Honoring Texas Victims

FAMILY VIOLENCE FATALITIES IN 2010
Executive Overview

Earlier this year, the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) commissioned a statewide assessment of the prevalence of intimate partner violence in Texas. The Institute of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (IDVSA) at the University of Texas at Austin conducted this important and significant study. Consistent with previous findings, this research underscores the profound impact of physical and sexual violence on the lives of Texas women: 38% of Texas women, over one in three, have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime.1

Taking this backdrop to heart, TCFV’s annual Honoring Texas Victims highlights the most serious cases of violence that affected Texas women in 2010.

Family violence represents a serious, preventable public health problem affecting more than 25 million American women.2 Moreover, intimate partner violence is a crime. In Texas, for calendar year 2010, 142 women were killed by their husband or ex-husband, intimate partner, boyfriend or ex-boyfriend. Undoubtedly additional victims of intimate partner femicide remain uncounted. Honoring Texas Victims: Family Violence Fatalities recognizes all Texas family violence victims lost in this tragic crime.

Honoring Texas Victims: Family Violence Fatalities serves multiple purposes. First and foremost, it pays tribute to Texas victims by memorializing their story with a brief account of the crime. It also helps us to focus on key distinguishing characteristics of these cases. Further, this report will evoke deeper and more meaningful discussions about barriers and realities that affect the ability of women to escape danger within their relationships. The report strengthens our collective communities’ resolve to end violence against women and girls and work earnestly to save lives.

For over 20 years, TCFV has issued a statewide report on women killed as a result of family violence. Since its inception, the list has included the names and ages of the victims, narratives summarizing the crime, and the perpetrator’s name and relationship to the victim. If known, minors are included in the narrative by age and gender.

This report names teen victims whose murders were perpetrated by a current or former boyfriend and also reports the names of minor perpetrators. However, in order to protect the identity of minors, all other teens and children are not identified by full name. Importantly, in previous years, the report contained unidentified victim references when TCFV could not determine the victim’s identity from law enforcement records. With the essential support and collaboration of a number of agencies, this report identifies all victims by their full name.

The Texas Council on Family Violence employs significant diligence in confirming the accuracy of this information, using a three-tiered system of investigation. First, Department of Public Safety (TDPS) initially provides its raw data. Law enforcement departments track homicides through their Unified Crime Report and send this information to TDPS at the end of every year. TDPS provides the data in the form of code – a series of numbers identifying jurisdiction, gender, victim and perpetrator’s relationship to the victim. Secondly, TCFV simultaneously collects media reports from across the state and cross-references the information to the raw TDPS data. And third, as an additional measure of fact checking, TCFV contacts individual law enforcement agencies for a copy of the report to collect as much information about the crime. These various components assist in obtaining a full and true picture of these deaths in Texas.

This list reflects the most accurate information available to TCFV staff at the time of compilation.

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1 Busch-Armendariz, Noel Bridget, Heffron Cook, Laurie and Bohman, Tom. “Statewide Prevalence of Intimate Partner Violence in Texas.” Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Center for Social Work Research School of Social Work, the University of Texas at Austin (June 2011).

Honoring Texas Victims: Family Violence Fatalities includes a section highlighting the following key elements:

- Victim’s age
- Victim’s relationship to the perpetrator
- Number of family violence deaths by month
- Number of family violence deaths by counties
- Murder-suicides
- Cause of death
- Murders resulting in children losing their mothers
- Protective orders and offender’s possession of firearms
- Prevalence of violence during pregnancy

Over the past 30 years, Texas has made significant progress in creating safe havens, providing greater legal options and establishing remarkable transitional services for victims. However, family violence persists. We must continue to examine and strengthen protective factors while simultaneously decreasing risk factors that contribute to family violence. We must learn from the deaths of these Texas women. This report reminds us we must stay the course in working toward a Texas with peaceful homes and safe families for everyone.
We challenge all of Texas to **Go Purple** and strive for a state where no woman loses her life as a result of family violence.
Victim’s Age
In analyzing the 2010 fatalities, victims’ ages ranged from 17 to 78 years.

Six women were murdered under the age of twenty, and three of these young women were minors. Of these six, three were murdered by a boyfriend and three were murdered by an ex-boyfriend. Two 78 year old women were murdered by their husbands. The age group most impacted ranges from 30 to 39 years of age, followed by those 20 to 29, and 40 to 49 years of age.

This report identifies three teen women who were murdered. Although TCFV commits to addressing all family violence fatalities, Texas has been a leader in efforts to prevent teen dating violence through legislative change.

For instance, the 80th Legislative Session added Section 37.0831 to the Texas Education Code, which requires Texas school districts to adopt a dating violence policy including addressing awareness education for students and parents. Building on this measure, the recently completed 82nd Session’s Senate Bill 736 expands Section 28.004 of the Texas Education Code to allow a school district to appoint representatives of a local domestic violence program to serve on the district’s local School Health Advisory Council (SHAC). By statute, SHACs advise school districts on school health curricula. Dating abuse information represents an excellent and logical part of health classes and will assist in true implementation of dating violence policies in schools.

Victim’s Relationship to the Perpetrator
“Wife” represents the most common relationship of the victim to the perpetrator (57%), followed by “girlfriend” (28%). Although law enforcement and media reports often contained limited victim information, this report documents that 18 of the murdered women (13%) were trying to leave their abusive partner. Unfortunately these instances underscore the current research, which identifies the time immediately after a woman leaves an abusive partner as the most dangerous.3

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Number of Family Violence Deaths by Month

Fatalities occurred throughout the year, but the data demonstrates that in 2010, the highest number of femicides occurred in February (25), followed by June (19), May (14) and October (14).

