

# NCAVP ALERT



National Advocacy  
for Local LGBTQH Communities

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## NCAVP Monthly Update: Reports of violence affecting LGBTQH communities in December 2011

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs ([NCAVP](#)) is concerned by reports of violence impacting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and HIV-affected (LGBTQH) communities across the United States and Canada since late November 2011. **13 reported incidents of violence have occurred in California, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Montréal, Quebec, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Washington, DC, Washington State, and Wisconsin.**

*NCAVP is providing all information available regarding these reports and is not responsible for the complete accuracy of the specific details pertinent to allegations, police investigations, and criminal trials. Initial reports of these incidents come from media reports of LGBTQH violence and not direct service provision from NCAVP member programs. NCAVP has reached out to local organizations in these areas and is offering assistance to support their anti-violence efforts.*

November 26, 2011: New Orleans police found Brenting Dolliole, a 23 year old gender non-conforming person, [beaten to death](#) in **New Orleans, Louisiana**. Investigators believe Dolliole died as a result of severe head trauma. Local LGBTQ organization [BreakOUT!](#) held a vigil on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> in honor of Dolliole and [Githe Goines](#), 23, a transgender woman killed in New Orleans in late December.

December 2, 2011: A gay couple woke up to find [threats and anti-gay slurs](#) including "Move or Die" and "Die" spray painted on their home in **Columbus, Ohio**. The homeowners suspect that the vandalism was in response to a heated meeting among members of their condo association the day before. The local Strategic Response Bureau is investigating the incident as a misdemeanor due to its threatening message. The couple has stated that they now fear for their safety. NCAVP member program, Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization ([BRAVO](#)), has been in contact with the couple and is providing police and court system advocacy in response to this incident.

December 2, 2011: An unnamed Public Works employee approached a transgender woman and [grabbed her wig off her head](#) at Z's Bar in **Des Moines, Iowa**. A witness recounted that

when another bar patron tried to confront the man following the incident, the man hit her. According to local news reports, the bar's manager suspected that the man committed the act of harassment to win a \$100 bet among city employee colleagues at an annual party at the venue. The woman who was harassed did not file a police report because she did not want to reveal her name. Following this incident, Public Works Director Bill Stowe announced that the employee would receive, "[appropriate disciplinary action](#)," and a Public Works supervisor apologized to Z's Bar for the incident.

December 7, 2011: Jacob Rogers, a senior at Cheatham County High School in **Ashland City, Tennessee**, [completed suicide](#) after enduring severe anti-gay bullying by classmates for years. Rogers' closest friend, Kaelynn, reported that Rogers sought help from his school. School officials say they were only aware of one incident and believed the bullying had been getting better. LGBTQH bloggers [Towleroad](#), [Slog](#) and [Joe.My.God](#), successfully raised \$5,000 to support Rogers' family to pay for funeral expenses. The bloggers announced that the remaining donations will be distributed between the [Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network](#), [Trevor Project](#), [American Civil Liberties Union](#) and [It Gets Better Project](#).

December 11, 2011: William Adam Lane, 22, confronted a lesbian couple with [profane, derogatory comments](#) about the couple's sexuality after he saw them embrace in **Bellingham, Washington**. Lane then smashed in the rear window of the couple's car before he was pinned to the ground by one of the women. Police said they believe Lane was intoxicated at the time of the incident. Local law enforcement are investigating this incident as malicious harassment and a hate crime. The unnamed couple, 23 and 30, were reportedly not hurt by the incident.

December 12, 2011: **Montréal, Quebec** boutique owner, Ghislain Rousseau, was closing his store when a woman [banged on the window and tried to smash it in](#) with her foot as she yelled, "this is a f—king faggot store!". Rousseau stopped the woman from attacking his store and shortly after two police officers arrived at the scene. The city held a public council meeting to address violence in Montréal's gay village where the mayor committed to improving the neighborhood's lighting and increasing its police presence.

December 13, 2011: [Pro Shots](#), a shooting range in **Winston-Salem, North Carolina**, put up a billboard that reads "[Pansies Converted Daily](#)" with an image of a target sign and a rifle. Equality North Carolina has [condemned](#) this message as "veiled homophobic hate speech." NCAVP member program, [Rainbow Community Cares](#), also released a statement [denouncing](#) this advertisement as supporting violence against LGBTQ people. Pro Shots responded by announcing that they will take the billboard down.

December 14, 2011: Two men [yelled homophobic slurs and attacked](#) an unnamed man, 22, in **Athens, Georgia**. The man, who identifies as gay, was walking toward his car when the incident occurred. He was knocked unconscious and has shattered teeth as a result of the attack. According to reports, the survivor wanted the attack reported as a hate crime. Local law enforcement are investigating this incident as aggravated battery.

