Honoring Texas Victims

Family Violence Fatalities in 2009
Every year in the United States, 1,000 to 1,600 women die at the hands of their male partners, often after a long, escalating pattern of battering. In Texas, for calendar year 2009, 111 women were killed by their former or current husband, intimate partner or boyfriend. Undoubtedly, additional victims of intimate partner femicide remain uncounted. Authorities may refer to the offender as an “acquaintance” or “unknown” because the relationship was not determined at the time of death. Research into domestic homicides typically reveals these to be crimes of accumulation in which men’s violence and women’s entrapment seem to intensify over time.

This report serves multiple purposes. First and foremost, it pays tribute to these Texas victims by memorializing their story with a brief account of the incident. It also forces us to identify and analyze the distinguishing characteristics of these cases. Further, this report will evoke deeper and more meaningful discussions about issues that affect the ability of women to escape dangerous relationships. The report will also strengthen our collective communities’ resolve to end violence against women and girls and work earnestly to save lives.

For over 20 years, the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) has issued a statewide report on women killed as a result of family violence. Since its inception, the list has included the names and ages of the victims, narratives summarizing the incident, and the perpetrator’s name and relationship to the victim. To protect the identity of children under the age of 18, names are not included; however, if known, the narratives list the age and gender of the children.

The Texas Council on Family Violence conducts a tremendous amount of diligence in confirming the accuracy of this information. Raw data is provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety (TDPS), which it collects from local law enforcement through their Unified Crime Reporting. TDPS provides the data in the form of code – a series of numbers identifies jurisdiction, gender and age of victim. TCFV simultaneously collects media reports from across the state and cross-references the information to the raw TDPS data. As an additional measure of fact checking, TCFV contacts each law enforcement department who reported the fatality, requests a copy of the report and, when possible, interviews the officer who investigated an incident. These important components build the fullest picture of these deaths in Texas. For those listed as “unidentified” TCFV was unable to collect information other than the raw data from TDPS. This list reflects the most accurate information available to our staff at the time of compilation.

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The Women Killed List, as it was previously known, has been re-titled *Honoring Texas Victims: Family Violence Fatalities*, and includes a new section highlighting the following key statistical data:

- Victim’s age
- Victim’s relationship to the perpetrator
- Number of family violence deaths by month
- Number of family violence deaths by counties
- Nature of death murder-suicides
- Means of death
- Murders resulting in children losing their mothers

Over the past 30 years, Texas has made significant progress in creating safe havens, providing greater legal options and establishing remarkable transitional services for victims. However, family violence persists. We must continue to examine and strengthen protective factors while simultaneously decreasing risk factors that contribute to family violence. There is a great deal to learn from the deaths of these Texas women. This study reminds us that more work is needed to achieve a climate in Texas that creates peaceful homes and safe families for everyone.
The map provides a visual illustration with purple representing counties free of fatalities while white represents those counties in which we must redouble our efforts, learn from those tragic outcomes and use that information across Texas. TCFV sees Go Purple as our organization’s central messaging effort inspired by our re-envisioning of the Women Killed List. We challenge all of Texas to Go Purple, striving for a state where no woman loses her life as a result of family violence.
Victim’s Age

In analyzing the 2009 fatalities, victim’s ages ranged from 13 to 83 years. The thirteen-year-old victim was murdered by a boyfriend and the eighty three-year-old victim was murdered by her husband. The age group most impacted was between 30 and 39 years of age, followed closely by those 20 to 29 years of age.

Victim’s Relationship to the Perpetrator

The most common relationship of the victim to the perpetrator was “wife” (43 percent), followed by “girlfriend” (26 percent). If the categories of wife, common law wife and estranged wife are combined, the percent increases to 57 percent.
Analysis by Month

Women are killed throughout the year; however, it is important to identify and investigate common aspects of these deaths. The data demonstrates September as the month in which the highest number of femicides occurred, followed by March and May respectively.

