

ILLINOIS ASIAN AMERICAN HATE CRIME NETWORK

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To: Asian American Churches, Organizations and Institutions

Re: Sexual Assaults in Chicago and Northern Suburbs

The Asian American Hate Crime Network is extremely concerned over the series of sexual assaults and attempted assaults on Asian women in Chicago and the northern suburbs including, Chicago, Niles, Morton Grove, Skokie, Mount Prospect, unincorporated Glenview and unincorporated Des Plaines. These assaults began in early April with the most recent incident occurring on May 31.

In an effort to better inform the Asian American community about these assaults, we are enclosing a flyer which we strongly urge you to circulate and post. The flyer also contains safety prevention measures and information about a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the offender.

To date, the Illinois Asian American Hate Crime Network has met with the Cook County Sheriff's Department and contacted several of the suburban police departments to urge them to place a high priority on these crimes by heightening patrols, distributing information to inform the community and by pursuing an aggressive investigation by cooperating with all the police departments involved in the investigation.

We are also concerned about the victims of these attacks and women who may have been assaulted but who may not have reported the incident. If you know of a victim who may want counseling from a qualified Asian American counselor you can contact Tomoko Kunita at the YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago, 312/372.6600.

For information via the internet, contact the Asian American Institute website at: www.aaichicago.org

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