



1976, September – The Tucson Gay Newsletter reported that “a Male Member of the Gay Community was badly beaten up on “A” Mountain .... The two attempted murderers who attacked our Gay brother...about 22..[and] 24.” Police were notified.<sup>14 11</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Tucson Gay Newsletter, “Bad News,” September 29, 1976, v.1, Issue 1, pg 2., the newsletter encouraged others to contact them with similar bad experiences to save one of your friends a similar experience”

1977, April – The Associated Students of University of Arizona made a formal apology to the Gay Student Organization for “prejudicial and derogatory remarks” made against a Recognized Student Organization. The Gay Student Organization (G.S.O.) had requested \$660.00 for a peer counseling program and for public relations costs. On April 22, a University Of Arizona Student Senator named Semmens stated before the entire Student Government Organization during its session, “I Think We Ought To Take The \$660.00, Buy Guns And Shoot All The Queers.”<sup>15</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Arizona Gay News. “Semmens apologizes but GSO calls on him to resign due to bias,” May 5, 1977, v. 5, issue 10, pg.1. see also Arizona Daily Wildcat, April 26.

1977, October 23 – The Metropolitan Community Church (M.C.C.) of Phoenix was the victim of an Arson Fire after the congregation had all left from the Sunday evening services.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>16</sup> Arizona Gay News, “MCC Church – Phoenix, Victim of Arson,” October 20, 1977, v. 2, Issue 43, pg. 3. “The church has been subject to vandalism in the past with thefts of the church organ and all its chairs as well as the usual harassment of broken windows and obscene phone calls from time to time.”

1980, Spring – Stepps Bar in Pima County north of Tucson located on Oracle Road was vandalized with Anti-Gay Graffiti (“Gays Go Home”), the Stepps Bar responded by erecting a large sign outside their business that stated “We Are Home.”<sup>17</sup>

<sup>17</sup> Arizona Gay News, March 8, 1980, v.5, Issue 10, pg. 5

1980, March – The Phoenix private residence of the Secretary of the Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR) is burglarized with the Gay Line Answering Machine System and other Office Equipment stolen and the building was vandalized with Anti-Gay Graffiti.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>18</sup> Arizona Gay News, “CRC’s Gay Line Vandalized,” March 8, 1980, v.5, Issue 10, pg. 5

1981, June – Larry Mantz, in Phoenix, was beaten, strangled almost to death and then robbed in what the Arizona Gay News called a “Queer Bashing”. The paper listed a description of the assailant and announced a community fundraiser to cover doctor’s expenses.<sup>19</sup>

<sup>19</sup> Arizona Gay News, “Phoenix Man in Queer Bashing,” June 19, 1981, v. 6, Issue 24, pg. 2

1984, September – The ‘Homo-Tel’, a vacant two-story motel in Tucson adjacent to The Fineline Gay Bar was set on fire by an Arsonist on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>20</sup> The Weekly Observer, “Arson Fire at Homo-Tel”, September 26, 1984, v. 1, issue 11, pg. 1

1984, October – Charles Bush, an openly Gay Man 34 years old who resided in St. David, Arizona was robbed, stabbed to death and then his body dumped into some shrubs near the Freeway Fourth Street Rest Area in Benson, Arizona by two teenage boys he had picked up hitchhiking. The teens alleged Bush had made sexual advances toward them so it was alright to rob him, then murder him, and then to hide the body, and then to steal his vehicle.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>21</sup> The Weekly Observer, “Gay Related Murder in Benson,” November 21, 1984, pg. 1

1984, October 28 – A man named Derrick was attacked and robbed by a group of men in the parking lot of the Fineline Bar in Tucson.<sup>22</sup>

22 The Weekly Observer, “Benefit for Attack Victim Saturday,” December 12, 1984, pg. 2

1985, June 10 – Johnny Collins, identified by police and local media as a bisexual transvestite, was last seen alive on May 31, 1985. His bludgeoned body was found near La Cholla Road in Northwest Tucson.<sup>24</sup>

24 The Weekly Observer, “Homicide Victim,” June 12, 1985, pg. 3.

1984, December – Debbie, a Fineline Bar bartender, and Desiree, a bartender at Colette’s West Bar, were both physically assaulted by a man making Anti-Gay Slurs in the Fineline Bar parking lot. Debbie required stitches on the lower forehead, and sustained a broken nose and two black eyes. Desiree sustained a broken cheek bone. Police gave the attacker a written citation and the attacker was released.<sup>23</sup>