Number of Family Violence Deaths by Counties

In 2009, the data indicates three counties, with large urban cities, had the highest number of women killed by an intimate partner. Harris County, which includes the city of Houston, has the highest number of deaths (29), followed by Bexar County, which includes the city of San Antonio, (10 deaths), and Dallas County, which includes the city of Dallas, (9 deaths).
Nature of Death Murder-Suicides

In this context, we use the term “murder-suicide” in reference to cases in which a perpetrator kills his partner/spouse and then kills himself. We refer to cases in which an intimate partner murders another and the children and then proceeds to kill him or herself as “familicide.” According to the National Institute of Justice, common risk factors in these cases are:

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

The 2009 data demonstrates that in 38 percent of the family violence murders in this report, the perpetrator killed himself after killing his partner. There are also documented cases of familicide and other cases where co-workers and third parties were also killed.

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Means of Death

This report analyzes the means of death or weapon used. National research supports that women who were threatened or assaulted with a gun were 20 times more likely than other women to be murdered. Women whose partners threatened them with murder were 15 times more likely than other women to be killed. The 2009 Texas data indicates that in 61 percent of the cases, perpetrators used firearms to kill their partners.

![Means of Death Diagram]

Murders Resulting in Children Losing Their Mothers

In 2009, just under half (44 percent) of the homicides involved women who had children. The youngest surviving child was a 9-month-old infant.

A disturbing analysis revealed that in 19 cases, one or more children witnessed the death of their mother.

![Percent of Cases in which Children Lost Their Mothers Diagram]

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Conclusion

This report focused on the deaths of 111 Texas women in 2009. Much can be learned from review of these cases. Reviews must be conducted whether in a formal or informal way but these deliberations and discussions can augment community awareness, examine intervention systems, and more importantly propel prevention of future fatalities in Texas.
Their Stories...

The Texas Council on Family Violence, carefully and with the utmost respect to the families impacted, presents the following names of each victim of intimate partner femicide in the state of Texas during 2009, including the date of her death and the city she was killed in, followed by a short description of the circumstances. The victims are listed in order by county where the murder occurred.

**Angelina**

02/15/2009 | Lufkin
Renee Mullin, 35
Rickey Mullin, 45, shot his estranged wife Renee to death before he fatally shot himself. Mullin also shot Renee’s mother, Brenda Mayo Alderman, 58, to death. At the time of the incident, Renee and Rickey were in the midst of custody proceedings.

12/13/2009 | Lufkin
Lisa Zumwalt, 42
Raymond Wilson, 45, shot his girlfriend Lisa to death. Wilson also killed Lisa’s friends Douglas Wade, 65 and Sherry Wood, 47, by shooting them. Wilson was charged with three counts of capital murder.

**Bell**

11/08/2009 | Salado
Lou Tretter, 53
David Tretter, 59, beat his wife Lou to death. Lou was taken to a hospital where she died three weeks later from her injuries. Tretter has been charged with Lou’s murder.
Bexar

01/01/2009 | San Antonio
Dana Edwards, 32
Jon Ford, 41, strangled his ex-girlfriend Dana to death. He also killed Dana’s dog. Ford was charged with murder one year after the incident when DNA from the scene linked him to the crime.

03/10/2009 | San Antonio
Shanika Sanford, 18
Charles Reese, 26, shot his wife Shanika to death in the parking lot of their apartment. Shanika, who was pregnant at the time, was attempting to leave. Reese was sentenced to life in prison for Shanika’s murder.

03/30/2009 | San Antonio
Sofia Mondini, 21
Justin Radwin, 45, shot his girlfriend Sofia to death. Radwin claimed the shooting occurred when he accidentally fired his gun. He was sentenced to 12 years in prison for manslaughter.

04/23/2009 | San Antonio
Yvette De La Cruz, 35
Isidro Michael Veloz Jr., 32, beat his ex-girlfriend Yvette to death. Yvette had a protective order against Veloz, who was subsequently charged with her murder.

