

Stories of
LGBTQH
Loss, Survival,
& Resistance:
*Hate Violence
Narratives
from 2010*

**A RELEASE FROM THE
NATIONAL
COALITION OF
ANTI-VIOLENCE
PROGRAMS**

INTRODUCTION

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) presents this collection of stories of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and HIV-affected (LGBTQH) survivors of violence as a supplement to the annual hate violence report. The purpose of this document is to provide a snapshot of the individual survivors' experiences, and to commemorate the lives lost to murder.

The first section of this document presents narratives from LGBTQH individuals who survived hate violence in 2010 and received support from NCAVP member organizations. These survivor narratives were selected to highlight important demographic and incident information, as well as the role and impact of support services. In order to protect survivor identities, these stories have been anonymized, through changes to identifying information or by creating composite cases. Some were written from the first person while others were written from the perspective of the anti-violence program.

The next section documents anti-LGBTQH hate murders in 2010. These narratives are not anonymous, because this information is public and critical to understanding which identities are most vulnerable to anti-LGBTQH murder. These murder narratives include demographic and regional information, as well as any information available on criminal proceedings and outcomes.

These stories are not only a testament to the resilience of LGBTQH people, but also illustrate the need for the existence and expansion of LGBTQH anti-violence programs.

If you are interested in starting an anti-violence program, becoming a member of the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, or if you would like more information, contact NCAVP at info@ncavp.org or 212.714.1184.

This report was produced in part with the generous support of the Arcus Foundation.

HATE INCIDENT NARRATIVES

Colorado Anti-Violence Program, Denver, CO

Alexa, biracial lesbian non-transgender woman, 40s – Denver, CO

I was at a bar with my brother and his boyfriend, and we got into an argument because I was trying to get my car keys back from my brother's boyfriend, who was verbally abusive – has been for many years with my brother—and was threatening to leave with my car. Two off-duty cops who were working at the bar intervened, one of them threatening to give me a DUI if I did not get off the property. I said “why would you give me a DUI, I'm not driving?” I was trying to call 911, when suddenly I was attacked physically, first by one then two and then four plainclothes cops, and bar bouncers. One of them tried to choke me with his knee on my throat, another tried to break my fingers. I was in a hospital for 2 days with those injuries. I am a single mom, and I have 3 kids. To top it all, the cops then filed a case against me, charging me with assault. When I tried to get the video tapes from the bar, they said they had deleted them. A friend gave me CAVP's number, and they connected me with a pro-bono legal advocate. That was really helpful, because I was so nervous and anxious for days, about what might happen, and about my children if I would be sentenced. When I went to court, my case was solid. The judge ruled in my favor – all the charges were dismissed.

Erin, white lesbian non-transgender woman, late teens – Greeley, CO

I live with my girlfriend and we both attend college here. A neighbor in our building, who is also a student on my campus, has been stalking me for several weeks: he followed me to campus, makes harassing phone calls, uses fake email ids to send me harassing email, leaves notes on my door, watches us from his window when we take our dog out for a walk... it's constant. I went to the building management company and asking them to intervene, to mediate maybe, but they have done nothing, I think because he refused to participate. It's the first time I'm living away from home, and am very scared – I don't know why I am being harassed like this...is it my masculine gender expression, my sexual orientation? I am making plans to move to another apartment. I found CAVP's number, and was able to speak to someone there who helped me find resources on campus and local police.

Laura, transgender woman, 30s – Denver, CO

I had seen Jeff 2-3 times before we actually talked. We like each other, and we went to his house. We were about to have sex, when he saw that I had a penis. He got violent, and hit me with a large object. I had to go to the hospital, and the police took a report because of my injuries. I didn't want to stay in touch with the police, because I was afraid of more harassment maybe, so I don't go back to the same area anymore.

Frederick, white gay man, 40s – urban area, CO

I never thought this could happen to me. Some days I feel like this nightmare will never end. Before meeting my ex-partner, Alan, I had a good job, decent savings, great credit and a solid support system of friends and family. He took much of that away from me, stealing my identity and racking up over \$50,000 in debt through business loans and other means. I met Alan at a local bar over five years ago. We hit it off quickly and he was eager to meet my friends and family. He told me wasn't out so over the course of our five year

relationship I never got to meet his friends or family. Now I know that was a lie and all part of his plan. I feel so manipulated and ashamed. I really loved and trusted him. I know this has happened to several other gay men in town and I can't help but feel my ex took advantage of me because he thought the police would not believe me. When I realized my only option was bankruptcy, I reported the identity theft to the federal police. Unfortunately, their hands were tied because my ex had coerced me into signed a document stating I had willingly loaned him the money.