Number of Family Violence Deaths by Counties

In 2010, the data shows three counties with large urban cities had the highest number of women killed by their intimate partner. Harris County, which includes the city of Houston, experienced the highest number of deaths (35), followed by Dallas County (18), which includes the city of Dallas, and Tarrant County (12), which includes Fort Worth and Arlington. This section of the report notes geographic information, not per capita analysis.

Cause of Death

This report analyzes the cause of death or weapon used in family violence related fatalities. One national study conducted in 2008 shows that firearms, especially handguns, were the most common weapon used by men to murder women. For homicides in which the weapon could be identified, 52% of women (858 out of 1,662) were killed with a gun. Of the 858 women, nearly two-thirds of the women (534) were murdered by their male intimate partner. The 2010 Texas data indicates perpetrators used firearms in 92 (65%) of the 142 murders. In comparison to data from 2009, the number of women killed by firearms increased by 22 victims.

Murder-Suicides

For purposes of this report, the term “murder-suicide” represents an instance in which a perpetrator kills his intimate partner and then kills himself. The term “familicide” describes when a perpetrator kills his intimate partner and the children and then kills himself. National statistics demonstrate the rare nature of familicide cases; in 2010, one perpetrator committed familicide in Texas.

A higher rate of murder-suicides occurred in Texas in 2010 compared to the previous year. Murder-suicide occurred in 56 instances, or 39% of family violence murders in 2010. By contrast, 2009 saw 42 instances of murder-suicide.

The incidence of third parties murdered during murder-suicides represents a lesser researched phenomenon. During 2010, three perpetrators killed their partners, a third party, and then himself. In 2010, a perpetrator shot and killed a police officer when the officer responded to a family violence call.

The National Institute of Justice lists common characteristics of offenders in murder-suicide cases:

- Prior history of family violence
- Prior history of poor mental health or substance abuse, especially alcohol
- Access to a gun
- Threats, especially increased threats with increased specificity

Research indicates that the offender’s prior history of family violence stands as the most dominant characteristic in murder-suicide. National data also shows that more incidents of murder-suicide occur with guns than with any other weapon. In one national study, 88.5% of murder-suicides were committed with a firearm from January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007. In Texas, the 2010 data shows that 95% (53 perpetrators of the 56 murder-suicide cases) used guns to commit murder-suicide.

Murders Resulting in Children Losing Their Mothers

In 2010, 53 known cases of the homicides involved women who had children.

A three month old represents the youngest surviving child. Analysis revealed that in 41 cases, a total of 39 children witnessed the death of their mother.

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Protective Orders and Offenders’ Possession of Firearms

Limited data exists regarding the number of protective orders issued for the women killed in 2010, based on the information available TCFV confirmed four women had active protective orders. Of these four murders, three perpetrators used a gun to kill their partners. It is important to note that during the life of a granted protective order, the offender may not possess a firearm or ammunition. Under federal law, law enforcement and military officers may possess firearms while a protective order is in place. At the time of this report, it was unknown whether or not the perpetrators of the firearm murders in Texas were members of these exempted classes.

In a related way, under Texas law, an offender convicted of a family violence misdemeanor cannot possess a firearm for a period of five years after release from jail or community supervision.7 Under federal law, an offender convicted of committing a domestic violence misdemeanor may never again possess a firearm or ammunition.8 This category of firearm prohibition is retroactive and applies to everyone. Thus, if a convicted Texan family violence offender possesses a firearm or ammunition after the five year state law moratorium, it is nevertheless still a federal offense.

In a strong judicial approach to remove firearms from protective order respondents, El Paso County, under the leadership of Judge Patricia Macias 388th District Court, established and tested firearm surrender protocols over a five year period. Led by a multi-agency committee comprised of representatives from law enforcement, prosecutors, defense counsel, the military, victims’ advocates, and the judiciary, this initiative relies on local practices and agency collaboration to accomplish firearm surrender in relevant instances. As a part of this initiative, Judge Macias created a report that serves as a guide for replication in other communities and includes established protocols from law enforcement agencies, victim services, prosecutors and the military.

Prevalence of Violence During Pregnancy

Research indicates that intimate partner violence affects as many as 324,000 pregnant women each year, or approximately 21.6% of all victims of intimate partner violence.9

In Texas, five perpetrators killed their pregnant partner in 2010 (4%).

Although pregnancy represents a time of increased risk and vulnerability for violence, it also represents an ideal opportunity for prevention and intervention. A coordinated and comprehensive approach may be key to reducing the number of women being killed in the future.10 Project Connect | Texas, a TCFV led initiative, operates as a coordinated statewide initiative to improve the public health response to intimate partner violence (IPV). As part of this initiative, reproductive health care providers around the state receive training on early detection and prevention of IPV. For many women, pregnancy is the only time they receive medical attention. Health care providers may also represent a woman’s only opportunity to seek an outside resource. Project Connect | Texas aims to enhance women’s access to resources about violence, health and safety.

Obtain the full report at http://www.epcounty.com/388dc/

7 Tex. Penal Code §§ 25.07, 46.04(c) (West 2011).
Final Thoughts

The Honoring Texas Victims: Family Violence Fatalities focuses on the deaths of 142 Texas women in 2010. Domestic violence tears at the very fabric of our society and the surviving families of these victims remain changed forever. Professionals and individuals alike have the ability to create the social change necessary to make Texas safe for women and families.

During the compilation of this report TCFV identified several items of note:

• The number of women murdered increased, from 111 in 2009 to 142 in 2010. This may be attributed to several factors, including increased reporting by law enforcement or simply an increase in homicides for this year.
• Murder-suicide cases increased from 42 occurrences in 2009 to 56 occurrences in 2010.
• Three 17 year old high school students were murdered in 2010.
• Five pregnant women were murdered.
• A perpetrator was court ordered to anger management* classes prior to the murder. However, experts recommend referring perpetrators to Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs as required by Articles 42.12 and 42.141 in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.11

As a society committed to keeping our women and children safe, we must learn from the review of these tragic cases. TCFV will continue to track family violence data, both through formal and informal methodologies. These efforts and discussions can augment community awareness, examine intervention systems, and most importantly propel prevention of future fatalities. In short, we honor Texas victims by acknowledging them and turning our sites on helping Texas Go Purple.

