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# Knife-wielding man stabs 2 kids in New York City elevator

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**USPA News -** A knife-wielding attacker stabbed two young children inside an elevator in a New York City apartment building on Sunday evening, killing one of them and critically injuring the other, police said on Monday, just days after another murder that may be related. The latest incident happened at around 5:50 p.m. local time on Sunday after two young children, a boy and a girl, had played outside under adult supervision in Brooklyn`s East New York neighborhood.

The children were attacked when they went into their apartment building alone to get ice cream from the boy`s apartment on the sixth floor. "Police responded to a 911 call of a child stabbed inside of 845 Schenck Avenue in the confines of the 75 Precinct. Upon arrival, police discovered two children who had been stabbed inside of the elevator of the location," an NYPD police spokesperson said on Monday, describing the suspect as a heavyset black male wearing a grey shirt. The two injured children were both rushed to Brookdale Hospital, where a 6-year-old boy was pronounced dead upon arrival and a 7-year-old girl remained in a critical condition on Monday. Both victims, identified as Prince Joshua Avitto, 6, and Mikayla Capers, 7, had been stabbed in the torso, police said. A police source told the New York Daily News that the stabbings took place after the attacker had told the children to "shut up." The man then ran off through a housing project and dropped the murder weapon, the newspaper reported, adding that the victims were left covered in blood after the brutal attack. Sunday`s murder came just two days after 18-year-old nursing student Tanaya Grant was stabbed to death while on her way to a friend`s house in the same neighborhood. Police said they were "investigating the possibility" that the same person was responsible for both murders, but no arrests had been made as of Monday afternoon.

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