

Young gay man brutally beaten in the West Village; New York Civil Rights Violation Lawyer investigating as hate crime.

Young gay man wearing pink shoelaces and fluorescent clothes was beaten by another man yelling anti-gay slurs.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK -- Last week 26-year-old Damian Furtch was a victim of a hate crime in New York's West Village neighborhood. [New York civil rights violation lawyer](#) David Perecman is angered by this hate crime which follows two other gay bashings recently reported in the same area.

"Like many New Yorkers, I am sickened and saddened by [hate crimes](#) and the bias that contributes to them," said Perecman, a [civil rights violation lawyer in New York](#) for over 30 years.

Furtch was beaten outside McDonald's on W. 3rd St and Sixth Avenue. The attack came after Furtch and a co-worker were harassed by a group of men inside the restaurant. In an effort to diffuse the situation, Furtch went outside while his friend got their order. Two of the harassers followed him.

Outside the restaurant the two men yelled anti-gay slurs at Furtch. Then they began beating him. The [hate crime](#) left him with two black eyes and multiple stitches.

Yesterday, New York City police arrested a man who confessed to beating Furtch. He claimed he was gay and denied he was motivated by hate.

"[Hate crimes and other New York civil rights violations](#) are not only crimes against a victim, but also crimes against the community as a whole. In this case, it looks like another hate crime against the gay community in New York," civil rights lawyer Perecman said. "It's unusual, but people can and do commit hate crimes against members of the same group."

The Greenwich Village area has been the stage for several other [hate crimes](#) recently. In October 2011, a man with a history of assaulting gay men was charged with a hate crime after attacking a customer at the oldest gay bar in New York, Julius in the West Village. Also in October, 2011, two Staten Island men were arrested for allegedly attacking a man at Greenwich Village's famous gay bar, the Stonewall Inn. They were charged with two counts of attempted robbery as a hate crime and one count of assault as a hate crime.

The New York police department's Hate Crime Task Force is investigating the most recent incident.

It is essential to prevent hate crimes and other civil rights violations in New York. [Civil rights violation lawyers](#) at [The Perecman Firm](#) encourage victimized individuals to contact them.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the New York civil rights violation, gender discrimination, age discrimination, and elder abuse lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have handled all types of cases including civil rights violations. David Perecman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict** for an automobile accident, and a and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice****.

*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

** later settled for \$3.5 million

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