23 The Weekly Observer, “Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee Report,” v.1, Issue 20, December 5, 1984, pg. 1

1989 – A young Gay Man was Attacked and Beaten outside of a Gay Bar on Grant Road in the early evening by several Pima College Students.<sup>25</sup>

25 From January 27, 2005 Community Forum notes (Mark was a speaker at the forum), Lori Gershick.

1992 – Elton Naswood, a Gay Navajo Man from Window Rock was beaten and pounded with a rock by four men outside a Gay Bar in Phoenix, he did not go to the hospital or report the crime to the police.<sup>26</sup>

26 Pemberton, Mary. "TWO-SPIRIT": Victims of gay-bashing seek solutions at HIV/AIDS conference,” Associated Press, <http://www.nativeout.com/>, [http://www.adn.com/life/native\\_culture/story/7699692p-7610642c.html](http://www.adn.com/life/native_culture/story/7699692p-7610642c.html)

1993, August 22 – Candido Sanavria was strangled and stabbed to death in his Tucson Home by Richard Bell. Bell first stabbed Candido with a knife from the kitchen until the blade broke, then strangled Candido to death with a telephone cord, then got another knife to keep stabbing him.<sup>27</sup>

27 Associated Press State & Local Wire, “Man who killed gay gets 20-year prison term,” September 10, 2000.

1993 - Michael Anthony Senecal, was hacked and beaten with a machete and left for dead by a carload of young men in Phoenix, Arizona.<sup>28</sup>

28 Lacey, Michael, “To the cops, some crimes just seem less important than others,” in Phoenix New Times, July 28, 1994. <http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/Issues/1994-07-28/news/columns.html>

1994, June – Michael Despain, a 24-year-old gay man, who sometimes went by Rolanda, was first Beaten and then Murdered in an Arson Related Hate Crime in Phoenix, Arizona.<sup>29</sup>

29 Lacey, Michael. “Why this young man’s death matters,” in Phoenix New Times, August 11, 1994.

[http://music.phoenixnewtimes.com/Issues/1994-08-11/news/columns\\_4.html](http://music.phoenixnewtimes.com/Issues/1994-08-11/news/columns_4.html)

Lacey, Michael, “To the cops, some crimes just seem less important than others,” in Phoenix New Times, July 28, 1994. <http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/Issues/1994-07-28/news/columns.html>.

1995, December 2 – John Pinto was last seen leaving The Graduate Gay Bar located on University Boulevard near Stone Avenue just after 10pm on December 2, 1995. Pinto was found Beaten to Death the next morning. The crime has not been solved.<sup>30</sup>

30 AVP records

2000, October 31 - Justin Fidelis Enos, 54-year-old gay man, was Roped & Dragged Behind A Horse and Then Murdered with a Shovel on the Gila River Reservation because they thought he "Danced Like A Girl"<sup>31</sup>

<sup>31</sup> Associated Press, "Man pleads guilty to murder of gay man Phoenix," August 14, 2002 [online]

Dorian C. Brown pleaded guilty Tuesday in federal court to second-degree murder in the death of Justin Fidelis Enos on Halloween 2000.

GPAC. "Plea in Murder of NV Man Killed Because He "Danced Like a Girl"," August 13, 2002.

<http://www.gpac.org/archive/news/notitle.html?cmd=view&archive=news&msgnum=0423>

2000, February – Fabian Padilla was called derogatory Anti-Gay Names and then Beaten Repeatedly outside the Plush Bar in Tucson by a member of the Tucson Fire Department (Franchot Opela)<sup>32</sup>

<sup>32</sup> Associated Press, "Firefighter's sentence in hate crime deemed light by some," July 11, 2001 [online]

2000, February 6<sup>th</sup> – A young Gay Male University of Arizona Student was stabbed outside the Rainbow Planet Coffee Shop, a Gay Establishment in Tucson. More than a thousand LGBT & Allied Community Members responded by staging a March Along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Downtown Tucson to the University of Arizona Campus "Mall."<sup>33</sup>

<sup>33</sup> at Rainbow Planet Coffee Shop, 606 N. Fourth Ave, Bustamante, Mary. "Gays and Jews Top Targets of Hate Crimes in Tucson," in The Weekly Observer, February 25, 2004, pg. 1

2001, December –An act of anti-gay vandalism (anti-gay slurs) was reported in Bridgeport.<sup>34</sup>

<sup>34</sup>Associated Press, "Yavapai County Sheriff investigating possible hate crime," December 27, 2001. The victims, new residents to the area, were hosting a party when guests reportedly discovered the road in front of the house had been spray painted with a picture and a slur. The picture had two stick figures within a circle and a slash across the circle plus the words "No Fags."

