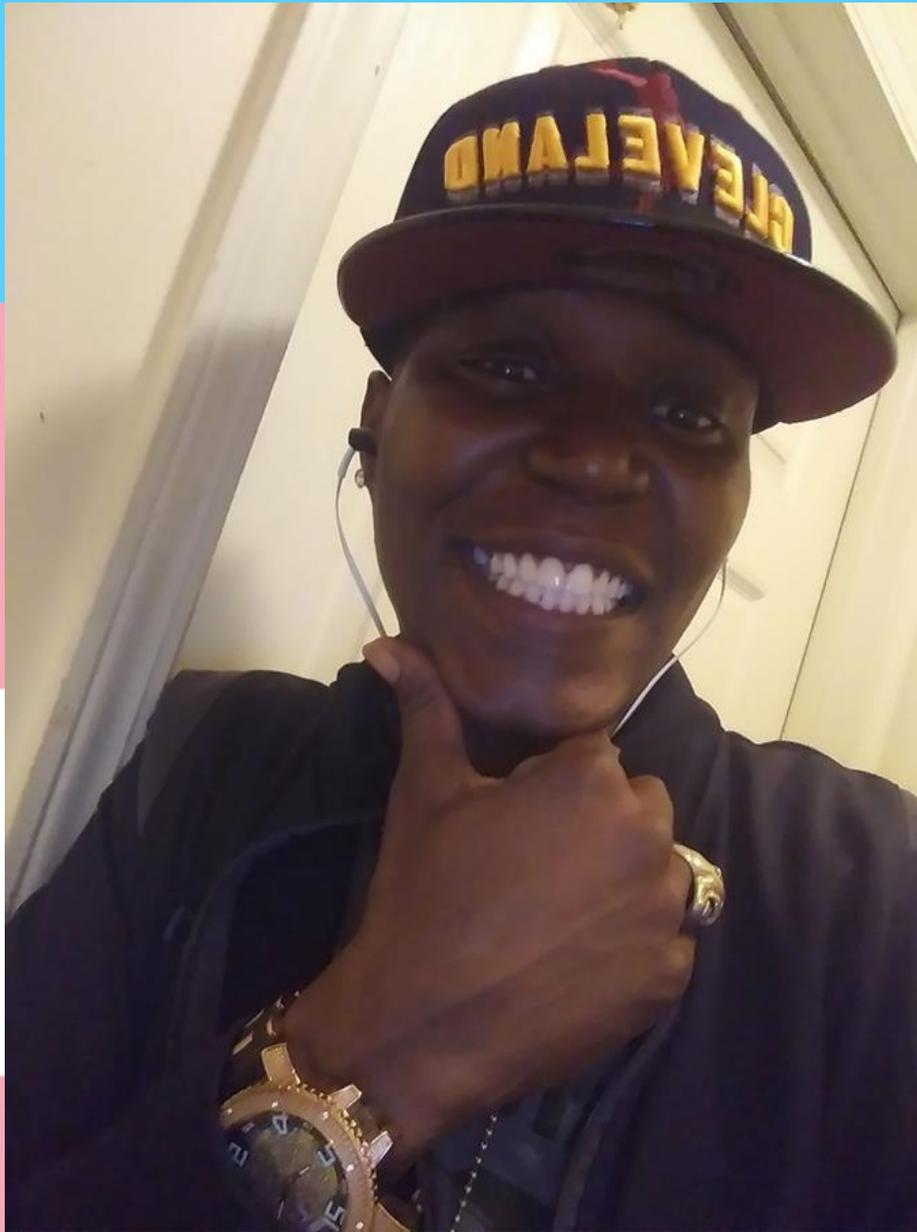


Karla Patricia Flores-Pavón, 26

Karla was a fan of Disney movies and make-up. "It hurts a lot, you were a good-hearted person. Sister, fly high. We will remember you with love. Your beautiful smile will stay with us," a friend posted on her Facebook page. Karla was found choked to death in her apartment in Dallas, Texas, on May 9. Dallas Police arrested 24-year-old Jimmy Eugene Johnson III on May 17, charging him with Flores-Pavón's murder.



Nino Fortson, 36

Nino identified as trans-masc and gender nonconforming.

Nino was a member of the House of Blahnik and also went by Nino Starr. House Father Kamaro Blahnik said that Nino was known for walking the “Butch Realness” category at balls. Nino was fatally shot in Atlanta on May 13. City police were nearby for a traffic stop and rushed to the scene, but Nino later died at the hospital.