Center on Halsted Anti-Violence Program, Chicago IL

Erikah, non-transgender lesbian woman, 20s, Chicago, IL

In January, "Erikah" was physically assaulted on the street in a Chicago suburb by three offenders on her way home from work. Before, during, and after the assault, the offenders used anti-gay and sexist language, including repeatedly calling Erikah "dyke." Erikah has engaged AVP in support leading up to pre-trial court appointments. AVP has also been able to provide her with consultation and referrals for assistance with additional legal support and information regarding Crime Victim Compensation procedures. Erikah has also recently asked for support due to increasing symptoms of Acute Stress Disorder and she has a referral, when she's ready, for Center on Halsted's Mental Health Services.

Equality Michigan, Detroit, MI

Name unknown, white non-transgender man, 40s, - suburban MI

On July 25, 2010, a 45 year old male was stabbed multiple times in the head and neck and had his throat cut open by an attacker in what was initially thought to be a hate crime. The victim survived the attack. After the attack occurred, an anonymous post on the website Craigslist titled, "I warned you, you dumb queer," allegedly took credit for the assault, reading "I e-mailed and said I have something ... but you did not think it was a knife did you. Now you are in the hospital and your car is in the river. I warned you." After an announcement was made by Battle Creek police that they would investigate the crime as a possible anti-gay hate crime, a second post denied responsibility for the crime but continued to use anti-gay hate speech, stating the initial post was a prank to discourage men from using the park as a cruising area. The poster was not arrested or prosecuted; however, police later arrested 40 year old Robert Bungo after a high speed car chase on Wednesday, August 11, as a suspect in the stabbing. According to Battle Creek Police, Bungo had carjacked the victim and forced the victim to drive to a park in Battle Creek to an area that was also known as a cruising spot. He then forced the victim out of the car, stabbed the victim, and was interrupted by a passerby who heard the victim's screams. Bungo told the witness that the situation was a domestic situation then drove off in the victim's car. Robert Bungo was sentenced to a minimum of 30 years in prison to a maximum of 6 years for one charge of Car Jacking, one charge of Armed Robbery, and one charge of Assault with Intent to Commit Murder after pleading No Contest. Equality Michigan alerted news sources to the crime, and issued safety tips and warnings on Craigslist, Squirt.org, Manhunt and other dating sites. Equality Michigan also issued statements condemning the violence and the posts made on Craigslist. This case was later used as an example to train Michigan anti-violence organizations on building community response to potential hate crimes.

Jeremy and Gilbert, gay non-transgender men, 32 and 29 years old, Asian Pacific Islander and Caucasian - suburban MI
Jeremy and Gilbert are a married couple who worked for the same company. The couple told staff at Equality Michigan that when co-workers discovered Jeremy's sexual orientation, and that the two were a couple, the harassment began. The harassment escalated to include voicemail messages left on the couple's phone in which the sound of gunshots being fired can be heard. At their workplace, the harassment included feces being left on one of the men's desks with a note stating, "I will not take orders from a faggot." The harassment culminated in the couple being fired from their jobs. Equality Michigan was able to refer the couple to attorneys within the LGBT legal network, offer personal support and advocacy and navigate available resources for financial support while the couple worked to get back on their feet. The lawsuit is ongoing.

Kansas City Anti-Violence Project, Kansas City, MO

Michael, gay non-transgender man, 20s – Kansas City, MO

Some friends and I took a trip out of town and decided to go out to an LGBT nightclub. When we were leaving, we were approached by three men that were leaving a straight club next door. The men started yelling at us and calling us "fucking faggots". One of the men punched me in the face and once I hit the ground his friends started kicking me. They then took off in their car and my friends called an ambulance. I had a broken nose and fractured cheekbone. When I got back home, I was scared to go anywhere or tell people at work what happened. I began having anxiety and flashbacks about the attack and I could not sleep. I was also worried about how to pay my medical expenses because I did not have insurance. A friend told me about KCAVP and when I called my advocate talked to me about what I can do to feel safer. She set me up with therapy to talk about what happened. My advocate also helped me fill out the paperwork for Crime Victim's Compensation to cover my medical expenses. I am now feeling much better and I am less afraid.