*Anger management focuses on stress reduction and helps chronically angry individuals overcome rage arising in specific situations. Anger management classes lack addressing the systematic use of power and control that batterers utilize over their intimate partner, a reality that forms the basis of Battering Intervention and Prevention (BIP) classes. The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure requires when an offender pleads guilty to an offense involving family violence, the court must refer to an accredited BIP Program. For a full list of accredited BIP Programs log onto http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/cjad/cjad-bipp.html.

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Their Stories
The Texas Council on Family Violence, carefully and with the utmost respect to the families impacted, presents the following names of each victim of intimate partner femicide in the state of Texas during 2010. Each note includes the date of each woman’s death and the city in which she was killed, followed by a short description of the circumstances. These narratives list victims in order by county where the murder occurred.

**Angelina**
8.13.10 | LUFKIN

*Christine McClendon, 78*
Maurell McClendon, 86, shot and killed his wife Christine at her home. The police shot McClendon after a standoff. He later died of his injuries.

**Bell**
10.12.10 | HARKER HEIGHTS

*Reanna Hall, 17*
Alex Weston Rogers, 18, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend Reanna. Reanna was a senior in high school. Authorities have charged Rogers with her murder.

12.4.10 | KILLEEN

*Lynda Johnson, 36*
Jackie Johnson, 36, shot and killed his wife Lynda in their home. Johnson killed himself after a two hour standoff with law enforcement.

2.11.10 | KILLEEN

*Deverelle Johnson, 22*
Kevin Wright, 31, murdered his girlfriend Deverelle. Wright stated that he shot a round to scare Deverelle for coming home late. Police found Deverelle’s body after neighbors contacted them. A grand jury indicted Wright.

**Bexar**
11.11.10 | SAN ANTONIO

*Ofelia Alvarado, 25*
Mario Ramirez, 25, stabbed Ofelia to death. The day before her death, Ofelia told her sister that she rejected Ramirez’s sexual advances. Ofelia’s sister found her body in the kitchen. Authorities charged Ramirez with Ofelia’s death.

4.21.10 | SAN ANTONIO

*Valerie Cantu, 21*
Jason Bondoc, 27, attacked his girlfriend Valerie on the side of a road. As Valerie tried to run away, an oncoming car struck her. Valerie died three days later from the injuries. Authorities have charged and convicted Bondoc of manslaughter.

8.14.10 | SAN ANTONIO

*Diana Conde, 44*
Armando Charles, 50, killed his girlfriend Diana by running her over with a car. A passerby found Diana’s body on the side of a road after her family members filed a missing person report. Her family reported that Charles was violent. In June 2011, he pled guilty to Diana’s murder. Diana is survived by her 26 year-old daughter.

5.21.10 | SAN ANTONIO

*Ramiya Dawson, 25*
Jacinto Ragland, 40, strangled his girlfriend Ramiya to death. Ragland told a store clerk that he had killed his girlfriend. When police went to the apartment, they found Ramiya’s body in the closet. Ragland had a history of violence including kidnapping a minor and family violence. He was also a registered sex offender.

2.4.10 | SAN ANTONIO

*Yvette Ibarra, 40*
Roland Ibarra, 46, shot and killed his wife Yvette at the home of her daughter. Yvette died at the hospital. Ibarra subsequently committed suicide. Yvette had obtained a protective order against Ibarra. Yvette is survived by her three children.

3.20.10 | SAN ANTONIO

*Janet Tribolet, 78*
Charles Tribolet, 83, shot and killed his wife Janet and their son Charles G. Tribolet, 57. Tribolet called the police and informed them that he had committed two murders and was about to commit suicide. The police found the three bodies in the kitchen.
11.10.10 | SAN ANTONIO

Jasmine Whipple, 21
Marcus Robinson, 21, shot and killed his girlfriend Jasmine. Jasmine is survived by their three children.

Brazoria
4.21.10 | LAKE JACKSON

Melissa Meza, 34
Curtis Boone Maynard, 42, shot and killed his ex-wife Melissa in the front yard of their home. He also shot Melissa’s 16 year-old daughter, who was taken to the hospital and reported to be in stable condition. Maynard fled in his vehicle. He shot and killed himself while fleeing from the police. Melissa is survived by her three children.

Brewster
1.21.10 | TERLINGUA

Dianna Key, 50
Billy Key, 59, shot and killed his wife Dianna in their home. He called to alert police and then shot himself in his truck.

Cameron
8.25.10 | BROWNSVILLE

Tiffany Galvan, 17
Javier de la Rosa, Jr., 16, stabbed his ex-girlfriend Tiffany to death. Tiffany, a senior in high school, had recently broken up with de la Rosa. The police arrested him shortly after authorities found Tiffany’s body in the park and charged de la Rosa with capital murder.

2.23.10 | BROWNSVILLE

Veronica Ibarra, 31
Alfredo Ibarra, 33, strangled his wife Veronica to death. Police arrived to the scene after Alfredo Ibarra informed them that he had killed his wife and would be killing himself. At the time of the murder, Veronica and Alfredo Ibarra lived in separate homes. Alfredo Ibarra has been charged with her murder. Veronica is survived by her four children.

Collin
3.10.10 | PLANO

Minal Bhagat, 36
Barinder Singh, 47, shot and killed his wife Minal in her home. The couple’s children and victim’s mother were present. Singh fled and was later arrested by police in Montgomery County. Authorities charged Singh with Minal’s murder. Court records show that Minal filed for divorce and Singh was ordered to anger management. Minal is survived by their two children.

