



WOMEN KILLED BY THEIR INTIMATE PARTNER IN TEXAS IN 2004

The Texas Council on Family Violence tracks, to the best of its ability, the stories of women who were killed by their intimate partners in Texas. This list names 116 of these victims and gives brief accounts of their deaths. We learn of these women from a combination of records, including the Texas Department of Public Safety's Uniform Crime Report-Supplemental Homicide Report, media articles and Texas law enforcement agencies. There are other victims of domestic violence who remain uncounted. The principal reason for the discrepancy in number killed lies in the definition of the relationship between the victim and offender. Authorities will sometimes refer to the offender as an "acquaintance" or "unknown" in reports, when he is actually an intimate partner. The list below reflects the most accurate information available to TCFV researchers at the time of compilation.

ANDERSON COUNTY

Heather Mays, 25

Palestine

November 10, 2004

Police report Heather died as a result of a brain injury she sustained after being beaten by her boyfriend Marcus Brent Nethery, 30. According to police, Nethery assaulted Heather after she refused him sex. Nethery was arrested and charged with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury in connection to her death.

ANGELINA COUNTY

Kim O'Quinn, 21

Lufkin

March 14, 2004

Police report Kim was shot to death after a heated argument with her boyfriend, Jarrard W. Holland, 28. The argument, which started at the home of Holland's parents, was so intense that family members intervened. The couple left his parents' home and continued fighting at their nearby home. Holland initially claimed Kim had committed suicide, but after an extensive investigation, police have charged him with her death.

Amanda Solis Sanchez, 25

Diboll

September 26, 2004

According to police reports, Amanda was shot to death by her estranged husband Aaron Sanchez, 29. After killing Amanda, Aaron killed himself. The couple's nine-year-old son witnessed the murder-suicide. Amanda's divorce attorney told the Lufkin Daily News that Aaron had a violent history and admitted in court to hitting her. Amanda had a restraining order against Aaron. The couple had attended a divorce hearing four days prior to their deaths.

BELL COUNTY

Sgt. Erin Elizabeth Edwards, 24

Killeen

July 25, 2004

Erin was found shot to death on the front porch of her home. Her estranged husband, Sgt. William McKinley Edwards, 24, was found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound in a parking lot across the street from the home. Police report William killed Erin and then himself. According to court records, the couple had a history of domestic violence. A judge had issued an emergency protective order the month before Erin was killed, as well as a two-year protective order one week prior to her death. She is survived by a four-year-old son and 20-month-old daughter.

Maria Gonzales, 38

Bell County

December 07, 2004

Maria's body was discovered by her son after he forced his way into her home when no one answered the door. The body of her husband Enrique Gonzales, 47, was also found. The sheriff's department reported Enrique strangled Maria and then killed himself. A family member said the couple had problems in the past.

BEXAR COUNTY

Pamela Brown, 52

San Antonio

May 21, 2004

Pamela was shot in the back and killed in her sleep by her husband Ronald Chester Brown, 63. Ronald called 911 to report the shooting and told authorities he killed Pamela because he was terminally ill and knew she couldn't survive without him. Ronald was charged with her death.

Elsa Esparza, 48

San Antonio

April 27, 2004

Elsa was stabbed to death the day before her birthday by her ex-boyfriend, Ernan Hinojosa Pimentel, 55. The incident occurred outside Elsa's apartment just hours after police responded to a domestic disturbance between the two. Pimentel told police he stabbed Elsa because he was upset she had found someone else. He allegedly stabbed her repeatedly in her back, arms and chest. Pimentel had been convicted of killing his wife, Virginia Lou Garcia, in 1986. Elsa is survived by two young daughters, who were at school when their mother was killed.

Sara Gonzalez, 42

San Antonio

March 18, 2004

Sara was shot to death by her husband, Eduardo Gamez Gonzalez, Jr., 43, in what police report was an apparent murder-suicide. Authorities said the couple had been arguing earlier in the evening. The couple had been married for 27 years and are survived by four adult children.

Hilda Rodriguez, 35
San Antonio
October 31, 2004

Hilda's 16-year-old son called police after hearing an argument and a struggle between his parents. Police report Hilda was stabbed to death by her husband Gilbert Rodriguez, 36. Family members say Hilda was ending their long, abusive relationship. She had saved money for a divorce lawyer and was looking for a new job. Relatives believe she told her husband she was filing for divorce. The couple had been married for 20 years.

