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WWLT-TV, I Find Your Lack Of AP Stylebook Trans Understanding Disturbing

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Abstract

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If that preference is not expressed, use the pronoun consistent with the individuals live publicly.

Once again (sigh), we have another example of media misgendering of a transperson.

This person is being sought by the New Orleans po-po's as a suspect in a French Quarter robbery. BTW, if you have info in that regard, call New Orleans Crimestoppers

But back to riffing on the media again. WWLT-TV's report was in violation of the AP Stylebook guidelines for reporting on trans people. Since they have shown no aptitude for being able to read the English language version of the AP Stylebook the TransGriot is going to have to go back to her earlier

blog policy of showing them by example how it should have been done.

(Moni cracks knuckles)

NEW ORLEANS - Police are searching for a suspect they describe as a transgender female who they say robbed a man while walking on Bourbon St.

According to police, the robbery happened early Tuesday morning at around 5:25.

According to police spokesman, Frank Robertson, the suspect reportedly approached the victim and tried to start a conversation, then two other suspects appeared, and attacked the man. They then took his wallet and money.

Police say they are searching for a Transgender African American female, 5'07" to 6'00" tall, in her mid-20's to early 30's. If you have any information that could help police, call CRIMESTOPPERS at 822-1111.

See, now that wasn't so hard was it WWLT-TV? You might as well start now practicing how to get these descriptions of trans people consistently right since you have a large concentration of my trans peeps in the New Orleans metro area. It will not be the first or last time you have to accurately report on a trans person in New Orleans, so get used to doing it. .

And since it's more accurate, it might even lead to the capture of said suspect instead of the confusion you sowed when you wrote the aforementioned piece describing a person with a feminine gender presentation as a man.



Figure 1. nopd

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