Comal
12.12.10 | CANYON LAKE

Arden Anne Specia-Spencer, 52
Mark Spencer, 53, shot and killed his wife Arden and then shot and killed himself. Arden filed for divorce and had obtained a protective order. Arden is survived by her two sons.

Coryell
2.27.10 | GATESVILLE

Nicha Cox, 34
Curtis Lunsford, 20, shot and killed his girlfriend Nicha at her apartment. Lunsford pled guilty to her murder.

2.15.10 | GATESVILLE

Carrie Dean Stroope, 42
David Henry, 46, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend Carrie outside of the Coryell county court house. Henry subsequently shot and killed himself. Carrie had obtained a protective order. Carrie is survived by her two children.

Dallas
2.19.10 | DALLAS

Alma Alonso, 48
Felipe Alonso, 49, killed his wife Alma in her bedroom. Alonso called the police and admitted to Alma’s murder.

3.3.10 | DALLAS

Queen Brown, 30
Quantrious Slaughter, 20, shot and killed his girlfriend Queen while she was driving with her sister. Slaughter shot both Queen and her sister. Queen died at the hospital. As Slaughter fled from the police, he had a wreck and then committed suicide.
14. Dallas
7.11.10 | DALLAS
Cynthia Chavez, 28
Jamal Freeman, 30, shot and killed his girlfriend Cynthia in her bedroom. Cynthia's two children and her mother found her body. Freeman is currently a fugitive. Cynthia is survived by her two children.

12.15.10 | DALLAS
Juanita Delreal, 21
David Cavazos, 22, shot and killed his wife Juanita. Cavazos and Juanita were in the same car. When Juanita tried to drive away Cavazos shot her, removed her from the vehicle and fled the scene. Authorities listed Cavazos as a fugitive.

2.10.10 | DALLAS
Christina Garcia, 22
Jesus Diaz, 32, shot and killed his girlfriend Christina. Authorities have charged Diaz with Christina's murder.

7.19.10 | MESQUITE
Irene Haggerty, 46
Godfrey Spain, 52, beat his wife Irene to death in their home. Spain then committed suicide. Irene is survived by their two children.

2.12.10 | DALLAS
Obdulia Hernandez, 41
Arturo Zapata, 44, fatally shot his girlfriend Obdulia in a public place. Authorities arrested Zapata on murder charges.

5.29.10 | DALLAS
Hazel Kennard, 42
John Herrin, 41, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend Hazel. At the time of the murder, Hazel was collecting her belongings and attempting to leave in her vehicle. Authorities have issued a warrant for Herrin's arrest.

2.28.10 | DALLAS
Shawana Surae Lane, 22
Marcus Johnson, 35, fatally stabbed his ex-wife Shawana. As part of his probation, Johnson was ordered to have no contact with Shawana. Shawana's three year-old son witnessed the stabbing. Shawana died at the hospital shortly after the stabbing. Shawana is survived by her three children.

6.20.10 | ROWLETT
Belinda Loveland, 52
Richard Loveland, 59, shot and killed his wife Belinda in their home and then committed suicide. Belinda was a municipal judge working with at risk youth. Richard Loveland sent a text informing their son of his plans. The son contacted emergency services. Belinda is survived by her son.

6.6.10 | DALLAS
Verenice Martinez, 27
Luiset Sanchez, 26, stabbed his wife Verenice to death. Emergency personnel transported Verenice to the hospital where Verenice was pronounced dead. A child was present at the time of the stabbing.

6.26.10 | MESQUITE
Annie Maudlin, 24
Kevin Allison, 30, shot and killed his girlfriend Annie in her apartment. Authorities charged Allison with Annie's murder.

3.17.10 | CEDAR HILL
Amy Mayfield, 37
Jerry Mayfield, 45, shot and killed his wife Amy in the garage of their home and then killed himself. Mayfield left notes and emails detailing the deaths.

1.13.10 | IRVING
Betty Miller, 66
Calvin Miller, 68, strangled his wife Betty. Police found Betty unconscious and transported her to Baylor Hospital where she underwent surgery. Betty died shortly afterwards. Authorities have charged Miller with Betty's murder.

6.26.10 | GARLAND
Pearl Ramos Hernan, 31
Julio Trevino, 36, strangled his wife Pearl to death in their home. The following morning, Pearl's body was found inside a car at a church parking lot. Authorities have charged Trevino with strangulation.
Elena Reyna, 31
Manuel Edgar Perez, 28, beat his girlfriend Elena on the side of a road. Elena died six days afterwards due to the injuries. Elena was five-and-a-half months pregnant and is survived by her six children.

Kizzy Richardson-Walker, 32
Greg Walker, 38, killed his wife Kizzy at their apartment. Kizzy went to their apartment to get her belongings and to leave him. Kizzy and Walker had been married for six months. After family members filed a missing person report, her burned body was found near Lake, Mississippi. Authorities have charged Walker with Kizzy’s murder.

Tara Lynne Starling, 43
Michael Parker, 53, beat his girlfriend Tara to death at a motel. Police arrested Parker for Tara’s murder.

Maria Santos Corona, 44
Jose Corona, 49, killed his wife Maria at their home. Maria’s daughter and son-in-law received a call from Corona admitting he murdered Maria. As of April 2011, Corona had not been apprehended. Witnesses last saw Corona in a pickup truck he stole from a dealership. Maria is survived by her six children.

Martha Gipson, 64
Johnnie Gipson, 78, shot and killed his wife Martha and then killed himself at their home. Gipson’s daughter and two grandsons were in the home, heard the gunshots and called 911.

Janice Marie Hoelscher, 46
Gary Hoelscher, 54, killed his ex-fiancé Janice with a knife. Janice had obtained a protective order. The court sentenced Hoelscher to life in prison.

