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Milwaukee Crime Stoppers Reward Tops \$28,000 For Information Leading to the Arrest of Brazil Johnson's Killer

MILWAUKEE – On Wednesday, June 15 Brazil Johnson, a 28-year-old transgender Black woman was [shot and killed](#) in Milwaukee near Teutonia and Garfield avenues. No arrests have been made.

Supervisor Peter Burgelis announced that the [Milwaukee LGBT Community Center](#), [Cream City Foundation](#), and [Milwaukee Crime Stoppers](#) contributed \$1000 each towards a Crime Stoppers reward for anyone who provides information leading to the arrest of those responsible. As the President of Milwaukee Crime Stoppers, Attorney Michael Hupy generously pledged \$25,000 to help the effort as well. The Crime Stoppers rewards follow **Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa's** afternoon press conference with Milwaukee Police Department LGBTQ+ Liaison officers.

*“As a Black transgender woman, Brazil Johnson represents a segment of our community that faces an epidemic of violence. Ensuring everyone, regardless of their race or gender identity, feels safe living in Milwaukee County is of the upmost importance,” said **Supervisor Peter Burgelis**. “The reward money provides an added incentive for anyone who has information about this horrific crime to come forward and help bring about justice for Brazil’s loved ones.”*

“I am humbled by the generosity of Attorney Michael Hupy, as well as the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and Cream City Foundation. Thank you for funding equity in police outcomes, and thanks to Crime Stoppers for helping make that vision a reality,” he added.

*“We are definitely in support [of the efforts to find Brazil Johnson’s killer],” said executive director of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center **Kevin Turner**. “We stand with the family as well. We're here to support our transgender community [which] is being attacked on record levels and we want to make sure that their voices are being heard.”*

Contact Crime Stoppers [here](#) or by calling 414-224-8477.

Johnson is at least the 17th transgender person murdered in the U.S. in 2022, according to the [Human Rights Campaign](#). Black transgender women comprise 66% of all victims of fatal violence against transgender and gender non-conforming people.

Transgender people are over four times more likely than cisgender people to be victims of violent crime according to a [study by UCLA](#).

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