2002, February 5 – F.C. Martinez a young Arizona born Navajo transgender two-spirit or *nadleehi* 16 year-old was beaten to death by an 18 year-old in Cortes, CO.<sup>35</sup>

<sup>35</sup> TG Crossroads Staff, "Murphy Pleads Guilty to Murder of F.C. Martinez, Sentencing Set for May 16," TG Crossroads, February 8, 2002, <http://www.tgcrossroads.org/news/archive.asp?aid=168> In a court affidavit, investigators alleged that 18-year-old Shaun Murphy, who apparently did not know Martinez, encountered him on a Cortez street June 16, the night Martinez was last seen alive. According to the affidavit, Murphy was later heard "bragging" to friends that he had "Beat Up A Fag."

2002, February 16 – Amy Soos, a transgender woman from the Salt River Pima Indian Reservation was found on a Phoenix roadway beaten to death. Excessive violence may indicate that this murder may have been bias/hate motivated.<sup>36</sup>

<sup>36</sup> Southern Poverty Law Center. "for the Record," in Intelligence Report, Winter 2003, pg. 46

2002, March – Alejandro Ray Lucero, a Transgender Hopi person was strangled to Death in Phoenix, Arizona with such excessive violence that may indicate that his murder may have been bias/hate motivated. <sup>37</sup>

<sup>37</sup> Southern Poverty Law Center. "for the Record," in Intelligence Report, Winter 2003, pg. 46

2002, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Philip Arthur Walsted, a 24-year-old Gay Man was Robbed and Beaten to Death in Tucson by a recently paroled burglar from the Arizona State Prison System and self-proclaimed

Skin-Head Nazi David Higdon using a metal baseball bat as his former girlfriend listened to music in the murderer's truck. Higdon was sentenced to the rest of his natural life in prison after an outpouring of letters for a Life Sentence Without The Possibility Of Parole from all around the United States sent to the Judge.<sup>38</sup>

<sup>38</sup>David A. Higdon was sentenced to life in prison (3/28/05) with no chance of parole for beating Philip Arthur Walsted to death with a baseball bat, Walsted was found June 12, 2002 on East Fifth Street and North Hoff Avenue, Echo, April 7, 2005, 10 (editor) and Bustamante, Mary. "Gays and Jews Top Targets of Hate Crimes in Tucson," in The Weekly Observer, February 25, 2004, pg. 1

2002, June – Wingspan GLBT Community Center was vandalized in Tucson when persons unknown tore out metal flag poles ten (10) feet above the sidewalk and stole Rainbow and other flags from the front of the building located on 6<sup>th</sup> Street <sup>39</sup>

<sup>39</sup>Everett-Haynes, LA Monica. "Area's gay community center vandalized," in Tucson Citizen, Wednesday, June 26, 2002.

2003, August 27 – A 37 year-old Gay Man was lured out of the Yard Dog Saloon Gay Bar in Tucson located at 2449 N. Stone Avenue and then attacked by five (5) men who stole his shoulder bag and fractured the Gay Man's arm. Tucson Police quickly recorded it as a Hate Crime and reported the incident to local Federal Bureau Of Investigations (FBI) agents in Tucson. <sup>40</sup>

<sup>40</sup> Associated Press. "Police investigate possible hate crime," Tucson September 23, 2003.

2003, September 16 – The Wingspan Community Center was vandalized with Hate/Anti LGBT graffiti which had been carved into the front door during the afternoon while the facility was open to the public.

2003 – A local religious group, protested and verbal harassed both the youth and the staff outside the EON LGBTQ Youth Center in Tucson. <sup>14</sup>

2004 - Jheri Davis, a Navajo Man from Chinle, Ariz., was attacked with a baseball bat and a machete, while being called Anti-Gay Slurs by three young Navajo men who offered him a ride.<sup>41</sup>  
<sup>41</sup>Pemberton, Mary. "TWO-SPIRIT": Victims of gay-bashing seek solutions at HIV/AIDS conference," Associated Press, <http://www.nativeout.com/>, [http://www.adn.com/life/native\\_culture/story/7699692p-7610642c.html](http://www.adn.com/life/native_culture/story/7699692p-7610642c.html)  
"They called me a Queer, a Faggot," Davis said. "They said I Should Die." Davis' wrist was broken, his knee cap smashed and the back of his head split open. Jheri Davis spent two days in a Trauma Center of a Hospital in Maricopa County, Ariz. When he got out, he looked up the local prosecutor. The perpetrators, ages 16-21, received between one and five years in prison.

