendar Section	Arraignment/Hearing Type	Court Reporter	Outcome/Release Status
02/24/2017	TP5	BENCH TRIAL	No Type		
02/23/2017	Weston, C TP5	PENDING	Bench Trial	Slavik,	Case Continued (adjourned) - Temporary Order Of Protection Issued RoR Continued
02/10/2017	Weston, C AP2	PENDING	Bench Trial	Grammatica,	Case Continued (adjourned) - Temporary Order Of Protection Issued RoR Continued
02/10/2017	Socorro, M AP4	PENDING	No Type	Delvecchio, A	Trans To Another Court Part - Temporary Order Of Protection Issued
01/27/2017	Warin, E AP4	PENDING	No Type	Sabag, J	Case Continued (adjourned) - Temporary Order Of Protection Issued RoR Continued
12/01/2016	Michael, M AP4	PENDING	No Type	Ciorra, G	Case Continued (adjourned) - Temporary Order Of Protection Issued RoR Continued
10/06/2016	Pitt, B DAT	PENDING	Desk Appearance Ticket	Wimmer, M	Case Continued (adjourned) - Temporary Order Of Protection Issued Released on Recognizance

ORI No: _____
Order No: _____
NYSID No: _____
CJTN No. _____
Present: Hon. _____

At a term of the Criminal Court, County of Richmond
at the Courthouse at (address) 215 E. 161st State of New York

ORDER OF PROTECTION
Non-Family Offense – C.P.L. 530.13'
(Not involving victims of domestic violence)

Youthful Offender (check if applicable)
Part 102 Index/Docket No. 2006X041789
Indictment No., if any: _____
Charges: _____
(Check one): Ex parte
 Defendant Present in Court

People of the State of New York
-against-

Ronald Sullivan

Defendant
Date of Birth: _____

NOTICE: YOUR FAILURE TO OBEY THIS ORDER MAY SUBJECT YOU TO MANDATORY ARREST AND CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, WHICH MAY RESULT IN YOUR INCARCERATION FOR UP TO SEVEN YEARS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. IF THIS IS A TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION AND YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IN COURT WHEN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO SO, THIS ORDER MAY BE EXTENDED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND THEN CONTINUES IN EFFECT UNTIL A NEW DATE SET BY THE COURT.

TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION. Whereas good cause has been shown for the issuance of a temporary order of protection [as a condition of recognizance release on bail adjournment in contemplation of dismissal].
 ORDER OF PROTECTION. Whereas defendant has been convicted of [specify crime or violation]: _____

And the Court having made a determination in accordance with section 530.13 of the Criminal Procedure Law, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the above-named defendant observe the following conditions of behavior:

(Check applicable paragraphs and subparagraphs):

- Stay away from and/or from the (name(s) of protected person(s) or witness(es)): Tawaki Komatsu
 - home of _____
 - school of _____
 - business of _____
 - place of employment of _____
 - other _____
- Refrain from communication or any other contact by mail, telephone, e-mail, voice-mail or other electronic or any other means with [specify protected person(s)]: Tawaki Komatsu;
- Refrain from assault, stalking, harassment, aggravated harassment, menacing, reckless endangerment, strangulation, criminal obstruction of breathing or circulation, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, forcible touching, intimidation, threats or any criminal offense or interference with the victim or victims of, or designated witnesses to, the alleged offense and such members of the family or household of such victim(s) or witness(es) as shall be specifically named [specify]: Tawaki Komatsu
- Refrain from intentionally injuring or killing without justification the following companion animal(s) (pct(s)) [specify type(s) and, if available, name(s)]: _____;
- Surrender any and all handguns, pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns and other firearms owned or possessed, including, but not limited to, the following: all and do not obtain any further guns or other firearms. Such surrender shall take place immediately, but no later than [specify date/time]: immediately at: local police precinct
- Specify other conditions defendant must observe for the purposes of protection: _____;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above-named Defendant's license to carry, possess, repair, sell or otherwise dispose of a firearm or firearms, if any, pursuant to Penal Law §400.00, is hereby suspended or revoked (note: final order only), and/or the Defendant shall remain ineligible to receive a firearm license during the period of this order. (Check all applicable boxes). **NOTE: If this paragraph is checked, a copy of this form must be sent to: New York State Police, Pistol Permit Section, State Campus Building #22, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12226-2252.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order of protection shall remain in force until and including [specify date]: 12-1-16, but if you fail to appear in court on this date, the order may be extended and continue in effect until a new date set by the Court.
DATED: 10/10/16

JUDGE / JUSTICE
COURT (COURT SEAL)

Defendant advised in Court of issuance and contents of Order.

