

# **SOME TRANSGENDER PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN MURDERED OR TAKEN THEIR OWN LIVES BECAUSE OF THE HARASSMENT AND PERSECUTION THEY HAVE ENDURED.**

## **October 2016 to November 2017**

Each year on or near the 20<sup>th</sup> November, the Transgender Day of Remembrance, we commemorate all transgender people who have been murdered for being who they are, or who have taken their own lives because of the persecution they have endured. We remember in particular the following people, who also stand for the many others who are unknown or un-named: (list of names below). Grant your peace and consolation to all those who have been harmed by these actions, give courage, comfort and support to the friends, relatives, partners and companions who have been left behind.

No list like this can ever be complete. If there are others you think should be added please let me know.

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The list of names is available at: <http://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/SuH1108w-TransgenderDeaths2017.pdf>

Suggested liturgies are available at:  
<http://www.tgdr.co.uk/liturgies/tdor/tdor2017.htm>

## **LIST OF NAMES**

### **UNITED KINGDOM**

#### **Gabriel Tinto**

A found dead in Salisbury had complained of being bullied about her gender identity. The body of Gabriel Tinto, aged 51, was found near Five Rivers Leisure Centre in Hulse Road at around 7.15am. The transgender woman had recently posted on Facebook that she was being bullied at Wiltshire College, where she studied psychology as a mature student. On October 13, she posted: "Getting frustrated about my voice again, it's the first thing people judge me by and instantly marks me as trans and the most common reason my gender is questioned. So isolating and nothing I can do to change it. I feel hopeless and angry about it, I'm instantly judged and there is nothing I can do to make people see further.

#### **Jenny Swift**

Jenny Swift was remanded into HMP Doncaster in South Yorkshire in November after being charged initially with attempted murder. She was found dead five weeks later on 30 December 2016. A friend said Swift, 49, had asked to be placed in a women's prison and had become miserable, sad and ill after being refused female hormones in prison. The friend, who wished to remain anonymous, told the Sheffield Star that Swift had been taking

female hormones for three years as part of her transitioning process but was not provided with the same medication in prison. Ms Swift's death echoed two deaths the previous year when Joanne Latham died by suicide at HMP Woodhill and Vicky Thompson died by suicide at HMP Armley. Both had been held in all male prisons were said to have felt considerable distress at being 'misgendered' by the prison service.

### **Martin Eatough**

A transgender woman was found dead in her cell in an all-male prison on August 19 2017. Martin Eatough was discovered in her cell at Parkhurst jail, Isle of Wight. Eatough, 35, also known as Jade, was taking hormone replacements as the first stage of gender reassignment. She was found during a routine check at 5am in her cell.

### **Leo Etherington**

Leo Etherington's all-girl grammar school said he had to be 16 to change his name on the register, inquest into his death heard. Leo Etherington had come out at home and at school – but teachers at Wycombe high school, an all-girls grammar school, told the 15-year-old that he could not change his name on the register for another year.

## **EUROPE**

### **Raina Aliev**

A 25-year-old Muslim transgender woman and killed and disfigured just after marrying a man in Russia. She was originally from Chechnya and her family had called for her execution

## **ASIA**

### **Amna,**

35-year-old and Mingora, 26-year-old. Pakistanis who were allegedly beaten to death and tortured by Saudi police in Riyadh 28 February. Clothing and jewellery was also confiscated by the police.

### **Adnan**

A 17-year-old transgender individual was shot to death in Nowshera District in Pakistan on 8 August 2017.

### **Gauri**

A 35-year-old transgender woman was found dead and suspected to have been strangled in Aluva in India.

### **Chanda Sharmeeli**

A 30-year-old transwoman was shot dead in Karachi, Pakistan sometime on 30 August or early morning 31 August. She had been with a gathering of other transgender people discussing what they believed to be a recent under counting of Pakistan's transgender community when a gang of armed men began harassing them and eventually shooting Chanda.

### **Unidentified**

A transgender person of about 25-years-old was found decapitated and tortured to death in Peshawar, Pakistan 21 October. They had been dead for at least a few days prior to being discovered. Their body was refused entry to a local freezer for fear of contamination and a government contractor has refused to bury the body.

## **CARIBBEAN**

### **Jessica Rubi Mori**

A transgender woman sex worker and activist who was killed and her body dismembered in Higüey, Dominican Republic. Her body was found 3 June.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

### ***Canada***

#### **Sisi Thibert**

A 26-year-old transgender woman was stabbed to death in Pointe St. Charles 18 September outside of an apartment. A suspect was identified from surveillance footage.

### ***El Salvador***

#### **Misty Garcia**

A 29-year-old transgender woman was found beaten to death in Usulután.

### ***Mexico***

#### **Paola Ledesma**

A 27-year-old trans woman who was rejected by her family and left her birthplace to become a sex worker in Mexico City, was shot on 30 September by client Arturo Felipe Delgadillo Olvera, who became angry after he found out that she was transgender. Delgadillo, an armed security guard, was released after a judge determined that there was insufficient evidence to judge him. The press reported the murder as "the murder of Carlos".

