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Tip reward offered in gay man's death

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DETROIT — Despite a medical examiner's ruling that Andrew Anthos, 72, died of natural causes, the Triangle Foundation, working with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case.

Anthos' death on Feb. 23 touched off national and local outrage when it was reported that the activist was a victim of a hate crime. Police investigated his death as an assault after he was found with a head injury in a snowbank outside his apartment near downtown Detroit.

"Triangle Foundation stands in full support of the family of Andrew Anthos, whom we still believe was the victim of a vicious anti-gay assault, which ultimately led to his death," said Melissa L. Pope, the group's director of victim's services. "In addition to Andrew's statements about the attack to his family while on his deathbed, there was a witness who provided police with a sketch of the man we believe attacked Andrew."

The Triangle Foundation is the state's largest activist organization serving the gay, lesbian, and other related communities.

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