Claudia Salazar, 23
San Antonio
March 2, 2004

Authorities report Claudia was stabbed to death by her husband Ramiro Salazar, 27, who then fled to Mexico. A week after Claudia's body was found, Mexican authorities found Ramiro's body at a ranch in Mexico, where he had hung himself.

Christy Still, 38
San Antonio
October 4, 2004

Christy was found shot to death at her home. According to police, Christy and her ex-boyfriend Jason Edward Love, 25, had a short and violent relationship. She had called police several times in the past when Love turned violent. He was charged with her death.

Unknown Name, 24
San Antonio
February 2004

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was stabbed to death by her 33-year-old boyfriend.

BOWIE COUNTY

Cynthia Wilkerson, 22
Texarkana
January 3, 2004

Cynthia's body was found in the driveway of a manufacturing plant warehouse where her husband worked. Her husband Hance Lee Wilkerson, 34, was arrested and charged with her death. According to police, the couple met at his place of employment where an argument ensued. Hance allegedly got into his truck and ran over Cynthia. She sustained fatal injuries as a result of the impact.

BROWN COUNTY

Rebecca Ashley, 26
Brownwood
December 7, 2004

Police discovered the bodies of Rebecca and Gregory Ashley, 31, in her parents' home. Police believe Gregory stabbed his wife to death and then shot himself. Police had responded to domestic disturbance calls in the home in the past. Rebecca had suffered 32 stab wounds to her back, head, chest and neck.

BURLESON COUNTY

Christina Massey, 32
Burleson County
October 15, 2004

Police report Christina was shot and killed by her husband Charles Edward Carter, 33. Witnesses saw the couple arguing when Carter shot Christina in the neck with a pump shotgun. He was charged with her death. The couple's two children were in the home sleeping when the shooting occurred. Authorities believe they did not witness the shooting.

CALHOUN COUNTY

Georgina "Gina" Dolores Villegas, 32
Port Lavaca
March 13, 2004

Gina's parents found her strangled to death in her home. Her ex-boyfriend, Harry Anthony Bargas, 42, was arrested and charged. According to police, Gina had ended the relationship shortly before the incident. They believe Bargas strangled her in the course of committing sexual assault. Gina is survived by three young children.

CALLAHAN COUNTY

Vernadene Scott Harris, 52
Oplin
May 17, 2004

Vernadene was shot to death by her husband Clayton Harris, 56. Clayton also killed Vernadene's mother, Maurine Tedford Scott, and brother, Vernon Scott. According to the sheriff's office, Vernadene had recently left her husband and moved in with her mother. On the day of the shooting, Clayton had gone to Scott's home and after an argument, killed Vernadene, her mother and brother. He killed himself when police tried to notify him after finding their bodies. According to the Abilene Reporter-News, Clayton had a history of violence against Vernadene and had served a probated sentence for trying to kill her in 1988.

CRANE COUNTY

Guadalupe "Lupita" Morales, 17
Crane County
July 5, 2004

Police believe Lupita died two days after her 17th birthday after being beaten and strangled by her boyfriend, Noe Alajandro Perez, 18. According to police, the two had dated sporadically. Perez was convicted of capital murder.

DALLAS COUNTY

Lois Fields, 43

Dallas

August 20, 2004

Lois was shot and killed, police believe, by her ex-boyfriend, Yolland Dometric Lattimer, 43, who was charged with her death. Lattimer also killed Darryl Lynn Sneed. Police reports indicate Lattimer and the victims argued after attending a meeting. Lattimer opened fire with a handgun, first killing Sneed. He then returned and fatally shot Lois. Lattimer and Lois have a child.

Monica Hardman, 32

Dallas

April 18, 2004

Monica had called police just four hours before she was killed to report that her tires had been slashed. Authorities report witnesses saw her boyfriend, Bobby Charles McDuff, 29, shoot and kill her outside a store and then flee the scene. According to sources, Monica had called police several times in the past to report physical abuse by McDuff. He was killed by police after a shoot-out, shortly after killing Monica. She is survived by five children, ages 7-17.

Shirley Hawkins, 68

Mesquite

December 24, 2004

Shirley died from injuries sustained by a shotgun blast. Responding to a call of a person “not breathing,” police found her dead in her home. Police report, after questioning her husband, Loyd Eisert, 69, that the shooting was not accidental. He was arrested and charged with her death.