07/01/2009 | San Antonio
Misty Espinoza, 25
Alonso Mendoza, 31, shot his wife Misty to death at her workplace. Mendoza also shot and killed Misty’s coworker, Clarence Blades, as Clarence tried to defend Misty. Family members disclosed that Mendoza had a history of family violence and that Misty was trying to end the marriage. Mendoza was arrested after a three-hour standoff with police and charged with the two murders.
Bexar

07/04/2009 | San Antonio
Courtney Gass, 26
Christopher Allgood, 35, shot his girlfriend Courtney
to death in her home. Allgood also shot and killed their
two-year-old daughter and Courtney’s friend Kevin Bones,
26, who was helping her leave at the time of the incident.
Allgood had a history of family violence with previous
charges of assault, and has been charged with their murders.

08/19/2009 | San Antonio
Sandra Barrios, 58
Robert Gutierrez, 44, beat his girlfriend Sandra to death.
Gutierrez was charged with Sandra’s murder.

08/27/2009 | San Antonio
Rosalinda Vega, 53
Terrence Fletcher, 33, struck his ex-girlfriend Rosalinda in
the head with a brick. Rosalinda was in a coma for three
months prior to her death. Fletcher’s original charge of
assault was enhanced to murder.

09/22/2009 | San Antonio
Leona Benzing, 79
John Benzing, 59, stabbed and beat his wife Leona to death
in their bedroom. He claimed it was part of a murderers-suicide
pact gone wrong. Benzing was charged with Leona’s murder.

11/10/2009 | San Antonio
Jennifer Trader, 25
Jamie Lee Almaguer, 30, shot his girlfriend Jennifer to
death in her apartment. Police found Almaguer walking on
I-35 after the shooting and exchanged gunfire with him,
before fatally shooting him.
Brazoria
10/19/2009 | Pearland
Ling Feng, 39
Donghai Yu, 43, stabbed his wife Ling to death. Yu called 911 to report that he had killed his wife, and was charged with her murder. Ling is survived by their twelve-year-old son.

Brazos
03/06/2009 | College Station
Rachel Joiner, 21
John Thuesen, 25, shot his girlfriend Rachel to death. Thuesen also shot and killed Rachel’s brother Travis Joiner, 23. Thuesen was charged with two counts of capital murder.

Collin
04/11/2009 | Frisco
Mary Redwine, 33
William Taylor, 50, shot his wife Mary, to death before he fatally shot himself.

Comal
07/27/2009 | New Braunfels
Maria Gallegos, 34
Daniel Ramos, 37, shot his girlfriend Maria to death in his home. Ramos has been charged with Maria’s murder.
**Dallam**

10/14/2009 | Dalhart
Elva Cancino, 63
Jose Cancino, 78, shot his wife Elva to death. Cancino fatally shot himself after eluding police capture for three days after the murder. Elva’s two grandchildren witnessed the shooting and survived.

**Dallas**

01/30/2009 | Dallas
Unidentified Victim, 65
An unidentified man shot and killed his partner in Old East Dallas after an argument. At the time of this report, the names of the victim and the perpetrator were not disclosed.

02/27/2009 | Dallas
Mary Cleveland, 65
Danny Hollis, 49, shot and strangled his girlfriend Mary to death. Hollis was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for Mary’s death.

05/14/2009 | Dallas
Carolyn Cleary, 48
Marvin Cleary killed his wife Carolyn and assaulted Carolyn’s brother as he tried to protect her. At the time of this report, it was not clear if strangulation or blunt force trauma caused Carolyn’s death. Cleary, who had previously been incarcerated for family violence, confessed and was subsequently charged with Carolyn’s murder.

09/17/2009 | Dallas
Celia Mbaka, 20
Justice Mbaka, 23, shot his wife Celia to death. Mbaka then doused their apartment with gasoline and killed himself.