Order personally served on Defendant in Court

Ronald Sullivan
(Defendant's signature)

- Order to be served by other means [specify]: _____
- Warrant issued for Defendant
- ADDITIONAL SERVICE INFORMATION: [specify]: _____

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- Refrain from intentionally injuring or killing without justification the following companion animal(s) (pet(s)) [specify type(s) and, if available, name(s)]: _____;
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DATED: 10/6/16

JUDGE / JUSTICE
COURT (COURT SEAL)

- Defendant advised in Court of issuance and contents of Order.
 Order personally served on Defendant in Court

Ronald Sullivan
(Defendant's signature)

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 Warrant issued for Defendant
 ADDITIONAL SERVICE INFORMATION: [specify]: _____

The Criminal Procedure Law provides that presentation of a copy of this order of protection to any police officer or peace officer acting pursuant to his or her special duties shall authorize, and in some situations may require, such officer to arrest a defendant who has violated its terms and to bring him or her before the Court to face penalties authorized by law.

Federal law requires that this order must be honored and enforced by state and tribal courts, including courts of a state, the District of Columbia, a commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States, if the person against whom the order is sought is an intimate partner of the protected party and has been or will be afforded reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard in accordance with state law sufficient to protect that person's rights (18 U.S.C. §§2265, 2266).

It is a federal crime to:

- cross state lines to violate this order or to stalk, harass or commit domestic violence against an intimate partner or family member;
- buy, possess or transfer a handgun, rifle, shotgun or other firearm or ammunition while this Order remains in effect (Note: there is a limited exception for military or law enforcement officers but only while they are on duty); and
- buy, possess or transfer a handgun, rifle, shotgun or other firearm or ammunition after a conviction of a domestic violence-related crime involving the use or attempted use of physical force or a deadly weapon against an intimate partner or family member, even after this Order has expired. (18 U.S.C. §§922(g)(8), 922(g)(9), 2261, 2261A, 2262).

¹ Use this form for non-family offense orders of protection, issued pursuant to CPL §530.13, that are not issued to protect victims of family offenses, intimate partners and family and household members and are not entered onto the statewide domestic violence registry. See Exec. L. §221-a(1); CPL §§530.11(1), 530.12(1), 530.13.

PROTECTED PARTY

7:00AM Check in with Hughes
 Same as last hour Safe & Secure
 10:00AM Nothing to report at this time
 11:00AM All is well safe & secure
 12:00PM Same as last hour / M/W brown on site
 1:00PM Every thing is good safe & secure
 2:00PM Off lunch All is well safe & secure
 2:07PM Please be Advise Dwyer Sandra in unit 2A
 locked her self
 2:12PM Sullivan Ronald off site
 3:40pm Ronald Sullivan just got in to job (Fm)
 WITH Towaki, Cops has been called
 and they were on site they are getting
 a report on the altercation from Towaki
 Sullivan has left the premises
 3:00PM back from lunch came to Cops 40Pct
 car number name, huge huge number 11963
 5:00PM S/O D. Nathaniel off Duty
 10:00pm: (had maintenance) (stayed)
 while preparing garage in Basement,
 I went upstairs to the lobby. Ingoing kind of
 wrong foot pace, out the front door, he looked
 angry, 10 minutes later Cops were
 in lobby, I heard that Sullivan and
 Towaki got into a fight in the

All is safe and sound
All is safe and sound
All is safe and sound
All is safe and sound
5:45 9:15 at duty.

Thursday mat 12/20/16
Thomas on duty received
1 cellphone and 2 set of
keys

9:45 All is safe and secure
10:15 All is safe and secure
10:25 Cerean on site at this time
10:50 cow off site at this time
11:15 All is safe and secure
12:20 All is safe and secure
and Ronald on duty.
1:20 All is safe and secure
2:20 All is safe and secure
3:20 All is safe and secure

4:20 Thomas off duty and a
problem happened earlier in apartment
4:40 and I notified Mike.