#### **Itzel Durán Castellanos**

A 19-year-old trans woman and beauty queen was stabbed to death on 8 October, inside her house in Comitán, Chiapas, after a quarrel with a man named Antonio, who was arrested by the police a few days later.

#### **Alessa Flores**

A 28-year-old trans woman, LGBT activist and sex worker was tortured and strangled to death by an unknown client inside a hotel room in Mexico City. The murderer was never found.

#### **Tavita Montes,**

A 24-year-old transgender woman, activist and a former university student, was strangled to death by her boyfriend after a quarrel. Her corpse was found inside the trunk of her car in Colima on 5 June. A few days later, the boyfriend was arrested.

#### **Yadira**

50-year-old transgender woman was stabbed to death in Tehuacán on 6 July.[204] Legal name, Edgar, a transgender woman and a sex worker, was dumped from a car in the middle of a rural road in Tlaltizapán, Morelos on 31 July. The corpse had a gunshot in the head.

**Gorge Negrete?**

A transgender woman was found beaten to death in San Gabriel Chilac on 13 August. The news reports her legal name of Jorge Negrete, but not their affirmed name, if different.

**Hilario López Ruiz**

Legal name, a 26-year-old transgender woman and sex worker, was found dead on 15 August, inside a wastewater drainage hole in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. Apparently, she was beaten to death by a client who discovered she was transgender.

**Roberto Sánchez Durán**

Legal name, a transgender woman from Tepexco, Puebla, was shot dead on 26 August, outside an industrial complex located in the suburbs of Cuautla, Morelos, where she worked as a sex worker.

***United States*****Noony Norwood**

A 30-year-old transgender woman of colour, was shot and killed on 5 November 2016 in Virginia. Police are investigating surveillance of a man leaving the scene. They are not yet clear about what the motive of the killer may have been.

**India Monroe**

A 29-year-old black trans woman, was found shot to death on 21 December, along with Mark Gray, 37, in a home in Newport News, Virginia. Local news reports at first identified Monroe as male. She was buried under her birth name, with her hair cut short and other facets of her appearance altered to make her look male. Newport News police have ruled Monroe's death a homicide but are investigating it as a domestic incident, not a hate crime.

**Sean Ryan Hake**

A 23-year-old transgender man was shot three times by police and killed in Sharon, Pennsylvania on January 6. The police were responding to a domestic call for which Hake had threatened their mother and cut his own throat. Hake's family has filed a lawsuit alleging the police violated Hake's civil rights.

**Jamie Lee Wounded Arrow**

A 28-year-old Native American transgender woman was found murdered in her apartment in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on 7 January, however, she is believed to have died at least several days prior.

**Mesha Caldwell**

A 41-year-old black transgender woman, was found shot to death on a road near Canton, Mississippi on 4 January.

**Jojo Striker**

A 23-year-old transgender woman of colour, was found shot to death in a garage in Toledo, Ohio, on 8 February. She suffered one gunshot wound to her chest.

**Jaquarrius Holland**

A 18-year-old black transgender woman, was shot during a verbal altercation in Monroe, Louisiana on 19 February.

**Tiara Lashay**

A 24-year-old black transgender woman who was also known as Keke Collier, was shot on Chicago's south side on 23 February, by an unknown assailant while sharing a vehicle with

them. She was found by police on the ground outside, and rushed to the hospital, where she died around 7:00 AM.

### **Chyna Doll Dupree**

A black transgender woman, also known as Chyna Gibson, was shot in New Orleans on 25 February, by an unknown assailant. She was found by police at 8:30 pm lying in a parking lot outside a shopping mall. She had been shot several times, and died at the scene. Her aunt described her as "a very loving person [who] didn't do nothing to nobody".

### **Ciara McElveen**

A 26-year-old black transgender woman, was stabbed in New Orleans, LA, and left on the side of the road. She was transported to University Medical Center where she died on 27 February.

### **Alphonza Watson**

A 38-year-old black transgender woman; who was shot in the stomach on 22 March in Baltimore, Maryland. She was transported to Johns Hopkins Hospital where she died. Her mother described Watson as "the sunshine of our family," a "caring, passionate" person who loved cooking and gardening.

### **Chay Reed**

A 28-year-old transgender woman of colour: shot and killed on 21 April in Miami, Florida. Reed's long-time friend told Mic about their long-time friendship—describing her as someone who was full of life and beloved by many.

### **Kenneth Bostick**

A 59-year-old black transgender person identifying as male, was found with severe injuries on a Manhattan sidewalk, and later died of his injuries. Few details about Bostick's life have been reported; he may have been homeless at the time of the attack. Early reports also identified him under his previous name.

### **Sherrell Faulkner**

A 46-year-old black transgender woman, died on 16 May from injuries sustained during an attack the previous year, on 30 November 2016, in Charlotte, North Carolina. She was found where she was left after the attack, next to a dumpster. Police are treating the assault as a homicide. No arrests have been made at this point.

