



Statement on Recent Shooting Spree in Atlanta, Ga.

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Arlington, VA- On Tuesday night, the Atlanta, Ga., the community suffered a terrible loss. Eight people lost their lives in a spree of shootings. The suspect has been apprehended, and although the motive is still being investigated, we need to recognize a troubling increase in victimization in our country. The AAPI community has experienced a rise in discriminatory violence over the course of this pandemic. The majority of those victimized in the AAPI community in the last year have been [women](#).

In the aftermath of this deeply hurtful experience, do not hesitate to seek out support. Our national hotline [VictimConnect](#), is open to callers and text visitors weekdays from 8:30AM to 7:30PM (EST). Our [D.C. Victim Hotline](#) supports visitors 24/7.

This hurt, pain and fear affects us all. This trauma is impacting individuals, families, and communities all across our nation. In the aftermath of this traumatic event, you or your loved ones may experience trauma or secondary traumatic stress that manifests itself in different forms. Visit the resources below to learn more about understanding and coping with trauma. Please know that you are not alone and that there are resources available.

For victim service advocates, view [this document](#) to learn how to better serve victims of crime in the aftermath of complex homicide.

Resources:

- [VictimConnect](#): 1- 855-4-VICTIM (1-855-484-2846)
- [D.C. Victim Hotline](#): 1-844-4HELPDC
- [Complex Homicide Resource for Victim Advocates and Allies](#)
- [Coping After Disaster](#)
- [Common Reactions After Trauma](#)
- [Stop AAPI Hate National Report:](#)