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Gay rights group hikes reward in Anthos case

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DETROIT — Despite the Wayne County Medical Examiner's ruling that Andrew Anthos, 72, died of natural causes, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has increased a reward to \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in what they believe is a murder case.

The Task Force and the Triangle Foundation believes Anthos was the victim of a hate crime. He was found unconscious Feb. 13 in a snow bank outside the apartment building near downtown Detroit.

Police initially said Anthos might have been assaulted by a man who reportedly followed Anthos off a city bus after he had making a sexual slur at Anthos.

Staff and volunteers from the Triangle Foundation will be out canvassing for witnesses this evening from 6-8 p.m. in the area around the apartment building.

"The Detroit police never really investigated this case," said the Triangle's Melissa Pope. "Since they haven't, we will. We are committed to obtaining justice for Andrew and his family.

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