Transgender Russian Woman Dies at Dutch Asylum Shelter

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Alice Serov

Als 16 jarige trans meisje gevlucht uit Rusland. In Ter Apel eind 2023 verkracht in haar opvanglocatie. Op zoek naar hulp en bescherming als 17 jarige, in Nederland overleden in de ochtend van 28 maart 2025 in een opvanglocatie voor volwassenen.

A 16-year-old trans girl who fled Russia. Raped at her shelter in Ter Apel at the end of 2023. Seeking help and protection as a 17-year-old, in the Netherlands, she died in the morning of March 28, 2025 in a shelter for adults.

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A 17-year-old transgender Russian woman died Saturday at a refugee camp in the Netherlands, according to the LGBT Asylum Support organization, which assists LGBTQ+ asylum seekers.

Alisa Serova died after an alleged drug overdose, the organization said, adding that she had been left alone and lacked access to hormone therapy or psychological care at the shelter. She was also unable to contact her caseworker at the center for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, the group said.

On the day of her death, other refugees at the camp alerted staff at the Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (COA) that Serova was "barely breathing." An ambulance was called only after a second check, by which time she was "probably already dead," according to LGBT Asylum Support.

The media outlet VotTak reported that Serova never regained consciousness and died in

intensive care.

A fellow resident at the camp told VotTak that Serova was housed in a section where minors were not supposed to stay and that she had confided thoughts of suicide the day before her overdose. Another resident, also speaking anonymously, said Serova struggled with the language barrier.

Unconfirmed reports [claimed](#) Serova had been raped at the camp when she was 16, during her first month there.

At least six LGBTQ+ Russians have died in Dutch refugee camps since the start of the war in Ukraine, VotTak reported. One of the most recent cases was the [death](#) of Antonina Babkina, a transgender Russian woman who had sought asylum in the Netherlands.

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