

# BREAKING NEWS



National Advocacy  
for Local LGBTQH Communities

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## NCAVP learns of the Intimate Partner Violence Murder of Brandy M. Stevens

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs ([NCAVP](#)) has learned of the [death of Brandy M. Stevens](#), 20, who was beaten and then buried alive in Cochranon, Pennsylvania on May 17. Brandy's ex-girlfriend Jade N. Olmstead, 18, and Jade's new girlfriend, Ashley M. Barber, have confessed to her murder and will be arraigned on August 24.

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 reaching out to local organizations in Pennsylvania, to offer our assistance with their efforts to support the community during this critical time. NCAVP wants you to be aware of violence that has occurred and that NCAVP is a resource for anyone who experiences violence. We encourage 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](http://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 Sue Yacka at the New York City Anti-Violence Project at 212.714.1184 or [syacka@avp.org](mailto:syacka@avp.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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