Robert Leer, 28, shot and killed his girlfriend, Brandi while she was in a vehicle. After killing Brandi, Leer took her into the house, set the house on fire and shot himself.

Wanda Belle, 34
Jerome Belle, 37, shot his wife Wanda to death in a neighbor’s driveway before he fatally shot himself. As Wanda ran to a neighbor’s house for help, Belle killed Wanda. Wanda and Belle had filed for divorce. Wanda is survived by her four children.

Bernard Cunningham, 33, shot his girlfriend Erika in her apartment. Erika’s 10-year-old daughter witnessed the shooting. Cunningham shot Erika because he felt she ignored him. Erika was 5 months pregnant and is survived by her 10-year-old daughter.

Kenneth Loftis, 24, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend Monique at their apartment. Loftis and Monique were sharing an apartment.

Gifford Johnson, 35, strangled his girlfriend Teresa at her home. Teresa’s 15-year-old daughter found Teresa the next morning. The medical examiner determined Teresa died due to strangulation. Johnson was subsequently arrested and charged with her murder. Teresa was a student in the police academy. Teresa is survived by her three children.
Their Stories

Gillespie
7.13.10 | FREDERICKSBURG
Becky Jill Gallegos, 55
Fermin Gallegos, 62, shot and killed his wife Becky at their home. He contacted the police after shooting Becky to report his crime. After calling the police, Gallegos killed the family dog, and subsequently killed himself.

Gonzales
9.13.10 | GONZALES
Patricia Ann West Ramos Hasting, 39
Joe Hastings Jr., 47, shot and killed his wife Patricia in a public place. Hastings then shot and killed himself. Hastings had a history of violence.

Grayson
6.14.10 | SHERMAN
Mona Lynn Youtsey, 56
Marvin Wayne Graves, 43, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend Mona at a local bar. Mona had recently ended the relationship and stated to police she was fearful of retaliation. Authorities charged Graves with her murder.

Gregg
12.11.10 | LONGVIEW
Jamie Ellyn Goodan, 38
Harry Goodan, 39, shot and killed his wife Jamie, a Longview police officer, in their apartment with the officer’s gun. Their 8 year-old son was present at the time. Authorities have charged Goodan with Jamie’s murder. Jamie is survived by her son.

Hardin
11.09.10 | LUMBERTON
Lakon Nichole Janca, 20
Clinton West, 29, killed his girlfriend Lakon by pushing her out of a moving car. A grand jury has indicted West on murder charges.

Harris
6.4.10 | HOUSTON
Kelly Amason, 45
Richard Glenn Harris, 48, beat and stabbed his ex-girlfriend Kelly to death. Harris also killed Kelly’s sister Debbie Richardson, 59, and friend Billy Blessing, 55. Harris attempted suicide. He has been charged with capital murder for the three deaths.

11.12.10 | HOUSTON
Deborah Armstrong, 59
Steve Jobe, 57, shot and killed his wife Deborah and then killed himself.

5.13.10 | DEER PARK
Jessica Barron, 22
Jamie Alvarada-Solares, 29, shot his girlfriend Jessica to death before killing himself.

4.4.10 | HOUSTON
Chandra Belton, 40
Jerry Belton, 51, shot his wife Chandra to death in a parking lot. Belton fled to Louisiana, where authorities arrested Belton and charged him with murder.

5.18.10 | HOUSTON
Paulette Burleson, 56
Tracy Burleson, 44, is being charged with paying his son William Fuller, 20, to kill his wife Paulette at her home. Fuller told the police that Burleson paid him to kill Paulette.

6.14.10 | HOUSTON
Lucia Calletano, 41
Jose Hernandez, 54, shot and killed his wife Lucia at their home. He then committed suicide. Lucia is survived by their two children.

5.1.10 | HOUSTON
Kathleen Chaney, 57
Kenneth Henderson, 48, beat his wife Kathleen to death. Authorities convicted Henderson of Kathleen’s murder.

2.4.10 | HOUSTON
Melissa Dawn Cole, 31
Jaime Cole, 38, shot his wife Melissa to death. The couple had filed for divorce. As Melissa dropped off the couple’s two sons, Cole began arguing with Melissa. When Melissa’s 15 year-old daughter tried to intervene, Cole shot and killed her and her daughter. The couple’s young sons, and Melissa’s niece, witnessed the murders. Authorities have charged Cole with capital murder for the two deaths. Melissa is survived by her two sons.
Carmella Coleman, 28  
Tredric Culclager, 33, stabbed his girlfriend Carmella to death in his apartment. He admitted to police he fatally stabbed Carmella. Authorities have charged Culclager with her murder.

6.4.10 | HOUSTON  
Edwina Foster, 43  
George Hudson, 67, shot and killed his wife Edwina and then shot himself. They were found in their home after neighbors called the police. The police reported that Edwina had been shot several times and that Hudson had apparent self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

12.26.10 | SPRING  
Christina Garcia, 26  
Adolpho Martinez, 25, stabbed his girlfriend Christina in their home. Christina ran to neighbors for help. Christina was transported to the hospital and later died from the injuries. Authorities have charged Martinez with Christina’s death.

6.22.10 | HOUSTON  
Gloria Gonzales, 40  
William Lee Roe, 40, shot and killed his wife Gloria while they were sitting in a car. Gloria’s 17 year-old daughter and 5 month-old granddaughter were in the backseat. Gloria died at the scene. Roe subsequently committed suicide and died in the hospital. They were separated at the time of the shooting. Gloria is survived by her three children and a granddaughter.

10.18.10 | HOUSTON  
Carmella Coleman, 28  
Tredric Culclager, 33, stabbed his girlfriend Carmella to death in his apartment. He admitted to police he fatally stabbed Carmella. Authorities have charged Culclager with her murder.

