

BREAKING NEWS



National Advocacy
for Local LGBTQH Communities

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Transgender Woman Murdered in Downtown Oakland

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs ([NCAVP](#)) has learned of the [murder of Brandy Martell](#), a black [transgender woman](#) who was found shot to death in a car on Sunday, April 29th, at 13th and Franklin Streets in Downtown Oakland following an altercation with two men. [According to a local ABC News article](#), until recently, Brandy worked as an outreach worker at Fremont's Tri-City Health Center, which serves the transgender community as well as other communities. Police are investigating a possible hate motivation in Brandy's murder.

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 the area [Community United Against Violence \(CUAV\)](#) to offer our assistance with their efforts to support the community during this critical time. "We are heartbroken to hear of yet another black transgender woman whose life has been cut short by murder. Abuse, poverty, incarceration, illness, and violence take so many of our black transgender sisters from us far too soon. We grieve Brandy's premature passing, and recommit ourselves to creating loving communities where all of us can thrive. Our thoughts are with her friends and family," says Carolina Morales, CUAV's Intervention Director.

NCAVP encourages anyone who has experienced violence to contact a local anti-violence program for support and to document this violence. If you or someone close to you has been the target of hate violence in the Bay Area, please contact CUAV at 415-333-HELP (4357). 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 Chai Jindasurat at 212-714-1184 x 50.

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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