



TEXAS WOMEN KILLED BY THEIR INTIMATE PARTNER IN 2000

The Texas Council on Family Violence tracks to the best of our ability the stories of women who were killed by their intimate partners in Texas. This list names the women killed in 2000 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 reports and law enforcement records. There are undoubtedly other victims of domestic homicide who remain uncounted. The list below reflects the most accurate information available to TCFV researchers at the time of compilation.

ARANSAS COUNTY

**Michelle R. Brown, 20,
Residence: Holiday Beach
August 4, 2000**

She was shot to death by her boyfriend, Mario Montellano, 41. When sheriff's deputies burst into her barricaded home to investigate reports of gunfire, they found Brown bleeding in Montellano's arms. Montellano was charged with murder.

BEXAR COUNTY

**Judy Alcoser, 28
Residence: San Antonio
June 22, 2000**

She was shot to death with a .40-caliber semiautomatic pistol by her ex-boyfriend, Richard Bruno Gonzalez, 28. According to the police, Gonzalez broke into the apartment they once shared and killed Alcoser and her 18-year-old roommate. Gonzalez then killed himself. Alcoser's three children were able to escape the apartment unharmed.

**Lesa K. Garcia, 34
Residence: San Antonio
February 21, 2000**

Her body was found beaten and strangled to death by her mother after her coworkers called to say Garcia had not shown up for work. The night before she was killed, Garcia had cancelled dinner plans with her parents as she waited for her estranged husband Daniel D. Garcia, 41, to return their two sons from a weekend visitation. Blood and hair samples taken from Daniel Garcia matched evidence found on Lesa Garcia's fingernails. He was convicted and sentenced to 99 years in prison. An appeals court ordered a new trial saying prosecutors wrongly emphasized a fight the couple had two years prior to Lesa's death. Lesa and Garcia had two young sons.

BELL COUNTY

Leanne McClure Hill, 28

Residence: Killeen

Date Unknown

She was shot to death by her estranged husband, Eric Bernard Hill, 28, in an apparent murder-suicide. According to police, six days before their divorce hearing, Hill's husband defied a restraining and protective order and broke into her home armed with a .22 caliber handgun. Leanne Hill was on the phone with a friend when Eric Hill began hitting her. The friend called police. When an officer arrived, Eric Hill put the gun to Leanne's head and ordered the officer to leave. After a 90-minute standoff, the SWAT team entered the home and found Eric Hill dead and Leanne Hill critically injured with gunshot wounds to the head. She died six days later. She is survived by a 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son.

BOWIE COUNTY

Shuketa Clark, 25

Residence: Texarkana

June 12, 2000

She was shot to death by her husband, Raymond Stanley, 49, while she pleaded for help to a 911 operator. Stanley shot her in the head and leg. Police had responded to family violence calls on three occasions in the year before Clark's death. Stanley was sentenced to 40 years in prison and fined \$10,000. Clark is survived by three young children

Lena Crawford, 47

Residence: Texarkana

April 28, 2000

Her body was found by her son . Witnesses report Lena and her boyfriend, Curtis Charles Solomon, fought earlier in the day. Solomon was indicted for Lena's murder.

BRAZOS COUNTY

Laquanda James, Age unknown

Residence: Bryan

August 10, 2000

She was stabbed to death by her boyfriend, Jonathan Nelson, 20. James had enlisted the help of her sister, police and security guards in an effort to keep Nelson at a distance. According to police, in the early morning hours of August 10, Nelson crashed his car through James' bedroom window and stabbed her to death. Jonathan was found guilty of capital murder and sentenced to life in prison.

GRAYSON COUNTY

Ryan Lindsey Bell, 19

Residence: Carrollton

May 13, 2000

She was missing for more than a month before her decomposed body was found wrapped in a sheet. Her burned-out car was found in Oklahoma. Police report Bell's boyfriend, Bobby Thomas Hickey, 21, was charged with murder after her body was found in

Grayson County. Hickey's 18-year-old sister and two other people were charged with tampering with evidence. Ryan is survived by a 2-year-old son.