09/22/2009 | Dallas
Lovetta Armstead, 32
Gary Green, 38, stabbed his estranged wife Lovetta to death. Green also killed their 6-year-old daughter and injured their 9-year-old son. Lovetta had recently filed for divorce from Green. Green was charged with the two murders.
09/23/2009 | Dallas
Mary Halcomb, 59
Roscoe Halcomb, 66, shot his wife Mary to death before killing himself.

09/28/2009 | Garland
Amber Doyle, 30
Denny Doyle, 37, shot his wife Amber to death before he shot and killed himself. Another person of unknown relation to Amber was also shot and killed.

11/11/2009 | Mesquite
Lashalyn Robinson, 29
Quenturus Robinson, 31, killed his wife, Lashalyn. Lashalyn is survived by her two children who were found in the home unharmed. Robinson was charged with Lashalyn’s murder.

12/02/2009 | Dallas
Zulma Salmeron, 35
Jose Gonzalez, 46, beat his former girlfriend Zulma to death in a Dallas motel. Gonzalez then tried to commit suicide, but police apprehended him before he did so. Her 2-year-old grandson witnessed the incident.

Denton

11/10/2009 | Flower Mound
Brittany Munoz, 16
Garrett Cole Gower, 20, killed his girlfriend Brittany. She was pregnant at the time of her death, and Gower has been charged with Brittany’s murder.

El Paso

04/04/2009 | Fort Bliss
Cassaundra Beckel, 19
Kevin Beckel, 23, shot his wife Cassaudra, a soldier, to death before he fatally shot himself. Witnesses report Beckel was arguing with Cassaudra in the middle of a grocery store.
Ellis

05/03/2009 | Ennis
Sharon Lusk, 28
Willie Lusk, 28, shot his wife Sharon to death before he fatally shot himself. At the time, their 9-month-old baby laid in the bassinet in the bedroom with them. Sharon is survived by her 9-month-old infant.

07/22/2009 | Midlothian
Shelli Galindo, 30
Guadalupe Galindo, 29, shot his ex-wife Shelli to death in front of their children and her relatives, before killing himself.

Fort Bend

12/27/2009 | Rosenberg
Keitha Turner, 39
Albert James Turner, 44, stabbed his wife Keitha to death. Turner also killed his mother-in-law Betty Jo Frank, 66. The incident was witnessed by the couple’s children, one of whom called 911. After being on the run for several months, Turner was caught and has been charged with their murders.

Galveston

09/01/2009 | Galveston
Joyce Randle, 51
John Newton, 62, shot his girlfriend Joyce to death before he fatally shot himself. Newton also killed Joyce’s daughter Jackie, 21.

09/04/2009 | Galveston
Sherry Williams, 47
Anthony Wayne Earls, 47, stabbed his wife Sherry to death. Sherry had a protective order against Earls. Earls has been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

09/21/2009 | La Marque
Faith Guillory, 45
Moises Alvarez, 51, shot his ex-girlfriend Faith to death. Alvarez is currently wanted by the Galveston County Sheriff’s Office for Faith’s murder. Faith is survived by her three children.
11/24/2009 | Tiki Island
Joann Wallace, 64
Fred Wallace, 66, shot his wife Joann to death. Wallace called 911 to report the incident and was charged with Joann’s murder.

12/11/2009 | San Leon
Luvena Hunt, 23
Brett Priddy, 23, shot his fiance Luvena to death. Priddy also shot one of her dogs before turning the gun on himself. Luvena was on the phone with a 911 operator during the incident.

Gregg

04/29/2009 | Longview
Bonnie Smart, 54
Ronald Smart, 62, shot his wife Bonnie to death before he fatally shot himself. Smart also shot and killed their son, Byron Smart, 32.

Guadalupe

06/21/2009 | Cibolo
Manova Dulay, 34
Glenn Dulay, 42, killed his wife Manova. He plead guilty to 1st degree felony murder and was sentenced to 40 years in prison. Manova is survived by their three children.