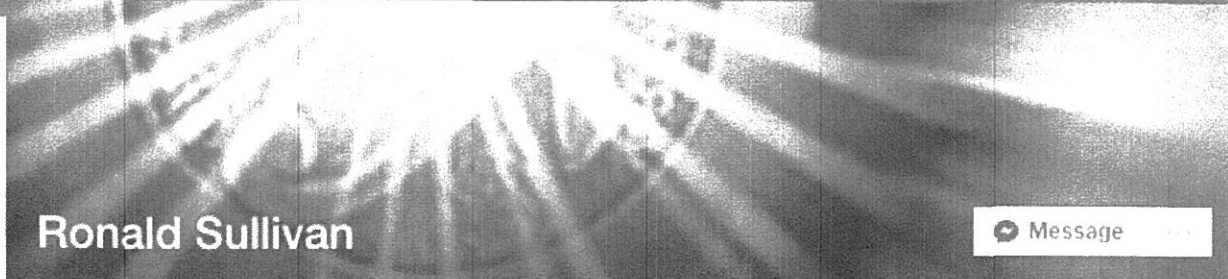
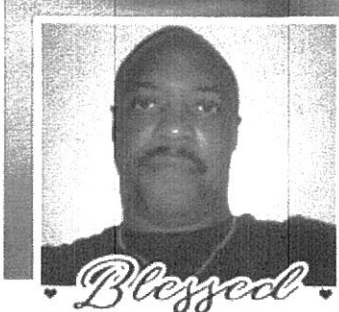
5:10 Jenkins is on duty received (cell phone,
and (1) set of keys and (1) log book.

5:30 All is safe and secure at this time.
6:30 All is safe and secure at this time
7:30 All is safe and secure at this time
8:30 All is safe and secure at this time
9:30 All is safe and secure at this time
10:30 All is safe and secure at this time.
11:30 All is safe and secure at this time.
12:30 All is safe and secure at this time.
1:30 Andrew N. is offsite.

+1 (646) 866-9302

I want my roommate forced out immediately for the following reasons: a) He made a verbal threat today against me in the presence of the security officer in my apartment's living room, b) he charged at me in the living room and had to be held back by that security officer, c) he took property of mine from a closet and tossed it against the door to my bedroom in the apartment, and d) he has taken possession of a table that was in the living room and moved it into his bedroom while refusing to put it back so both of us can use it. Attached is a photo of my property after he tossed it today.

The management company has offered to meet with you to air out these grievances and offer some solutions to the problem. We will pass on your request to them for a written response as well. Please also consider reaching out to Keisha or Arianna in the grievances department. Again, I'd recommend reaching out to the management company to have a meeting, face to face always works better. Lastly, please understand that you are both lease holders in that building and no one is going to be relocated against their will.



Ronald Sullivan

Message

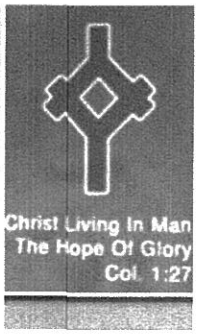
Timeline About Friends Photos More

DO YOU KNOW RONALD?

Click on a name to send him a message

Intro

- SR, S.L.H at New York City Department of Education
- Stud ed Dietetics and Foodservice Management Program, at LaGuardia CC
- Went to George Westinghouse V.T.H.S
- Lives in New York, New York
- Divorced
- From Jackson, Mississippi
- Joined March 2010



Ronald Sullivan Intro Love Style video



Help keep this data online - DONATENOW!

—	Sullivan, Ronald G	Education Admin, Department of	\$17,495	Hrly Support Staff
	Title	F/T Sr. School Lunch Helper		
	Rate of Pay	\$12		
	Pay Year	2008		
	Pay Basis	Hourly		
	Branch	New York City		



POLICE DEPARTMENT
Commanding Officer
Bronx Investigations Unit
450 Cross Bronx Expressway
Bronx, NY 10457

March 26, 2018

Dear Mr. Komatsu

Your complaint made to this Bureau on 01/08/2018, Log #2018-1083, which related to an allegation(s) that occurred on 12/26/2017, involving a member(s) of the New York City Police Department was investigated by this unit.

Pertinent records were reviewed, necessary interviews and conferrals were held, and a full investigation into your allegation(s) was conducted.