CAMERON COUNTY

Blanca de la Garza, 42
Residence: Brownsville
June 27, 2000

She was stabbed to death by her ex-husband, Ramon de la Garza, 45, in an apparent murder-suicide. According to police, Ramon Garza threatened to kill his wife if she divorced him. Police report Blanca Garza was determined to escape the escalating abuse. Five days after he received divorce papers, Garza waited for Blanca Garza to come home from work and stabbed her to death in front of their 12-year-old son. Garza then hung himself in the garage.

Alejandra Monroe, 44
Residence: Brownsville
November 24, 2000

She was stabbed to death by her partner, Larry Monroe, 51. According to police, they responded to a domestic violence call and confronted a knife wielding Monroe at the entrance to his apartment. Monroe came toward officers with a knife when officers shot and killed him. Inside the apartment they found the bodies of Alejandra and her 12-year-old son.

CORYELL COUNTY

Lisa Meyer Cospers, 38
Residence: Gatesville
March 24, 2000

She was shot to death by her estranged husband, Douglas Shane Cospers, 42. According to police, he broke into his wife's house with a shotgun and killed her and her co-worker, Jeffrey Doyle Miller, 40 in her living room. Cospers confessed to the shootings and was charged with capital murder.

DALLAS COUNTY

Sara Adhanom, 29
Residence: Dallas
June 10, 2000

She was stabbed to death by her estranged husband, Woldeabizghi Akborom, 36. Adhanom had taken precautions and worked hard at staying out of contact with Akborom. She had recently changed the lock on her door. Akborom was taken into custody at the scene. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Christine Mae Blubaugh, 16
Residence: Grand Prairie
March 25, 2000

She was shot to death by her former boyfriend, Carlos Julian Rubio, 20, in an apparent murder-suicide. According to police, Blubaugh agreed to go to the movies with Rubio

even though she had ended their relationship several months before. Rubio drove to an empty field and shot her twice before turning the shotgun on himself. Blumbaugh had a twin sister and an older brother.

Semetria Colbert, 25

Residence: Dallas

July 29, 2000

She was shot to death by her boyfriend, Marvin Andre Jones, 28. Semetria's body was found, shot in the back. Police also found Semetria's 5-year-old daughter, dead from blunt force head trauma. Jones was charged with capital murder and sentenced to life in prison. Semetria was in the process of leaving Jones.

Rhonda Chell Lee, 30

Residence: Dallas

May 5, 2000

She was choked to death and her apartment set on fire by her boyfriend, Xavier Caldwell, 28. Earlier that day, Lee told co-workers she planned to pack her boyfriend's belongings because she wanted to end the relationship. Firefighters found Lee unconscious in her burning apartment. According to police, Caldwell admitted to choking Rhonda and setting the fire. Lee is survived by two young sons. Caldwell was sentenced to life in prison.

Lawana Bennet-Jones, 43

Residence: Addison

April 26, 2000

She was stabbed to death by her estranged husband, Vance Evan Jones, 43. He forced his way into her apartment and stabbed her once in the chest. Jones then stabbed himself in the chest five times but did not succeed in killing himself. The couple had two young children. Jones was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Terri Roney, 40

Residence: Garland

April 14, 2000

She was shot to death by her husband, Harold Roney, 41, in an apparent murder-suicide. Police found both bodies in their van on a north Dallas street. The gun was still in Roney's hand.

Dorothea Savoy, 57

Residence: Richardson

April 9, 2000

She was found shot to death and her husband, Stephen Savoy, 53, seriously injured after what police believe was an apparent domestic dispute.

Anna Vencill, 33

Residence: Dallas

February 23, 2000

She was run over and killed by her boyfriend, Alan McDonald, 46. Vencill's family said she had started a new life after ending a stormy four-year relationship with McDonald the year before. In the early morning hours of February 23 Vencill was riding in McDonald's pickup truck when, according to investigators, they started arguing. She jumped out of

the truck and started walking along the side of the road. McDonald turned the truck around and chased her, running over her as she tried to climb an embankment. McDonald was charged with her murder.

DAWSON COUNTY

Veronica Bertadillo (Garcia), 24

Residence: Dawson

June 8, 2000

She was stabbed to death by her estranged husband, Manuel Bertadillo, 38. After the attack, he took their 2-year-old son and fled the scene. A few hours later he left the child with friends and disappeared. Police believe he is in Mexico.