Hardin

01/31/2009 | Lumberton
Jennifer Rice, 29
Danny Williams, 30, shot his ex-wife Jennifer to death before he shot and killed himself. Jennifer is survived by their two children, ages 3 and 5.
Harris

01/06/2009 | Houston
Jessica Garcia, 33
Jonathan Barnes, 23, strangled his girlfriend Jessica to death. Barnes was charged with Jessica’s murder.

01/09/2009 | Houston
Rumalda Nino, 27
Carlos Rodriguez, 38, strangled his wife Rumalda who was found deceased in her bed. Rodriguez hung himself at a relative’s apartment three days after the incident.

03/15/2009 | Houston
Lucy Garcia, 63
Florentino Suchil, 54, beat and then ran over his girlfriend Lucy with a vehicle. Lucy died from severe trauma. Suchil has been charged with her murder.

03/27/2009 | Houston
Yolanda Punch, 47
Lonnie Punch, 47, shot his wife Yolanda to death at her friend’s apartment complex. Punch fled the scene; police fatally shot him.

03/27/2009 | Houston
Lucinda Bernard, 34
Donald Bernard, 44, stabbed his wife Lucinda to death in their home. At the time of this report Bernard was on the run from authorities.

03/31/2009 | Houston
Rosa Limon, 25
Victor Azua, 28, shot his girlfriend Rosa to death before he shot and killed himself. Azua had been moving out of their shared residence.

04/12/2009 | Houston
Shannon Strickhausen, 38
Jimmy Yarbrough, 34, shot his girlfriend Shannon to death before he turned the gun on himself. Her 14-year-old daughter, who was home at the time, called police.
**04/29/2009 | Houston**

Vanessa Favela, 23

Vanessa’s boyfriend shot and killed her before killing himself. At the time of this report the perpetrator’s identity was not disclosed.

**05/17/2009 | Houston**

Donna Baeza, 48

Harold Chester Amburgey, 48, stabbed his girlfriend Donna to death on her 48th birthday. Amburgey was charged with Donna’s murder.

**05/26/2009 | Houston**

Marquita Brown, 25

Mark Owens, 43, shot his girlfriend Marquita to death. Owens was subsequently charged with Marquita’s murder.

**05/26/2009 | Houston**

Unidentified Victim

An unidentified man shot his wife to death before killing himself. Their three children discovered both the deceased victim and her murderer in their home. At the time of this report the names of the victim and the perpetrator were not disclosed.

**05/26/2009 | Houston**

Fortunata Cardenas, 33

Juan Perez, 33, shot his wife Fortunata to death before killing himself. Fortunata is survived by her four children.

**06/06/2009 | Houston**

Angelica Alor, 28

Ruben Perdomo, 35, shot his girlfriend Angelica to death. Perdomo was charged with Angelica’s murder.

**06/28/2009 | Houston**

Deanna Wilder, 20

Aljero Collins, 28, shot his girlfriend Deanna to death. Collins later surrendered to police and was charged with Deanna’s murder.
Harris

07/04/2009 | Houston
Michelle Lira, 23
Selestino Torres, 23, shot his ex-girlfriend Michelle to death in the driveway of her home. Although Torres also shot Michelle’s mother, she survived. Torres was arrested and charged with murder and aggravated assault.

07/08/2009 | Houston
Goerta Collins, 33
Noah Collins, 37, shot his wife Goerta to death in their home. Collins was charged with Goerta’s murder after admitting the crime to police.

07/14/2009 | Houston
Unidentified Victim
An unidentified man shot and killed his wife before he shot himself. At the time of this report, the victim’s and perpetrator’s names were not disclosed.

07/15/2009 | Houston
Nancy Rodriguez, 21
Alfonso Lozano, 24, shot his wife Nancy to death and then attempted to commit suicide. Lozano was charged with Nancy’s murder.

