



Texas Women Killed by their Intimate Partners in 2001

*The Texas Council on Family Violence tracks to the best of our ability the stories of women who were killed by their intimate partners in Texas. This list names the 68 women killed in 2001 and gives brief accounts of their deaths. We learn of these women from a combination of records including Texas Department of Public Safety data, media reports and law enforcement records. **There are undoubtedly other victims of domestic homicide who remain uncounted.** The list below reflects the most accurate information available to TCFV researchers at the time of compilation. We also update our records annually, or as media coverage alerts us to developments.*

ANGELINA COUNTY

Maria Franco, 21

Residence: Lufkin

January 23, 2001

Maria was shot to death by her husband, Jim Casper, as she lay asleep in her bed. He also shot and killed her four children as they lay beside her. Casper then turned the gun on himself. The case was ruled a murder-suicide.

Alif Garrett Grant, 31

Residence: Lufkin

Fall 2001

Alif was stabbed with a knife and clubbed in the head with a claw hammer in front of her three children. Police say her husband, Ravette Grant, 40, killed his wife and fled the scene, leading police on a 45-minute, high-speed chase before he was captured. He was indicted on a count of first-degree murder.

BELL COUNTY

Charlotte Jones, 20

Residence: Killeen

January 15, 2001

Charlotte was shot to death along with her four-month-old daughter, Zidera. Police say the victim's boyfriend, Dwayne Coyett, killed Jones and their baby. He then turned the gun on himself after a four-hour standoff with police. Friends and family members recalled a history of violence. Charlotte had dated Coyett, a Fort Hood soldier, on and off since high school.

BEXAR COUNTY

Jessica Garcia, 21

Residence: San Antonio

March 29, 2001

Jessica was fatally shot in the head by her husband, Frank Garcia. Police say she was in the process of leaving him when a domestic dispute turned violent. The couple had two children, ages 5 and 2. San Antonio police officer Hector Garza also was killed in the incident. Frank was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death.

Jennifer Medrano, 24

Residence: San Antonio

July 21, 2001

Jennifer was suffocated and strangled to death by her husband in an apparent murder-suicide. She had three small children, ages 2, 5 and 8. Police say Curt Medrano, 26, killed his wife and then shot himself. Family members said the couple dated in high school before getting married. They had divorced but were back together when the murder-suicide took place.

Jessica Moreno, 26

Residence: San Antonio

March 22, 2001

Jessica was shot on the front porch of a friend's house in an apparent murder-suicide. Police say her ex-boyfriend, Armando Lopez, 35, killed her and then shot himself in the head.

Tasha Outley, 36

Residence: San Antonio

September 22, 2001

Police say Tasha was killed by her intimate partner.

Karla Terrance, 31

Residence: San Antonio

April 27, 2001

Police say Karla's ex-husband, Daniel Sanchez, shot her then himself. Her new boyfriend, Oleg Mirzakarimov, 33, also was killed.

BOWIE COUNTY

Jennifer Paslay, 23

Residence: Texarkana

June 2, 2001

Jennifer died of injuries sustained in a fall from the hood of her husband's moving car. Police say Timothy Orental Paslay, 21, struck his wife with the car. He then left the scene without rendering aid. He was arrested on a manslaughter charge. Police say they had responded to domestic disturbance reports at the couple's home in the past.

BRAZOS COUNTY

Irene Auila Hernandez, 62

Residence: Bryan

February 27, 2001

Irene was found dead in her home with puncture wound to her head. Police say her boyfriend, Felix Roman, was the killer. He is believed to have fled to Mexico.

CALHOUN COUNTY

Anna Mae Ellison, 57

Residence: Port Lavaca

February 19, 2001

Anna was stabbed to death in her apartment. Her ex-husband, Martin Wayne McDaniel, confessed to her murder. Friends and co-workers reported a history of physical abuse by McDaniel.

COLLIN/DENTON COUNTY REPORTING AREA

Melissa Boothe, 27

Residence: Frisco

July 23, 2001

Melissa was shot to death by her fiancé, Bobby Lynn Horton. He told police that she had tried to kill herself. Police later arrested him in her death. Horton had an extensive criminal history, but none of the reports included family violence. He was indicted on one or more counts of murder.