Shonda, heterosexual transgender woman, 40s - Kansas City, MO

One afternoon I went down the street to the store to pick up some things I needed for the house. When I walked into the store, I was met by the store manager, who said that I couldn't come in. When I asked why, she said that she had seen my kind of people stealing from the store (meaning other transgender women in the area). I had just moved to the area and had never been into the store. I left the store and called KCAVP to tell them what happened. They offered me support and assisted me in filing a complaint with the corporate office and filing a human rights complaint with the city. It is good to know that there are people out there that will stand up for our community.

New York City Anti-Violence Project, New York, NY

Carter, white gay non-transgender man, 30s – New York, NY

I was walking home from a bar in an area of NYC with a gay friendly reputation with a group of friends. When we hugged each other to say goodbye, a group of 6 men in their 20s began taunting and saying anti-gay slurs to me and his friends. The young men then began to attack us. They were scared off when bystanders came to investigate the commotion.

Joe, Asian gay non-transgender man with a disability, 40s – New York, NY

One morning on the way out of my apartment building, two strangers in the lobby approached me. They demanded that I hand over the bag I was carrying while calling me anti-gay slurs. When I didn't hand over the bag fast enough, I was punched in the face, which broke my glasses, and then the bag was ripped out of my hands.

Rose, Latina transgender woman, 20s – Brooklyn, NY

I called the New York City Anti-Violence Project hotline to report experiencing harassment, discrimination, physical and sexual violence from my neighbors and landlord, motivated by transphobia and designed to force me to leave my Brooklyn apartment. One of the abusive neighbors is in law enforcement, and when I have attempted to report the violence to the police, I have often been falsely arrested. AVP has been providing counseling and advocacy, and working closely with my attorney to ensure that my rights are protected and that I am safe.

NARRATIVES OF HATE MOTIVATED MURDERS

The following section highlights the murders of LGBTQH individuals that were motivated by hate in 2010. The names and demographic information are included for the victims, where possible, as well as a compilation of the facts known regarding the murder. Some of these cases have not been classified as hate crimes; however, NCAVP member programs have carefully selected these stories because they include evidence of actual or suggested anti-LGBTQH hate motives.

Christopher Rudow, 32, white gay non-transgender man, January 5, 2010

Christopher Rudow was found murdered in his Buffalo loft apartment on Tuesday, January 5. The coroner reportedly determined the cause of death to be blunt force trauma to the head. Rudow's possessions were not disturbed, leading community members reportedly suspect that this murder was a hate crime. However, police are not investigating this case as a hate crime. No arrests have been made in Rudow's death.

Troy Martinez Clattenberg, 24, Latino gay non-transgender man, San Antonio, TX, February 21, 2010

Troy Martinez Clattenberg was shot in the head on February 21, 2010 in his hometown of San Antonio Texas. It was reported that Cody Carmichael (21) confessed to the murder, stating that it was motivated by Troy's alleged sexual advances toward Cody. The murder was not initially classified as a hate crime, until Troy's family and members of the Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio arranged a private meeting on April 14th with the San Antonio Police Department to advocate for this classification to be confirmed. Carmichael has been allegedly charged with murder and as of June 2010, his bond had been set to partial house arrest, drug and alcohol testing, and an order prohibiting him from any contact with the Clattenberg family.

Amanda Gonzalez-Andujar, 29, Latina Transgender woman, Queens, NY, March 27, 2010

On March 27, 2010 Amanda Gonzalez-Andujar was reportedly strangled to death in her home in Glendale Queens. Her body was found naked on her bed with bleach poured over it. Many of the belongings in her house were also destroyed. The alleged suspect, Rasheen Everett (29), who reportedly met Amanda through an online chat room, was arrested in Las Vegas on April 9th. He faces up to twenty-five years in prison. This tragic murder was followed by immediate community action. The New York City Anti-Violence Project and other community organizations worked together to help organize a memorial service honoring Amanda, for those who could not attend her funeral, as well as a candlelight vigil outside Amanda's apartment to pay tribute to her life.

Toni Alston, 44, African-American transgender woman, Charlotte, NC, April 3, 2010

On April 3, 2010, Toni Alston was shot at the front door of her house in Charlotte North Carolina. Toni allegedly contacted a neighbor to ask for help just before her death, and was reported to have given the police a description of the perpetrator. The murder has not been investigated as a hate crime. Police reported that her house has been untouched, indicating the crime was not motivated by robbery. No suspects have been identified in this incident.