Investigation reveled that the allegation(s) made against a member(s) of this Department is **PARTIALLY SUBSTANTIATED/SUBSTANTIATED.**

Complaints of misconduct and corruption are of a great and immediate concern to this Department. Your interest in this matter and reporting of this incident is greatly appreciated.

If you have any further questions concerning this investigation, you may contact this office at 718-299-4999.

Sincerely,

Steve Ortiz
Sergeant

New York State Unified Court System

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Case Details - Summary**CASE INFORMATION**

Court: **Bronx Criminal Court**
 Case #: **2017BX048917**
 Defendant: **Komatsu, Towaki M**

Defendant

Name: **Komatsu, Towaki M**
 Birth Year: **1973**
 NYSID: **14152625R**

Incident and Arrest**Incident**

Date: **December 26, 2017**
 CJTN: **68429870P**

Arrest

Date & Time: **December 26, 2017 19:26**
 Arrest #: **B17664760**

Officer

No Officer Information on File

Attorney Information**Defense Attorney**

Name:
 Type: **Legal Aid**
 Court Date: **December 27, 2017**
 Court Part: **APAR3**
 Address: **260 E 161st St, Bronx, NY 10451**
 Phone: **718-579-3000**

Assistant District Attorney

Name:
 Assigned: **September 4, 2018**

Next Appearance

Date: **November 1, 2018**
 Court: **Bronx Criminal Court**
 Part: **AP3**

Docket Sentence

No Sentence Information on File

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Case Details - Charges

CASE INFORMATION

Court: **Bronx Criminal Court**
 Case #: **2017BX048917**
 Defendant: **Komatsu, Towaki M**

Charge	Detail	Disposition/Sentence
PL 205.30 00	A Misdemeanor, 1 count, Arrest charge, Arraignment charge Description: <i>Resisting Arrest</i>	
PL 120.00 01 **TOP CHARGE**	A Misdemeanor, 1 count, Not an arrest charge, Arraignment charge Description: <i>Aslt W/int Causes Phys Injury</i>	

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Case Details - Appearances

CASE INFORMATION

Court: **Bronx Criminal Court**
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Defendant: **Komatsu, Towaki M**

Date/ Time	Judge/ Part	Calendar Section	Arraignment/ Hearing Type	Court Reporter	Outcome/ Release Status
11/01/2018	AP3	PENDING	No Type		
09/25/2018	Perry, P AP3	PENDING	No Type	Mercorella,	Case Continued (adjourned) RoR Continued
09/04/2018	Perry, P AP3	PENDING	No Type	Wilburn,	Case Continued (adjourned) RoR Continued
08/16/2018	Perry, P AP3	PENDING	No Type	Beiter,	Case Continued (adjourned) RoR Continued
06/06/2018	Perry, P AP3	PENDING	No Type	Lee, N	Case Continued (adjourned) RoR Continued
04/19/2018	Perry, P AP3	PENDING	No Type	Viti, D	Case Continued (adjourned) RoR Continued
02/20/2018	Whiten, M AP3	PENDING	No Type	Grammatica,	Case Continued (adjourned) RoR Continued
12/27/2017	Rosenblueth, J APAR3	PENDING	Pre-Arraignment Deposition Given	Herrera, R	Case Continued (adjourned) Released on Recognizance



TOWAKI KOMATSU RTCC SUMMARY



AIDED				
Date	Location	Precinct Number	Role	Aided Number
07/02/2016		048	Victim	
08/08/2017		014	Victim	

ARRESTS				
Date	Law Code	Sealed or Voided	Precinct	Arrest Number (Includes Check Digit)
12/26/2017	ASLT:POLICE OFF/FIREMAN/EMT RESISTING ARREST OBSTRUCT GOVERNMENTL ADMIN-2ND CRIMINAL TRESPASS-3RD	Voided	048	B17664729-Z
12/26/2017	RESISTING ARREST OBSTRUCT GOVERNMENTL ADMIN-2ND DIS/CON:FIGHT/VIOLENT BEHAVIOR HARASSMENT-2ND	NO	048	B17664760-K

CJA INTERVIEW		
Date	Charge	Precinct Number
12/27/2017	RESIST ARREST OBS GOVT ADMN 2 DISORD CONDUCT HARASSMENT 2ND	048