COOKE COUNTY

Amanda Rodgers, 24

Residence: Mineola

June 22, 2001

Amanda was run over by her husband's van and then struck by a train. Police say Amanda accepted a ride home from work with her estranged husband, Warren Keith Rodgers. Police say Warren ran over his wife with his van and then left her lying unconscious on nearby railroad tracks, where she was struck by a train and killed. The couple was separated and had filed for divorce.

DALLAS COUNTY

Jennette Markley, 38

Residence: Garland

August 23, 2001

Jennette was shot to death when she returned to her home to retrieve some belongings. Her 17-year old son, Michael Scott Bartlett, also was killed, and a family friend, Rod Grosse, was injured. Police say Janette was accompanied by her son and friend when they

ran into her husband, Jerome Markley, who was waiting with two handguns. Jerome later took his own life.

Ethel Naomi Martin, 40

Residence: Pleasant Grove

August 20, 2001

Ethel was shot by her ex-boyfriend. Two friends were injured as well: Ricky Barnes, 43, was shot in the left hip and John Robinson, 71, was grazed by a bullet. Police say Martin's ex-boyfriend, David Wayne Outlaw Sr., was the shooter. He later died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Tina O. McCann, 28

Residence: Grand Prairie

March 17, 2001

Tina was shot to death in her apartment. Police say her ex-boyfriend, Ronald Grant, killed McCann before turning the gun on himself. The couple had broken up a year before the murder.

Bonnie Loss-Murphy, 43

Residence: Dallas

October 3, 2001

Bonnie was shot in the head. Her 7-year-old son, Evan Loss, also was shot in the head. Her 14-year-old son, Craig Loss, was shot twice in the back, but the teen-ager survived. Police say Bonnie's ex-husband, Steven Loss, came to the home she shared with her new husband and sons, killed her and Evan, shot Craig, and then shot himself. The couple had a difficult divorce and child-support disputes had continued for many years.

Carolyn Nixon, 35

Residence: Dallas

December 21, 2001

Carolyn was shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide. Police say her husband, Kelton Nixon, 30, killed his wife, then himself. Relatives told police the couple had been fighting over Kelton's unemployment.

Shanita Perkins, 25

Residence: Dallas

February 10, 2001

Shanita was shot at her home by her boyfriend, Cenca A. King, 23. Her grandmother was injured by a bullet that grazed her head. Police say King killed during an argument. Her family told reporters that King may have been abusive, and Shanita had decided she wanted to end the relationship.

Monica Polk, 26

Residence: Grand Prairie

October 13, 2001

Monica was strangled to death and her body was found in the back seat of her boyfriend's car, parked in his garage. Authorities arrested John F. Pickens, 32, on suspicion of murder. Monica's mother told reporters that Pickens had tried to choke her once before.

Hortencia Rodriguez, 18

Residence: Dallas

July 24, 2001

Hortencia was shot to death by her estranged husband, Danny Dehoyos, 26. She was pregnant at the time. Her two small daughters also were shot to death. Police say her estranged husband fatally shot Hortencia, the girls and then himself. The murders occurred one month after Dehoyos allegedly told Hortencia he would kill her for trying to divorce him.

Adela Silguero, 32

Residence: Carrollton

July 19, 2001

Adela went missing on July 19 and officers found her body in a wooded area near her home six days later. Police say that on the day of her disappearance, her ex-husband, Ventura Silguero, 46, was seen crossing the border in Matamoros with the couple's three children and Adela's car. Police have issued a warrant for his arrest.

Faye Spencer, 27

Residence: Grand Prairie

April 15, 2001

Faye was shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide by her boyfriend, Terrence Mabry, 21. Faye had three children and was pregnant at the time of her death. Police say Mabry killed her, and then shot his own brother, Triston, who was living with them. Mabry then turned the gun on himself. Faye called 911 and identified her killer before she died.

Laura Douthit, 49

Residence: Hutchins

October, 2001

Laura was brutally raped and killed in October 2001. She was stabbed 17 times and her throat slashed so severely that she was nearly decapitated. Her boyfriend, Billy Leija, 24, confessed to the crimes and was indicted on a count of capital murder. Laura had obtained a protective order against Leija. Witnesses reported seeing him at her house the day she was killed.

ECTOR-MIDLAND COUNTY REPORTING AREA

Monica Heredia, 19

Residence: Odessa

October 4, 2001

Monica was shot at home while her two-year-old son was in the house. Police say her common-law husband, Adam Minjarez, killed Heredia and then shot himself in the head.