Mark Woodland, 54, white gay non-transgender man, April 5, 2010

Phoenix resident Mark Woodland, 54, was found beaten and stabbed to death in his apartment on April 5, 2010. Police report that he may have been murdered by 19-year-old Tommy Reed, whom Woodland reportedly met through an online social network. No further information was available about this case.

Brian Betts, 42, white gay non-transgender man, Washington, D.C., April 14, 2010

Brian Betts, a popular high school principal in the D.C. area, was targeted for robbery and murder after arranging to meet with someone on a gay Internet dating site. He was found dead in his home on April 14, 2010. Alante Saunders, 19, plead guilty to first-degree murder in November of 2010. Three other teens, Deontra Q. Gray, Sharif Lancaster, and Joel Johnson also plead guilty to lesser charges. No hate crime charges were brought against any of the accused in this case.

Ashley Santiago Ocaso, 31, Latina transgender woman, Corozal, Puerto Rico, April 19, 2010

Ashley Santiago Ocaso was murdered at her home in the central mountain town, Corozal, on April 19, 2010. Ashley was found naked, had been stabbed fourteen times, and was shot in the head. Ashley was a popular hairdresser in Corozal and was considered a local celebrity. Puerto Rican LGBT activists and family members have urged the police to continue the investigation in accordance with the Puerto Rico hate crimes statute passed in 2002. Emmanuel Adorno Ayala (22) confessed to the murder and was sentenced to 111 years in prison on February 7, 2011. The murder was not classified as a hate crime.

Richard Barrett, 67, white non-transgender man, Rankin County, MS, April 21, 2010

Richard Barrett, a leader of the Nationalism Movement, a white supremacist organization, was killed and set on fire on April 21, 2010. Twenty-two year old Vincent McGee was arrested on charges of murder and arson, and reportedly stated that he became enraged after Richard Barrett had made sexual advances and asked him to perform sexual acts. No further information has been released on whether the murder will be classified as a hate crime.

Courtney Bright, 24, non-transgender woman, Lakeland, FL, April 22, 2010

Courtney Bright was allegedly murdered by her girlfriend's father, Jerry Lee Seger, 40, on April 22, 2010 in Lakeland, Florida. Courtney's body was found in a foreclosed house by a couple who were prospective buyers of the property. It has been reported that Seger did not approve of his daughter, Ashley Dunn's, three-year relationship with Courtney. Seger has reportedly been charged with murder in the first degree. This murder has not been investigated as a hate crime by the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Chanel Larkin, 26, African-American transgender woman, Milwaukee, WI, May 7, 2010

Chanel Larkin was shot to death on May 7, 2010, in Milwaukee, WI. She had been approached on the street by Andrew Olaciregui, 27, who offered her \$20 for a sex act. Some time during their conversation, Chanel allegedly revealed she was transgender, and Olaciregui said he tried, unsuccessfully, to back out of the transaction. Instead, they struggled, and Olaciregui shot Chanel in the head with a gun he had under the front

seat of his car. Both the African-American and LGBT communities rallied behind Chanel's family and friends, creating a very effective Community Cares campaign to support the survivors and raise court and public awareness of the impact of anti-transgender hate crimes. Olaciregui pleaded guilty to second degree reckless homicide and on December 20th was sentenced to 18 years, 11 of which will be spent in confinement (with limited eligibility for early release), followed by 7 years of extended supervision.

Paul Michalik, 36, white gay non-transgender man, Fort Wayne, IN, May 12, 2010

Paul Michalik was found murdered in Fort Wayne, IN after a party that he attended with his partner of 17 years, Jerry Lee Chambers. The couple were at the home of Brian Paul Brothers, who Michalik's friends claim attacked Michalik and Chambers because they were gay. Brothers was cleared of all charges in this case, citing self defense, despite efforts of local and regional activists to assist authorities in identifying a possible bias motive in this case.

Selma Diaz, 30s, Latina transgender woman, Chicago, IL, May 16, 2010

In May, the body of Selma Diaz was found floating in Monroe Harbor in Chicago. Chicago Police investigation reports suggested that her cause of death may have been suicide. Friends of Selma expressed disagreement with the assessment made from the police investigation. Selma was a transgender woman and participated in trading sex for money. Some have wondered if her death was related to a bad encounter that night.

