

\$5000 REWARD

The New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of any person(s) in connection with the death of Marsha P. Johnson (aka Malcolm Michaels, Jr.). Marsha was a survivor of the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion and a widely loved member of our community. Marsha's body, dressed in men's clothing, was found floating in the Hudson River at Christopher Street on July 6, 1992. We know she was alive on July 4.



Almost immediately, the police concluded that Marsha's death was a suicide. Yet, Marsha had not threatened suicide, had survived on the streets for years, and did not leave a note. The police did not investigate any possible connection to a number of anti-gay attacks around July 4 in the West Village, including one person being pushed into the river. Obviously, if Marsha had been a straight, white male the police would have done a professional job. Because she was a black transvestite prostitute, however, they thought no one would care or be offended by a quick suicide ruling. We have strong reason to believe that Marsha was being threatened and followed after the fireworks on July 4. We're convinced there are facts the police haven't taken the time to uncover. We insist that the suicide ruling be proved or dropped.

WE DEMAND THE TRUTH!

If you have any information about Marsha's death or saw her after 10:00pm on July 4 -- or think you know someone who has this information -- call the Anti-Violence Project at (212) 807-0197, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All calls will be completely confidential, and you don't have to reveal your identity. You may also call the 6th Precinct Detective Squad at (212) 741-4841. The Police Department has nothing to do with the reward.



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