December 20, 2011: A transgender woman, 56, was [stabbed in the back](#) with a knife by an unnamed man while at a house in **Washington, DC's** Kingman Park neighborhood. According to the police report, the woman was in the basement of the house when she got into an argument with the man which then led to the attack. The woman then walked to a nearby apartment complex where she was found by police lying on the ground and bleeding from the stab wound. Emergency responders transported her to a local hospital where she was treated for her injuries. Local sources connected to NCAVP have reported that the survivor is now at

home recovering from this attack. This incident marks Washington DC's 12th assault against a transgender woman where a knife or gun was used since July. Washington DC's Metropolitan Police Department's Special Liaison Unit announced that the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit (GLLU) is assisting in the investigation of this incident.

December 24, 2011: Dee Dee Pearson, 31, a transgender woman of color, was [shot to death](#) by Kenyon E. Jones, 26, inside an apartment in the 1000 block of East 43rd Street in **Kansas City, Missouri**. Jones told police he killed Pearson after paying her for sex and discovering that she was transgender. Jones, who has a history of drug related offenses, has been charged with second-degree murder and armed criminal action by the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office. NCAVP member program, [Kansas City Anti-Violence Project](#), released a joint [statement](#) with [the Justice Project](#) grieving this murder and calling for respectful media coverage of Pearson's death. These organizations hosted a memorial service for Pearson on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

December 25, 2011: Unknown suspects [vandalized and destroyed](#) depictions of same-gender couples in an art installation nativity scene outside Claremont United Methodist Church in **Claremont, California**. Claremont police are investigating this incident as a hate crime. The church plans to hold an interfaith vigil in support of LGBTQH communities in response to this vandalism.

December 25, 2011: Lyal Ziebell, 20, and Jake Immel-Rhode, 20, yelled anti-gay slurs and [punched an unnamed man in the face](#) outside PJ's bar in **Oshkosh, Wisconsin**. Immel-Rhode then repeatedly kicked the man in the head. The man sustained a broken jaw and brain injury as a result of the attack, and believes he was attacked because he is gay. Ziebell has stated that he is "very homophobic" and attacked the man after he started "hitting on me." Winnebago County authorities have charged Ziebell and Immel-Rhode with battery causing great bodily harm, burglary, and a hate crime modifier.

December 29, 2011: Local police found the [dead body](#) of Githe Goines, a 23 year old transgender woman, in a scrap yard in **New Orleans, Louisiana** after she had gone missing for two weeks. Local media reports have not accurately identified Goines as a transgender woman in the reporting of her death, but New Orleans sources connected to NCAVP assure that Goines identified as a woman. The Orleans Parish coroner's office believes Goines was strangled to death. Local law enforcement have not released information regarding possible suspects in their investigation of this homicide. Local LGBTQ organization, [BreakOut!](#) held a vigil on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> in honor of Goines and [Breting Dolliole](#), a gender non-conforming person killed in late November in New Orleans. Goines' death marks the 14<sup>th</sup> homicide of a transgender or gender non-conforming person NCAVP has tracked in 2011.

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. NCAVP believes that together communities can prevent and end violence impacting LGBTQH people and calls on community members, anti-violence organizations, and public officials to join efforts to end violence within and against LGBTQH communities.

**Prevent:** NCAVP encourages communities to create programs, campaigns, and curricula to prevent anti-LGBTQH harassment and violence and to promote safety. NCAVP is available to provide support and resources to communities for their violence prevention efforts.

**Respond:** NCAVP recommends increasing support for LGBTQH survivors of violence by increasing funding for services and banning barriers to service and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

**Report Violence:** NCAVP encourages anyone who has experienced violence to contact a local anti-violence program for support and to document this violence.

**Get Involved:** Join NCAVP in our efforts to prevent and respond to LGBTQH violence. To learn more about our national advocacy, receive technical assistance or support, or locate an anti-violence program in your area, [contact us](#).

### **Contact Information for Responding Organizations**

#### **BRAVO**

Hotline: 866-862-7286

[www.bravo-online.org](http://www.bravo-online.org)

#### **BreakOUT!**

Phone: 504-522-5435

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

#### **Equality North Carolina**

Phone: 919-829-0343

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

#### **Kansas City Anti-Violence Project**

Phone: 816-561-0550

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

#### **Rainbow Community Cares**

Phone: 919-342-0897

[www.rccares.org](http://www.rccares.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, 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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