

Native LGBTQ Hate Crime Murders

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NativeOUT honors the memories of all Native LGBTQ/Two-Spirit that have fallen victim to hate crime murder. Among Native people, transgenders and gay men suffer the majority of hate crime violence.

Beginning in November 1999, the Transgender Day of Remembrance has been observed in many cities worldwide. In vigils and memorial services, LGBTQ communities everywhere honor the memory of persons murdered in the years past. Certainly the total number is much greater than these reported cases. Please contact <http://www.rememberingourdead.org> if you feel that a murdered transgender should be added to the Day of Remembrance list. If you wish to attend a Transgender Day of Remembrance event, visit <http://www.rememberingourdead.org/day/where.html> to find the event closest to you.

Listed below are individuals who have fallen victim to hate crime murder. If you know of other Native LGBTQ/Two-Spirit that were victims of hate crime murder, please contact us at info@nativeout.com

or use our

[contact form](#)

. If you have any information on any unsolved hate crimes, please contact your local police department.



Amy Soos (Salt River Pima/Maricopa) **Location:** Phoenix, Arizona

Cause of Death: Died of multiple blunt force trauma

Date of Death: February 16, 2002

Source: Phoenix, Arizona police report

Notes: Amy Soos lived all her life on the Salt River Pima Indian Reservation in Arizona, but often went into Phoenix in the evenings. After not returning home one such night, her body was discovered in a roadway. She died of multiple blunt force trauma. She had been beaten many other times before her death.

Website source: <http://www.rememberingourdead.org> **Websites with more info:** <http://crokitezine.asu.edu/archives/stories/lostsouls03.html>



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Fred "F.C." Martinez, Jr. (Navajo)

Location: Cortez, Colorado

Cause of Death: Bludgeoned to the head.

Date of Death: June 16, 2001

Source: Denver Post, July 6, 2001

Notes: On June 21, Fred Martinez, Jr., a 16-year-old, Native American high school student - who described himself as openly gay and "two-spirit" - was found beaten to death on June 21st. The badly decomposed body of 16-year-old Fred Martinez Jr. was found near the sewer ponds south of Cortez by two young boys who were playing in the area. Martinez's body had been there nearly a week. Autopsy results suggest Martinez had been bludgeoned. This crime was solved.

Website source: <http://www.rememberingourdead.org>

Websites with more info:

<http://www.temenos.net/remember/martinez/>

http://www.glaad.org/action/calls_detail.php?id=2957

http://www.fuah.org/fuah_cortez.html

<http://www.twospirits.org>



Alejandro Ray Lucero (Hopi)

Location: Phoenix, Arizona

Cause of Death: Death by strangulation and blunt force trauma to the neck

Date of Death: March 3, 2002

Source: Phoenix, Arizona police report

Website source: <http://www.rememberingourdead.org>

Notes: 25-year-old Alejandro Lucero was found near 18th Street and Thomas Road in Phoenix. According to police reports, it was death by strangulation and blunt force trauma to the neck.

Website with more info: <http://cronkitezine.asu.edu/archives/stories/lostsouls03.html>

Terri Benally (Navajo)

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Cause of Death: Beaten to death

Date of Death: July 7, 2009

Source: Albuquerque Journal

Notes: Terri Benally, 42, was found beaten to death in the 500 block of Maple SE in Albuquerque, New Mexico at 1am on July 7, 2009. Terri is the third transgender Navajo murdered in this area since 2004. Frederick "Kelly" Watson, 32, was killed June 9, 2009 and Ryan "Shey" Hoskie, 23, was found beaten to death December 27, 2004. If you have any information on this

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murder, please call the

Albuquerque Police Department at (505) 843-STOP.

Website with more info: http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/crime/crime_krqe_albuquerque_cross_dresser_murdered_in_albuquerque_200907072204

Frederick "Kelly" Watson (Navajo)

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Cause of Death: Murdered

Date of Death: June 9, 2009

Source: Albuquerque Journal

Notes: Frederick Watson, 32, was killed June 9 this year. If you have any information on this murder, please call the

Albuquerque Police Department at (505) 843-STOP.

Website with more info: Obituary in the Gallup Independent <http://www.gallupindependent.com/2009/06June/061809deaths.html>



Ryan "Shey" Hoskie (Navajo)

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Cause of Death: Undetermined; body did show signs of upper body trauma.

Date of Death: December 27, 2004

Source: Albuquerque Tribune, January 8, 2005

Notes: Ryan Shey Hoskie, 23, was found partially-undressed an alley. If you have any information on this murder, please call the

Albuquerque Police Department at (505) 843-STOP.

Websites with more info: http://www.cabq.gov/police/ccw/victims/hoskie_r/index_hoskie.html

Frank Yazzie (Navajo)

Location: Gallup, New Mexico

Cause of Death: Murdered

Date of Death: July 2009

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Source: Gallup Independent, July 4, 2009 and Gallup Herald

Notes: Frank Yazzie's (43) torso was severed from his lower body. Crimestoppers is offering up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest. Crimestoppers in Gallup can be reached at (505) 722-6161.

Websites with more info: <http://www.gallupindependent.com/2009/07July/070409severedbody.html>

Possible Hate Crimes:



Steward Bryant (Navajo)

Location: Phoenix, Arizona

Cause of Death: Murder

Date of Death: June 6, 2009

Source: Equality Arizona Blog and ABC15.com

Notes: Twenty-Nine year old Steward Bryant was killed at approximately 3:43AM on Saturday, June 6th at 4800 North 7th Avenue in Phoenix. He was last seen at Charlie's Bar located at 727 West Camelback Road. Police are asking for those with any information to call Silent Witness and are offering an award of up to \$1,000 for any information leading up to the arrest and/or indictment of this crime. Silent Witness can be reached at 480.948.6377 or toll free at 1.800.343.TIPS. If you have any information about the Steward Bryant homicide please contact Silent Witness immediately.

Websites with more info: http://www.abc15.com/content/news/phoenixmetro/central/story/Phoenix-PD-offering-up-to-1-000-in-murder-case/RpF84mhn6kq8vz6QaM_1Ow.csp