7.13.10 | HOUSTON  
Tasleemah Harvey, 37  
Zachariah Harvey, 41, stabbed his wife Tasleemah at their home. Authorities have charged Harvey with Tasleemah’s murder.

2.5.10 | HOUSTON  
Christina Hernandez, 25  
Melvin Jacob, 29, killed his girlfriend Christina at their apartment. He then killed himself. Christina was 8 months pregnant at the time of her murder.

11.12.10 | HOUSTON  
Beverly Ann Hurts, 54  
Isaiah Hurts, 55, beat his wife Beverly to death at their apartment. Beverly had contacted a local family violence shelter and left Hurts. Beverly went to their apartment complex to meet with a pastor for marriage counseling. Hurts confessed the murder to the pastor.

10.6.10 | NASSAU BAY  
Wanda Kilgore, 58  
William Beichner, 67, fatally stabbed and killed his wife Wanda at their apartment. Police found Beichner at the crime scene and charged him with Wanda’s murder.

5.23.10 | PASADENA  
Joey Lynn Kinzer-Salem, 35  
Khaled Salem, 38, killed his wife Joey at their home. Salem subsequently left the scene and crashed his car. Salem was taken to the hospital after the crash and notified the nursing staff that he had killed Joey. Police found Joey’s body in their home. Joey is survived by her two children.

10.19.10 | HOUSTON  
Sarahi Gutierrez, 19  
Javier Mireles, 19, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend Sarahi while she was in front of her friend’s home. Mireles pled guilty to her murder.

3.6.10 | HOUSTON  
Tracy Hall, 41  
Brandon Jewel Cornett, 26, shot his wife Tracy to death. He turned himself in to the police. Authorities have charged Cornett with Tracy’s murder.

5.16.10 | HOUSTON  
Pamela Kouba, 66  
Kenneth Keizer, 45, shot and killed his wife Pamela. Keizer then shot and killed himself.

2.9.10 | HOUSTON  
Monica Victoria Leija, 36  
Juan Castillo, 29, shot his wife Monica to death in her home. Family members called the police when Monica did not report to work and was missing. Authorities have charged Castillo with Monica’s murder.
Jan Lim, 59
Keovixay Sydavong, 46, killed his wife, Jan and subsequently himself. Authorities found their bodies after receiving information from relatives and coworkers. Interviews afterwards indicated that Sydavong was suicidal and had a history of violence.

Renee Longoria, 51
William Robert Stone, 47, strangled his girlfriend Renee to death in her home. Stone confessed to beating and strangling Renee. Authorities have charged Stone with Renee’s death.

Joyce Lynch, 45
William Lynch, 43, fatally beat his wife Joyce in their home. Lynch admitted to the Sheriff’s Office that he killed Joyce. Lynch has a history of family violence and has been charged with Joyce’s murder. Joyce is survived by her son.

Palma Garcia Marlen-Beatriz, 30
Pedro Cueva-Ferman, 48, killed his wife Palma by crashing their vehicle. Cueva-Ferman had booked flights for himself and his son dated a day after the crash. Cueva-Ferman has been charged with her murder. Palma is survived by her 3 year-old son.

Janet McAfee, 50
Ken McAfee, 59, shot his wife Janet to death in their home. McAfee killed Janet and attempted suicide during a three-hour standoff. Janet had summoned police through a panic button in the home’s security system. Authorities charged McAfee with Janet’s death.

Jennifer Elaine McDougall, 30
Michael McDougall, 37, shot his wife Jennifer to death in their driveway. Jennifer was six months pregnant. The couple’s three children, ages two, four, and eight, were at home during the shooting. Authorities charged McDougall with capital murder for Jennifer’s and the unborn child’s death. Jennifer is survived by her three children.
Carla Carrera Vasquez, 20  
Dennis Carias, 24, stabbed his wife Carla to death in their apartment complex. In May of 2009, Carias served a 30-day sentence in jail for a family violence offense. Authorities have charged Carias with Carla's murder.

Lisa Williams, 41  
Rykan Jones, 43, shot his ex-wife Lisa to death. Police reported that Jones went to Lisa's home where he shot her. Jones died at the scene from self-inflicted gunshot wounds. Lisa died at the hospital.

Harrison  
9.6.10 | MARSHALL  
Shirlette Green, 48  
Jeffery Charles Green, 48, shot and killed his wife Shirlette. Family members reported that he had a history of family violence. Green has been charged with murder.

Hays  
5.13.10 | WIMBERLEY  
Kelly Kimberly Cabler, 46  
David Companie, 49, killed his girlfriend Kelly by running her over with his car. Authorities charged Companie with manslaughter.

Hidalgo  
9.21.10 | PALMVIEW  
Maria de Jesus Garcia, 35  
Jose Francisco Javier Vasquez, 53, stabbed and killed his wife Maria de Jesus. Vasquez attempted to kill himself. Authorities charged Vasquez with Maria de Jesus' murder.

10.26.10 | PHARR  
Dominga Garza, 50  
Noe Garza, 63, stabbed his wife Dominga to death. Authorities arrested him and charged him with Dominga's murder.

6.13.10 | McALLEN  
Blanca Ramirez, 46  
Jorge Calderon Gonzalez, 37, shot his ex-girlfriend Blanca to death in her home. He also shot Blanca's 13 year-old daughter multiple times - she survived. Authorities charged Gonzalez with Blanca's murder. Blanca is survived by her daughter.

5.23.10 | MERCEDES  
Debbie Zamora, 33  
Benito Zamora, 36, fatally shot and killed his wife Debbie. Zamora first shot Debbie in her home, she then fled with her children to a neighbor's home. Zamora then shot Debbie again and killed her as she fled. Debbie is survived by her four children.

