Texas Women Killed by their Intimate Partner in 2005

The Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) researches, to the best of its ability, the stories of women who were killed by their intimate partner in Texas. This list names 143 of these victims and gives brief accounts of their deaths. Details are gathered from public records, including the Texas Department of Public Safety’s Uniform Crime Report-Supplemental Homicide Report, media articles and Texas law enforcement agencies. There are, undoubtedly, other victims of domestic violence who remain uncounted. Authorities will sometimes refer to the offender as an “acquaintance” or “unknown” because the relationship was not determined at the time of death. The list below reflects the most accurate information available to TCFV researchers at the time of compilation.

ANDREWS COUNTY

Ema Martinez, 31
Andrews
June 30, 2005
Ema was stabbed to death by her husband, Martin Olivas Galindo, 39. When police arrived at the scene, Ema was still alive and reportedly told them what Galindo had done and where he had gone to hide. Police said the stabbing occurred when a domestic dispute turned violent. Galindo was charged with first-degree murder and his bail was set at $1 million. According to police, the couple had separated but recently reconciled.

ANGELINA COUNTY

Sheila Buggs Davis, 43
Lufkin
March 11, 2005
Sheila was shot to death by her estranged husband, Jimmy Lee Davis, 42. According to police, Sheila’s 20-year-old daughter was in the home when the shooting occurred. Sheila made a frantic call to 911 saying Jimmy would not leave her home. Jimmy pleaded guilty to shooting his wife and was sentenced to 75 years in prison.

Unknown Girlfriend, 28
March 2005
According to the Texas Department of Public Safety’s 2005 Uniform Crime Report, she was allegedly bludgeoned to death by her 28-year-old boyfriend.

BELL COUNTY

Trudy Ann Borah, 48
November 16, 2005
Trudy and her husband, Jeffrey Benjamin Borah, 47, were reported missing from their home in Bell County in the first week of November. They were later found dead in their car in what police believe was an apparent murder-suicide near Newcastle, WY. Police say Jeffrey killed Trudy, called a relative to confess and then took his own life.
Mary Dessus, 36  
Killeen  
November 5, 2005  
Mary’s body was found when police responded to a domestic violence call. She had been shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide. Police also found the body of her husband, Victor Dessus Colon, 45. Two children were in the home at the time of the shooting. Mary was on active duty at Fort Hood.

Bettina M. Keith, 20  
Killeen  
August 17, 2005  
Bettina was shot in the head by her boyfriend, Marcus Charles Johnson, 24, during a domestic dispute. She died on the way to an area hospital. According to police, Bettina was home with a two-year-old girl when Johnson kicked in the door and shot her. He then killed himself.

Gloria J. Torre, 39  
Killeen  
February 15, 2005  
Gloria was shot to death by her husband, Dennis Escabas Torre, 44, in an apparent murder-suicide. While answering a domestic disturbance call, police found Gloria dead from gunshot wounds and Dennis critically injured. He later died at an area hospital.

BEXAR COUNTY

Lynda Barrett, 40  
San Antonio  
September 14, 2005  
Lynda was stabbed to death by her estranged husband, Mark Brewer. Brewer also beat his friend, Christine Canady, 40, to death. According to police, they found Brewer near the bodies of Lynda and Christine, suffering from a cocaine overdose in Lynda’s apartment. Police arrested Brewer and charged him with their deaths.

Janine Crane, 41  
San Antonio  
September 13, 2005  
Janine was beaten to death in her apartment by her boyfriend, Carlos Inocencio, 33. Eleven days prior, police responded to a domestic disturbance call Janine made from her home. Inocencio told family members he killed Janine because she told him she was seeing another man. Inocencio was arrested and charged with her death and later pleaded guilty. Inocencio had a record of domestic violence charges. He was convicted after a former live-in girlfriend testified against him. Inocencio was sentenced to life in prison.

Mary Martha Diggs, 74  
San Antonio  
June 17, 2005  
Mary was shot and killed by her friend Judith Glory Riten, 64, at a pool party. According to police, Mary and Riten were lovers. Witnesses told police the motive for the shooting was jealousy. There were at least 44 witnesses who saw the shooting and pointed to Riten as the shooter.
Anna Terra Heil, 25  
San Antonio  
July 12, 2005  
Anna was strangled to death in her home by her husband, Lucas Wayne Morgan, 23, according to police. The couple had been married for five weeks. Police had previously responded to calls at the home. When police arrived, they reported that the home appeared to have been ransacked, and a struggle had occurred. Morgan was arrested and charged with Anna’s death. Anna is survived by a daughter from a previous marriage.

Teresa Picazo, 40  
San Antonio  
March 22, 2005  
Teresa was stabbed to death by her estranged husband, Martin Picazo, 38, in an apparent murder-suicide. They were found in their home by Teresa’s 16-year-old son. According to police, Martin stabbed Teresa and then shot himself.

Annette Reyes, 35  
San Antonio  
January 22, 2005  
Annette was shot to death by her 45-year-old ex-boyfriend. He then went home and told his wife what he had done and shot himself. They both had teenage children.

Stephanie Sanchez, 17  
San Antonio  
December 13, 2005  
Stephanie died of multiple stab wounds inflicted by her boyfriend, Adrian Estrada, 22. According to police, the couple had an argument in Stephanie’s home, and as it escalated, he choked and then stabbed her multiple times. Stephanie was pregnant when she was killed. Estrada surrendered to police and was charged with her death.

Christy Denise Yeager, 24  
Hondo  
June 18, 2005  
Christy was shot and killed by her boyfriend, David Cantu, 23, at his mother’s home. Witnesses told police the couple had been arguing and that Cantu had threatened to kill himself if Christy left him. Cantu fled the scene in Christy’s car, but he later turned himself into police. Cantu has been formally charged with Christy’s death.

BOWIE COUNTY

Toy Wray Bradshaw, 33  
Texarkana  
September 8, 2005  
Toy was stabbed to death in her home by her estranged husband, Joe Ferron Bradshaw, 38. Her two children were sleeping when she was killed. Joe was convicted and sentenced to 50 years in prison for her death.
BRAZORIA COUNTY

Crystal Burks, 36
Alvin
August 28, 2005
Crystal died of gunshot wounds inflicted by her husband of 17 years, Douglas Burks, 44. Firefighters responding to a fire in their home found the bodies of Crystal and Douglas. Police believe Douglas shot Crystal in the bedroom of their new home and then shot himself in an apparent murder-suicide.

Leza Marie Maddalone, 31
Pearland
August 15, 2005
Leza was shot to death by her boyfriend, Bruce Glen Milner, 34, at a Pearland bank parking lot, as she exchanged custody of their children with Milner’s mother. Milner also shot and injured Leza’s mother, Debra Sanchez, 48, who was with Leza at the time. According to police, Leza’s two children witnessed the shooting. The couple had been dating off and on for several years. Milner was tried and convicted for her death.

BROWN COUNTY

Mona Williams, 48
Brownwood
May 27, 2005
Mona was shot in the head by her estranged husband, Steve Williams, 40, as she walked with her daughter from her home to meet police officers who were responding to a disturbance call at her home. According to police, Steve also shot at his daughter but missed. After a two-hour stand off, police stormed the home. Williams was shot and killed after wounding two police officers.

CAMERON COUNTY

Hermila Hernandez, 31
October, 2005
Hermila’s body was found on South Padre Island after she was reported missing four days earlier. Sheriff’s investigators suspect Hermila was shot in the head and beaten by Amit Livingston, 37. Friends and family believe the two were involved in an intimate relationship. Livingston turned himself into authorities after Hermila’s body was found and has been charged with her death.

Gloria Manzanares, 30
Brownsville
January 31, 2005
Gloria was strangled to death in her home by her husband, Norberto Manzanares, 31. Noberto blamed Gloria’s death on border violence. According to media reports, police discovered Noberto made up the story about the border incident after no witnesses came forward. He was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to 35 years in prison. Gloria is survived by two sons.
CLAY COUNTY

Debbie Brown, 42
Petrolia
July 16, 2005
Debbie was found strangled to death in her home. Debbie’s common-law husband, Bart Wright, 46, was charged with her death.

COLLIN COUNTY

Tammy Dawn Gardner, 41
Anna
January 23, 2005
Tammy was shot in her home by her estranged husband, John Steven Gardner, 49. According to police, Tammy called 911 dispatchers after she was shot, naming John as her assailant. She later died at an area hospital. John was arrested in Mississippi. Media reports state that he had served time in prison previously for shooting a former wife more than 20 years ago.

COOKE COUNTY

Sara Loraine Quisenberry, 21
Gainesville
September 7, 2005
Sara was shot to death by her boyfriend, Jay Davis Solomon, 22. According to police, Solomon brought Sara to a hospital emergency room, claiming she had accidentally shot herself. Police arrested and jailed Solomon for Sara’s death.

CROSBY COUNTY

Shannon Wade, 35
July 2005
Shannon was stabbed to death by her husband in an apparent murder-suicide. According to the sheriff’s office, Shannon’s husband chased her in her car, ran her off the road and stabbed her before committing suicide.

DALLAS COUNTY

Moniretti Abeni Akeredolu, 46
Grand Prairie
September 8, 2005
Moneretti was shot to death by her estranged husband, Ebenezer Akeredolu Sr., 48, as she entered her car. Police report Ebenezer had been stalking Moniretti for weeks. Family reported that the couple had a history of domestic violence. Ebenezer has been charged with Moniretti’s death. Moneretti is survived by a 13-year-old son.

Cicely Dawn Bell, 29
Dallas  
May 6, 2005  
Cicely was shot to death by her husband, Samuel Bell, 40, at the couple’s home. Bell then shot himself. Witnesses told police Bell had been drinking prior to the shooting.

Sharon Birdow, 37  
DeSoto  
April 23, 2005  
Sharon was shot to death by her 38-year-old husband, Paul Birdow, who then took his own life. The couple’s 13-year-old son called police when he heard gunshots. Police discovered the couple with fatal wounds. According to them, police had responded to a domestic disturbance call at the couple’s previous home in the past. Sharon and Paul were reportedly having marital problems. Police said there were several family members in the home when the shootings occurred.

Misty Davila, 33  
Dallas  
March 24, 2005  
Misty was beaten to death with a baseball bat by her husband, Robert Davila, 41. Robert escaped after killing Misty. He committed suicide one week later. Police believe Robert killed Misty because she did not want him to leave the home with their children while he was intoxicated. Misty is survived by four children and a stepson.

Rachel Garcia, 34  
Dallas  
April 12, 2005  
Rachel was found shot to death. Rachel’s boyfriend, Leonard Holmes, 20, was charged with her death. Police report the couple had a history of domestic violence.

Brenda Givens, 40  
Dallas  
September 18, 2004  
Brenda was shot to death by her boyfriend, Frankie Randle, 49. According to police, the couple got into an argument at a party and were separated by friends. They began arguing again in a car as they left the party, when Randle allegedly shot Brenda.

Katheryn Suzanne Greer, 34  
Coppell  
October 30, 2005  
Katheryn was shot and killed in her apartment by her estranged husband, Don Alvin Greer, Jr., 47, in an apparent murder-suicide. According to a friend, the couple was in the process of divorcing, and Don had moved to California. They are survived by a daughter.

Berlinda Jackson, 44  
Lancaster  
December 17, 2005  
Berlinda was shot several times in her home by her common-law-husband, Carl Yancy, Jr., 43. According to news reports, Berlinda’s daughter called police after hearing gunshots. Police said Berlinda had been shot in the back while attempting to flee. Family members said Berlinda was trying to end the relationship and wanted Yancy to leave. She is survived by two children.
Mary Louise Matthews, 64  
Carrollton  
August 23, 2005  
Mary was allegedly shot to death in her home by her husband, David Wright Matthews, 67. According to police, Matthews contacted authorities and said his wife had died. When they arrived, they found Mary dead from a gunshot wound. Police also found a handgun at the scene. David was arrested and charged with Mary’s death.

Veronica Perales, 23  
Mesquite  
July 21, 2005  
Veronica was shot to death in her home by her husband, Titus Vallance, 17. According to police, Veronica died of a gunshot wound to the head.

Darlene Walker, 42  
Dallas  
April 6, 2005  
Darlene died of strangulation and blunt force trauma injuries inflicted by her boyfriend, Ralph Mitchell, 41. According to news reports, Darlene’s brother found her dead in her apartment after he had not heard from her in more than a week. Mitchell was charged with Darlene’s death.

Elizabeth Taylor Wilkinson, 42  
Dallas  
March 22, 2005  
Elizabeth died of blunt force trauma to the head after an apparent domestic disturbance. According to the sheriff’s office, Elizabeth’s boyfriend, Donald Lewis Morris, 42, was found bleeding with several stab wounds when the police arrived at the scene. Morris was arrested for Elizabeth’s death.

Angela Williams, 42  
Dallas  
August 4, 2005  
Angela was bludgeoned to death by her boyfriend, Anthony Miller, 36, in their apartment. Angela was trying to get Miller to move out when he killed her. Miller then carjacked and robbed his mother. According to police, during the robbery, he confessed to killing Angela. On the day of his jury trial, Miller pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

**DEAF SMITH COUNTY**

Tonya Brock, 32  
Hereford  
December 26, 2005  
Tonya died in her home from a single gunshot wound on her birthday. Her estranged husband, Jeremy Brock, 28, was charged with her death. Jeremy had been arrested previously for violating a restraining order filed by Tonya. She is survived by three children.
DENTON COUNTY

Tracy Rickman, 34
Lewisville
August, 2005
Tracy was shot to death by her estranged husband, Rodney Rickman, 41, in her apartment. He then killed himself. According to police, Tracy had recently separated from her husband. Friends told police Rodney wasn’t happy that Tracy was moving into a new home with her two children and mother.

Rebecca Sosa, 35
Denton
June 14, 2005
Rebecca was shot to death by her boyfriend, Juan Esparza, 28. Acting on a Crime Stoppers tip, police arrested Esparza at a park and charged him with Rebecca’s death.

ECTOR COUNTY

Diana Ponce, 19
Odessa
December 28, 2005
Diana was shot to death by her estranged husband, Leo Angel Luna, 21. Diana was pregnant at the time of her death. Doctors attempted to deliver the baby through Caesarian section, but were unsuccessful. Luna also killed Diana’s mother, Blanca Ponce, and injured Diana’s brother. Diana had called police for help several times in the days prior to the shooting, saying Luna was threatening her. Police arrested Luna after the fatal shootings and charged him with three counts of murder.

EL PASO COUNTY

Maria Luisa Corral, 20
El Paso
April 29, 2005
Maria’s body was discovered in her boyfriend’s, Richard Flores, 19, closet by police responding to a domestic dispute at his residence. Over their four year relationship she was abused by Flores. According to Maria’s mother, he repeatedly threatened Maria with “putting a bullet through her head,” if he wasn’t able to see their three daughters who were in Maria’s custody. On the day of her death, Maria went to his apartment to drop off a birthday card. Flores, who had previously been charged with beating Maria in 2004, is believed to have fled to Mexico.

Tonya Marie West, 26
El Paso
November 18, 2005
Tonya was shot several times outside her apartment the day before her 26th birthday. She later died at an area hospital. Her ex-boyfriend, Quinn Cruz, Jr., 29, turned himself in to police and was charged with her death.
FANNIN COUNTY

Andrea Wilhelm, 40
Savoy
June 16, 2005
Andrea was shot at her workplace by her estranged husband, David Wilhelm, 44. Andrea’s co-worker, Felipe de Leon, 37, was also injured. They were transported to an area hospital where they died. David then tried to kill himself and was critically wounded. According to police, Andrea was in the process of getting a divorce.

FALLS COUNTY

Wendy Scruggs, 28
Marlin
June 21, 2005
Wendy was shot to death by her husband, Donald Blakes, 27, during a domestic dispute. He then turned the gun on himself. According to police, Donald was upset that Wendy had filed for divorce. Family members told police that Donald was a controlling person. The couple is survived by a 3-year-old son and Blake’s daughter from a previous relationship.

FORT BEND COUNTY

Irene Torres Belding, 42
Richmond
November 22, 2005
Irene and her two children were shot and killed in their home by Irene’s husband, John Francis Belding, 42, in an apparent murder-suicide. According to police, Belding shot his family in a bedroom and then killed himself. He left a suicide note saying he was sorry. The couple’s children were six and seven.

FRIO COUNTY

Belinda Lucia Martinez, 21
Pearsall
July 19, 2005
Belinda was stabbed to death in her apartment by her husband, Jay Michael Martinez, 24. According to police, after killing Belinda, Jay fled with two of the couple’s three children, leaving an infant behind. He later turned himself in to authorities and was charged with Belinda’s death.

GALVESTON COUNTY

Juanita Gonzales, 31
Galveston
October 10, 2005
Juanita’s body was found under her ex-boyfriend’s home after police received a missing person’s report. Police report the ex-boyfriend, Gerald Graves, 43, has been charged with Juanita’s death. Juanita had recently ended a relationship with Graves.
GARZA COUNTY

Socorro Storie, 60
Post
May 25, 2005
Socorro was beaten to death by her ex-boyfriend, Pablo Torres Soto, 59. Family members told reporters that Soto was obsessive, jealous and had abused Socorro for two years prior to her death. According to news reports, on the day of her death, Socorro was at the gravesite of her young son, which Soto had prohibited her from visiting, when Soto hit her vehicle head on and then beat her as she tried to run to the cemetery caretaker's home for help. The caretaker protected her until police arrived. Socorro died three days later from her injuries.

GUADALUPE COUNTY

Rachel Michelle Anderson, 25
Seguin
July 14, 2005
Police discovered Rachel’s body wrapped in plastic and shoved under her bed after her mother reported her missing. Police arrested and charged her husband, Eric Troy Phung, 27 with murder. Rachel’s 4-year-old daughter was at the residence at the time of her death and witnessed the murder. San Antonio police officers arrested Phung after police alleged he attempted to commit suicide by running into traffic on Interstate 35. Phung plead guilty to first degree murder and was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

HARRIS COUNTY

Annette Abraham, 35
Baytown
January 6, 2005
Annette was shot to death in what police believe was a murder-suicide. Annette’s boyfriend, Harrison Williams Jr., 44, killed her before shooting himself in the living room of their home. According to police, the couple was arguing before the shooting. Police records indicate that they had been called to the residence in the past on a family disturbance. Annette's 11-year-old son was home at the time of the shooting. She is survived by two children.

Angela Alex, 30
Houston
November 1, 2005
Angela was shot to death by her sister’s common-law husband, Joe B. Sanders, 32. According to the Harris County Sheriff’s Office, Angela’s sister was incarcerated when Sanders used Angela’s desire to see her niece to force her to have sexual relations with him. Upon learning she was pregnant Angela attempted to end her relationship with Sanders. Sanders was indicted on murder charges and is currently awaiting trial.

Sherry Arnold, 32
Houston
December 28, 2005
Sherry was shot to death by her husband, Howard Joseph Holmes, 46, in their home. According to newspaper reports, Sherry was pregnant with their child when Holmes killed her. She was shot while calling 911 for help.

Euelia Ayala, 22
Houston
February 6, 2005
Euelia was strangled to death by her husband, Efrain Neftali Hernandez, 26. According to police, Hernandez called authorities and confessed to killing his wife. He was arrested and charged with her death.

Danielle Nicole Bonner, 31
Houston
June 1, 2005
Danielle was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend, Terry Demon McClintock, 21, while in her home. According to police, neighbors heard an argument between Danielle, McClintock and his new girlfriend. They then heard a single gun shot. Police say Danielle was fatally shot in the face. McClintock was charged with Danielle’s death.

Sylvia Caballero, 42
Houston
August 26, 2005
Sylvia was shot to death in her home by her husband, Jesse Caballero, 45. According to authorities, Jesse was a police officer with the Houston Community College system and was charged with Sylvia’s death based on physical evidence.

Michelle Fernandez, 20
Houston
November 21, 2005
Michelle was beaten to death by her husband, Hugo Fernandez, 22, in their apartment. According to family members, Michelle was beaten with a hammer and her body placed in the bath tub. Her parents found her when they went to check on her welfare. Michelle’s baby was in the apartment during the incident. Hugo was apprehended in Mt. Bellvieu after a chase, when he attempted to run over a police officer and drove into oncoming traffic. According to police, Hugo pled guilty and was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

Susan Free, 44
Houston
December 2, 2005
Susan was strangled to death by her boyfriend, Craig A. Edwards, 44. Police initially thought Susan died of natural causes but became suspicious. Police later arrested Edwards, who lived with Susan. According to police, Edwards strangled Susan and hid her body in a bathtub.

Olivia Guevara, 30
Houston
April 22, 2005
Olivia was gunned down by her ex-husband in her apartment. He then killed himself. According to police, Olivia’s mother and 8-year-old daughter witnessed their deaths. Family members told police that Olivia’s ex-husband had been stalking her since the couple had ended their relationship a few months prior.
Tammie Evette Harris, 31
Humble
March 24, 2005
Tammie was shot to death during an argument with her ex-boyfriend, Demetrius Dwayne Smith, 27. Tammie’s 11-year-old daughter, Kristina, was also killed. According to police, they found Tammie’s body inside her bedroom and Kristina’s by the front door, indicating she tried to escape. Tammie is survived by two daughters. Police charged Smith with capital murder. He was convicted and sentenced to death.

Verdlyn Della Isaac, 29
Houston
November 15, 2005
Verdlyn was strangled to death by her husband, Ricardo C. Isaac, 38, during the course of a violent argument. According to police, Ricardo was confronting Verdlyn about an alleged relationship with another man, when the argument became physical. The couple’s two children were at school during the incident.

Michelle "Renee" Jetty, 39
Pearland
October 3, 2005
Renee was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend, David Gregg, 38, before he turned the gun on himself. Police believe Gregg was upset over the custody of the couple’s 1-year-old child. The baby was in the room at the time of the deaths, but was not harmed. Police did not know of any prior incidents of domestic violence between the couple.

Chastity Rene Kervin, 24
Houston
August 14, 2005
Chastity was found stabbed to death when the car she was riding in crashed through guard rails. According to police, the driver of the car, Chastity’s boyfriend, Ruben Gonzales, was found inside the vehicle distraught and trying to harm himself. He was charged with Chastity’s death.

Sherri Lewis, 37
Houston
August 30, 2005
According to the Houston Police Department, Sherri was killed by her boyfriend.

Martha Lopez, 24
Houston
March 30, 2005
Martha’s throat was slit by her husband, Elias Martinez, 29, while she slept. According to police, Martinez first claimed his wife had committed suicide, but later confessed to killing Martha. Police believe Martinez killed Martha because she was going to leave him and file for divorce. The couple’s 2-year-old son was in the room and may have witnessed his mother’s death.
Geri Lujan, 24
Houston
November 7, 2005
Geri was fatally shot by her boyfriend of ten years, Kevin Torres, 26, in an apparent murder-suicide. According to police, Geri’s family began searching for her when they did not hear from her. They contacted her apartment manager, who unlocked her residence and found the couple. Police said evidence showed Torres killed Geri and then turned the gun on himself.

Kristy Nguyen
Houston
November 29, 2005
Kristy was stabbed to death in her home by her husband, Kenny Nhat Tran. Tran then tried to kill himself but survived. According to news reports, Tran killed Kristy because he thought she was having an affair. There were six children in the home at the time of the stabbing but they did not witness the incident. Kristy is survived by four children.

Maria Elizabeth Orellano, 30
Houston
December 3, 2005
Maria was shot to death by her boyfriend, Carlos Juan Rivera, 38, in an apparent murder-suicide. Maria’s brother was outside her home when he heard gunshots and entered to find Maria and Rivera on the floor. Investigators believe Rivera killed Maria and then himself.

Nicole Merie Rzonca, 24
Houston
August 8, 2005
Nicole was found dead behind her apartment. Police arrested Nicole’s boyfriend, Alberto Velasco Perez, and charged him with her death.

Dina Sanchez, 47
Houston
October 27, 2005
According to the Houston Police department, Dina was killed by her 26-year-old boyfriend.

Iracema Del Carmen Segovia, 23
Houston
March 26, 2005
Iracema was shot to death by her boyfriend, Carmelo Lagunas Diaz, 33, in the back of a taxi. According to police, Iracema, Diaz and a female friend were riding in a cab when an argument broke out between the couple. Diaz was charged with her death.

Brooke Shorter, 17
Houston
August 9, 2005
Brooke was shot to death in the parking lot of her apartment complex by her ex-boyfriend, Joey Mata, 25. According to police and news reports, Brooke was outside talking to her boyfriend when Mata drove up and a fight ensued. Brooke sent her boyfriend to call police when Mata shot her in the head. He shot and killed himself just before police arrived at his mother’s home.
Catherine Skinner, 39  
Houston  
December 30, 2005  
Catherine was shot in the chest by her husband, Dedrick Skinner, 32 and later died at an area hospital. According to the sheriff’s office, authorities responded to a shooting at Catherine’s home. When they arrived they found Dedrick on top of Catherine, holding a gun to his head. Authorities were able to disarm and restrain him. They then discovered Catherine had been shot to death.

Elizabeth Trejo, 29  
Houston  
December 3, 2005  
Elizabeth was found shot to death inside her home in an apparent murder-suicide. Her 37-year-old boyfriend was also found dead holding the gun used to kill Elizabeth. She was four months pregnant at the time of her death.

Hortencia Vargas, 43  
Houston  
September 11, 2005  
Hortencia was shot to death in her apartment by her boyfriend, Jose Luis Mendiola, 53. According to police, witnesses heard arguing in the home followed by what sounded like slapping and a gunshot. They then witnessed Mendiola walking out of the apartment with a gun. Hortencia’s two children were in the apartment during the shooting but were not harmed.

Ana Velasquez, 29  
Houston  
June 24, 2005  
Ana and her brother, Ismael Velasquez, were shot to death in her apartment by her ex-boyfriend, Roberto Hodgson-Leiva, 32 who then killed himself. According to police, Hodgson-Leiva walked into Ana’s apartment and shot her and her brother. Ana had ended a relationship with Hodgson-Leiva two weeks earlier.

Sharon Wilkins, 33  
Houston  
April 21, 2005  
Sharon was shot to death in her home by her estranged husband, Ronnie Lee Price, 41. Price also shot her sister. According to police, Price showed up at Sharon’s home and tried to force his way in. Sharon’s cousin, who was visiting, left the home to get Sharon’s sister. When they returned, Price opened the door, shot at the women and ran away. Price was charged with murder and aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

Kathleen Kim Yi  
Houston  
July 23, 2005  
Kathleen’s body was found in a closet in her home, she had been stabbed 88 times. According to news reports, her ex-husband, Chon Ki Yi, was charged with her death. The couple had divorced a few months prior, but Kathleen had allowed Yi to live in her home because he was struggling financially. Kathleen’s two children were home when the stabbing occurred. Yi was convicted and sentenced to 80 years in prison.
Unknown Name, 23
Houston
February 26, 2005
She was stabbed to death in her apartment by her common-law husband, Ben Edward Lewis Jr., 36. According to police Lewis set her apartment on fire after killing her.

Unknown Wife, 65
Pasadena
June 2005
According to the Texas Department of Public Safety’s 2005 Uniform Crime Report, she was killed by her 69-year-old husband in an apparent murder-suicide.

HIDALGO COUNTY

Darita Flores, 25
Progresso
May 13, 2005
Darita was killed in her home by her ex-husband, Arturo Jose Flores Jr., 27. Police said Flores was arrested when they uncovered evidence in the couple’s home and found his claims that Darita was kidnapped in Mexico to be false. Darita’s 6-year-old son told police he saw his parents arguing. He also described his mother lying on the ground with blood on her face and his father on top of her covering her mouth. Arturo’s brother was arrested as an accomplice. Police said Arturo had a history of physical abuse.

Gabriela de Leon, 23
McAllen
October 13, 2005
Gabriela was found dead of smoke inhalation and asphyxiation in her burning apartment. According to news reports, firefighters found her body after relatives, who were looking for Gabriela, reported a fire in her apartment. According to police, Gabriela was killed by her 29-year-old boyfriend.

Nydia Maldonado, 19
McAllen
October 31, 2005
Nydia was found strangled and stabbed to death at her home. Police reported her boyfriend, Oscar Rodriguez, 22, admitted to strangling Nydia and then stabbing her in the neck with a set of tweezers. Friends told police Rodriguez had a temper and had thought about killing Nydia when she upset him. Rodriguez told police that he was angry because he allegedly saw Nydia with another man over the weekend.

Jennifer Morales, 23
San Carlos
May 13, 2005
Jennifer was shot to death on her birthday by her common-law husband, Sostenes Perez Morales, 27. Investigators said the incident began as a domestic dispute that escalated when Sostenes shot Jennifer at close range. According to police, Sostenes tried to escape and attempted to stab himself but did not succeed before being arrested.

Unknown Girlfriend, 38
Pharr
October 2005
According to the Texas Department of Public Safety’s, 2005 Uniform Crime Report she was killed by her 33-year-old boyfriend.

**HOPKINS COUNTY**

Cara Dewitt, 41  
Sulphur Springs  
November 12, 2005  
Cara was killed when she was lured to the home she once shared with her estranged husband, Daryl Dewitt, 48. According to police, Cara was in the process of separating from Daryl but had gone to the home when he asked her to pick up her mail. When Cara arrived, Daryl tied and shot her before killing himself. The police were called to the scene by Cara’s 10-year-old son, who believed he’d been locked out of the house.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**

Carolyn Peace Beatty, 37  
Beaumont  
February 4, 2005  
Carolyn was stabbed to death in her home by her estranged husband, Clifton Joseph Beatty, 37. According to police, Beatty confessed to killing Carolyn, saying he entered the house by shattering the sliding-glass back door with the top of a water meter. Though Carolyn fought for her life, she was unable to recover from the 14 stab wounds Beatty inflicted upon her. Beatty was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for Carolyn’s death.

**Tammy Garcia, Age Unknown**  
Port Arthur  
November 20, 2005  
Tammy was shot and killed by her estranged husband, Jose Domingo Garcia in the home they once shared. He then attempted to hide Tammy’s body in her truck, which was parked inside the garage of her new home. A passerby noticed her body and called police. Garcia confessed to killing Tammy.

**April King, 39**  
Beaumont  
May 13, 2005  
April was shot and killed at home by her boyfriend, Herman Bernard, 51, after an argument. Bernard has been charged with April’s death. Bernard’s two children were home at the time of the shooting.

**Barbara Lewis, 65**  
Beaumont  
October 23, 2005  
Barbara was killed when her husband, Danny Lewis, 65, ran over her with his truck. According to police, Barbara and Danny were arguing at home when he got into his truck and backed through a gate, intentionally running over his wife. Barbara later died at an area hospital. According to news reports, Lewis was charged with murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter and received 10 years of probation.

**Lillian Louis, 23**  
Port Arthur  
September 9, 2005
Lillian was killed by her boyfriend, Joey Coleman, 21. According to police, Coleman broke into Lillian’s home and ordered everyone, except Lillian, to leave. Coleman then shot her and himself. She was four months pregnant at the time of her death and is survived by two young children. Relatives told reporters that there had been disputes between the couple in the past.

**Tonia Lynn Porras, 28**  
La Belle  
**November 2, 2005**  
Tonia’s body was discovered by her father inside her garage apartment. According to police, she had been stabbed multiple times. Tonia’s ex-boyfriend, Corey Joseph Schuff, 28, and his friend, Wesley Joel Smith, 33, were arrested and charged with first degree murder. Police reported there was documented record of violence by Schuff against Tonia. Smith confessed to investigators that he had witnessed Schuff killing Tonia.

**Joyce Seals, 60**  
Beaumont  
**February 16, 2005**  
Joyce was stabbed to death in her home by her ex-boyfriend, Willie Clark, 63. Family members said Clark would call Joyce 20 to 30 times a day. According to news reports, in the years leading up to her death, Willie had been warned once and arrested twice for trespassing on Joyce’s property. Willie was sentenced to 45 years in prison for Joyce’s death.

**JOHNSON COUNTY**

**Lisa Michelle Newman, 39**  
Cleburne  
**September 21, 2005**  
Lisa’s body and the body of her husband, Roger D. Newman, 40, were discovered in their home by Lisa’s 20-year-old son. According to police, Roger shot and killed Lisa before killing himself. Police said the son reported the couple were having an increasing number of domestic problems and were discussing divorce. They had filed for a divorce once in the past, but withdrew that motion soon after. They had been married for 24 years.

**LIBERTY COUNTY**

**Alice Sanchez, 67**  
Dayton  
**July 27, 2005**  
Alice was fatally shot by her husband in their country home. According to police, Alice’s husband, 74-year-old Ramiro Sanchez, shot her and then killed himself in an apparent murder-suicide.

**LIMESTONE COUNTY**

**Melba McDonagh, 30**  
**June 2, 2005**  
Melba was shot and killed at her workplace by her husband, Robert McDonagh, 65.

**LUBBOCK COUNTY**

**Sharon Lynn Beard, 38**
Lubbock
October 13, 2005
Sharon was stabbed to death by her husband, Jonathan Beard, 44. According to police, Beard drove Sharon to the hospital and said she had been assaulted near a portable restroom. He was later charged with her death. Sharon’s family issued a public statement after her death, stating that the couple had argued frequently over her husband’s jealousy. Sharon is survived by four children.

Michelle Lavato, 27
Lubbock
November 14, 2005
Michelle was at home when her estranged husband, Steven Carlo Lavato, 29, broke into her home and kidnapped her. According to police, he stabbed her multiple times before abandoning her in a field. Police said Steven confessed to a family member that he had killed Michelle. The couple was in the process of divorcing. Michelle is survived by three children.

Andrea Mendoza, 24
Lubbock
July 31, 2005
Andrea was stabbed to death by her husband, Timothy Udley, 28, after he broke into her apartment in the early morning hours. According to police, the couple had an extensive history of domestic violence.

Erica Perez, 20
Lubbock
March 4, 2005
Erica was shot to death by her boyfriend, Raymon Montelongo Jr., 22, in the parking lot of her workplace. Police reported witnesses saw Montelongo block Erica’s car with his before jumping into her car and shooting her. Montelongo was convicted and sentenced to 99 years in prison for her death.

Sharon Wade, 39
Lubbock
July 5, 2005
Sharon and her 12-year-old daughter, Jennifer, were driving to pick up Sharon’s other daughter when they noticed her husband, Gerald Wade, following them in his car. According to news reports, Sharon called her son, Mark Ellison, 19, for help. When Mark arrived and pulled his car to the side of the road to intervene, Gerald stabbed Mark. Sharon was stabbed while trying to protect her son. Gerald shot himself during a police ambush several hours later. Relatives told reporters Sharon was seeking a divorce and had asked Gerald to move out of their home.

McLENNAN COUNTY

Angela Lynn Booker, 33
Waco
December 6, 2005
Angela was shot to death in her home by her husband, Andrew Booker, 31. He then killed himself. According to police, Andrew had been arrested the previous month and charged with assaulting his wife and cruelty to animals. Angela’s mother told reporters that Angela had said Andrew was mean to her, but she wanted to work things out. The couple’s 2-year-old daughter was found unharmed in her crib.

Nancy Coleman, 32
Waco
June, 7, 2005
Nancy was shot to death in the parking lot of her workplace by her estranged husband, Roger Coleman, 46, in an apparent murder-suicide. Police reported they found the couple's bodies at a used car dealership where Nancy worked. James Smith, 34, who Nancy was dating, was also found dead at a nearby duplex.

**MEDINA COUNTY**

Angelique Riou, 22  
San Antonio  
April 13, 2005  
Angelique was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend, Eric Wayne Jacobs, 27, in her family’s home. Jacobs also killed Angelique’s 7-year-old brother, Trevor Elliot, and her mother, Diane “Diddi” Norman, before he turned the gun on himself in an apparent murder-suicide. According to news reports, Jacobs was upset over a breakup with Angelique. Angelique’s stepfather and sister were also wounded.

**MILAM COUNTY**

Stephanie Young, 24  
Minerva  
February 1, 2005  
Stephanie was shot and killed after being held hostage with her three children by her ex-boyfriend, Ben Contreras, 41. According to police, Stephanie’s children were found alive, locked in a bathroom. Stephanie’s stepfather, Preston Solomon, 56, who was also in the home, was killed trying to protect his family. Contreras was sentenced to two concurrent life sentences in September 2005.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Karen Apgar, 48  
Porter  
November 29, 2005  
Karen was fatally shot by her husband, Orvin Apgar, 67. According to police, the shooting was the result of an ongoing dispute between the couple. The Apgars had been married for 29 years and had a grown daughter. Orvin was charged with Karen’s death.

Debra Y. Carter, 44  
Conroe  
May 7, 2005  
Debra was shot to death by her husband, Jeffery L. Carter, 49, in an apparent murder-suicide. The couple’s bodies were discovered by their 23-year-old son when he returned home from work. According to police, the couple had a history of domestic violence.

Julia Hart, 65  
Conroe  
November 5, 2005  
Julia was found shot to death after she called police for help. When police arrived, they found the bodies of Julia and her husband, Fred Hart, 66. Police believe Fred shot Julia and then killed himself. According to family, the couple had been having problems for a long time.

**NACOGDOCHES COUNTY**
Ella Oliphant, 65
Hemphill/Chireno
August 10, 2005
Ella’s body was found by the side of a road near Chireno. Police believe her husband, Vertice Oliphant, killed her. According to authorities, an altercation took place in a vehicle before it pulled over and Ella exited. Ella’s daughter said she became concerned about her mother when she did not hear from her.

NOLAN COUNTY

Sarah Gonzales
Sweetwater
April 05, 2005
Sarah and her two children were killed by her common-law husband Esperdion "Dion" Sepeda, 39, in an apparent murder-suicide. Sarah’s two daughters, Olivia, 8, and Monica, 6, were found lying near her body. Police said it was not immediately known how Sepeda took his life.

NUECES COUNTY

Jennie Lake, 54
Corpus Christi
March 6, 2005
Jennie was the victim of an apparent murder-suicide at the hands of her husband, James Lake, 54. According to police, the couple’s bodies were discovered by a teenage neighbor who went to check on their welfare after they had not been seen for several days.

ORANGE COUNTY

Cynthia Parmenter, 41
Bridge City
March 17, 2005
According to police, Cynthia was shot to death by her husband, Charles Parmenter, 37.

POTTER-RANDALL COUNTY

Rita Juarez, 42
Amarillo
November 18, 2005
Rita was shot to death by her ex-husband, Daniel Hernandez, 45. According to investigators, Hernandez shot Rita inside her home and then walked into the backyard and shot himself. The couple had a history of domestic violence. A month prior, Hernandez had kidnapped Rita at gunpoint from her workplace. Rita had filed a permanent protective order against Hernandez four days before the kidnapping.

SAN JACINTO

Megan Pollard, 18
June 16, 2006
Megan was shot to death by her husband, Marcus Pollard, 24. According to the sheriff’s office, he was convicted and sentenced to 40 years in prison for her death. Megan is survived by her children.

SMITH COUNTY

Maribel Estrada, 41
Tyler
February 24, 2005
Maribel was shot to death by her ex-husband, David Hernandez Arroyo Sr., outside the Smith county courthouse. According to Maribel’s lawyer, Arroyo was furious that she wanted a divorce and was angry about having to pay child support. Mark Alan Wilson, a resident who lived near the courthouse was also killed saving the life of Maribel’s 23-year-old son, David Arroyo Jr. who was at the courthouse with his mother. Maribel is survived by two additional children, ages six and 17.

Mary (last name Unknown), 82
June 1, 2005
Mary was shot in the head by her common-law husband, “Buddy” Doyle Edwin Mason, 64. According to a friend, Mary’s plans to leave Texas and move to Michigan upset Mason. The couple had been together for more than 27 years.

Crystal Sims, 27
Bullard City
December 13, 2005
Crystal was shot to death by her boyfriend, Terry Glenn Brown, 24. According to authorities, Brown confessed to his mother that he killed Crystal. Crystal’s body was found on the Brown family’s property. Brown pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison. Crystal is survived by three children.

STARR COUNTY

Rosa Peña, 24
Harlingen
October 10, 2005
Rosa was shot to death by her husband, Roman Peña, 35. Roman also killed Rosa’s sister, Rebecca Salinas. According to police, after killing the two women, Roman drove 15 miles to a neighboring town and killed himself. Salinas’s family members said the Peñas were having marital problems in the days leading to the shooting.

TARRANT COUNTY

Nicole Bush, 17
Arlington
July 12, 2005
Nicole was killed when she fell from her ex-boyfriend, Steven Lynn Roger’s truck. Roger, 25, had been arguing with Nicole when he attempted to drive away. According to police, Roger knew Nicole was sitting on his car, and purposely drove recklessly to ensure she would fall. Nicole later died at an area hospital as a result of severe injuries.

Jesus Flores, 39
Fort Worth
May 10, 2005
Jesus was shot to death by her estranged boyfriend, Chris Langford, 44, in their home. Langford then
turned the gun on himself. Police found the couple’s bodies after they found Jesus’ 3-year-old son
wandering outside the home, distraught and unharmed. According to police, Jesus had recently moved out
of the home she shared with Langford.

Jonnell Gates, 56
Fort Worth
August 28, 2005
Jonnell was beaten to death by her boyfriend Frank Lee Pearl, 53. The couple lived in a homeless
campsite where she was found dead. Pearl has a history of violence. He pleaded guilty to murder and was
sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Deborah Houchin, 56
Arlington
July 22, 2005
Deborah’s burned body was found several miles from her home after co-workers reported her missing.
Police believe she was shot and burned to death in her home and her body moved. Deborah, a marriage
and family counselor, was allegedly killed by her former fiancé and colleague, Lester Winningham Jr.,
51. Winningham was arrested and charged with murder.

Zana Danielle Leblanc, 22
Arlington
December 20, 2005
Zana, known as Danielle to her friends and family, was killed by her estranged boyfriend, Don Wayne
Moody, 26. After strangling Danielle, Moody drove to the Texas-Mexico border, where he committed
suicide in a hotel room. Danielle is survived by a 2-year-old daughter from a previous relationship.

Serena Martinez, 26
Forest Hill
March 10, 2005
Serena was stabbed to death by her common-law husband, Renard Burton, 35. After killing Serena,
Burton fled to a relative’s home where police found him stabbing himself in an attempt to commit suicide.
He was later charged with Serena’s death. Serena is survived by her two young children.

Isatu Omorogieva, 35
Euless
August 10, 2005
Isatu was killed by her husband, 45-year-old Johnny Omorogieva. While in their home, Johnny savagely
struck Isatu on the head numerous times with a hammer in front of his 7-year-old daughter. Johnny
pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to 50 years in prison. Isatu is survived by two children.

Sonia Quinones, 36
Bedford
July 4, 2005
Sonia was stabbed to death by her husband, Israel Santiago-Oquendo, 32. According to police, the couple
was arguing in their home about a possible separation when Oquendo stabbed Sonia. The couple’s 13-
year-old son called police. Oquendo pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 15 years in prison for the
murder. Sonia is survived by four children.

Kelli Ruiz, 37
Grapevine
December 29, 2005
Kelli and her 14-year-old son, Ryan Peter Ruiz Jr., were shot to death in their apartment by Kelli’s husband, Ryan Peter Ruiz Sr. He then killed himself. According to police, the family of hurricane Katrina evacuees was facing eviction for failing to pay rent. Kelli’s 16-year-old daughter, Kristin, was staying with family friends in North Carolina at the time of the incident.

Kimberly Satre, 33
Arlington
February 7, 2005
Kimberly was shot to death by her estranged husband, Steve Harrelson, 44. According to police, Harrelson lured Kimberly to his home by asking for a ride to a doctor, saying he had fallen in the shower. When Kimberly arrived at the home, Harrelson killed her and then turned the gun on himself. Kimberly is survived by three children.

Cynthia Scott, 45
Bedford
October 6, 2005
Cynthia was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend, Randall Dwayne Kincy, 49, who then killed himself. Witnesses told police they saw the couple arguing in a parking lot when Kincy grabbed Cynthia. According to investigators, the couple had dated in the past.

Ingrid Smith, 15
Arlington
March 15, 2005
Ingrid was killed by, Ronald M. Hill, 32, a man she met through a telephone dating service. Prosecutors working on her case said they believe Hill killed Ingrid after she told him she was pregnant. Hill was sentenced to life in prison for her death and may be eligible for parole in 30 years.

Lisa Underwood, 34
Fort Worth
February 18, 2005
Lisa and her 7-year-old son, Jayden, were killed by Lisa’s ex-boyfriend, Stephen Dale Barbee, 37. According to police, Barbee killed Lisa after an argument over his refusal to leave his wife. Lisa was seven months pregnant at the time of her death. On February 27, 2006, Barbee received the death penalty for killing Lisa and her unborn child.

Unknown Ex-Wife, 36
February, 2005
According to the Texas Department of Public Safety’s 2005 Uniform Crime Report, she was shot to death by her 52-year old ex-husband.

TRAVIS COUNTY

Shari Alvarez, 38
Pflugerville  
November 8, 2005  
Shari’s body was discovered two days after she was killed in a field not far from her home. Police went to check on her after a family member called to say she had not reported to work. Shari’s boyfriend, Ali Almeaarek, 23, was arrested in San Antonio after he confessed to killing both Shari and a security guard at a bus station in San Antonio. Shari is survived by her twin daughters.

Andrea Bjorksten, 37  
Austin  
September 20, 2005  
Andrea was killed by her husband, Andrew Bjorksten, 43, in an apparent murder-suicide. The couple is survived by four children who were at school at the time of the incident.

Jennifer Cave, 21  
Austin  
August 17, 2005  
Jennifer, a student at the University of Texas at Austin, was killed by Colton Pitonyak, 22. According to police, Pitonyak and Jennifer had a romantic relationship. Police believe Pitonyak killed Jennifer in his apartment before fleeing to Mexico. He was captured several days later and charged with her death. Pitonyak was convicted of murder and sentenced to 55 years in prison.

Laura McIntosh, 49  
Austin  
March 27, 2005  
Laura was strangled to death by her spouse, Terry Michael Dalton, 46, during the course of an argument. According to court records and friends, the couple had been married for only a year and a half and had a stormy relationship. Laura is survived by an adult son. Dalton pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Lena Kim Nguyen, 19  
Austin  
April 6, 2005  
Lena was killed by her ex-boyfriend, Tai Thanh Ho, 20. According to police, Ho was upset that Lena had ended their relationship, and had been stalking her. Police said Ho had bragged to friends that he could get away with murder. He was arrested and charged with first-degree murder approximately one month after the crime. Ho was convicted and sentenced to 75 years in prison.

VAN ZANDT COUNTY

Juanita Perez, 46  
Wills Point  
January 20, 2005  
Juanita died of complications from gunshot wounds she received in 2004. According to news reports, her ex-boyfriend Bernardino Ybarra, 70, shot Juanita because he was upset over their relationship ending. Her 21-year-old daughter was also injured in the shooting and later recovered. Ybarra led the police in a chase before his arrest. After Juanita’s death he was charged with murder.

WARD COUNTY
Socorro Hernandez, 64
Monahans
July 5, 2005
Socorro was killed by her common-law husband, Jose Felix Marquez, 62. According to police, Marquez, who was under the influence of alcohol, accused Socorro of being a witch and casting a spell on him. Socorro’s daughter witnessed Marquez stab her mother. Socorro was taken to an area hospital where she later died from her injuries.

WEBB COUNTY

Patricia Ann Cavazos, 44
Laredo
February 17, 2005
According to news reports, Patricia was killed by her husband, Alejandro Cavazos, 44. Police became suspicious of her death when an autopsy revealed that Patricia’s injuries were homicidal and had occurred while she was home with Alejandro. Alejandro was arrested and charged with her death.

WICHITA COUNTY

Bianca Tarran, 20
Wichita Falls
January 27, 2005
Bianca was shot by her ex-boyfriend, Michael Jermaine Williams, 20. At the time of her death, Bianca was pregnant and looking forward to the birth of her son. Bianca’s friends told police that the couple had a history of violence. Police arrested Williams and charged him with murder when inconsistencies in his story became apparent.

WISE COUNTY

Delores Garza Baldwin, 39
Azle
April 1, 2005
Delores was killed by her husband, Michael James Baldwin, 38, in an apparent murder-suicide. According to police, Michael called the sheriff’s office and admitted to killing Delores before killing himself. Police reported the couple had domestic problems. The couple are survived by two children who were staying with their grandparents at the time of their deaths.