

PERSONAL ACCOUNTS FROM SURVIVORS
OF PRISON SEXUAL ASSAULTS

MR. NOLAN: I just have one other question for you or any of the witnesses. Isn't there even danger beyond the Vice Lords of just other prisoners who because you're reporting an incident, you'll be viewed as a rat?

MR. DEBLASIO: There is. And in many cases if I report somebody, and this would happen with staff or prisoners, you may be separated from that individual that you're reporting, but Officer Smith's sister is married to Officer Turner's brother and you have no idea that he's guarding the unit that you're in next. The same thing with prisoners, you have no idea if this isn't, you know, the guy from Southeast to, you know, went to school and rode the same bus and mother has worked at the same store as the person that you've reported. You have no way of knowing. You're in a capacity that you have no way to protect yourself and reporting puts you in further danger.

THE CHAIRMAN: This panel was scheduled

to end at 11:30. We do have Congressman Scott here
and we wanted to have him make his presentation, so
we will have to break.