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STONEWALLED: BRUTALITY IN BLUE

DC Event to focus on the issue police abuse and misconduct against the LGBT community in the USA, locally

"The police are not here to serve; they are here to get served... every night I'm taken into an alley and given the choice between having sex or going to jail."

-- Amnesty International interview with a Native American transgender woman, Los Angeles

(Washington, DC) – The DC OUTfront! Action Team, Amnesty International's local group that promotes the Human Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) individuals, today announced it will hold a community forum on police abuse and misconduct. The event, STONEWALLED: Brutality in Blue, will focus on some of the issues addressed in the new report released by AI on September 22, 2005, *Stonewalled: Police abuse and misconduct against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the US*. The report is available at www.amnestyusa.org/outfront.

STONEWALLED: Brutality in Blue will be held Thursday, February 23, 2006 at the Equality Center in the Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) building at 1640 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036. A reception will be held at 7:00 pm, with the program beginning at 7:30 pm and ending shortly before 9:00 pm. Speakers will include Councilman David Catania of the DC City Council, Sgt. Brett Parson of the Washington DC Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit (GLLU), and GiGi Thomas of Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive (HIPS).

A post-event social hour will be held at the modern and trendy bar, Halo, at 1435 P St NW, Washington, DC 20005. Drink specials are available to event participants.

For more information and up-to-the-minute details, please visit the DC OUTfront Action Team's website at www.dcoutfront.org or contact Tony Lee.