

Guardian Angels arrive in Port Richmond to begin patrols in wake of attacks

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- In response to a wave of possible bias crimes in Port Richmond, members of the Guardian Angels arrived in the community this afternoon to begin patrols.

Clad in their trademark red berets and jackets, the Angels, including founder and radio talk show host Curtis Sliwa, began walking around the community, mingling with residents and businesses and handing out fliers advertising their presence.

"Well, why not come here and help out so the people have freedom to feel safe in their community," one of the Guardian Angels, who identified himself only as "Justice," said.

Justice, a 32-year-old Bronx resident, said "I had to come," when he heard about the recent wave of attacks on the North Shore that appear to be targeting Mexican immigrants.