

CACAGNY Holds Rally at Court Hearing Monday 9AM

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On Monday April 5, Brandon Elliot will appear for hearing at the Manhattan Criminal Court for brutally beating a 65-year old Filipina on a mid-Manhattan sidewalk in broad daylight. At the time, Elliot was on parole from a 15-year-to-life sentence for stabbing his mother to death in 2002. He had been denied parole twice, but amid political cries to decrease mass incarceration, his third parole request was approved. Elliot ended up living at a nearby city-run vagrants' shelter housed in a Sheraton Four Points luxury hotel, and was well-dressed while stomping on the victim. Before murdering his mother, Elliot was arrested in 2000 for assaulting and robbing her. Elliot is Black, so he is not a White supremacist. Elliot is charged with hate crime because he shouted "you don't belong here" at the victim. The victim was released from hospital next day after treatment. These are the facts.

Elliot's attack attracted worldwide attention, but it is by far not the worst attack against Asians in New York City. In late February this year, a Chinese man was stabbed from behind on a Lower Manhattan street in early evening. The attacker said he didn't like the way the victim looked at him. The attacker, who turned himself in, had punched an Asian a month earlier, and assaulted his own brother 4 month prior. The victim is still in coma, having lost adrenal glands, liver function, and one kidney. The attacker, Salman Muflihi, is himself Asian so, again, not a White supremacist. The weapon was an 8-inch knife.

Just last month, Young Zheng was stabbed to death in Brooklyn after a restaurant dinner with family, when he stepped in to intervene in an assault that turned out to be a robbery. Another good Samaritan, a Chinese unrelated to Zheng, was also stabbed but survived. Using surveillance footage of the license plate of the get-away Mercedes Benz, police arrested a Black man -- not a White supremacist -- who served time for a robbery-murder 25 years ago at a Chinese establishment. Accomplices are still at large. The murder weapon was a screwdriver.

CACAGNY will hold a rally in front of the Court, at 100 Centre Street, at 9AM, *to make a point*.

We are fed up with the *fake narrative* from politicians and the media that attackers are White supremacists, and even more fed up with their "solution" of more *indoctrination*, in schools and workplaces, using the toxic political ideology of Critical Race Theory (CRT), in one of its many guises. CRT, with its *systemic racism* grievances and *blanket racial accusations* -- "you guys always have the advantage," said another attacker before sucker-punching a Chinese father in Central Park last week -- led directly both to the animus of racist scapegoating in attacks that had racist components, and to absolutely insane "reforms" in policing, the Courts, and vagrancy policies that dumped open lawlessness and criminality onto the streets. We need **no** CRT, not more of it.

These attacks come from hate, so they really are all hate crimes. But first and foremost, they are *crimes*. New York City cannot become safe again until our criminal justice system is restored to sanity. We rally at the Court to demand *common sense Courts*, as well as *common sense policing* and *common sense vagrancy policies*, to make New York City safe again. This is not just for Asians, but for *all* communities hurting from open lawlessness and rising crime. With them we stand in solidarity.

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