



Greece: #Justice4ZakZackie



To: Greek Ministers of Justice and Citizen's Protection

Zak Kostopoulos (also known as Zackie Oh, his drag stage name), died in September 2018 after being violently attacked in a central Athens jewelry shop by two men, and then violently attacked by police. Zak was a queer activist who defended the rights of LGBTI people and HIV-positive people. **We urge you to ensure a prompt, impartial, independent, and effective investigation into his death.**

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Everyone has the right to live free from violence and discrimination.

Demand Justice for Zak Kostopoulos

Zak Kostopoulos (also known as Zackie Oh, his drag stage name), a queer activist and human rights defender in Greece, died on September 21, 2018 following a violent attack. Zak was a tireless defender of the rights of LGBTI people and HIV-positive persons.

Video footage taken by eye witnesses show that Zak was brutally beaten by two men after entering a jewelry shop in central Athens. Footage also shows police arriving and violently attempting to arrest Zak. According to the forensic report, Zak died from the multiple injuries he sustained.

While an investigation into Zak's death is ongoing, many are concerned about flaws and delays in the investigation as well as persistent systemic failings in investigations concerning cases of police violence in Greece.

Following Zak's killing, fake news was spread, and discriminatory comments were made about LGBTI people, people living with HIV, and people who use drugs. This must not be tolerated.

Urge Greek authorities to ensure #Justice4ZakZackie

Please send an email or letter to the Greek Ministers of Justice and Citizen's Protection:

- Urge a prompt, impartial, independent, and effective investigation which includes:
 - **A criminal investigation** of the brutal attack, ensuring essential evidence is obtained;
 - **A criminal and disciplinary investigation** on what appears to be arbitrary and abusive force by police officers, and the possible responsibility of the police in Zak's death; and
 - **An investigation into a possible hate motive**, discrimination, or other prejudice, both in the initial brutal attack and the use of force and overall behaviour of the police.