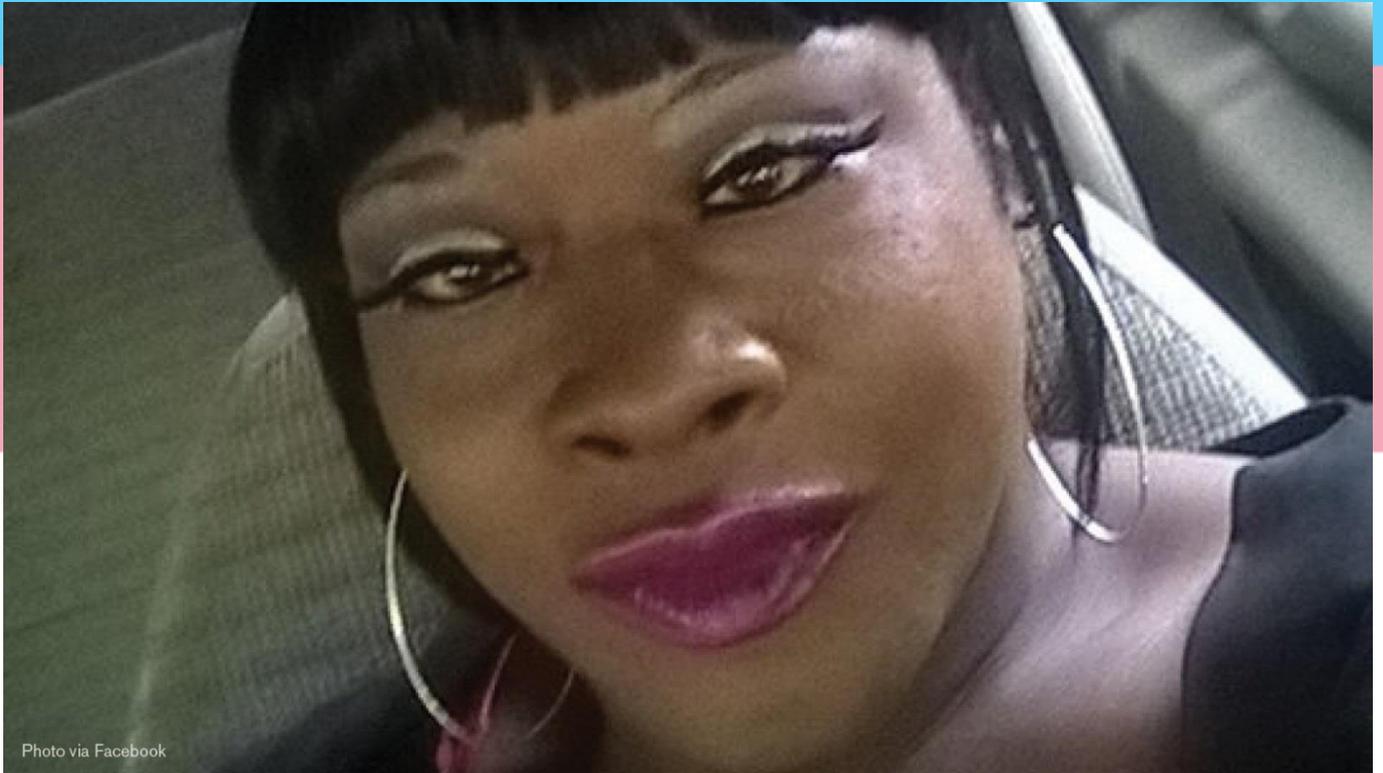
Gigi Pierce, 28

Gigi was a performer through and through," her friend Dallas Jackson Falls said. "Life was her stage, and those fortunate enough to know her were her audience. Granted, you never knew whether you were getting a drama, comedy or even, in some moments, an action-filled tragedy. Gigi was fatally shot on May 21 in Portland, Oregon. Police investigators say they believe that Pierce was shot during an altercation with Sophia Adler, though charges were dismissed after Adler claimed she killed Gigi in self-defense.



Antash'a Devine English, 38

On her Facebook page, Antash'a described herself as "funny, loved, a go-getter, and divine," and someone who "thrives on being the best person" she can be. She adored "every color of blue." Antash'a was fatally injured in drive-by shooting in Jacksonville, Florida on June 1. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office has declared an active murder investigation and asks anyone with information to contact their office.



Diamond Stephens, 39

In interviews with a local television station, family members said that Stephens had an “incredible personality.” Diamond was found shot to death on June 18 in Meridian, Mississippi. As is too often the case in the reporting of anti-transgender violence, Diamond was originally misgendered in local police statements and media reports, which delayed our awareness of this deadly incident.



Cathalina Christína James, 24

Cathalina's mother described her daughter as having a "big and bold" personality, saying she loved to dance and travel.

"She always found a way to steal the show," Cathalina's sister Deandra James said. "All eyes was always on Cathalina basically." Cathalina was fatally shot in Jacksonville, Florida, on June 24. Cathalina is the third transgender woman murdered and the fourth shot in the Florida city this year.



Keisha Wells, 54

A longtime friend of Keisha described her as “the nicest person ever” but also a “tough cookie.” She was affectionately known as “Pokey” and described by her aunt, Regina Spicer, as a funny and generous woman. Keisha was found dead with a gunshot wound to her abdomen in the parking lot of an apartment complex on June 24, in Cleveland, Ohio, Keisha was the second transgender woman to be murdered in Cleveland within a four month period.

*A photo of Keisha was not available



Sasha Garden, 27

Originally from Wisconsin, Sasha is remembered by loved ones as a “firecracker” who “didn’t hold anything back.” Friend and local transgender activist Mulan Montrese Williams recalls that Sasha was a talented and aspiring hair stylist and had been saving money to fund her transition. Sasha was found dead with signs of trauma in Orlando, Florida, early July 19.