COMPLAINTS			
Date	Charge	Role	Complaint Number
02/22/2013	HARASSMENT	Victim	2013112000753
06/07/2013	FALSE RPRT INCIDENT	Perpetrator	2013112002185
01/05/2014	BURGLARY	Victim	2014112000050
12/02/2014	HARASS AGG	Victim	2014115010593
01/05/2016	HARASSMENT	Victim	2016014000175
07/02/2016	ASSAULT	Victim	2016048004961
08/08/2017	HARASSMENT	Victim	2017014008005
04/17/2018	LOST PROP CREDIT CARD	Victim	2018048002933



TOWAKI KOMATSU EVENT DETAILS



ARREST #B17664729-Z

AT T/P/O DEFT WAS OBSERVED IN LOCATION W/O PERMISSION, AUTHORIZATION OR VALID REASON TO BE THERE. "NO TRESPASSING" SIGNS POSTED ABOUT PARK. DEFT INTENDED TO CAUSE DISRUPTION BY YELLING AT HIGH VOLUME; WHEN POLICE DID TRY TO APPREHEND PERP. PERP DID PUSH OFFICER. PERP DID RESIST ARREST BY FLAILING AND TENSING UP FEET AND ARMS PREVENTING FROM BEING CHIEFFED. PERP DID KICK PO [REDACTED] ON THE RIGHT LEG CAUSING SWELLING AND PAIN, BODY WORN CAMERA WORN BY PO [REDACTED]. PO [REDACTED] PERP WAS TREATED BY EMS FOR SMALL LACERATION TO LEFT HAND ACR# 842-42755.

Arresting Officer

Officer: [REDACTED]	Tax Number: [REDACTED]
Command: 048	Shield: [REDACTED]

ARREST #B17664760-K

Arrest Date: 12/26/2017	Arrest Time: 07:26:00 PM	Associated 61: 0041
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Charges: OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
DISORDERLY CONDUCT
HARRASSMENT 2

Arrest Location

Arrest Location: (ARREST LOC) CLINTON AVENUE & EAST 176 STREET, BRONX, NEW YORK	Precinct: 048	Sector: C
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Arrestee

Name: TOWAKI KOMATSU	Alias:	Date Of Birth: 02/23/1973
Sex: Male	Race: Asian / Pac. Isl.	Age: 44
Height: 5'6"	Weight: 180	Physical Condition: Inj-R.M.A.
Hair Color: Black	Hair Length: SHORT	Hair Style: Close Cut
Eye Color: Brown	Skin Tone: Light	Complexion: Clear
NYSID: 14152625R	SSN:	FBI No:
Fingerprint Card Num: B0046603	US Citizen: Yes	Place of Birth: XX
Need Interpreter: No	Language: Old address	Accent: No
Gang Name:	Identifiers:	
Address: (HOME-PERMANENT) 99-60 64 AVENUE #3V, QUEENS, NEW YORK 11374	Phone:	

Details



TOWAKI KOMATSU EVENT DETAILS

ARREST #B17664760-K

AT T/P/O DEFT WAS OBSERVED IN LOCATION W/O PERMISSION, AUTHORIZATION OR VALID REASON TO BE THERE. "NO TRESPASSING" SIGNS POSTED ABOUT PARK. DEFT WAS THEN WARN AND ADMONISHED. DEFT THEN DID FOLLOW MY PARTNER AND I CONTINUOUSLY ASKING FOR BADGE AND SHIELD NUMBER. AFTER DEFT WAS GIVEN BADGE AND SHIELD NUMBER NUMEROUS TIMES, DEFT DID CONTINUE TO FOLLOW. DEFT WAS BEING BELLIGERENT AS WE ASKED HIM IF HE NEEDED AN AMBULANCE AFTER HE STATED, "I HAD A CONCUSSION BEFORE". DEFT THEN DID PUSH OFFICER AS POLICE TRIED TO APPREHEND HIM, PERP DID RESIST ARREST BY FLAILING AND TENSING UP FEET AND ARMS PREVENTING HIM FROM BEING CUFFED. BODY WORN CAMERA WORN BY PO [REDACTED] PO [REDACTED] PERP WAS TREATED BY EMS [REDACTED] TRI# TRI-2017-048-00243

Arresting Officer

Officer: [REDACTED]	Tax Number: [REDACTED]
Command: 048	Shield: [REDACTED]

