

Belmont Human Rights Commission Expresses Condolences on Death of Mikayla Miller

The Belmont Human Rights Commission expresses its condolences on the death of Mikayla Miller, a 16 year old Black student athlete who was described by her mother as loving and full of joy. She was considered a cherished member of the LGBTQ community with a bright future. Mikayla Miller's body was found on the morning of April 18th in Hopkinton. The death of a child is always tragic, but even more so when there is conflicting information around the cause of her demise. Deaths of those in historically marginalized groups call for all of us to come together and support each other and continue our work for safe and supportive communities for all of our beautiful and intertwined diversity. We stand with Mikayla's family in asking for transparency from all agencies involved in the ongoing investigation.

As a result of conflicting information provided to the family regarding the circumstances of her death, Mikayla's mother, Calvina Strothers, is asking for donations to assist in discovering the truth in the cause of Mikayla's death. The family will have an independent autopsy done to establish the cause of death of Mikayla and will establish a scholarship in her memory. If you would like to assist the family during its time of need, please donate via Go Fund Me at https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-investigate-my-daughters-death?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.

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