

BREAKING NEWS



National Advocacy
for Local LGBTQH Communities

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Man Kills Long Term Intimate Partner in Reported Self-Defense in Columbus, Ohio

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs ([NCAVP](#)) has learned of the [death of Jeffrey E. Caldwell, 56](#), who was reportedly shot by longtime intimate partner, John Reed, 54, in Columbus, Ohio on April 6. According to reports Reed alleges that Caldwell was beating him and he was fearful for his life when he shot Caldwell. Reed called 911 to report the incident and told a dispatcher that Caldwell "was killing me, he was trying to kill me." Franklin County Municipal Court has charged Reed with murder.

The most recent [report](#) on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) intimate partner violence issued by NCAVP shows a **38% increase** in reports of intimate partner violence in 2010. The 2010 report highlights shows an **increase in the severity of violence** experienced by LGBTQ and HIV-affected survivors of intimate partner violence. In 2010, more than half of survivors (55.4%) experienced physical violence at the hands of their abusive partners, a substantial increase from 2009 (36.5%).

NCAVP is working with its member organization in Ohio, Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization ([BRAVO](#)), to offer our assistance with their efforts to support the community during this critical time. NCAVP encourages anyone who has experienced violence to contact a local anti-violence program for support and to document this violence. For help locating an anti-violence program in your area, please [contact us](#) or visit www.ncavp.org.

Join NCAVP in our efforts to prevent and respond to LGBTQH violence. To learn more about our national advocacy, receive technical assistance or support, [contact us](#).

If you are a member of the media and wish to speak with an NCAVP representative, please contact Gary Heath at BRAVO at 614.294.7867 or gary@bravo-ohio.org.

NCAVP works to prevent, respond to, and end all forms of violence against and within lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and HIV-affected (LGBTQH) communities. NCAVP is a national coalition of local member programs and affiliate organizations who create systemic and social change. NCAVP is a program of the [New York City Anti-Violence Project](#).

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