DENTON COUNTY

Minerva Rodriguez, 50

Residence: Denton

May 8, 2000

She was shot to death by her husband, Domingo Rodriguez, 60, in an apparent murder-suicide. They were married for more than 35 years, but had recently separated and Minerva Rodriguez had moved into her daughter's home. According to police, Domingo Rodriguez called his wife and asked her to visit him. When she did not return, her daughter became concerned and went to her father's home. She found both parents dead of gunshot wounds. Investigators believe Rodriguez killed his wife and then himself.

ELLIS COUNTY

Billie Gutierrez (Age unknown)

Residence: Palmer

May 4, 2000

She was shot to death by her husband, Eloy Gutierrez, in an apparent murder-suicide. They were found dead in their home by one of their children. Investigators believe Gutierrez shot his wife, then himself.

EL PASO COUNTY

Irene Beltran Garcia, 46

Residence: El Paso

April 16, 2000

She was shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide by her husband, Armando Herrera, 44. Herrera's 15-year-old daughter was also killed. Herrera was scheduled to go on trial for injuring their daughter. Just after Irene returned home from celebrating her birthday, Herrera shot her as she walked through their front yard. Herrera went into the house and killed their daughter, then turned the gun on himself.

Lorenza Orozco, 20

Residence: El Paso

October 6, 2000

She was shot to death by her common-law husband, Luis Manuel Gonzales, 25. He was sentenced to 18 years in prison for shooting Orozco.

Sonia Palacios, 33

Residence: Los Altos

May 11, 2000

Her throat was slashed by her ex-husband, Dagoberto Morales, 34. Their three children, ages 10-months, 10, and 16, were home at the time of her death. Palacios had tried to protect herself and her children from Morales. She had a protective order in 1998, but Morales continued to violate it. Just one month before her death, Morales was arrested for assaulting Palacios.

FORT BEND COUNTY

Kate Ann Luna, 23

Residence: Richmond

September 29, 2000

She was strangled to death by her boyfriend Rickie Howard Gaston, 26. Gaston claimed Luna ran away after an argument and filed a missing person report on her a few days after her death. After police found Luna's body in a warehouse that was leased by Gaston's employer, he was charged with her murder. Gaston accepted a 40-year sentence in a plea bargain after discussions with Luna's family.

Rebecca Sabrsula, 33

Residence: Fort Bend County

November 18, 2000

She was shot to death with a high-powered rifle by her husband David Sabrsula, 39. David chased Rebecca as she fled in her truck down a rural highway not far from their home, after an argument with him over her request for a divorce. Gaston was sentenced to 99 years in prison and must serve 30 years before being eligible for parole.

GALVESTON COUNTY

Shirley Marie Barrow, 56

Residence: Port Bolivar

February 22, 2000

She was beaten to death by her ex-husband, Michael Fred Armstrong, 63. Armstrong told authorities that he killed Barrow, the popular proprietor of Shirley's Blue Beacon Bait Camp, during an argument. He was sentenced to 65 years in prison.

GILLESPIE COUNTY

Catherine Hartman, 76

Residence: Fredricksburg

May 31, 2000

The bodies of Catherine and her husband Raymond W. Hartman, 78, were found in their garage. Each had a bullet wound in the chest. Police said a note was found, but its contents were not revealed.

GONZALES COUNTY

Teal Shaun Holland, 19

Residence: Gonzales

December 17, 2000

She was shot to death by her boyfriend, Landis Nelson Hallman, 21, in an apparent murder suicide. Holland told her boyfriend that she planned to move out of their shared rural home. A family member helped her escape to a nearby pasture after Hall threatened to kill her, but he followed and shot her with a rifle. He returned to the trailer and killed himself.

GREGG COUNTY

Shameeka Chanteau Austin, 18

Residence: Kilgore

February 23, 2000

She was strangled to death by her 21-year-old boyfriend, Bobby Ray Clayborn, less than two weeks after she filed domestic violence charges against him. Their 2-year-old son witnessed the argument and murder. Clayton was arrested a few hours later after his mother called law enforcement to turn him in. He was charged with Austin's death

HARRIS COUNTY

Carmelia Anderson, 36

Residence: Houston

April 10, 2000

She was shot to death in her apartment in an apparent murder-suicide. Her daughter, Abilgail Anderson, 17, woke up to the sound of a gunshot and ran into her mother's room. She could see Carmelia lying on the floor with blood on her chest, but her father would not let her into the room. While running to the manager's office, Abilgail heard more shots. When police entered the apartment they found Carmelia and her estranged husband, Norris Anderson, 48, dead of gunshot wounds.

