



CENTER *for* HOMICIDE RESEARCH

Resources for Police & Law Enforcement

Police Support Overview Statement – Purpose, Limitations, Access

The mission of the Center for Homicide Research is to develop research that will assist in increasing the solvability of all homicide cases. To that end, the Center is developing wide-ranging expertise on the topic of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender homicide. Access to case files may be limited due to ethical concerns depending on specificity of a request. Likewise, unpublished resources may not be immediately available.

If you feel that the Center can provide insight or information that would assist in a case, please contact Dallas Drake by e-mail at dallas.drake@mindspring.com. The Center makes every effort to work with law enforcement personnel, prosecutorial agencies, or criminology researchers.

Here are a few of the resources the Center for Homicide Research has to offer:

Research Reports

The Center for Homicide Research has developed several technical research reports on topics related to gay homicide. The Center may research topics by request. The Center is interested in learning about other types of information which would be useful to criminal justice agencies.

Detecting Case Linkage

The Center for Homicide Research has the most complete data-set on gay/lesbian/bisexual and transgender (GLBT) homicide in the United States with over 2,400 incidents identified. Using our databases, the Center may be able to determine whether similar cases exist.

Case Review

For many investigators, gay culture is not their forte. The Center can provide a fresh perspective on gay homicide cases and provide unique insight to assist in active investigations of gay or suspected gay homicide cases.

Reference Resources

The Center has many resources available on the topics of homicide and gay homicide, particularly hate-crime homicide. Center researchers can provide bibliographies of books, research reports and articles. The Center can also provide references to experts within various fields relating to gay homicide.

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Prosecutorial Strategies

Prosecuting gay homicide cases can be a daunting task. The Center can provide you with information about what to expect during a case, including types of defense strategies used in the other cases and whether they have been successful. The Center can also provide insight into motive and criminal intent. Depending on the type of homicide committed, the Center may be able to provide investigative direction.

Fact Sheets

Several fact sheets have been assembled related to gay homicide.

Typologies

The Center can explain the different types of gay homicide and discuss current knowledge about who commits which type and why. Types of offence can relate to means, manner and motivation.

Gay/Lesbian Cultural Questions

For those who have never encountered a gay homicide case before, the Center can answer questions relating to gay cultural practices or inter-group relations.

Research Technical Support

Perhaps you have a question for which no research currently exists and are planning to conduct research on a topic related to gay homicide. The Center can assist with defining and framing your research questions, or can direct you to experts or agencies that can assist.

Offender Status and Monitoring

Information on status of convicted or suspected offenders in gay homicide cases is available. Information about prior crimes may be accessed for investigative purposes. This information may help locate a particular offender in the event you are conducting your own research program. This information is accessible for law enforcement or credentialed research institutions only.

Countering Gay/Lesbian Political Pressure

One of the most difficult tasks encountered during an investigation may be political pressure. A community may perceive that police are not doing enough on a gay homicide case. The Center can provide ideas to help you boost your department's credibility and help your agency to increase the quality of its community relationship with the GLBT community.

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