Hutchinson  
4.18.10 | BORGER  
Gloria Arias-Cardenas, 36  
Isreal Rodas, 34, stabbed and killed his girlfriend Gloria. Authorities have charged Rodas with Gloria's murder. Gloria is survived by her son.

Jefferson  
10.22.10 | CENTRAL GARDEN  
Jennifer Alston, 32  
Martin Alston, 34, shot and killed his wife Jennifer and then shot himself. His 8 year-old daughter found them in the bedroom. Jennifer was 8 months pregnant.

4.16.10 | BEAUMONT  
Danielle Rodriguez, 17  
Charles Harris, 24, shot and killed his girlfriend Danielle. Harris has been charged with her murder.

Johnson  
8.12.10 | MANSFIELD  
Candy Marlene Parker, 50  
Randall Lane Parker, 58, shot his wife Candy at their home and then fatally shot himself. Emergency personnel airlifted Candy. Candy died shortly thereafter due to the injuries.
April Renee Kerr Barr, 39
Brian Crum, 39, stabbed his girlfriend April to death in their home. Authorities have charged Crum with April’s murder.

Amanda Moreno, 27
Anthony Lee Torres, 35, strangled his girlfriend Amanda to death at her home. Torres fled in Amanda’s car taking Amanda’s six year-old and their two year-old daughters. Authorities have charged Torres with murder and kidnapping. Amanda is survived by her three children.

Michelle Utterback, 44
George Utterback Jr., 53, shot and killed his wife Michelle in their home. He also shot her 12 year-old son who was taken to the hospital and survived. Subsequently, Utterback committed suicide. Michelle is survived by her three children.

Chelsea Hayton, 20
Pat Bell, 37, shot and killed his wife Chelsea before killing himself.

Eufemia Avila Bautista, 54
Jesus Leon, 64, shot and killed his wife Eufemia in her home. Leon had a history of violence. Authorities sentenced Leon to prison for 70 years for Eufemia’s murder.

Donna Rene Allen Handy, 35
Earl Handy Jr., 38, stabbed and killed his wife Donna in her home. They had been separated at the time of Donna’s murder. Handy also stabbed Donna’s friend Joseph Taylor who was also in the home. Handy has a history of violence and has been charged with Donna’s murder.

Amy Diane Rainey, 37
James Rainey, 37, shot and killed his wife Amy at his parents’ home. He then left and killed himself. Prior to her murder, Amy and Ramirez were seeking a divorce. Amy is survived by her two children.

Crystal Cantu, 31
Ruben Arroyo, 34, shot and killed his wife Crystal. He also shot and killed her 14 year-old son. Arroyo committed suicide. Arroyo had a history of violence. Crystal is survived by her four children.

Shasta Nicole Dulany, 25
Jordan LaGrone, 26, fatally shot his girlfriend Shasta. LaGrone hid in the bedroom closet and shot Shasta as she entered the room. Authorities charged LaGrone with possession of a controlled substance and manslaughter. Shasta is survived by her five year-old daughter.

Dawn Heffner, 37
Lawrence Bueno, 47, fatally shot his wife Dawn with a rifle before committing suicide in a cabin in Panola County.

Jean Good, 73
James Good, 67, shot and killed his wife Jean before shooting himself. A family friend went to check on Jean and Good and found their bodies and a handgun near the backyard.

Jennifer Lynn Christian, 33
Patrick de la Cruz, 45, informed authorities that he killed his girlfriend Jennifer. Jennifer died at the hospital two days later from head trauma. Jennifer is survived by her three year-old daughter.
Sherri Michelle Gillette, 44
Paul David Gillette, 47, strangled and beat his wife Sherri to death in her home and then placed her in a car in the garage. Their four children were sleeping at the time of the murder. Sherri had filed for divorce and they were living on the same property, in separate homes. Authorities arrested and charged Gillette with Sherri's murder. Sherri is survived by their four children.

Kristi Marie Moore, 40
Darren Moore, 37, shot and killed his wife Kristi before killing himself. Family members discovered them.

Latanie Brooks, 39
Gary Bowen, 31, strangled his wife Latanie in her home. Bowen turned himself into police. Latanie is survived by her three children.

Judith A. Johnson, 50
Vincent Oliver, 50, shot and killed his wife Judith in their home. He subsequently killed himself. Their three children were in the home at the time. Judith is survived by her three children.

Bonnie Hays, 71
Billy Hays, 68, shot and killed his wife Bonnie in their home. He then killed himself. Bonnie is survived by her two sons.

Kenzie Lewis, 25
Thomas Blow, 56, shot and killed his ex-wife Kenzie in her home. Blow committed suicide. Kenzie is survived by her two children.

Lydia Pinal, 44
Francisco Pinal, 51, shot and killed his wife Lydia at her friend’s house. He also shot and killed Lydia’s mother and another woman, before committing suicide. Family members reported that there was a history of family violence and Lydia was seeking a divorce. Lydia is survived by her five children.

Cecilia Alcala, 40
Miguel Alcala, 44, shot and killed his wife Cecilia as she ran away from him. Cecilia’s son was in the car at the time of the shooting and tried to intervene while she fled. Alcala escaped and has not been found. Cecilia is survived by her four children.

Linda Arnold, 59
Patrick Arnold, 67, fatally shot his wife Linda in her backyard. The couple was in the process of divorcing. Arnold fled the scene and later surrendered to the police. Arnold had a history of family violence and neighbors reported that Linda feared for her life.