CJA INTERVIEW #B17664760

Interview Date: 12/27/2017	Precinct: 048
Arrest Charge 1: RESIST ARREST	Arrest Charge 2: OBS GOVT ADMN 2
Arrest Charge 3: DISORD CONDUCT	Arrest Charge 4: HARASSMENT 2ND

Person Information

Address: 802 FAIRMOUNT PLACE 4B BRONX NY 10460	
Phone Number:	
Name: TOWAKI KOMATSU	Nysid: 14152625R
DOB: 1973-02-23	Age: 44
Gender: MALE	Ethnicity:
Race: WHITE	
Lives With: Lives Alone	Number of Children:
Contact Person: SELF	Relation:

Alternate Information

Address:	
Phone Number:	
Contact Person:	Relation:

Employer Information

Job:	Type of Employment:
Employer Name:	
Employer Address:	
Number Of Hours Worked:	Years Employed:



REAL TIME PERSON FILE FOR TOWAKI KOMATSU



COMPLAINT #2018048002933

Complaint Details

AT T/P/O C/V STATES WAS TRANSPORTING FROM ST BARNABAS HOSPITAL TO 48PCT 4 MONTHS AGO UPON ARRIVAL @ THE PCT HE REALIZED WALLET WAS MISSING W/LISTED ITEMS. C/V WAS NOT A VICTIM OF A CRIME.<*>THE 61 WAS RECLASSIFIED DUE TO A CREDIT CARD WAS LOSTCOMING FROM THE HOSPITAL

Reporting Officer

Officer: [REDACTED]	Tax Number: [REDACTED]
Command: 778	Shield: 0



Statement of Vadim Panasyuk
Sr. Veteran Transition Manager, VA Benefits Lead
of
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Of America
before the
New York City Council Committee on Veterans

October 29, 2018

Chairman Deutsch and distinguished members of the Committee, on behalf of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) and our more than 425,000 members, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify here today on the pending legislation. My name is Vadim Panasyuk. I am a New Yorker, a Ukrainian expatriate and a naturalized citizen, an Iraq war veteran having served two tours with the 3rd Infantry Division, and Masters level social worker working as a Senior Veteran Transition Manager (VTM), VA Benefits Lead with IAVA's Rapid Response Referral Program, or "RRRP" for short. RRRP is IAVA's high-tech, high-touch referral service for veterans and their families with a complete and comprehensive case management component. We assist veterans of all eras, with any discharge status, worldwide in confronting significant challenges like unemployment, financial or legal struggles, homelessness and mental health related issues. To date, RRRP has served almost 9,000 veterans and family members nationwide, and over 1,000 in New York City alone, providing critical support and resources to ensure that this city's veteran's needs are effectively met.

After fourteen years, IAVA has become the preferred empowerment organization for post-9/11 veterans. While our members are spread throughout the nation, we are proud to say that our national headquarters is located in New York City. Since its beginning, IAVA has fought for and has been successful in advocating for policies that are able to meet the needs of our newest generation of veterans, which includes our advocacy towards the creation, proper funding and oversight of the Department of Veterans Services (DVS).

DVS has enormous potential and its establishment nearly two years ago was a historic moment for veterans of this city. DVS can significantly streamline access and improve service delivery to many of the most critical veteran-specific programs and resources already available here. Today we voice our concern to the Veterans Committee that Additional Reporting Requirements for the Department in their current form do not do enough to measure effectiveness and to ensure proper oversight of DVS and its programs, to include VetConnect NYC.



IAVA supports the intent behind this bill. However, it appears that it is somewhat redundant as some of the data is already widely available, and does not require the reporting of necessary metrics to accurately evaluate this Department's performance and many of its various initiatives. IAVA is a data-driven organization, and as such our view is that when appropriate metrics are applied for measuring program performance and veteran outcomes, services delivered can continue to improve and become more accessible and effective for the target population. This approach also empowers us to identify positive and negative trends, and to better document accomplishments to be studied and replicated elsewhere. This bill does not require the reporting of organizational and programmatic metrics necessary to accurately assess DVS' performance or its impact on this city's veterans.