2004, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Mark Fontes, a Gay Man, was found beaten and unconscious (possible hate crime) in Tucson behind IBT's Bar on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue <sup>42</sup>

<sup>42</sup> Found on North Hoff Avenue in the same area near its „Bout Time, a Gay bar at 616 N. Fourth Ave. [“Fontes unable to recall what happened”, Bustamante, Mary. "Gays and Jews Top Targets of Hate Crimes in Tucson," in The Weekly Observer, February 25, 2004, pg. 1

2004, April – Anti-Gay Graffiti was painted at an abandoned property near Interstate 10 in Tucson. <sup>43</sup>

<sup>43</sup> Swedlund, Eric. "Anti-gay graffiti stirs concern," in Arizona Daily Star, July 21, 2004, B1.

2004, April – Julie Melson, 38 and Suzanne King, 32 were beaten by bar patrons, while Kings' dress was ripped and pictures taken of exposed breast, patrons yelled Anti-Gay Slurs and crude comments at them outside of a Scottsdale, Arizona Bar. 44

44 Laxson, Toni. "Couple claim hate crime," in East Valley Tribune, Saturday, April 17, 2004.

2004, June 18<sup>th</sup> – Mark Fontes, a young gay man in Tucson, was threatened by another young man With a Gun while Anti-Gay Slurs and Hate Based Remarks were directed toward Fontes in a Tucson residence. 45

45 Swedlund, Eric. "Man may be victim of second hate crime," in Arizona Daily Star, Saturday, June 19, 2004, B4

2004, July – Two incidents in the middle of July were reported in which someone spray-painted an Anti-Gay Slur at a GLBT Youth Center and a Nazi Swastika at a GLBT-Oriented Church 46

46 Swedlund, Eric. "Anti-gay graffiti stirs concern," in Arizona Daily Star, July 21, 2004, B1.

2004, August 25<sup>th</sup> – A 26-year-old man in Tucson was attacked while being called Anti-Gay Slurs by two acquaintances in the alley behind a Coffee House on the N/W side of Campbell and Grant 47

47 AVP files.

2004, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Army Private First Class Kyle Lawson of a rural area in Missouri was assaulted (his nose broken) by a fellow soldier because he was Gay at an off-base party in Sierra Vista after the civilian employee Lawson worked with 'Outed' him at work to other soldiers 48

48 The Associated Press, "Gay soldier leaves Army after assault," in Arizona Daily Star, January 6, 2006 [online]

2005, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Prescott Pride Center was vandalized on April 2 49, 15

49 Rybka, Ted. "Mile high hate: Prescott's gay community center the target of vandals," in Echo, May 19, 2005, pg. 18 – see pics

2005, May 27<sup>th</sup> – Amancio Corrales, a 23-year-old gay man who performed as a female impersonator under the name Dalila was found murdered in the Colorado River near Yuma, Arizona. This suspected hate crime has not been solved.50

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2005, September – A Gay Man in Tucson was attacked (he was stabbed in the neck) by two men (one of which he met on-line and knew for a week)51

2006, June – A Gay Man was lured out from IBT's Bar on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and sexually assaulted by three men (letter to community by the survivor, Observer, June 14, 2006)

2011, February 14, Valentine's Day – 23 year old Gay Man George Soto, a former EON Youth Group Member was punched to the ground and stabbed to death by three (3) young Crips Gang affiliated men (unemployed Gabriel Israel Soliz a.k.a. Gabriel Bustamonte a.k.a. Gabriel O'Bregon a.k.a. 18...subject #2, and subject #3 [subjects listed at Tucson Gay Museum Exhibit 2010's], on Stone Avenue across the street from Amphi High School. Only Soliz was ever charged in the Murder and received a Life Without The Possibility Of Parole sentence after openly pleading guilty to the murder under a Plea Agreement with Pima County Prosecutor's thus avoiding a trial and the possibility of a Sentence of Death.