08/27/2009 | Houston
Unidentified Victim
An unidentified man, 39, shot his wife to death before killing himself. At the time of the report, the victim’s and perpetrator’s names were not disclosed. The couple’s 2-year-old was found in the home.

08/27/2009 | Houston
Xin Ezell, 36
James Ezell, 38, shot his wife Xin to death before killing himself.

09/02/2009 | Pasadena
Camelia Garza, 33
Alvaro Lopez, 25, beat and stabbed his girlfriend Camelia to death. Lopez fled and avoided capture by the Pasadena police.
09/04/2009 | Houston
Martha Flores, 54
An unidentified man shot his girlfriend Martha before killing himself. At the time of the report the perpetrator’s name was not disclosed.

09/05/2009 | Houston
Unidentified Victim
A woman's partner shot and killed her before turning the gun on himself. At the time of the report the victim and perpetrator’s were not disclosed.

09/18/2009 | Houston
Christina Lewis, 30
Robin Lynn Prince, 36, stabbed his ex-girlfriend Christina to death. Prince had almost 20 arrests on record for family violence, and Christina was planning to get a Protective Order against him the next day. Christina is survived by her three daughters.

10/20/2009 | Houston
Patricia Rangel, 16
Keith Kupferer, 20, shot his ex-girlfriend, Patricia, to death. Kupferer was charged with Patricia’s murder.

10/20/2009 | Houston
Unidentified Victim, 13
An unidentified man, 17, shot and killed his girlfriend. At the time of the report the victim’s and perpetrator’s names were not disclosed.

12/24/2009 | Houston
Terri Sanvicente, 40
Jason Bouchard, 36, beat his estranged wife Terri to death with a crowbar. Terri is survived by her children who were in the house at the time of the incident. Bouchard has been charged with capital murder.

12/25/2009 | Houston
Moniek George, 30
Earl Tyrone Jackson, 34, beat and stabbed his wife Moniek to death. Moniek’s 7-year-old son found Moniek’s body. Jackson has been charged with Moniek’s death.
Harris

12/31/2009 | Houston
Angelica Hernandez, 35
Angelica’s husband shot her to death before he committed suicide. At the time of this report the perpetrator’s name was not disclosed.

Hays

04/17/2009 | Kyle
Cecelia Ledesma, 42
Elpidio Ledesma, 36, stabbed his ex-wife Cecelia to death. Ledesma then ran Cecelia and an unidentified person known to Cecelia over with his car. Ledesma was apprehended and charged with Cecelia’s murder.

Henderson

05/30/2009 | Athens
Lori McRae, 46
Marc McRae, 60, shot his estranged wife Lori to death inside their camper before he shot and killed himself.

06/16/2009 | Larue
Kristi Morris, 22
Matthew Morris, 26, shot his estranged wife Kristi to death. After killing Kristi, Morris fatally shot himself at a nearby building. Kristi is survived by her two young children.
Hidalgo

01/13/2009 | Mission
Lindsay Tall, 45
Joseph Mongiello, 48, shot his wife Lindsay to death. Mongiello was charged with Lindsay’s murder and was sentenced to a 25-year prison term.

05/24/2009 | Alamo
Agapita Perez, 48
Jose Perez, 54, strangled his wife Agapita to death. Perez was charged with Agapita’s murder.

07/12/2009 | Edinburg
Laura Reyes, 35
Jose Sanchez, 33, beat his ex-girlfriend Laura to death. Sanchez fled and avoided apprehension for several weeks before being arrested. He was charged with one count of capital murder.

10/06/2009 | San Juan
Rosa Castillo, 46
Jose Hernandez, 47, shot his wife Rosa to death before he fatally shot himself.

Howard

06/15/2009 | Big Spring
Patricia Gutierrez, 45
Tommy Gutierrez, 48, shot his wife Patricia to death at their house in front of her two sons and other relatives. Gutierrez was charged with Patricia’s murder.