Angie González Oquendo, 38, Latina transgender woman, Caguas, Puerto Rico, May 24, 2010

Angie Gonzalez Oquendo was stabbed and strangled to death with an electrical cord on May 24th 2010. Her brutal murder was five weeks after the murder of Ashley Santiago Ocaso, who was also a transgender woman in Puerto Rico. No further information has been released regarding the police investigation and whether this murder has been classified as a hate crime.

Sandy Woulard, 28, African-American transgender woman, Chicago, IL, June 21, 2010

One early morning in June, Sandy Woulard was found shot to death on the south side of Chicago in an area known for high levels of street-based sex work. Sandy was a transgender woman with a lengthy arrest record for solicitation since adolescence. When Sandy was found, her belongings were near her body, including her purse containing money. This may indicate a motive other than robbery as for her shooting.

DeFarra "Dean" Gaymon, 48, African-American non-transgender man, Newark, NJ, July 16, 2010

DeFarra "Dean" Gaymon, a married father of four, was shot to death by an undercover Essex County Sheriff's Department police officer on July 16, 2010 at Branch Brook Park in Newark, New Jersey. The officer alleged that Gaymon was engaging in "lewd behavior" and propositioned the police officer and stated that when the officer attempted to arrest him, Gaymon allegedly resisted, resulting in an altercation. Branch Brook Park has been under police scrutiny as a popular site of gay cruising and public sex. The name of the officer has not

been publicly released and he is the only witness to the incident. This incident is pending a grand jury hearing.

Roy Antonio Jones III, 16 months old, Shinnecock Native American non-transgender boy, Southampton, NY, August 1, 2010

Sixteen-month old infant Roy Antonio Jones III was reportedly severely beaten by his mother's boyfriend, Pedro Jones (20). The alleged beating resulted in Roy experiencing cardiac arrest and consequently death on August 1, 2010. The perpetrator, Pedro Jones, had reportedly been asked to babysit the little boy while the mother stepped out. Pedro Jones allegedly began striking the child with closed fists and grabbing him by the neck, in order to "make him act like a boy instead of a little girl," he stated in a police investigation. Pedro Jones was indicted with charges of second-degree murder, first-degree manslaughter and endangering the welfare of a child, and has not entered a plea. A candlelight vigil was held at the Shinnecock Indian Reservation in Southampton on the evening after Roy's death.

Delando King, 34, Navajo gay non-transgender man, Washington, D.C., August 8, 2010

On August 8, 2010, Delando King, an employee of U.S. Indian Health Services, was found stabbed to death in his apartment. The autopsy reportedly indicates that his body has been doused with bleached prior to his murder. Delando allegedly left the LGBT-friendly bar, Omega, with an individual on the night of the murder, indicating that perhaps this was a pick-up crime in which the suspect was targeted because they were gay. A suspect, Marcus McLean, was reportedly arrested for the crime on August 14, 2010. He reportedly pled innocent and a jury trial is expected to start on November 7, 2011. The current status of the case does not indicate whether it has been classified as a hate crime.

Matias Mondragon, 31, gay non-transgender man, Broomfield, CO, August 22, 2010

Matias Mondragon came to Colorado from New Mexico, to be with his new partner. On August 22, 2010, Matias was at a local bar in Broomfield, a suburb of Denver. It was at this bar that Matias reportedly got into an altercation with Matt Weber (30) of Aravada, CO. Allegedly, Weber stabbed Matias fatally during the fight. A first degree murder charge originally leveled against Weber was reduced to second degree murder, in an October 15 preliminary hearing, when the District Court judge ruled that prosecutors could not establish that Weber deliberately intended to kill Mondragon. Matias' family believes that there was anti-gay bias in the murder, and also that he was harassed at the bar prior to the crime, because of his sexual orientation. The case is currently under appeal by the 17th District Judicial DA's office. Hearings will resume in the Broomfield court in 2011.

Calvin Streater, 26, African-American gay non-transgender man, Atlanta, GA, September 5, 2010

Calvin Street was fatally shot in the back of the head on September 5, 2010 in an apartment in Southeast Atlanta. He and his friend had attended Black Gay Pride, the night before they were both murdered. There is no hate crimes statute in the state of Georgia, and so this crime has not been classified as such. No further information is available concerning the investigation.

Samuel Blizzard, 21, African-American gay non-transgender man, Atlanta, GA, September 5, 2010

Samuel Blizzard was found shot to death with the body of Calvin Streater. Samuel was originally from Virginia and was an undergraduate student at Georgia State University. This incident has not been classified as a hate crime because the state of Georgia does not have a hate crimes statute. There has been no information released regarding the investigation.

