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The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) has learned of the stalking-related homicide of Lisa Trubnikova that occurred on February 5th, 2015 in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. According to media sources, Lisa Trubnikova and her wife Anna Trubnikova, along with a police officer responding to the scene, were all shot by Adrian Loya, a co-worker who was allegedly obsessed with one or both of the women. Anna Trubnikova and the police officer survived, but Lisa Trubnikova died from her injuries. It is alleged that Loya became obsessed with the couple when stationed with them at a Coast Guard base in Alaska, and that he drove to Massachusetts, stayed at a motel near where the couple lived, and planned out the attack in a premeditated way.

“Lisa Trubnikova’s death is a tragedy, and one that deserves national attention,” said Chai Jindasurat, who directs national programming at the New York City Anti-Violence Project. “NCAVP has found that lesbians are disproportionately at risk for violence in the workplace. Education and awareness about the specific issues LGBTQ people face with stalking, intimate partner violence, and hate violence in the workplace and other areas of their lives is critically needed.”

NCAVP’s report Intimate Partner Violence in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and HIV Affected Communities in 2013, released on October 15, 2014, found that lesbian survivors were 2.4 times more likely to experience IPV incidents at the workplace. Additionally, NCAVP’s most recent hate violence report, Hate Violence Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and HIV-Affected Communities in the United States in 2013 found that lesbians were 1.2 times more likely to experience sexual violence, and 1.8 times more likely to experience violence in the workplace when compared to overall survivors.

NCAVP is working with local NCAVP member organization The Network/La Red in Boston to raise awareness of this homicide and to offer support to local communities.

“The Network/La Red is deeply troubled by the death of Lisa Trubnikova and we offer our condolences to her friends and family and our wishes for a speedy recovery to her wife and to Officer MacDonald,” said Beth Leventhal, Director of The Network/La Red. “Stalking is a serious issue that affects LGBQ/T communities. We must all work together to support LGBQ/T survivors and change our culture to end stalking.”

NCAVP is a resource for anyone who experiences violence. For more information, or to locate an anti-violence program in your area, please contact us at info@ncavp.org or visit us online. Join NCAVP in our efforts to prevent and respond to LGBTQ and HIV-affected violence. To learn more about our national advocacy and receive technical assistance or support, contact us at info@ncavp.org.

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NCAVP works to prevent, respond to, and end all forms of violence against and within lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) and HIV-affected communities. NCAVP is a national coalition of local member programs and affiliate organizations who create systemic and social change. NCAVP is a program of the New York City Anti-Violence Project.

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