ELLIS COUNTY

Stacey Bonner Jones, 27

July 19, 2001

Stacey's body was found in a remote part of Ellis County. She had been missing for four days when police found her boyfriend, Jerry Thomas Goad, driving her car and arrested him. Goad then gave officials information that led them to her body. He was sentenced to life in prison. Stacey had a five-year-old son.

EL PASO COUNTY

Maria Teresa Lopez, 42

Residence: El Paso

May 15, 2001

Maria was strangled to death at her boyfriend's home. Police answered a call about an assault in progress and arrived to find Ramon Peña standing outside the house with self-inflicted stab wounds to his wrists. Maria's body was found inside. Her family told police that Peña had threatened to kill Maria on February 3. He was indicted on a murder count.

Anabel Muniz, 31

Residence: El Paso

March 6, 2001

Anabel was strangled to death in her apartment by her boyfriend, Oscar David Flores. Her two children, 7-year-old Ashley and 4-year-old Brandon, also were strangled to death. Flores was later found dead in his apartment by police.

Army Capt. Lynn Reister, 30

Residence: El Paso

May 24, 2001

Lynn was stabbed to death by her brother-in-law as part of a pact made with her husband. She was six months pregnant and had a 4-year-old son. Police say Lynn's husband, Sgt. Roger Reister, 28, planned the murder of his wife along with his brother and two other soldiers from Fort Bliss. Police say Lynn's brother-in-law, Rodney Reister, 26, was the killer, but Roger was also at the scene of her murder. He was sentenced to life in prison for criminal solicitation. Rodney received life in prison.

GALVESTON COUNTY

Wenona Lynn Harris, 27

Residence: Texas City

March 4, 2001

Wenona was strangled to death and her body was found next to a Dumpster. Police charged her husband, Willie Frances Harris, in her death.

GONZALES COUNTY

Carmen Eaton, 19
Residence: Waelder
January 1, 2001

Carmen was shot to death. Police charged her husband, Gerald Porter, in her death. The couple had four children.

GREGG-HARRISON COUNTY REPORTING AREA

Unknown Victim, 29
Residence: Longview
January 24, 2001

She was shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide.

HARRIS COUNTY

Latis ha Bennett, 29
Residence: Houston
April 28, 2001

Latisha was shot to death along with her cousin, Eric Johnson. Her boyfriend, Mario Stansberry, 21, was indicted on two counts of murder.

Cindy Jones-Caruso, 42
Residence: Houston
January 15, 2001

Cindy was shot to death by her common-law husband Doug Rainosek, 41. Neighbors called police to the home after they heard gunshots. When police arrived, Rainosek came outside with a gun and threatened the officers. When he then dropped the gun and attacked the officers, he was subdued and arrested on suspicion of murder.

Winifred Green, 74
Residence: Houston
March 3, 2001

Winifred was shot to death by her husband in an apparent murder-suicide. Police say Herman Green Jr., also 74, shot his wife then himself. Their bodies were discovered by family members who went to check on the couple's welfare.

Alana Gilmore, 23
Residence: Houston
January 14, 2001

Alana was shot to death by her estranged husband while she was working behind the bar in a club. Jonathan Gilmore fled the scene but police found him dead a short time later from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Nancy Marie Moore Holston, 29
Residence: Houston
March 10, 2001

Nancy was shot to death when she returned to her apartment to collect her belongings. Police say her estranged husband, Henry Holston III, 31, was her killer. He was indicted on a count of murder.

Norma Hilda Orta, 26

Residence: Houston

October 14, 2001

Norma was shot once in the chest and once in the head in an apparent murder-suicide. Her two toddlers were in the home at the time of her murder. Police say her husband killed her, then himself. When police entered the home, they found the little girls trying to wake their parents.

Byong Sun Park, 42

Residence: Houston

January 9, 2001

Byong was shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide. She had three children between the ages of 16 and 21. Police say her estranged husband, Ki Yung Park, 54, killed his wife, then shot and killed a business competitor, that man's wife and their daughter. He then turned the gun on himself. Witnesses said Park accused the business competitor of having an affair with his wife.

Cynthia Sanjuan Torres, 31

Residence: Houston

April 22, 2001

Police say Cynthia was shot to death by her husband, Felip Balderas Rico, 29. He was arrested and charged in her death.

