

# APPEAL CASE

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### LOVINSKY PIERRE-ANTOINE IS STILL MISSING

The fate of Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine, a human rights defender and former coordinator of the 30 September Foundation remains unknown after he went missing on 12 August 2007.

He is believed to have been abducted after he took his leave from an American and Canadian delegation of human rights activists he was accompanying during their visit to Haiti.

The vehicle that Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine was driving was found the day after in the Delmas 10 area of metropolitan Port-au-Prince.

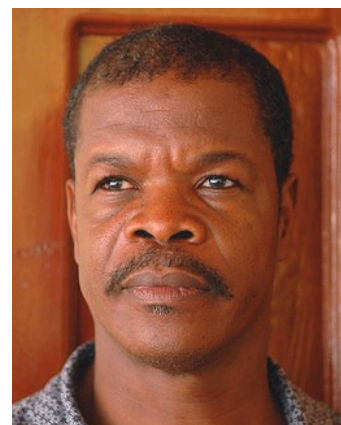
Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine is the co-founder and national coordinator of the 30 September Foundation. The Foundation is a grass-roots organization regrouping survivors and relatives of victims of the military government of 1991-1994.

The 30 September Foundation was named after the date of the 1991 military coup that toppled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. © Darren Ell

At least 5,000 persons, most of them Aristide and pro-democracy supporters, were killed during the military regime between September 1991 and October 1994.

Ever since its creation in 1996, the Foundation members have carried out weekly marches in central Port-au-Prince and several other Haitian towns pressing for an end to the impunity prevailing for past human rights abuses and for reparation for survivors and victims of the military coup.

The Foundation also campaigns for the total abolition of the Haitian army through a reform



**Lovinsky Pierre-  
Antoine**

**Aged 52**

**Human rights  
defender and  
national  
coordinator of**

Someone, somewhere, knows what has happened to  
Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine.  
Someone is responsible.

## ACT NOW

- Urge the Haitian authorities to expedite all necessary measures to clarify the whereabouts of Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine;
- Call for an effective, independent and impartial investigation into the abduction of Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine, that its results are made public, and that

tion. Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine  
le in organizing a country-wide  
o-exhibition of victims of past  
abuses in Haiti during which  
signatures were gathered in  
e Foundation's petition for  
reform.

re-Antoine's abduction was  
to look like a kidnapping for  
esday 14 August, the alleged  
d Pierre-Antoine's family asking  
USD 300,000. However there has  
contact from the abductors.

s abduction, Lovinsky Pierre-  
ed his intention to stand as  
elections initially scheduled  
for December 2007 under the banner of the  
*Fanmi Lavalas* Party, Jean-Bertrand Aristide's  
party.

An investigation has  
reportedly been launched by  
the Anti-kidnapping unit at  
the Central Directorate of  
the Judicial Police  
(*Direction Centrale de la  
Police Judiciaire*, DCPJ).  
However, Amnesty  
International has received  
reports that the authorities in charge of the  
investigation have not shown great resolve in  
finding Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine.

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## Background information

Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine  
graduated in psychology  
from the Haitian State  
University and obtained  
further specialisation on  
child psychology in  
Montreal, Canada. He has  
been involved for several  
years as a grass-roots  
community organizer, mainly  
working with children. In  
the early 1990s, he co-  
founded the Foundation for  
the Support of Children  
(*Fondsayon Kore Timoun Yo*)  
for young street children  
in Port-au-Prince, and a  
centre for teenage mothers  
(*Foyer pour Mères  
Adolescentes*).

In February 1995 he helped establish a community-based rehabilitation project for human rights victims, the

**WRITE TO :**

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Movement in Support of the Victims of Organized Violence (*Mouvement d'Appui aux Victimes de Violence Organisée*), MAPVIV which in Creole means "I live". MAPVIV embraced a multi-dimensional approach for the rehabilitation of the survivors of the military coup providing mainly medical and psychological support, assistance in seeking justice and socio-economic reintegration into the communities.

During the last presidency of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, he was appointed General Coordinator of the National Office on Migration, position he held until February 2004. After Aristide was ousted in February 2004, he left Haiti into exile during the transitional government and returned in February 2006, after the election of

President René García  
Préval.

## **Objectives of the appeal**

Establish the whereabouts of Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine and bring the perpetrators of his abduction to justice.

## **Timing**

This action runs from 28 January to 30 April. This appeal will be updated if relevant information to the case is obtained by Amnesty International or further action is needed.