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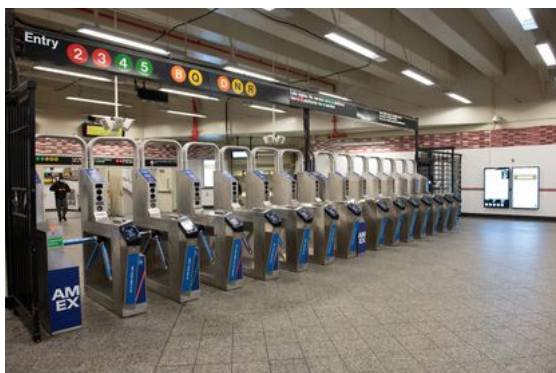
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## Asian man waiting for NYC subway spit on, threatened in coronavirus hate crime

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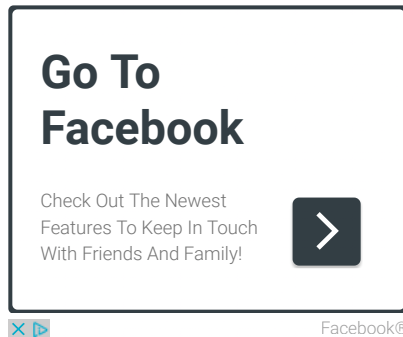


The 26-year-old victim was confronted inside the Atlantic Ave./Barclays Center station about 11:25 a.m. Tuesday, cops said.(Theodore Parisienne/for New York Daily News)

An Asian man waiting for the subway in Brooklyn was spit on by a crazed stranger who threatened to shoot him, blaming him for coronavirus, police said Wednesday.

The 26-year-old victim was confronted inside the Atlantic Ave./Barclays Center station about 11:25 a.m. Tuesday, cops said.

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"You f---ing Chinese, spreading the coronavirus," the assailant said. "You people got the virus."

He then spit in the victim's face and mimicked having a gun, jamming his hand in his coat pocket and pointing his finger.

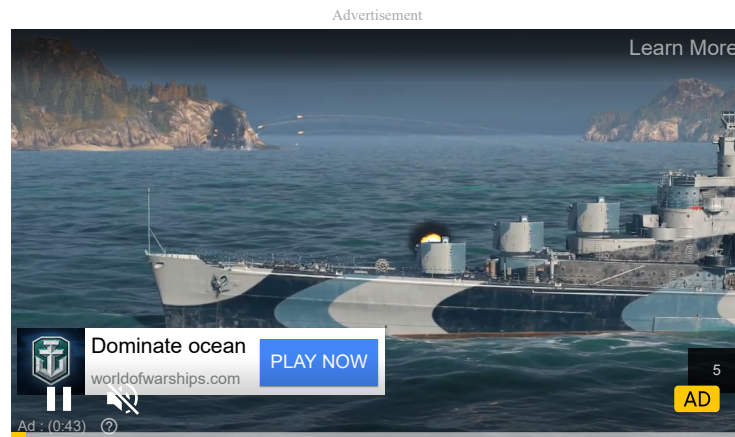
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The victim alerted a nearby cop and a suspect was quickly arrested.

Nicholas Theodore, 19, was charged with aggravated harassment and menacing. He was given a desk appearance ticket and released. Theodore, who lives in Harlem, has no prior arrests, sources said.

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The victim, who lives on the Lower East Side, did not seek medical treatment.

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