Jefferson

09/27/2009 | Port Neches
Tammy Yancey, 37
Charlie Ducote, 31, shot his girlfriend Tammy to death. Tammy’s 13-year-old son was in the home at the time of the incident.
Avis Anderson, 27, shot his wife Aveia to death. Anderson was subsequently charged with Aveia’s murder.

Mario Ramirez, 17, shot his girlfriend Linda to death before police fatally shot him. Linda is survived by their 8-month-old son.

Christopher Anderson, 65, shot his wife Elaine to death before he shot and killed his mother-in-law Alice Johnson, 84, and himself.

Raymundo Garza, 27, stabbed his girlfriend Tina to death. Garza, who had a history of violence, was charged with Tina’s murder.
McLennan
05/11/2009 | Waco
Rosario Mareno, 33
Chavira Espinosa, 29, killed his estranged wife Rosario with a hammer. Espinosa was subsequently charged with Rosario’s murder.

06/22/2009 | Fort Hood
Shameka Jones, 26
Donovan Lair, 36, stabbed his ex-wife Shameka to death. Lair was convicted of Shameka’s murder and sentenced to 30 years in prison. The couple’s divorce had been finalized 11 days before the incident.

08/15/2009 | Waco
Carolina Tovar, 28
Jessie Zapata, 33, stabbed his ex-girlfriend Carolina to death. Zapata died after jumping off an overpass later that night.

Montgomery
03/04/2009 | Montgomery
Suzette Threet, 49
Fredrick Threet, 53, shot his wife Suzette to death before killing himself.

11/07/2009 | Conroe
Virginia Danner, 77
George Danner Jr., 77, shot his wife Virginia to death before killing himself.
Nacogdoches

03/11/2009 | Nacogdoches
Melissa Kesinger Barnhill, 38
Kyle Barnhill, 40, shot his estranged wife Melissa to death. Her two children witnessed the incident. Barnhill has been sentenced to life in prison for Melissa’s murder.

07/22/2009 | Nacogdoches
Donnie Edwards, 46
Carlton Edwards, 52, shot his wife Donna to death before killing himself. Their two daughters, ages 8 and 14, were at the home at the time of the shooting.

12/16/2009 | Nacogdoches
Stephanie Presley, 35
John Presley, 42, shot his estranged wife Stephanie to death and left her in a wooded area. Presley was later charged with Stephanie’s murder.

Navarro

09/27/2009 | Frost
Sheila Mundie, 46
Scotty Mundie, 48, shot his wife Sheila to death before killing himself. The couple’s adult son discovered the bodies.
Nueces

05/25/2009 | Corpus Christi
Carol Klotz, 83
Joseph Klotz, 86, shot his wife Carol to death before he fatally shot himself. A home care provider was in the house at the time of the shooting and subsequently called 911. Prior to the shooting, emergency medical services had been dispatched to the home for a report of a fallen elderly person.

06/18/2009 | Corpus Christi
Deletha Baker, 55
Jaime Flanagan, 44, stabbed his girlfriend Deletha to death in their home. Flanagan then lit an explosive device, killing himself and Deletha’s granddaughter, 14.

Orange

03/17/2009 | Orange
Joann Mier, 64
Maxie Mier, 71, shot his wife Joann to death before he fatally shot himself. One of the couple’s daughters received a call from her father that he had killed her mother and was going to shoot himself.

06/07/2009 | Vidor
Candy Fox, 40
Martin Fox, 43, shot his estranged wife Candy to death. Fox also killed Candy’s friend Christina Adams, 27. The Fox’s 17-year-old son witnessed the two murders.

San Jacinto

11/07/2009 | Cleveland
Shara Torres, 27
Oliver Bills Jr., 43, shot his girlfriend Shara to death before he fatally shot himself. Bills also killed Shara’s daughter, 4, and his adopted mother, 71.
Tarrant

02/17/2009 | Fort Worth
Barbara Whitney, 46
Jacob Harvey, 37, stabbed his girlfriend Barbara to death in a hotel room. Harvey walked into a police station, confessed to the crime, and was charged with Barbara’s murder.