Mavie Lee Brewer, 61

Residence: Houston

August 5, 2000

She was shot to death by her estranged husband, James Brewer, 54, in an apparent murder-suicide. Mavie Brewer and a friend were leaving Kingwood Medical Center after visiting her brother when James Brewer approached her near a gazebo, armed with a .357-caliber revolver. He killed his wife's friend, then reloaded and killed her and himself.

April L. Henderson, 18

Residence: Houston

March 7, 2000

She was shot to death by her husband, Vega C. Robinson, 29, after an argument. Henderson and Robinson were arguing on a sidewalk when he knocked her down and hit her several times. She sought refuge in a convenience store but the door was locked. Robinson cornered her and shot her in the doorway. He was arrested and charged with murder when a witness flagged down a police officer.

Irma Mantinas, 35

Residence: Houston

November 28, 2000

She was shot to death by her estranged husband, Jose Manche, 40, in an apparent murder-suicide. Police were called to her apartment at least twice in the weeks before her death. Police say Manche shot Mantinas and then turned the gun on himself.

Kendy Palma, 24

Residence: Houston

October 23, 2000

She was found shot to death by her boyfriend, Alex Erazo, 27, in the apartment she shared with him. He was sentenced to life in prison and fined \$10,000 for Palma's murder. According to autopsy results, she was six months pregnant.

Herlinda Cabrera Romero, 35

Residence: Houston

August 7, 2000

She was shot in the head by her husband, Carlos Coria Aguirre, 27. Aguirre told police he was loading his pistol when it went off and shot her in the head. Investigators determined that he had been drinking. Romero was taken to the hospital where she died after giving birth to a child who was three months premature. The infant also died.

Janice Collins Smith, 36

Residence: Houston

January 30, 2000

She was shot by her **estranged husband (name)**, 36, as she drove into her apartment complex. Her 12-year-old son was in the car with her. The gunman turned himself in 90 minutes after the shooting.

Barbara Lynn Stewart, 42

Residence: Houston

May, 2000

She was drugged to death by her boyfriend, Dennis James Jagers, 48. Stewart disappeared around May 1 and her body was never found. Her boyfriend admitted killing her with an overdose of cocaine, stuffing her body in a wicker trunk and throwing it in a trash receptacle. He was sentenced to 99 years in prison.

Patricia Tankersley, 40

Residence: The Woodlands

October 1, 2000

She was shot to death by her boyfriend, Randy Reider, in an apparent murder-suicide. Tankersley and her daughter had called 9-1-1 in August because they were frightened by Reider's rage. He had pushed Patricia's daughter, smashed dishes and broken the doorframe before grabbing a .22 revolver and driving off in his truck. Patrol officers stopped him and charged him with misdemeanor assault and unlawful possession of a handgun. The two women tried to get a restraining order after Reider was released but the judge denied it. Reider shot Tankersley in the back of the head and then turned the gun on himself. She also had an 8-year-old son.

Aneeka Dawn Walker, 36

Residence: Houston

April 10, 2000

She was shot to death by her ex-husband, Richard Miller Walker, 43. The couple had divorced but they continued to share the upscale home they bought during their marriage until a few weeks before her death. Walker was sentenced to 75 years in prison and fined \$10,000. Aneeka Walker had two sons, ages 11 and 14.

Delonia Deneice White, 30,

Residence: Houston

February 23, 2000

She was shot to death by her estranged husband, James White, 37. The couple got into an argument at Delonia White's house and as James White was getting in his car to leave, she opened fire on him. James White got out of his car and shot back at her, then chased her into the house and killed her in front of their four children. James White was found the next morning, hiding behind a friend's house, where he had apparently cut his wrists in a suicide attempt. Police charged him with murder.

