

## GREECE

### Costas

#### ATTACKED FOR BEING IN LOVE

While sitting on a bench in central Athens in August 2014, Costas and his partner, who is a refugee, were badly beaten up by thugs in a homophobic and racist attack. No suspects were ever identified. Between 2014 and 2015, the number of reported attacks against gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex (LGBTI) people in Greece has more than doubled. Police and the government have done little to discourage such racist and homophobic violence. Greek law doesn't recognise same-sex relationships. Costas and his partner live in constant fear for their safety. In March 2015, his partner was attacked again.

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'There is no recognition of our relationship or our rights here, it's like the government condones the attacks'  
**Costas**



#### SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Costas  
c/o Amnesty International Greek Section  
Sina 30  
Athens, 106 72  
Greece

- + **Language:** English or Greek
- + **Salutation:** Dear Costas
- + **Suggested message:** 'You are not invisible, not alone. You have the right to love without fear. The Greek government must end hate crimes and recognise and protect same-sex relationships. Together we stand against homophobia and racism! Love is a human right!'

#### CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- Include my name and address?



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#### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

Call on the justice minister to ensure justice for Costas.

**Write to:** Nikos Paraskevopoulos,  
Minister of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights  
Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights  
96 Mesogeion Avenue  
115 27 Athens  
Greece

**Fax:** 0030 775 5835  
**Email:** [grammateia@justice.gov.gr](mailto:grammateia@justice.gov.gr)  
**Twitter:** @govgr

**Salutation:** Dear Minister

**In your letter:** Urge the minister to carry out a prompt, independent and impartial investigation into the attack suffered by Costas and his partner with the intention that those responsible are convicted with a sentence that fully acknowledges the hate motive behind the attack. Urge the authorities to ensure that Costas and his partner get compensation for the injuries and trauma they have suffered.

**Suggested tweet:** End hate crimes and stand against racism, homophobia and transphobia @govgr #W4R

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