Victoria Carmen White, 28, African-American Transgender woman, Maplewood, NJ, September 12, 2010

Runway model Victoria Carmen White was reportedly shot to death at a private residence in Maplewood New Jersey at approximately 5 a.m. on September 12, 2010. The night she was murdered, she had gone out dancing to a club with a cousin, where they had reportedly exchanged numbers with two men. One of the two suspects, Marquise L. Foster turned himself in to the Essex County Prosecutor's Office on October 23rd, while the other, Alrashim Chambers, was arrested on October 24, 2010. Both have been charged with murder. In a press conference on October 21st, Essex County Prosecutor Robert D. Laurino stated that the murder is believed to be motivated by transphobia and that the Bias Crimes division of the Prosecutor's office would be further investigating the case. Garden State Equality has been very active in mobilizing around this case and offered a reward for the successful arrest of the two suspects.

Justo Luis Gonzalez Garcia, 34, Latina transgender woman, Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico, September 13, 2010

Justo Luis Gonzalez Garcia's body was found at approximately 2:30 am on September 13, 2010. Her body was found along a local highway, Highway 512, in her hometown of Juana Diaz. Justo was found with the body of another transgender woman, who has not been identified, and both had been shot in the head. The Puerto Rican newspaper, El Neuva Dia, reported that the police have arrested a 28-year old man as a possible suspect but no further information regarding his identity or motive has been released. There is no further information on the charges and this incident has not been classified as a hate crime.

Unknown Name, Unknown age, Latina transgender woman, Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico, September 13, 2010

Two transgender women were murdered in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico, one of whom was identified as Justo Luis Gonzalez Garcia and the other person was not identified. Police report that the woman was in her twenties and had been shot in the head. A suspect was arrested regarding the murder but no further information regarding his identity and the prosecution has been released. This murder was not classified as a hate crime.

Stacey Blahnik Lee, 31, African-American transgender woman, Point Breeze, PA, October 11, 2010

According to police, Stacey Blahnik Lee was found dead by her boyfriend in their apartment on October 11, 2010 with a pillow-case wrapped around her head. Stacey was the house mother of the House of Blahnik, which according to its website is a nationally-recognized cultural organization for LGBT people of color. Family members were allegedly upset at the insensitivity of media coverage around Stacey's death, particularly in refusing to use her name or to acknowledge her gender identity. Police have reported that no suspects have been identified. There is no further information available on the investigation of this murder.

Joshua Wilkerson, 18, white gay non-transgender man, Pearland, TX, November 16, 2010

Joshua Wilkerson's body was found in a field in rural Fort Bend County, Texas after being burned and bludgeoned to death on November 16, 2010. Hermilio Moralaz, 19, a classmate of Joshua, reportedly confessed to murdering him, stating that it was motivated by Joshua showing interest in him. Hermilio allegedly beat Joshua to death with a wooden rod and attempted to burn the body. After this, he reportedly disposed of his bloody clothing in a mall. The two attended the same alternative high school, Pace Institute, and had known each other for five years. On the day of the murder, Joshua had allegedly offered Hermilio a ride home, and classmates report that the two boys had often shared rides with each other. Hermilio remains in custody with no bond set, and has been charged with murder.

Robert Miller, 57, white non-transgender man, Warren, MI, November 26, 2010

Robert Miller was found dead in his home on November 26, 2010. He had been stabbed 132 times, and his car, computer, cell phone, wallet and rings were stolen. Police later arrested Andrew Terrell Clark, 19, as a suspect in the murder. Miller allegedly had been conversing with Clark after meeting through MegaMatesMen.com. Clark allegedly met Miller at Miller's home on Thursday, November 25, 2010 (Thanksgiving Day). According to the detectives investigating the case, Clark stabbed Miller 132 times, killing him, and then stole his belongings. The detectives investigating the case state that Clark claimed that Miller lured Clark to his home by telling Clark he would have sex with two women while Miller watched. The detectives further stated that Clark claims he "freaked out" when no women were at the home and Miller began caressing his thigh, causing him to stab Miller to death. Clark is currently awaiting trial in Macomb County Circuit Court on charges of First Degree Murder, Auto Theft, and Larceny from a Building. This case raised some alarm within the community as an earlier violent incident occurred in which the perpetrators met their victim through a dating site.