

National Advocacy for Local LGBTQH Communities

April 17, 2012

Transgender Woman found Murdered in Chicago

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (<u>NCAVP</u>) has learned of the <u>murder of a transgender woman</u>, found shot to death on Monday, April 16th in West Garfield Park in Chicago, Illinois.

NCAVP's most recent report, Hate Violence Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and HIV-Affected Communities in the United States in 2010, documented 27 anti-LGBTQH murders, the second highest yearly total ever recorded by the coalition. Transgender women made up 44% of the 27 reported hate murders in 2010, while representing only 11% of total survivors and victims.

NCAVP is working with its member organization in Chicago <u>Center on Halsted</u> 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 <u>contact us</u> or visit <u>www.ncavp.org</u>.

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 Lisa Gilmore at the Center on Halsted at 773-661-0734.

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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