

Violent Men In Women's Jail And Prison Facilities Stories from New York, Massachusetts, and California

With a national self-identification standard for gender identity overriding sex in the law, based on the gender identity provisions in the Equality Act, there will be no legal grounds on which prison officials can keep these men out of women's facilities. The denial of female-only living and bathing facilities for incarcerated women violates their human rights under international law standards for humane treatment of prisoners.

New York: Synthia China Blast (formerly, Luis Morales)

"2 Kings Get Life In Rape Slay Of Girl, 13"
Daily News, November 5, 1996 <https://archive.fo/9iqNh>

A Bronx mother yesterday berated two members of the Latin Kings gang for smirking while standing trial for torturing and killing her 13-year-old daughter. Yvonne Hill then nodded approvingly when the men were sentenced to life in prison for murdering Ebony Williams. "Ever since the trial was going on, all I see is Luis Morales grinning and Carlos Franco, too," Hill said. "You ain't smiling today. I hope you both rot in hell.



"Morales, 22, and Franco, 24, appeared unmoved as Bronx Supreme Court Justice Martin Marcus sentenced them to 25 years to life for the 1993 slaying. Bronx Prosecutor William Hrabsky said the two held the girl captive in a Hunts Point apartment, Morales raping her and repeatedly slashing her body. Franco was charged with killing the girl after breaking her neck. "The suffering that this poor child went through is beyond belief and puts this crime in the category of monstrous and barbarous," Hrabsky said. Investigators said the men shoved Ebony's body into a box and dumped it on the Sheridan Expressway at E. 165th St., where it was set on fire. They later bragged about the crime to friends, many of whom testified against them. In court, a defiant Morales wore a black-and-gold Latin Kings necklace and insisted that other gang members, not he and Franco, killed Ebony. "I will be back down and I will be vindicated," he said. "I didn't kill her. I didn't do it. But whatever happens here today, I'll take it like a man. ..."

Massachusetts: Michelle Kosilek (formerly, Robert Kosilek)

"Should This Inmate Get a State-Financed
Sex Change Operation?"
The New Republic, October 30, 2013

"... Early in the morning of May 23, 1990, police executed a search warrant at a new three-story duplex on Concetta Circle in Mansfield, Massachusetts, a small commuter town about 30 miles south of Boston. The house belonged to Robert and Cheryl Kosilek, both of whom worked as substance-abuse counselors at nearby hospitals, and Cheryl's teenage son Timothy. On the previous night, police had discovered Cheryl's body in the parking lot of the Emerald Square Mall, a 20-minute drive away. She lay beneath a blanket in the back seat of her gray Hyundai. Her top had been pulled up, her pants pulled down. She had been garroted with both wire and rope and nearly decapitated.



A short, dark-haired, heavy-set man of 41 emerged from the Kosilek home and spoke to the newspaper and TV reporters gathered outside. "My best friend has been killed, and they tell me they think I did it," Robert Kosilek declared, fighting back sobs. "Of course I didn't ... I couldn't do that to anyone."

"... On the afternoon of May 24, while attempting to flee, Kosilek was stopped for speeding in New Rochelle, New York, 200 miles from his home. The arresting officer smelled alcohol on Kosilek's breath and found a bottle of vodka and two beer cans on the floor of the car. "I can't call my wife," Kosilek told him. "I murdered my wife." ..."

CALIFORNIA: DANA RIVERS

"Oakland Lesbian Couple and Their Son Murdered By Former LGBT Activist"
Autostraddle, November 16, 2016

"... Tragically, Diambu-Wright, along with his 57-year-old mother and her 56-year-old partner, were found dead on the property of their Elmhurst home last Friday after suffering fatal gunshot and stabbing wounds. There was also a fire in the garage that the Oakland Fire Department extinguished within half an hour. Police had responded to reports of gunshots heard on the block a little after midnight, and immediately found Diambu outside, bleeding to death. After hearing a loud noise from the garage, a bloody 61-year-old Dana Rivers emerged from the house with knives and



Courtesy Michael Campbell — Pictured left to right are Patricia Wright, Benny Diambu-Wright, and Charlotte Reed. The threesome was found stabbed and shot to death at their Oakland home Nov. 11, 2016. A San Jose woman, Dana Rivers, 61, was arrested shortly thereafter in connection with the triple homicide.

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ammunition in her pockets. She then "began to make spontaneous statements about her involvement in the murders" and attempted to flee on her motorcycle.

Today, Rivers was charged with three counts of murder with special circumstances, arson, and possession of metal knuckles. She may be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole and could also be eligible for the death penalty, depending on the judgment of the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

In a tragic twist, Dana Rivers was actually a very well-known transgender activist."

"Transgender Activist Ordered To Stand Trial For Oakland Triple Murder"
CBS SF Bay Area, March 7, 2018

"... A motive for the three homicides wasn't disclosed during Rivers' preliminary hearing but prosecutors said it will be revealed at her trial, which may not take place for several years since she could face the death penalty and the attorneys in the case need time to prepare. ..."