Virginia O. Hernandez, 34

Dallas

March 23, 2004

Virginia was shot and killed at her workplace when her boyfriend, James Cavazos, 31, forced her out of her work area and into the parking lot at gunpoint. He shot her and then drove her to a hospital with police in pursuit. Virginia died at a hospital as a result of her injuries. Cavazos was charged with her death.

Santana Jaray, 49

Carrollton

April 18, 2004

Police report Santana was stabbed to death by her husband, Inocencio Jaray, 55, during the course of an argument. He has been charged with her death.

Veronica Kelly, 19

Rowlett

August 23, 2004

Veronica was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend Daryl Dewayne Cohen, 28. According to police, Cohen had kidnapped Veronica at gunpoint earlier in the week but was able to escape. Police had issued a warrant for Cohen's arrest. He later entered Veronica's home and shot her in the head. He was sentenced to life in prison for her death after pleading guilty to a charge of capital murder. He was also convicted of aggravated assault for attacking Veronica a few days before he killed her.

Christina Moreno, 29

Dallas

June 14, 2004

Police report Christina was fatally shot in the head at the home she shared with her common-law-husband, Moises Sanchez, 20. Police reported the couple had been arguing.

Helen O'Neal, 59

Sachse

March 20, 2004

Helen was shot twice in the head and chest with a .22-caliber pistol by her husband of 29 years, William O'Neal, 69, in a staged robbery. William's former mistress assisted police by obtaining a taped conversation, in which he revealed his plans to kill Helen and cover up his crime. He was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison.

Lorena Osorio Godoy, 21

Richardson

June 10, 2004

In an apparent murder-suicide, Lorena was thrown to her death from a freeway overpass by her boyfriend, Paul Stephens, 30. Stephens jumped from the overpass and later died at an area hospital. According to news reports, Stephens was arrested in 2000 in connection with an assault against Lorena, but he was not convicted. An ex-girlfriend had a restraining order against Stephens in 1998.

Yolanda Person, 35

Dallas

March 19, 2004

Police report Yolanda was shot to death by her husband, Tracy Person, 30, in their home. Her husband also shot their two children, ages 14 and 15, as they ran to a nearby business to call police. Tracy killed himself after a standoff with police. They are survived by two children.

Victoria L. Senchyshyn, 45

Coppell

June 16, 2004

Victoria's 14-year-old son found her body and his stepfather's body inside their home. Police believe Theodore Senchyshyn, 47, shot her before killing himself.

Patricia Stockstill, 28

Dallas

June 23, 2004

Police discovered Patricia's body and the body of her husband, Jeremy Stockstill, 25. Police believe he shot her in the head before shooting himself. Police had been called to the home earlier in the month on a domestic disturbance call because Jeremy had threatened to kill Patricia.

Dwanna Williams, 34

Dallas

April 8, 2004

Police believe Dwanna was killed while trying to escape after being shot by her husband, Tony Lee Williams, 34. Tony also allegedly shot Dwanna's 17-year-old stepdaughter, Alexis Nappers.

DENTON COUNTY

Sandra Oshunkentan, 33

Denton

July 24, 2004

According to police reports, Sandra was found stabbed to death in the bathroom closet of her mobile home. Her live-in boyfriend Howard Mack, 27, was charged with her death.

Kay Pettigrew, 57

Denton

May 13, 2004

Kay was shot and killed by her estranged husband, Samuel Pettigrew, 60. According to news reports, she had separated from her husband eight months prior to the shooting but had agreed to meet him in the parking lot of her mother's nursing home. Kay had endured years of abuse during their 30 years of marriage. Pettigrew later killed himself.

EL PASO COUNTY

Florencia Pulido, 66

El Paso

June 6, 2004

Police found Florencia strangled to death in her home. Her husband, Jose Ines Pulido, 64, told a fire department medic that he had killed his wife.

Rosa Isela Gonzalez, 31

Socorro

March 18, 2004

Rosa was stabbed to death. Her ex-husband, Silvestre Bustos, 44, was arrested for her death. Police believe a messy divorce may have contributed to the stabbing.

Unknown Name, 46

El Paso

October 2004

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was allegedly bludgeoned to death by her 53-year-old boyfriend.

FORT BEND COUNTY

Christina Athens, 21

Stafford

May 5, 2004

Christina was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Joseph Gonzalez, 21. Gonzalez shot her in the neck and then killed himself. Christina's family told police the couple had a stormy relationship.

Leslie Crouse, 28

Sugarland

October 4, 2004

Police say Leslie was shot to death allegedly by her ex-boyfriend, Dexter Cooper, 30. Cooper was charged with her death. Authorities believe the incident started as a domestic disturbance and then escalated.

Ashley Nicole Wilson, 19

Richmond

January 19, 2004

Ashley was strangled to death by her boyfriend, Dan Leach II, 21. He killed her using tactics he had seen on the television show *CSI* to make her death appear like a suicide. As part of his scheme to hide his crime, Leach convinced Ashley to write a note detailing the parts of her life she felt the worst about so police would mistake it for a suicide note. Despite disagreement from Wilson's parents, her death was ruled a suicide until Leach confessed to strangling Ashley and covering up his crime. He claimed that after viewing the film *The Passion of the Christ*, he felt compelled to turn himself in to the authorities. He was sentenced to 75 years in prison.

GALVESTON COUNTY

Evelyn Diane Johnson, 41

Texas City

March 2004

According to police reports, Evelyn was stabbed to death by her husband, Moses Johnson, 44. He was sentenced to 45 years in prison.

GARZA COUNTY

Margee Marie Smith, 59

Garza County

March 21, 2004

Margee was shot to death by her ex-husband Bill Henry Reed, 57. He was convicted of her murder.

GRAYSON COUNTY

Laura Christine (Boren) Thomas, 20

Sherman

March 27, 2004

Laura and her two children were brutally stabbed to death in their apartment by her estranged husband, Andre Lee Thomas, 21. He turned himself in to police after stabbing himself. Police charged Thomas with two or more counts of capital murder in the deaths of his wife, his four-year-old son and her one-year-old daughter. He was found guilty of capital murder and sentenced to death.

Amelia Lyons, 35

Denison

July 8, 2004

According to police, Amelia was killed by her boyfriend, Eric Demond Morrison, 39. She was calling 9-1-1 before the murder. Morrison had been released from prison, prior to killing Amelia, for attempted murder. He was charged with her death.

Imogene Melton, 84

Whitesboro

June 4, 2004

Police report Imogene was strangled to death by her husband, James Melton, 80. He later killed himself.

Eva Lynn Vanaman, 37

Dennison

April 3, 2004

Eva was run over by her ex-boyfriend Roy Lee Archer, 46 as she was walking with another man. Archer then turned around and drove back slowly looking at Eva's body. Eva died of massive internal injuries. Archer pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

GREGG COUNTY

Jacqueline Elaine James, 39

Longview

January 16, 2004

Jacqueline was found strangled to death by her brother and neighbors. According to police, she had cuts and bruises on her back and severe injuries. Her ex-boyfriend, Michael Menefee, 29, was convicted of her death and sentenced to 45 year in prison.

HALE COUNTY

Josephine Gonzales, 29

Plainview

June 26, 2004

Josephine was stabbed to death by her husband, Damon Gonzales, 30. According to police, they found her body in her car with several stab wounds. Damon confessed to stabbing his wife and was charged with her death. She is survived by five children ages 3-13.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Tasha Kuykendall, 39
Pottsville
October 3, 2004

Tasha and her nine-year-old daughter were shot to death by Tasha's boyfriend, Troy Goerdel, 43. Police responded to a disturbance call and found their bodies. Goerdel killed himself the next day after an extensive manhunt.

HARDIN COUNTY

Marygene "Jeanie" Stafford, 64
Hardin County
August 1, 2004

Marygene was found in her home beaten to death. A Hardin County grand jury has indicted her husband of 30 years, Elton Stafford, 63. She is survived by three grown children.

HARRIS COUNTY

Rocio Alvarado, 27
Houston
October 20, 2004

Police report Rocio was stabbed to death by her estranged husband, Avelino Martinez Alvarado, 31. After killing her, Avelino disappeared with the couple's four-year-old son. He is believed to have fled to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Rocio is survived by three children.

Ella Marie Broussard, 26
Houston
November 9, 2004

Ella was stabbed to death outside her apartment after watching her son board his school bus. According to police reports, Broussard's ex-boyfriend, Neville Sapp, 66, was charged with her death.

Ericka Cavazos, 28
Houston
December 20, 2004

Police report Ericka was stabbed to death by her common-law husband, Alexander Medrano Jr., 32. Medrano told a 9-1-1 operator the couple had argued after he had accused her of being unfaithful. Medrano said he stabbed Ericka because he loved her. Medrano was treated for self-inflicted wounds. The couple had lived together for nine years and has an eight-year-old son.

Helen Gandelsman, 46

Seabrook

March 23, 2004

Helen was shot to death by her husband, Vadim Gandelsman. He called 9-1-1 to report her death and was later charged by police. Almost six months after that, Vadim committed suicide. The couple had been married for 20 years and is survived by one grown daughter.

Marivell Garcia, 22

Baytown

May 30, 2004

Marivell was stabbed to death in her home. Police suspect Garcia's common-law-husband, Luis Paz, 35, killed her. Paz had violated his probation on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Ebony Nicole Johnson, 22

Houston

May 1, 2004

Police report Ebony's estranged husband Jarvis M. Johnson, 23, forcibly took her from her apartment to his, where he shot and killed her. Police investigating a break-in at Ebony's apartment found blood and broken glass. Evidence led them to Jarvis' apartment. After an eight-hour stand-off with police, Jarvis killed himself. Three complaints of family violence had been filed against Jarvis prior to the deaths.

Keshia Joseph, 34

Houston

January 20, 2004

Keshia was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend, Timothy.L.Robertson, 28. He also killed her mother Patricia. Her 11-year-old daughter, who was home at the time of the shootings, escaped the violence. According to police, the couple had recently ended their relationship. Robertson went to Keshia's home, and an argument ensued. As she tried to go for help, he began shooting, killing Keshia and her mother. He later committed suicide in front of troopers in Louisiana where he had fled.

Florentina Matamoros, 31

Houston

September 11, 2004

Florentina was found dead in her bedroom by her three children. Police suspect her boyfriend, identified as "Gustavo," 22, killed her after an argument. She lived in the home with Gustavo and her three children ages 4, 6 and 11.

Maria Otilda Navarro, 37

Houston

June 4, 2004

Maria died of stab wounds to her neck, chest and arms after a fight with her boyfriend, Benito Sanchez Jimenez, 22. According to witnesses, he was also stabbed in the neck, chest and arms. Police have not established a motive for the incident.

Gloria Ann Ozuna, 18

Houston

February 5, 2004

Gloria died of gunshot wounds to her head. Her boyfriend Juan Salinas, 18, was charged with her death. His family members, who were home at the time of the incident, heard gunshots and ran to a bedroom to find Ozuna lying on the floor bleeding. She later died at a Houston hospital.

Ziba Poursheykhi, 44

Houston

October 2004

Ziba was shot by her husband, Gholamhosian Poursheykhi, 49, and later died from her injuries. Gholamhosian killed himself after shooting Ziba. The couple is survived by three children, ages 4 to 13, who were home at the time of the deaths. Harris County sheriff's detectives learned that Ziba and her husband were arguing when he pulled out a hand gun and shot her.

Susan Soogrim, 44

Baytown

March 23, 2004

Susan was shot in her head as she attempted to flee her home with her 13-year-old daughter. Her boyfriend, Ronnie Bushnell, fatally shot himself in the chest after a four-hour stand-off with police. Her family members informed sources that Bushnell became enraged when Susan tried to end the relationship.

Amanda Terlouw, 25

Houston

December 31, 2004

Amanda died of a gunshot wound to the head after a domestic dispute. Witnesses told police that Amanda's 22-year-old boyfriend shot her and then fled the scene.

Prudencia Vallejo, 62

Houston

November 1, 2004

Prudencia was killed by her estranged husband, Rey David Vallejo, 58, in an apparent murder-suicide. She died from a gunshot wound to her chest and arm. According to police, Rey broke into Prudencia's home through a back door. A witness saw Rey grabbing Prudencia by the arm and called police. By the time police arrived, she was dead. Rey was taken to the hospital with self-inflicted gunshot wounds, and he later died.

Ayde Villarreal, 40

Pasadena

March 19, 2004

Ayde died of blunt trauma to the head in a motel room where she and her husband, Domingo Villarreal, 39, had been staying. He admitted to striking her and was charged with her death.

Khadija Williams, 31

Humble

October 3, 2004

Khadija was stabbed and shot to death by her husband, Christopher Williams, 34, who then shot himself. Police discovered their bodies after a call from a relative. Two children survive the couple.

Unknown Name, 47

Houston

March 29, 2004

According to the Houston Police Department, she was shot and killed by her 29-year-old boyfriend.

Unknown Name, 29

Harris County

April 2004

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was shot to death by her 42-year-old boyfriend.

HAYS COUNTY

Terri Lynn Foster, 40

Kyle

October 1, 2004

Police report Terri was stabbed to death by her husband, Jasper Earl Foster, 40. He was sentenced to 80 years in prison.

HIDALGO COUNTY

Reyna Estorgia Gonzalez, 18

Alton

May 4, 2004

Reyna was found shot to death in her home. A warrant for the arrest of her husband, Christian Ferrar Rodriguez, 19, was issued in connection with her death. She is survived by a two-month-old infant.

Maria Del Refugio Guerrero, 54

McAllen

September 1, 2004

According to police, Maria was shot to death by her husband, Baldemar Guerrero, 60. He then killed himself.

Esmeralda Moroles, 37

Edinburg

October 25, 2004

Police found Esmeralda's body along a canal bank after she had been missing for two days. Police also found a makeshift map in the car of her ex-boyfriend, Cipriano Briones, 34, with the

location of her body. Briones was killed by Department of Public Safety troopers after he opened fire on them during a chase.

Unknown name, 45

Hidalgo county

October 2004.

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was shot to death by her 45-year-old husband.

HOWARD COUNTY

Unknown Name, 40

Howard County

March 2004

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was shot to death by her 43-year-old husband.

HUNT COUNTY

Tricia Darlene Ford McKnight, 40

Greenville

April 9, 2004

Tricia had been married to her husband, Jerry Wayne McKnight, for a few months when police report he shot and killed her. After killing her, Jerry called 9-1-1 and said that he had just shot his wife. He then fatally shot himself before police arrived at the scene. According to news reports, Jerry was facing legal questions about the death of a woman he had lived with five years earlier.

Arlene Vice, 50

Wolfe City

May 27, 2004

Arlene was stabbed to death by her husband, Michael Vice, 50, following an alleged domestic dispute. According to witnesses, he came to her workplace and stabbed her several times with a box-cutter blade. She is survived by an 18-year-old son.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Shelia Marie Davis, 35

Old Town

June 4, 2004

Sheila was shot and killed while at a neighbor's house by her ex-boyfriend, Raymond Lee Young, 39. The same day Sheila was killed, she told police Young was threatening to kill her. He turned himself into authorities after a four-day manhunt. Sheila was engaged to be married and is survived by three children.

Joyce Volrie, 62

Beaumont**June 24, 2004**

Joyce was shot to death during the course of an argument and later died at an area hospital. According to police, her estranged husband, Lester Eugene Volrie III, 54, has been charged with her death. Police report that she was a passenger in Lester's vehicle when the argument escalated. A passerby witnessed the couple fighting outside the car before Lester shot Joyce. Family members reported she was seeking a divorce. Joyce is survived by five children and eight grandchildren.

JIM WELLS COUNTY**Unknown Name, 35****Jim Wells County****February 2004**

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was shot to death by her 30-year-old common-law husband.

JOHNSON COUNTY**Unknown Name, 26****Johnson County****August 2004**

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was shot to death by her 27-year-old common-law husband.

JONES COUNTY**Tracie Ortega Valadez, 20****Hawley****September 2004**

Tracie was reported missing for one week before her body was discovered. She was found on the private property belonging to her 22-year-old husband Ernesto Valadez's parents. Ernesto was arrested on murder charges. She is survived by two children.

KAUFMAN COUNTY**Unknown Name, 78****Forney****October 2004**

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was shot to death by her 78-year-old husband. He then killed himself.

Unknown Name, 32**Terrell****August 2004**

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was stabbed to death by her 47-year-old husband.

KERR COUNTY

Janet R. Steward, 44

Kerrville

December 22, 2004

Janet was found in her home by her daughter. Her boyfriend Kenneth E. Jackson, 43, told Janet's daughter that her mother was sleeping, but when she did not wake up, her daughter called 9-1-1. Emergency responders found Janet dead on the couch. According to police, the couple had fought earlier in the day. Jackson had scratches and bruises. He has been charged with Janet's death.

LIBERTY COUNTY

Unknown Name, 54

Liberty County

August 2004

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was shot to death by her 46-year-old husband.

LIMESTONE COUNTY

Mary Foy, 44

Limestone County

September 13, 2004

According to police reports, Mary was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Eddie Joe Houston, 43. He has been charged with her death.

McLENNAN COUNTY

Maria De Los Angeles Collazo, 34

Waco

March 30, 2004

Maria was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend, Luis Epifano Martinez, 57. Police believe he went to her place of business, killed her and set her salon on fire. He then killed himself. Police suspect the fire was set to destroy evidence. According to her family members, after Maria ended her relationship with Martinez, he threatened and stalked her. Maria had obtained a protective order against Martinez. He had been arrested in December 2003 on family violence charges.

Kimberlie Lynn Tijerina, 19

Waco

May 18, 2004

Kimberlie was shot to death by her common-law husband, Geraldo Rubi Mendez, 27. According to police, Mendez had previously abused Kimberlie and had been arrested in the past on a charge of assault against her. He was sentenced to 46 years in prison after he pled guilty to her death. Kimberlie is survived by an infant son.

Lori Zarate, 24

Waco

May 20, 2004

Lori died after being shot once in the torso while sitting in a car. Police believe she was killed by her boyfriend, Pedro Pete Hernandez. According to Waco police, there were previous violent incidents between the couple. He has not been arrested.

MEDINA COUNTY

Julia Sookran, 45

Lytle

January 5, 2004

Julia was fatally shot and killed at a local bar and grill by her ex-boyfriend, Carlos Rodriguez, 54. He then killed himself. According to police, Rodriguez argued with Julia, then shot her just as a police officer working security at the scene tried to intervene.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Linda Bunkley, 47

Willis

August 3, 2004

Linda suffered a single gunshot wound and died on her way to an area hospital. Her husband Harold Bunkley, 52, was charged with her death.

Patricia Presser, 66

Montgomery Co.

August 3, 2004

Patricia was shot to death by her husband, Larry Wayne Presser, 56, in her home. He called sheriff's dispatchers and told them he had shot his wife.

NUECES COUNTY

Susie Miller, 40

Corpus Christi

January 25, 2004

Susie was shot and killed by her husband, Benny Nobles, 49. After pleading guilty to killing Susie, he was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

POLK COUNTY

Betty Thompson, 74

Livingston

September 2, 2004

Betty was shot and killed by her estranged husband, Floyd Franklin Thompson, 76. Floyd also killed Betty's daughter, son-in-law and grandson. According to the Polk County sheriff's office, Thompson confessed to the shooting deaths of his family.

POTTER

Viridiana Guerrero, 23

Amarillo

December 30, 2004

Viridiana was strangled to death in her home in an apparent murder-suicide. Her husband, Cruz Gonzales, 26, was found dead of gunshot wounds. Police believe the murder-suicide might have been instigated by a domestic dispute.

Golia "Goldie" Warren (Davis), 29

Amarillo

September 29, 2004

Goldie died of multiple gunshot wounds and her husband, Donald Ray Davis, 44, was charged with her death. According to police, her relationship with Donald was plagued by domestic violence. Police report since 2002, Goldie had filed three reports of domestic violence against Donald. There were assault charges in each report.

REAL COUNTY

Unknown Name, 44

Real County

October 2004

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was killed by her 49-year-old husband.

RUSK COUNTY

Unknown Name, 23

Rusk County

October 2004

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was killed by her 23-year-old common-law husband.

SAN SABA COUNTY

Nancy Beale, 57

Richland Springs

March 25, 2004

According to police reports, Nancy was shot and killed by her husband, Barry Beale, 54 who then killed himself.

SMITH COUNTY

Unknown Name, 73

Smith County

September 2004

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was killed by her 61-year-old husband.

Unknown Name, 32

Smith County

December 2004

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was killed by her 63-year-old boyfriend.

TARRANT COUNTY

Michelle Arias, 23

Arlington

January 30, 2004

Michelle was stabbed to death in the bedroom of her home. Police suspect her husband, Alfredo Pecina, 26, killed her and then attempted suicide by cutting his own neck. Pecina has been charged with her death.

Karen Hutchenson, 34

Forth Worth

March 13, 2004

Karen was killed by a single gunshot wound to her head. Her boyfriend, Raymond Clark, 30, was arrested in connection with her death. Clark issued an affidavit stating the couple had an argument after he received a phone call from another woman. He told authorities that the shooting was an accident. Her death was ruled a homicide.

Dania Rodriguez, 23

Fort Worth

October 14, 2004

Dania was shot and killed by her boyfriend after she called police to report a domestic disturbance. According to police, Pablo Torres, 26, grabbed Rodriguez while she was calling 9-1-1 from a neighbor's house, brought her to his home and fatally shot her, before killing himself. Dania died from multiple gunshot wounds to the head.

