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AVP responds to recent murder, raises awareness of anti-transgender violence

The New York City Anti-Violence Project has learned about a [murder of a transgender person](#) that occurred in an apartment on East 110th Street in Harlem. Details are still emerging, but we know that the victim was brutally stabbed to death and found on Monday afternoon, August 1st. Last month, the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) released its [report *Hate Violence Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and HIV-Affected Communities in the United States in 2010*](#). In 2010, NCAVP documented 27 anti-LGBTQ murders nationwide, the second highest yearly total ever recorded by the coalition. **Transgender women made up 44% of the reported hate murders in 2010, while representing only 11% of total survivors and victims.**

AVP is also concerned by the use of transphobic language in early media coverage of this murder. Transphobic language contributes to a culture which sanctions anti-transgender violence. AVP is currently reaching out to the NYPD, the office of New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, community organizations, and media outlets to follow up on this incident. We will keep you informed of developments and ways to take action.

AVP encourages you to report any anti-LGBTQ bias, including hate speech, bullying, harassment, and physical violence, to our **24-hour bilingual (English/Spanish) hotline at 212-714-1141** where you can speak with a trained counselor and seek the support you need. More information about the New York City Anti-Violence Project can be found at our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).