IAVA has applied metrics as a service standard to various components of our RRRP Team. RRRP is staffed by a dedicated team of masters-level Veteran Transition Managers. For example: our clients receive a survey every time we make a referral. The client is able to provide feedback and rank the Quality, Timeliness, Effectiveness, and Customer service of every organization we refer to. We also provide the same opportunity to the client to grade RRRP, as well as the VTM they were working with once the case is closed providing us with a gauge of our own performance. Using qualitative data in tandem with quantitative metrics has helped us better understand the needs of the population we serve and to continue to make targeted improvements to the services we provide.

As a Senior VTM, I've also had the pleasure to work with many at VetConnect NYC and we have found them to be very responsive and easy to work with, but we have had challenges in seamlessly receiving referrals. One of the challenges is a burdensome increase in the amount of digital paperwork needed to sync the work of our case management team and VetConnect NYC. Another clear deficit we can see is a lack of a comprehensive case management component. We also view the requirement to use the VetConnect software to participate in the network as a barrier limiting the number and types of programs available through VetConnect NYC. As VetConnect NYC continues to find its footing as a platform, we encourage this committee to provide them with the oversight and tools they need to be successful.

Members of the Committee, thank you again for the opportunity to share IAVA's views on these issues today. I look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Good afternoon members of the Committee on Veterans. My name is Coco Culhane and I am the director of the Veteran Advocacy Project. We provide free legal services to low-income veterans and their families, with a focus on those living with post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, and substance use disorders.

The creation of a well-funded Department of Veterans Services was a success celebrated by everyone. A couple of years later the department has had a chance to explore its role in the city and settle in, and the community has had a chance to size them up. Some advocates wonder about what the agency should be doing and have talked about benefits appeals, behavioral health care, and other services. It may be that DVS faces a similar dilemma as the VA: a public perception that the agency is supposed to take care of all of veterans' needs. A look at the New York City Charter reveals that, in fact, the mandate of the Department of Veterans' Services is *to inform*.

Given that the department was formed to act as a hub, they have gone above and beyond. Their instrumental role in reducing homelessness among veterans is part of a nationally lauded model of collaboration with the Department of Homeless Services, the VA, and local nonprofits. They provided more than information to the vets that now have a place to call home. The community sees that concrete work and asks: what's next? (Which is not to say that homelessness is no longer a challenge.) "What next?" is the right question but it needs to be asked within a framework of efficiency and a framework that aligns with the agency's mandate. Before expanding to more direct services, let's ensure our city's agency has been able to fulfill its mission when it comes to connecting veterans and military families to the resources they need.

VAP supports the introduction of Local Law 1118 and believes that DVS reporting on even more figures than they already do will benefit the entire community. In a city where the resources seem endless and are quickly overwhelming in a simple search, the agency must fulfill its duty to inform. While NY Serves NYC works behind the scenes to sort through the details of eligibility and capacity of providers, DVS must be the center of communication, not provision, for the needs of all servicemembers and veterans in New York. For that reason, we support Local Law 1118 and encourage the Council to define the word "services". Requiring more detail on "services" will reveal meaningful information about the achievements of DVS and may even highlight further needs in the city.

VAP can say "we engaged 1,000 veterans this year" but, without knowing what "engaged" means, you have no idea what we accomplished. Outcomes are what matter. This law asks for the number of services and the *method* that veterans find the services of the department, but isn't it the service itself that is important? What was it? If the mission is to inform, we should be asking what kind of "informing" is happening and if it is happening effectively. Number-served does not shed light on what was achieved.

Tying the language of subsection (a) to the substantive requirements in the Charter (the topical areas that servicemembers and veterans are supposed to be able to learn about at DVS) will provide the community with better data on what is being accomplished by the department. In contrast, as the law proposes now: a report includes that a DVS outreach specialist met a veteran at a community event—we get number: 1; method: event—that is really all we know. Requesting that DVS report on what kind of information is being given and in what manner or format will provide insight on what veterans and their families are seeking; it would potentially reveal trends in the needs of our community.

Oversight: Ensuring Veteran Access to City-Administered Services
Int. 1118: In relation to additional reporting requirements for the department of veterans' services.
October 29, 2018 Testimony, Coco Culhane – VAP

VETERAN ADVOCACY PROJECT

Veterans were held accountable each day of their service, in a way many civilians will never experience; we owe it to them to hold our agencies, ourselves, accountable in return.

DVS has risen above its purpose and I look forward to seeing how it evolves in the coming years. Let's ensure we have the meaningful data to track its impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.



