

Mapping LGBTQ St. Louis
Additional Information Sheet

Location:

murder of Goldstein Johnson
tavern
3000 block of Thomas St. [between Wester and N. Garrison]

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25 year old Goldstein Johnson visits a tavern (possibly the called the Ten-Spot Lounge) with two friends. All three were male-bodied individuals dressed in female clothing. Johnson is shot in an alley behind the tavern, June 30, 1974.

Johnson, an African American, was arrested numerous times for violation of St. Louis city's cross-dressing ordinance. In 1974 the ACLU of Eastern Missouri was appealing Johnson's conviction from a 1972 arrest. His death resulted in the case being ruled *nolle prossed* and dismissed.

For additional history see: