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Man dies after being pushed in front of NYC subway train

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USPA News - A subway passenger was killed on Monday afternoon after he was pushed onto the tracks of an oncoming train at a station in New York City, a police spokesperson said. A video showed the assailant harassing the victim moments before the murder.

The incident happened at approximately 12:30 p.m. local time on Monday when police responded to a 911 call of a man struck by a southbound "R" train at West 49th Street and 7th Avenue in midtown Manhattan. The victim was transported to St. Luke`s Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. "Upon arrival, police determined that a black male pushed an Asian male, 58, onto the train tracks, where the victim was struck by a train entering the station," a police spokesperson said. Witnesses said the victim shouted at the train driver to stop and desperately tried to climb onto the platform before he was struck. Police identified the victim as 58-year-old Han Ki-Suck of Queens, who could be seen being harassed by the suspected assailant in an 8-second video clip released by the New York Police Department. "Leave me the f [expletive] alone. Take your m**f [expletive] ass over there, stand in line, (and) wait for the R train.. that`s it," the suspect can be heard saying. The assailant was described as a black male in his mid-20s who was last seen wearing a dark jacket, a gray t-shirt and a cap. "The New York City Police Department is seeking the public`s assistance in identifying and locating the individual who is wanted for questioning in regard to the homicide," a police spokesperson said. Monday`s murder had echoes of another shocking incident in New York City nearly 14 years ago. On January 3, 1999, journalist and photographer Kendra Webdale, 32, was killed when a schizophrenic man, Andrew Goldstein, pushed her in front of an oncoming train at the 23rd Street station in Manhattan. The 1999 murder shocked many New Yorkers and led to Kendra`s Law which provides state judges the authority to order those with a serious mental illness to undergo psychiatric treatment. The law allows people who fail to comply with the order to be taken into involuntary commitment for up to 72 hours.

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