### **Kenne McFadden**

A 27-year old black transgender woman, was found in the San Antonio River on 9 April. Police believe she was pushed into the river, which runs through downtown San Antonio. A high-school friend of McFadden described her to local media as assertive, charismatic and lovable. No arrests have been made, but police said they have a person of interest in custody. Due to media misgendering McFadden, her identity as a transgender woman was not corrected in news stories until June.

### **Kendra Marie Adams**

A 28-year old transgender woman of color, was found in a building that was under construction and had burns on her body on 13 June, in Ithaca, New York. Police have charged Michael Davis, 45, with Adams' murder. Adams also went by Josie Berrios, the name used in initial media reports on her death.

### **Ava Le'Ray Barrin**

A 17-year old transgender woman, was shot and killed in Athens, Georgia, on Sunday, 25 June. She was killed by a person she knew after an altercation in a parking lot. She has been remembered as a "social butterfly" and an "amazing girl".

**Ebony Morgan**

A 28-year-old transgender woman of color, was found shot in Lynchburg, Virginia, on Sunday 2 July. After being found shot in a residence, she was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead. The local police report uses her previous name but confirmed that she goes by Ebony.

**TeeTee Dangerfield**

A 32-year-old transgender woman was found shot multiple times by her vehicle in Atlanta, Georgia, early morning Monday, 31 July. She was taken to the hospital and later died of her injuries.

**Gwenevere River Song**

A 26-year-old person identifying as "femandrogyne" was shot in Waxahachie, Texas, on Saturday, 13 August.

**Kiwi Herring**

A 30-year-old transwoman of colour was shot by police following an altercation in St. Louis, Missouri on 22 August.

**Pepper K, aka Phoenix**

A 33-year-old transgender person was killed by another inmate while incarcerated in the Mansfield Correctional Institution. Phoenix was taken to an area hospital and died of their injuries on 25 August. They had participated in the Black and Pink LGBTQ prisoner online pen pal programme

**Ally Lee Steinfeld**

Ally's body was found stabbed and burned in Texas County, Missouri. Three people have been arrested in Ally's death. Ally Lee Steinfeld's burned remains were found in a bag in a rural southern Missouri chicken coop. Authorities say both of the transgender teen's eyes had been gouged out and she had been stabbed in the genitals. As questions swirl about why the quiet 17-year-old was killed in such a ghastly manner, authorities aren't saying what led to the killing. But they dismiss the possibility the death was a hate crime. Murdered trans teen had eyes gouged out, but sheriff says it's not a hate crime

**Kashmire Redd**

A 28-year-old transgender man was stabbed to death in Gates, New York, early on 4 September.

**Derricka Banner**

26-year-old transgender woman of colour was shot and killed in Charlotte, North Carolina in the early morning of 12 September.

**Scout Schultz**

21 year-old non binary intersex student at Georgia Tech was shot and killed by police on September 16th after experiencing a mental break down on campus. Video was taken of Schultz carrying a small pocket knife while yelling "shoot me!" at police while walking towards them

**Stephanie Montez**

A 47-year-old transgender woman was shot multiple times near Corpus Christi, Texas 21 October.

### **Candace Towns**

A 30-year-old transgender woman of color was found dead in Macon, Georgia 31 October. She was last seen alive 28 October and reported missing the following day. She was shot and left at the end of a driveway.

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

### ***Brazil***

#### **Dandara dos Santos**

A 42 year old Brazilian transgender woman was tortured and shot in the face in Bom Jardim, a poor neighbourhood of Fortaleza, on 15 February. The incident was filmed and published, which helped apprehend the at least five men who attacked her.

#### **Bianka Gonçalves**

22 year old transgender woman shot and killed in Primavera do Leste on 7 March. [243] Wilka, a 40 year old Brazilian transgender woman was attacked and killed on 26 March in Pernambuco, in the southern state of Loteamento Luiz Gonzaga. She suffered three stab wounds. According to a friend she was murdered when someone realised that she was transgender whilst attempting to rob her. Images of her lying in a pool of her blood were uploaded to Facebook by a friend alongside heartfelt messages.

#### **Thadeu (Têu) Nascimento**

A 24-year-old transgender man was killed in Salvador, Bahia in May. A local trafficker was arrested for the murder.

#### **Tabata Brandão**

A 30 year old transgender woman was shot to death in Belo Horizonte on 25 June. [247] Larissa Valverde, a 24 year old transgender woman was stabbed to death with what appears to have been a screwdriver in Belo Horizonte on 2 July.

#### **Camila Guedes**

A 31 year old Brazilian transgender woman was found stabbed to death in her Monte Mor home on 19 July.

#### **Natalia Pimentel**

A 22 year old transgender woman died after being run down by a vehicle driven by a man. The man had approached Natalia and a friend with demands and ran her down after they refused. Natalia died in a hospital of her injuries 25 July in m Várzea Grande, Mato Grosso.

#### **Danielle Jesus Lafon**

A 47 year old Brazilian transgender woman was repeatedly stabbed to death in Poços de Caldas. Her body wasn't found for several days after her death, which officials put to be likely somewhere between 31 August and 2 September.

#### **Nicole**

A 25 year old transgender woman was found stabbed to death in her home in Sorriso. Accounts by neighbours place her murder sometime between 4 and 5 September.