

# WE REMEMBER LIARA KAYLEE TSAI



## THE COALITION TO END RELATIONSHIP ABUSE REMEMBERS **LIARA KAYLEE TSAI** MINNESOTA'S 9TH CONFIRMED VICTIM OF INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE IN 2024

Liara Kaylee Tsai, 35, was killed in her home in Minneapolis on or about June 21, 2024 with sharp force injuries listed as her cause of death. Margot Lewis, 32, of Iowa, described as a former romantic partner of Liara's, is charged with two counts of second-degree murder. Hours after Liara was killed in her home, investigators arrived at a crash scene on June 22 along Interstate 90 in Olmsted County, where Lewis had been speeding in the median before hitting a guardrail with Liara's body in the backseat. When police arrived, they determined Liara's death was not due to the crash and that Lewis had not attempted to avoid the guardrail. Liara's former spouse told police that Lewis had flown in from Boston to stay with Liara for several days beginning June 21.

**Trans women deserve to live full, joyful lives free from violence. Liara was a beloved member of the trans community in Minnesota and will be remembered for her work as a DJ and her activism as a volunteer for the Trevor Project and a crisis counselor for the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Liara is described by loved ones as having a "magnetic personality," with an "incredibly unique presence" who was an exceptionally talented artist. She had moved to Minneapolis from Iowa six weeks before her death and had just booked a show in Brooklyn that would be her biggest gig yet.**

