

Mapping LGBTQ St. Louis
Additional Information Sheet

Location:

murder of Jerry (Gerald) Kruse

Forest Park

Government Drive at Valley Drive

Additional Information:

Jerry (Gerald) G. Kruse, age 25, was found in his car, shot in the back of the head at close range, around midnight on October 26, 1978. Kruse lived in the 600 Block of Pershing, in the Central West End, and was most likely in Forest Park late at night cruising. Gay publications noted with sadness the "murder of a young gay man" although mainstream newspapers only indicated he was last seen by his "roommate" Albert Jones at 11:15 pm and that Kruse had worked at several florists.

For additional history see: