

**Mapping LGBTQ St. Louis**  
**Additional Information Sheet**

Location:

murder of Charles Adams  
residence of Adams  
7703 Benmore

Additional Information:

Charles Adams, age 41, and John P. Methfessel, age 17 or 18 meet when Adams offers the other a ride. For some period of time Methdessel lived with Adams, before stabbing him and stealing his car. Adams is discovered dead in his apartment after police try to contact him regarding the stolen car.

*The Gay News Telegraph* noted that “Although active in the Gay community, Adams was not affiliated with any Gay or Lesbian organization.”

Hi murder was one of several in the late 1970s-early 1980s investigated by *News Telegraph* reporter Tim Cusick.

For additional history see:

“Affton Man Found Stabbed to Death” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* March 17, 1982. 10.

“Affton Man Found Dead” *The Gay News Telegraph*, May 1982. 3.