Cynthia Rolet Williams, 37

Residence: Houston

March 3, 2001

Cynthia was strangled to death by her estranged common-law husband, Clyde Graham Jr., 40. Police say Cynthia had gone to meet Graham in a hotel room to discuss reconciliation when he killed her. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison. She had two children.

HENDERSON COUNTY

Shannon Phillips Paul, 33

Residence: Athens

June 1, 2001

Shannon was shot to death in her home. Her two children, a 11-year-old son and a 13-year-old daughter, were in the house when their mother was murdered. Police say her ex-boyfriend, Robert Lee "Buck" Watson, 31, tracked her to her new home, shot her, and then killed himself. The couple had been dating for nine years but had been separated for some time.

HIDALGO COUNTY

Maria Alicia Cavazos, 47

Residence: Edcouch

July 13, 2001

Police say Maria was run over on a roadway by a semi tractor-trailer as she fled from her knife-wielding boyfriend, Miguel Angel Trejo Garcia.

Veronica Garcia, 31

Residence: Alamo

October 9, 2001

Veronica was stabbed several times in the chest with an 11-inch kitchen knife. Police say her husband, Juan Manuel Reyes, killed her in front of her three children, her sister and her mother. The women were able to restrain Reyes until police arrived.

JASPER COUNTY

Shemico Thomas, 19

Residence: Jasper

June 9, 2001

Shemico was dragged from her home and shot in the head. She was the mother of two children, ages 17 months and 4. Police say her boyfriend, Marcus Brown, 22, was the killer. He was indicted on a count of murder. Friends said the couple had an "on-again, off-again" relationship.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Mary Graham Harris, 44

Residence: Port Arthur

February 18, 2001

Police say Mary was shot to death by her husband, Alfred David Harris. Police charged him in her death.

KERR COUNTY

Tonja Wolfrum, 40

Residence: Hunt

December 27, 2001

Police say Tonja died from multiple blows to the head inflicted by her boyfriend, Andrew Duarte, 34. Wolfrum was reported missing by her brother on December 27, but a tipster told police she died on December 18. During a polygraph test, Duarte admitted he had removed her body from the couple's shared home and left her in a ditch. Her body was discovered about a month later. Duarte pled guilty to murder in exchange for a 20-year prison sentence.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Tamika Rochelle Miles, 22

Residence: Conroe

March 26, 2001

Police say Tamika was stabbed to death at home by her boyfriend, Kevin Eugene Sanders, 31. Her three children were in the apartment at the time of her death. Tamika's 6-year-old daughter found her mother lying bloody on the bathroom floor and went to get help. Police say Sanders had threatened by telephone to kill Tamika only hours earlier. He was charged in her death.

Lataben Patel, 63

Residence: Conroe

September 1, 2001

Lataben was run over by her husband's car. Police say Thakorlaz Patel, 73, ran down his wife with his car after the couple had an argument. He was indicted on a murder count.

Rosemary Richardson, 45

June 21, 2001

Rosemary was shot to death by her husband, Henry Richardson, 54. Police say the couple got into an argument that developed into a physical altercation. During the fight, police say, Rosemary was shot and killed by a .380-caliber pistol that her husband had been holding in a cloth bag. Henry Richardson says the shooting was accidental.

Sharon Anne Thurmond, 34

Residence: Montgomery County

September 25, 2001

Sharon was shot at her boyfriend's home by her estranged husband, Keith Steven Thurmond, 41. Her boyfriend, Guy Fernandes, also was killed. Police say Keith Thurmond shot his wife and Fernandes while her 8-year-old son was in the house. Sharon had sought and received protective orders against her husband twice - one in 1999 and a second in 2001.

NUECES COUNTY

Erida Rosales, 23

Residence: Corpus Christi

January 22, 2001

Police say Erica was stabbed to death at her mother's home by her boyfriend, Jose Villegas, 27. Her 3-year-old son and her mother, Alma Perez, also were killed. Police say Villegas entered the home and stabbed all three to death with a kitchen knife. News reports said Erida had broken up with Villegas a couple of weeks before her death.

PARKER COUNTY

Tracy Leatherman, 36

Residence: Whitt

April 1, 2001

Police say Tracy was shot multiple times by her husband, Pat Dee Leatherman, who called 911 to report that he had killed his wife.