Raygan Stevenson, 18

Fort Worth

August 3, 2004

Relatives found Raygan and her 19-month-old baby daughter shot to death in their apartment. Raygan's ex-boyfriend, Antron Burks, 20, has been charged with her death. According to family

members, Raygan had been trying to turn her life around and make a stable home for her daughter before she was killed. Burks pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life.

Ann Williams, 44

Arlington

November 10, 2004

Firefighters found Ann's body when they went to put out a fire in her apartment. They believe her boyfriend, Samuel Mata, killed her and then set her apartment on fire to conceal evidence. Mata fled the scene in Ann's van. He was later arrested for her death.

TAYLOR COUNTY

Maria Apis, 31

Abilene

May 11, 2004

According to police, Maria was shot and killed by her husband, Max Apis, 45, who then killed himself.

TOM GREEN COUNTY

Unknown Name, 20

San Angelo

August 2004

According to the *2004 Uniform Crime Report* from the Texas Department of Public Safety, she was strangled to death by her 24 year-old boyfriend.

TRAVIS COUNTY

Geneva Acosta, 21

Austin

May 3, 2004

Geneva was found shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide. Police believe that her ex-boyfriend, Joel Lee Gonzales, 21, shot Acosta and then killed himself. Their bodies were found inside a sport utility vehicle.

Cheryl Urdy, 42

Austin

June 17, 2004

Cheryl died of complications from burns she received after her husband, Herman Phillips, 39, poured gasoline on her. Police filed charges of aggravated assault with serious bodily injury, a second-degree felony. Phillips was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

WALLER COUNTY

Aladrian Monique Walton, 19

Hempstead

January 8, 2004

Police officers responded to a 9-1-1 call and found Aladrian's ex-husband, Bobby Lee McDade, 32, stabbing her repeatedly. Ignoring an order to surrender, McDade turned his aggression towards the officers attempting to stab them. He was shot and killed. According to witnesses, there had been several instances of domestic violence in the past, but they went unreported. Aladrian's 11-month old baby was found in the apartment covered in blood, but unharmed.

WEBB COUNTY

Carolina Reyes, 31

Laredo

March 1, 2004

Her sister discovered the bodies of Carolina and her husband when she went to their home for a visit. Police believe Carolina's husband, Ramiro Reyes, 40, killed her and then shot himself. The couple's 12-year-old son was not home at the time of the shooting.

WICHITA COUNTY

Tamatha Palmer Gilmore, 28

Wichita Falls

July 31, 2004

Tamatha was shot and killed by her estranged husband, Damir Beganovic, 24, who later killed himself. Beganovic also shot and killed Donald Norris, 30, and his son, Drake, 5. According to family, Tamatha was pursuing a divorce.

Stella Perez, 24

Wichita Falls

October 5, 2004

Stella was shot to death during her son's birthday party by her ex-boyfriend, Steven Gaitan, 27. According to family members, she had recently ended her relationship with him. According to police reports, Gaitan chased Stella into her front yard before fatally shooting her in front of her eight-year-old son. She is also survived by a two-year-old son.

Ella Mae Pride, 49

Wichita Falls

October 30, 2004

Ella was stabbed to death by her boyfriend, Eugene Lovett, 63. After the stabbing, Lovett claimed he did not know Ella but later recanted and was charged with her death.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Ellen Robertson, 79

Leander

March 28, 2004

Ellen had ended her relationship with her boyfriend, Otis Brown, 83, in February but had reportedly told friends Brown continued to stalk and threatened to kill her. Brown took his own life after fatally shooting Ellen.

OUT OF STATE

Rhonda A. Rosenbalm, 34

From Seabrook

Found in Moab, UT (Arches National Park)

August 10, 2004

Rhonda was allegedly hit and killed by a car being driven by her boyfriend, James Ricky Cunningham Jr., 24. Witnesses told investigating officers that they had seen Rhonda and Cunningham arguing and fighting before Cunningham ran over her with his vehicle. Immediately after that, Cunningham struck a pickup truck and sent it and its occupants over the edge of a cliff. The occupants in the truck, which included a one-year-old infant, were trying to help Rhonda. Cunningham has been charged with her death, as well as attempted homicide on the lives of the three occupants of the truck.