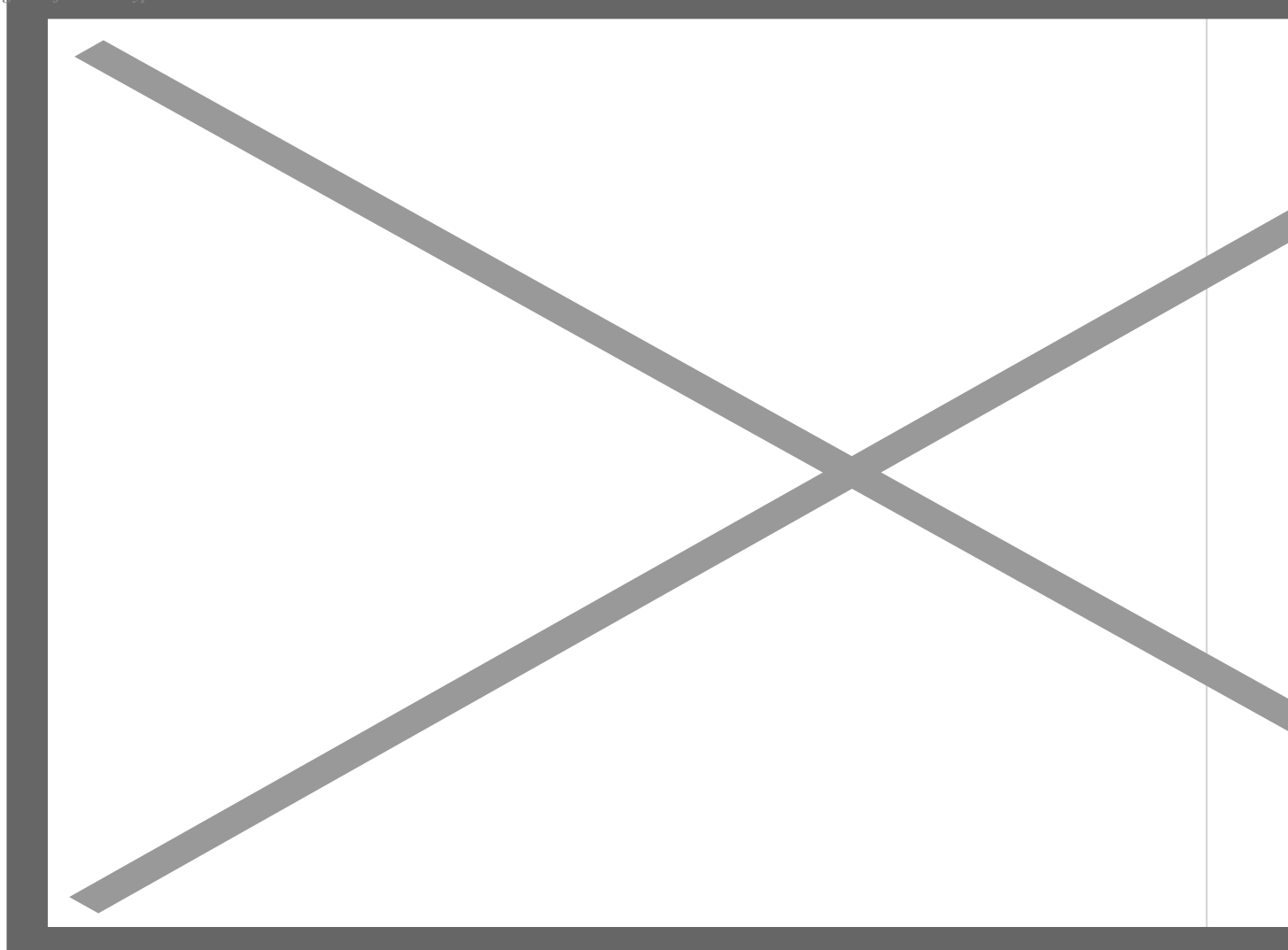


Attack on elderly Asian woman in New York City is another hate crime

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Asian Americans participate in a demonstration in San Francisco area on February 20, 2021 to raise awareness about growing anti-Asian hate crimes in the U.S. (Photo: AP)

New York, March 31 (RHC)-- In the U.S., a 65-year-old woman was brutally assaulted in broad daylight in Midtown Manhattan on Monday, representing yet another jarring reminder of the rise in hate crimes against people of Asian descent in the United States.

The attack took place near a busy roundabout where a surveillance camera showed an unidentified man punching and kicking the woman while she was on her way to church, according to reports. The assailant, who remains unidentified, reportedly stomped on the woman's chest and head after she had crashed to the ground. He also made anti-Asian remarks during the attack.

The victim was later hospitalized with what the police described as "serious injuries." The viral video released by the Manhattan police drew widespread anger and outrage at growing incidents of hate crimes perpetrated against people of color. Police in Manhattan say the hunt to identify the attacker has been launched.

The Asian Hate Crime Task force said the security guard shown on video failed to help the victim while calling for help to identify the assailant.

The latest attack in Midtown Manhattan comes as law enforcement authorities say they are investigating the thrashing of an Asian man in a Brooklyn subway, which was recorded in a TikTok video that has already clocked over 2 million views.

The attacker, who has not been identified yet, repeatedly punched the man and put him in a chokehold until he passed out. It came after a gunman on March 16 went on a shooting rampage in the Atlanta area, Georgia, killing eight people, including six women of Asian descent.

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