HARRISON COUNTY

Joni Sanders, aka Joni James Bumgarner, 37

Residence: Marshall

March 11, 2000

She was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend, Larry Sharp, 42. Sharp had recently gotten out of jail with Sanders' help, where he was serving time for attacking her with a box knife. His probation prohibited him from contacting Sanders. But, he is suspected of setting fire to her mother's house in Jefferson and setting out for Vivian, Louisiana where Sanders was visiting her new boyfriend's mother. He walked into the kitchen and shot her twice with a shotgun, then got in his truck and drove away. Deputies found Sharp in the truck later with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He survived and was charged with murder.

HASKELL COUNTY

Rosa Mendoza, 37,

Residence: Haskell

March 2000

She was shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide by her partner, Adam Frausto, 37. Mendoza's co-workers became concerned when she did not show up for work for three days. When police went to her house, they found her dead from shotgun wounds. They believe Frausto killed Mendoza and then turned the gun on himself.

HIDALGO COUNTY

Guadalupe Barrera, 40,

Residence: South Tower Estates,

September 11, 2000

She was found shot to death in her home. According to police, neighbors said she and her husband, Jesus Moreno Barrera, 44, argued earlier in the day. The couple had three sons.

Araceli Martinez, 29
Residence: San Juan
February 29, 2000

She was stabbed to death by her estranged husband, Joe Martinez, 31, in an apparent murder-suicide. Araceli Martinez moved to San Juan from Palmview and sought a restraining order to protect herself from her estranged husband. The restraining order was denied. Joe Martinez came to his wife's house and stabbed her in the face and chest. She died later that day. A few days later a farmer discovered Martinez's body hanging from a tree.

Roxanne Rangel,
Residence: San Juan
October 26, 2000

She was stabbed to death by her husband Pedro Castillo, Jr., 33. Her body was found wrapped in blankets and sheets in a Reynosa colonia. Police charged her with shooting her in their San Juan home.

Yolanda Jackson Valdez, 40
Residence: Weslaco
September 18, 2000

She was stabbed several times in the chest by her boyfriend, Gustavo Gonzalez, 28. Gonzalez was stopped later the same day for suspicion of DWI and officers found Yolanda's blood and purse in the car. In the past, Gonzalez's estranged wife and his mother had filed papers to have him committed to a mental health facility after he was released from jail for burning down a house and committing other violent acts. Instead, authorities reduced his bail and released him from jail. He killed Valdez three days later. Three days after his arrest, Gonzalez attacked the police officer that was guarding him in a Harlingen hospital, and was fatally shot.

Margarita Martinez Zamora, 43,
Residence: Colonia Olivarez
February 12, 2000

She was stabbed and killed in her home by her husband, Joel Zamora, Sr., 48. Zamora was charged with murder.

HOPKINS COUNTY

Marquetta George, 32
Residence: Sulphur Springs
Date Unknown

She was strangled to death by her boyfriend, Daniel Acker. Police discovered George's body on a county road as they were on their way to a domestic disturbance call involving George and Acker. They believe Acker abducted and strangled George and then left her body on the road. Acker was sentenced to death for the crime.

JOHNSON COUNTY

January Lawson Brockway, 22
Residence: Alvarado
April 1, 2000

She was shot to death by her husband, Clifford Even Brockway, 24. Police responded to a 9-1-1 call reporting an accidental shooting. When they arrived at the scene the evidence showed that a domestic disturbance between January Brockway and her husband had resulted in her death. Police say the couple's three daughters, ages 10-months, 2 and 4 had witnessed the murder. Brockway was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

Bonnie Jo Mullen, 40

Residence: Alvarado

November 14, 2000

She was shot to death by her husband, Larry Wayne Mullen, Jr. When deputies arrived at the Mullen residence, they found her husband and father-in-law trying to revive her. Mullen was arrested for shooting her. Their 13-year-old son was in the house at the time of the shooting

LAMB COUNTY

Petra Enriguez, 44,

Residence: Littlefield

April, 18 2000

She was shot to death in an apparent murder suicide. Petra and Jesus Enriquez, 51, were married for 25 years and had five children, but in January 2000, Petra moved to Lubbock to escape "troubles" at home. Police say she drove to the couple's house to sign over the title to a vehicle. An argument ensued and Enriquez shot his wife and then himself. Their daughter found the bodies in the living room.

