

# NCAVP ALERT



National Advocacy  
for Local LGBTQH Communities

## **NCAVP alarmed by continuing violence against LGBTQH people in Washington DC**

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs ([NCAVP](#)) is alarmed by continuing reports of violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and HIV-affected (LGBTQH) people in Washington DC, particularly transgender and gender non-conforming people. These reports follow a [disturbing trend](#) and mark nine reported incidents of violence against LGBTQH people in Washington DC that NCAVP has been [tracking](#) since late July.

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011: Two transwomen were [shot at](#) by Kenneth Furr, an off-duty police officer while in their car. Furr is currently being held without bond.

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011: Two transwomen were [threatened](#) by a man in the 400 block of I Street NW. The man told the women he would shoot them if they did not leave within five minutes.

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011: Two armed men were targeting and [attempting to rob](#) transwomen in Chinatown near 5th and K Streets NW. Reports show that suspects have been arrested in this incident.

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011: Gaurav Gopalan was [found dead](#) with facial trauma wounds in the Columbia Heights neighborhood. Gopalan, whose gender identity is unknown, was found wearing women's clothing at the time of death. That same day, three transwomen were reportedly [threatened](#) by an armed suspect.

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011: A transgender woman was [shot in the neck](#) in the 2300 block of Savannah Street, SE. An arrest has been made in this assault.

According to NCAVP's [report](#) *Hate Violence Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and HIV-Affected Communities in the United States in 2010*, there was a 13% increase in reports of anti-LGBTQH violence between 2009 and 2010. The report also showed that transgender people of color are at increased risk of violence and murder, have less access to anti-violence services, and are less likely to report violence to the police. NCAVP is working with local AVP's around the country to support programs that specifically work to address violence for these communities.

NCAVP has reached out to local DC organizations Gays and Lesbians Opposing Violence ([GLOV](#)), and the DC Trans Coalition ([DCTC](#)) to offer assistance. These partners are working with a critical incident team to address how the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) has handled violence against transgender people in DC over the past two years. DCTC and GLOV are advocating for increased and mandatory training for all MPD employees.

NCAVP stands in solidarity with GLOV and DCTC in calling on the MPD, community members, and anti-violence organizations to end violence against LGBTQH people particularly

transgender and gender non-conforming people. To join community efforts to address this violence, contact GLOV or DCTC.

**DC Trans Coalition (DCTC)**

202-681-3282

[www.dctranscoalition.org](http://www.dctranscoalition.org)

**Gays and Lesbians Opposing Violence (GLOV)**

202-682-2245

[www.glovdc.org](http://www.glovdc.org)

**ACTION STEPS**

**Report Violence:** NCAVP encourages anyone who has experienced violence to contact a local anti-violence program. For help locating an anti-violence program in your area, please [contact us](#).

**Get involved:** Join NCAVP in our efforts to prevent and respond to anti-LGBTQ violence. [Contact us](#) to learn more.

*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 over forty local member programs, as well as affiliate organizations and individuals, who create systemic and social change. NCAVP is a program of the New York City Anti-Violence Project.*

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