Kimberly Deshay Carter, 29
Barnes Nettles, 38, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend Kimberly at her apartment. Police officer Jillian Michelle Smith was at Kimberly’s home to take a family violence report. Kimberly’s 11 year-old daughter was in the home at the time. During the violence report interview, Nettles returned to the residence and began firing. Nettles shot and killed Officer Smith as she protected Kimberly’s 11 year-old daughter. The 11 year-old escaped to a neighboring apartment. Nettles shot Kimberly and committed suicide. Nettles had a history of violence, including rape of a child and family violence. Kimberly is survived by her daughter.
Their Stories

Tarrant

10.24.10 | ARLINGTON
Zoy Crutchfield, 68
Don Crutchfield, 71, shot and killed his wife Zoy and then killed himself. Investigators stated that Zoy intended to leave Crutchfield.

11.22.10 | ARLINGTON
Henrietta Herrera, 51
Alfonso Herrera, 51, shot and killed his wife Henrietta and then shot himself the day after. He later died of his injuries. Police reported that they had received previous family violence calls to the home.

9.28.10 | FORT WORTH
Christie Jenkins, 19
James Sparks, 23, stabbed and killed his girlfriend Christie at his home. Sparks is being charged with Christie’s murder. Christie is survived by her two children.

2.14.10 | EULESS
K’Lynn Low, 31
Jeffrey Meekins, 34, shot his girlfriend K’Lynn in their home. Meekins subsequently killed himself. K’Lynn is survived by her two children.

2.18.10 | HALTOM CITY
Martha Martinez, 22
Eric Frias, 24, shot and killed his girlfriend Martha. Frias texted friends and family informing them that he had killed his girlfriend and intended to kill himself. Police killed Frias in a standoff.

5.4.10 | FORT WORTH
Japriese Platt-Hurd, 32
John Hurd, 41, shot and killed his wife Japriese in the parking lot of a grocery store. Hurd died later when he shot himself. Relatives report that Japriese intended to divorce Hurd. She is survived by her two children.

9.12.10 | FORT WORTH
Jeanette Reyes, 37
Raul Reyes, 40, strangled his wife Jeanette to death in their home. Jeanette intended to leave Reyes. Police have issued a warrant for his arrest but have not found Reyes. Jeanette is survived by her 21 year-old daughter.

12.20.10 | ARLINGTON
Margarita Santos-Najera, 44
Antonio Astello, 41, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend Margarita at her home. Margarita’s 19 year-old daughter hid in the closet with her infant and called 911. Astello committed suicide when police arrived.

1.7.10 | FORT WORTH
Ashford Monique Sneed, 32
Anthony Turner, 30, beat his girlfriend Ashford for 30 minutes before her death. School personnel received a call, heard the attack and called 911. Authorities previously placed Turner on probation for assaulting Ashford. Authorities convicted Turner of Ashford’s murder. Ashford is survived by her daughter.

Titus

12.16.10 | MOUNT PLEASANT
Vivian Mitchell, 45
Lee Boyd, 48, shot and killed his girlfriend Vivian in their home. He then shot and killed himself.

11.4.10 | SAN ANGELO
Ima Jean Cook, 71
Alfred Cook, 72, shot and killed his wife Ima. Cook then committed suicide.

Travis

10.23.10 | AUSTIN
Carla Alvizo, 39
Marco Garcia, 45, killed his ex-girlfriend Carla and her seven year-old son at Garcia’s house. Garcia also killed his employer Edward Randall Stout, and stole Edward’s vehicle and gun. Authorities arrested and charged Garcia with three murders.

4.15.10 | AUSTIN
Leonora Maria Brown, 25
Jose Perez, 28, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend Leonora. Perez killed himself after a standoff with law enforcement.
8.5.10 | AUSTIN
Deborah Diane Gordon, 58

12.22.10 | AUSTIN
Sylvia Reyes Holt, 36
Jonathan Holt, 40, strangled his wife Sylvia to death. Holt admitted to police that he researched how to use insulin to trigger a coma because Sylvia was diabetic. After injecting Sylvia with insulin, he strangled her with a rope. Holt has been charged with Sylvia’s murder.

11.8.10 | AUSTIN
Eula Janell Nutall, 37
Johnny Ray Barr, 37 shot and killed his girlfriend Eula. She died the following day from the injuries. Police said Barr struck Eula and then shot her outside of a bar. Barr fled and authorities captured him days later.

9.6.10 | AUSTIN
Tiffanie Perry, 23
Kenny Trevino, 26, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend Tiffanie. After Trevino and Tiffanie broke up, relatives reported Trevino was suicidal. Police responded and found Tiffanie and Trevino dead.

10.3.10 | VICTORIA
Kristi Kay Chavez, 36
Louis Chavez, 37, shot and killed his wife Kristi at their home. Chavez then committed suicide.

2.13.10 | HUNTSVILLE
Beverly Johnson, 54
Kenneth Johnson, 54, shot and killed his wife Beverly at her apartment. Johnson committed suicide.

6.6.10 | MAGNOLIA
Mylia Michiell Pisaturo, 47
Arthur Witcher, 51, shot and killed his wife Mylia at their home. He then committed suicide. Mylia’s two children were at home at the time of the murder. Mylia is survived by her two children.

1.27.10 | HEMPSTEAD
Shirley Ann Stephenson, 67
John Stephenson, 78, shot and killed his wife Shirley at their home. He then committed suicide.

10.4.10 | RANCHITOS LOS FRESNOS COLONIA
Amanda Garcia Mills, 39
Magdaleno Anaya Gutierrez, 45, killed his girlfriend Amanda by running over her with his car. Gutierrez remains at large. Amanda is survived by her four adult children.

6.19.10 | SHAMROCK
Martha Johnson, 48
Raphael Johnson, 54, shot and killed his wife Martha at their home. He fled and subsequently killed himself. Martha is survived by her three children.

6.11.10 | CEDAR PARK
Amanda Simmons, 20
Christopher Bowling, 22, shot and killed his girlfriend Amanda in the bedroom of their apartment. He then went to the bathroom and fatally shot himself. Amanda is survived by their two year-old daughter.
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