PARMER COUNTY

Sandra Jenkins, 24

Residence: Friona

January 1, 2001

Police say Sandra was killed in her apartment by her boyfriend, Frank Mendez Jr. Police responding to a domestic disturbance call found Sandra stabbed but alive on her couch. She later died at the hospital. Police arrested Mendez and charged him with voluntary manslaughter.

SMITH COUNTY

Jennifer Shea Parmer Campbell, 31

Residence: Dogwood City

December 9, 2001

Jennifer died from injuries sustained during an assault. Her ex-boyfriend, Darron Dwayne Miller, was arrested by police after a brief pursuit. Her co-workers told police they had noticed problems between the pair before, and that Miller often came to the restaurant where Jennifer worked to check up on her.

Ysidra Gail Dennis, 28

Residence: Tyler

May 6, 2001

Police say Ysidra common-law husband, Alphonso Thomas, shot her in the face outside his grandmother's house. He then confessed to his grandmother, who called 911.

Tina Hawkins, 33

Residence: Tyler

September 10, 2001

Police say Tina was shot to death by her common-law husband.

TARRANT COUNTY

Tammy Hankins, 26

Residence: Mansfield

April 25, 2001

Tammy was shot to death at her home. Her two children were also killed. Police arrested her estranged husband, Terry Lee Hankins, and charged him in the killings. Hankins later admitted to also killing his father and sister one year earlier. He was sentenced to death.

Hillary Hayes, 22

Residence: Hurst

June 10, 2001

Hillary was strangled to death in her apartment in an apparent murder-suicide. Police say her husband, Dennis R. Jack Jr., later died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Kimberly Thomas, 34

Residence: Fort Worth

March 17, 2001

Kimberly was shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide. She had a 3-year-old son and a 5-year-old daughter. Police say she was killed by her husband, Jack Thomas, 36, who then killed himself. Relatives said the couple had been separated but had recently decided to reconcile.

Christine Nicole Wolf, 20

Residence: Arlington

July 5, 2001

Christine was stabbed to death by her boyfriend, Bradley Clyde Newman, 26. Police say he killed Christine and then hid her body in the closet of her apartment. He was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to life.

TRAVIS COUNTY

Kelly Dykes, 28

Residence: Austin

May 26, 2001

Police say Kelly was shot in the head by her husband, Guadalupe "Lupe" Salazar, who told police he accidentally shot Dykes while playing with a gun. A witness reported being on the phone with Kelly and hearing the gunshot. Salazar was indicted on a count of murder.

Sheri Gregory, 47

Residence: Austin

August 26, 2001

Sheri was shot to death by her husband, Timothy Gregory, in an apparent murder-suicide. Police believe Timothy Gregory shot his wife, then himself after a three-hour standoff with police. Friends and family members said the couple had a history of arguments.

Sushanna Lay Parsons, 37

Residence: Briarcliff

June 21, 2001

Sushanna was shot to death at her home in an apparent murder-suicide. Police say her husband of two months, Matthew Dennis Parsons, 38, killed her and then himself. A park ranger responding to a reckless driver call in the area found the Parsons arguing on their front lawn. The ranger left after the couple said they knew nothing about a reckless driver. The deputies received another call less than two hours later that Matthew Parsons was throwing household items onto the lawn. When the ranger returned and knocked on

the door, there was no answer. Deputies went in the house and found the two bodies. Sushanna Parsons had a 3-year-old daughter.

VAN ZANT COUNTY

Linda Elaine Brown, 23

Residence: Edgewood

July 19, 2001

Police say Linda died after her throat was slashed during an argument with her boyfriend, Teshod Tarrant, about their infant child. He later confessed to her murder.

WALKER COUNTY

Pamela Erchul, 45

Residence: Huntsville

February 10, 2001

Pamela died of head injuries police say were inflicted by her boyfriend, Eric Jameson. He was arrested and charged in her death. Pamela had three daughters.

WEBB COUNTY

Samara "Kim" Lindsay D'Spain, early 40s

Residence: Laredo

March 7, 2001

Samara died after suffering burns over 60 percent of her body. Police say her husband, Roger McCarthy, 47, doused her with model airplane fuel and set her on fire after an argument. Medical examiners estimate that she survived for between four and six hours after being burned. McCarty did not call for medical help until 14 hours had passed. He was sentenced to 75 years in prison.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Unknown Victim, 63

Residence: Round Rock

April 5, 2001

She was shot in her nursing home room by her husband in what police deemed a murder-suicide.