02/22/2009 | Fort Worth
Maricela Sanchez-Morquecho, 25
Juan Francisco Hernandez strangled his wife Maricela to death and then fled to Mexico with her two children, ages two and seven. Hernandez is wanted by the Fort Worth police for Maricela’s murder.

03/08/2009 | Fort Worth
Alma Garcia, 41
Abel Noe Dominguez, 41, entered his estranged wife Alma’s home through the roof. He stabbed Alma to death as she slept in bed near her two sons. Dominguez has been charged with Alma’s death.

05/15/2009 | Fort Worth
Candalin Daniels, 29
Jackie Lee Bibbs, 40, shot his ex-girlfriend Candalin to death. Bibbs also hit Candalin’s son, 11, on the head with a gun. Bibbs later surrendered to police and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

07/21/2009 | Fort Worth
Deborah Chatton, 55
Tommie Chatton, 49, stabbed his wife Deborah to death. Their granddaughter and family friend witnessed the murder. Chatton was convicted of murder and sentenced to 43 years in prison.

10/21/2009 | Ft Worth
Sandra Bentley, 50
Curtis Bentley, 53, struck his wife Sandra with his car in a parking lot, killing her. Bentley then committed suicide.
John Hummel, 34, stabbed his wife Joy to death. Joy was pregnant at the time of her death. Hummel also killed Joy’s father Clyde Bedford, 57, and her daughter Jody, 5, by causing blunt trauma to their heads. Hummel set multiple fires in the home. Hummel fled to California, but was extradited back to Tarrant County and charged with three counts of capital murder.

Tom Green

04/09/2009 | San Angelo
Maria Alcantar, 45
Francisco Zertuche, 53, shot his girlfriend Maria to death and admitted the incident to his friends. After being on the run from authorities, Zertuche was apprehended and charged with Maria’s murder.

05/08/2009 | San Angelo
Carolyn Lucas, 66
James Lucas, 63, beat and stabbed his wife Carolyn to death. Lucas reported the homicide four days later and was charged with Carolyn’s murder. Several days later, while out on bail, Lucas fatally shot himself at his house.

Travis

10/26/2009 | Austin
Rita Granados, 29
Victor Colombo, 30, shot his estranged girlfriend Rita to death before killing himself.

11/23/2009 | Edna
Wendy Kirk, 37
James Donald Kirk, Jr., 45, killed his wife Wendy. He called 911 and reported that he had just killed his wife. Their two children, ages 8 and 13, were in the home at the time of the incident.
Walker

06/04/2009 | Huntsville
Ellen Buffington, 27
Samuel Vanparys, 38, shot his estranged wife Ellen to death. Ellen is survived by their 4-year-old daughter.

Wichita

04/17/2009 | Wichita Falls
Brandy Smith, 33
Daniel Smith, 33, shot his wife Brandy to death before he fatally shot himself. The police received a 911 call from a male caller who said two people had been shot. Daniel shot Brandy and himself as officers and the SWAT team attempted to negotiate via phone.

Williamson

02/13/2009 | Round Rock
Dana Conley, 40
Julius Conley, 41, beat his estranged wife Dana while she was trying to pack her things and leave. Dana was pregnant at the time of her death. Julius also fatally beat Dana’s friend Quincy Van Johnson, who died at the hospital due to his injuries. Dana survived in a coma for over two years during which time she gave birth, but never regained full consciousness. Julius was sentenced to two life sentences.

11/22/2009 | Taylor
Rachel Ramirez, 40
Juan Estrada, 43, shot his wife Rachel to death. The couple had recently separated. Estrada had been stalking Rachel at her new apartment. Estrada was charged with Rachel’s murder.
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