We refuse to be invisible

Testimony to the Veterans Committee of the New York City Council

Delivered in person on October 29, 2018

by Ashton Stewart, SAGEVets Program Coordinator

Thank you for holding this Veterans' Committee hearing. My name is Ashton Stewart and I'm the coordinator of the SAGEVets program at SAGE.

SAGE is the country's first and largest organization dedicated to improving the lives of LGBT older adults. Founded in New York City in 1978, SAGE has provided comprehensive social services and programs to LGBT older people for nearly four decades. SAGE Vets is one of our program offerings and is the only program in all of New York City designed for older LGBT adults. In fact, SAGEVets is a statewide program engaging older LGBT veterans across New York State.

New York State and New York City are among the top ten states and cities with the highest concentrations of gay and lesbian veterans, both in number and per capita. And, the needs are deep among LGBT older veterans.

According to a recent statewide survey by the LGBT Health and Human Services Network, 56% of LGBT veterans were over the age of 50. Many LGBT older veterans in New York State are struggling and yet, are not accessing the services they need. Also according to the New York State LGBT Health and Human Services Network:

- 43% of lesbian, gay and bisexual vets live at or under 200% of the Federal Poverty line; that number is even higher for transgender veterans with 60% earning less than \$31,000 per year.
- 30% of lesbian, gay and bisexual veterans were homeless; 46% of transgender vets were homeless.
- 34% of lesbian, gay and bisexual veterans were food insecure; over 61% of transgender vets struggle with food insecurity.
- 30% of lesbian, gay and bisexual veterans and 48% of transgender vets fear discrimination from providers.

Staggeringly, 1/3 of our state's LGBT veterans who answered the survey identified as transgender. This mirrors national data. Across the country, 163,000 veterans identify as transgender. Of the 163,000, more than 51,000 are age 65+. In other words, 31.8% of transgender veterans are age 65+. In fact, The Veterans Health Administration indicates the prevalence of diagnosed "gender dysphoria" among former U.S. service members is five times

that of prevalence estimates in the general population. Psychiatry.org defines gender dysphoria as someone who is “uncomfortable with their body...or with or the expected roles of their assigned gender.”

According to a 2016 article in *The Gerontologist*, due to the rapidly increasing aging population and the high proportion of veterans among older Americans, the number of transgender older adults with a history of military service will continue to increase substantially.

And, with respect to employment, our State’s transgender and LGB veterans are having a hard time finding and keeping a job:

- 46% of transgender veterans report being unfairly fired – that’s nearly half; similarly, 28% of lesbian, gay and bisexual veterans report the same.
- 47.5% of transgender veterans report being unfairly not hired; among lesbian, gay, and bisexual veterans that number is over 1/3, at 34.8%.

LGBT older people struggle more with financial security in their later years. *Out & Visible*, SAGE’s market study on the attitudes of LGBT people ages 45-75, found that far more LGBT older people are worried that they haven’t saved enough money to retire. In fact, 42% of LGBT older people are very or extremely concerned that they will outlive the money they have saved for retirement, as compared to 25% of non-LGBT older people. Forty-four percent of LGBT older people are very or extremely concerned that they will have to work well beyond retirement age just to have enough money to live, as compared to 26% of non-LGBT older people. And, transgender older people experience even more extreme levels of financial insecurity, especially when you consider the high levels of unemployment and underemployment throughout their adult lives.

Consider that older LGBT veterans served in the military at a time when discrimination against LGBT people was rampant and a matter of official government policy. And, the current Administration is trying to ban transgender people from serving in the military. Add that to their financial insecurity and un/underemployment and it’s no wonder why our LGBT veterans are struggling and not accessing their federal VA and related benefits. Instead, many rely on state public assistance programs, shifting what should be a Federal expense to New York State.

SAGE created SAGEVets, with support from the New York State Assembly, to respond to the swelling need among LGBT vets and to improve access to care among LGBT older veterans across the state. Veterans are former federal employees who have earned the right to access veteran programs and services that are designed to improve their overall health and wellbeing. SAGE Vets saves both the state and the city significant amounts of money by ensuring veterans access the federal benefits entitled to them.

Councilmembers, thank you for your continued support of SAGE. We, at SAGE, look forward to partnering with the New York City Council to ensure that our LGBT veterans can receive the support that they so richly deserve after proudly serving our country with pride.

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