LIBERTY COUNTY

Charlotte Lynn Allday, 29

Residence: Cleveland

January 15, 2000

She was shot to death by her ex-husband, James Lloyd Henson, 29. Allday was found shot in the back at her home. Liberty County investigators said Henson had recently moved back in with her in an attempt at reconciliation. He was charged with murder.

LLANO COUNTY

Victoria Anna Alexander, 44

Residence: Llano

March 10, 2000

She was shot to death by her husband, Richard Alexander, 46. Llano county deputies responded to a report by Victoria Alexander's 16-year-old daughter who said that her father shot her mother. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Her husband was charged with her murder. The couple had two other children.

LUBBOCK COUNTY

Honey Lynn West Bethune, 31

Residence: Lubbock

April 27, 2000

She was shot to death by her husband, Bryan Dale Bethune, 40, in an apparent murder-suicide. Bethune told their 12-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter to leave the house. As the children stood outside, they heard another gun shot as Bryan Dale took his life.

MATAGORDA COUNTY

Munye Rejun Griggs, 22

Residence: Bay City

September 7, 2000

She was shot to death by her her boyfriend, Randy Paul Lamberti, II, 20. The two had lived together until a few weeks before her death. Investigators found evidence of a struggle at the scene of Grigg's shooting. Lamberti was charged with the murder.

MCLENNAN COUNTY

Jamie Bost, 27

Residence: Crawford

May 29, 2000

She was shot to death by her estranged husband, Randy Lee Bost, 34. Her divorce from Bost was to be final in two days. She went over to his house that morning and about twenty minutes later, sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a shooting. Jamie Bost died the next day in a Waco hospital. Randy Bost was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 12 years in prison.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Anchana U. Lancaster, 27

Residence: Halthom City

November 8, 2000

She was shot to death by her husband, Derik J. Lancaster, 26. Lancaster may have been asleep when her husband shot her. He then turned the gun on himself. The couple recently had their house repossessed, and police speculate that financial problems may have motivated the murder-suicide.

Gayle Lynn Montgomery, 41

Residence: Montgomery County

May 31, 2000

She was beaten to death by her husband, Ronald Montgomery, 46. When sheriff's deputies arrived at the Montgomery house, they found Gayle Montgomery beaten unconscious. She died later that night. Her husband was arrested and charged with murder. Police had responded to domestic violence calls at the house before.

MILAM COUNTY

Linda Caulkins McConnell, 37

Residence: Liberty Hill

October 9, 2000

She was shot to death by her estranged husband, Richard E. McConnell, 37. According to the police, McConnell walked into the Elgin Police Department and told officers to go to

his house because his wife was dead. Linda McConnell was found lying on the picnic table, shot to death. She had filed for divorce three months prior to the shooting. The couple had four daughters, ages 3 to 11.

NUECES COUNTY

Maria Trevino, 46

Residence: Corpus Christi

June 28, 2000.

She was shot to death by her husband, Santos Trevino, 53, in an apparent murder-suicide. The couple's 25-year-old daughter found the bodies of her parents in their home. Maria Trevino had separated from her husband, but he was trying to convince her to get back together. Police believe he shot her while she was sleeping, and killed himself several hours later.

Rachel Villarreal, 25

Residence: Corpus Christi

October 17, 2000

She was stabbed to death by her boyfriend, Israel Herrera, 34. Police received a call from a man who said he had an argument with his girlfriend and that she was injured in their beachfront apartment. Police found Villarreal dead from multiple stab wounds and arrested. Herrera was indicted for murder and for assaulting a police detective during questioning. He was sentenced to 30 year in prison.

OCHILTREE COUNTY

Patricia Herman, 77

Residence: Perryton

January 29, 2000

She was shot and her car set on fire, by her husband, Joe Herman, in an apparent murder-suicide. Firefighters were called to Ochiltree General Hospital about 6:00 A.M. on Sunday, to extinguish the fire engulfing an older model Cadillac parked next to the building. When the fire was put out they found the bodies of Patricia and Joe Herman. Joe Herman was seen earlier filling two galvanized trashcans in the back seat with gasoline. He apparently set fire to the car then shot himself. Patricia Herman, who was critically ill, died of smoke inhalation.

PALOPINTO-PARKER COUNTY

Tonya Johnson, 26

Residence: Mineral Wells

October 20, 2000

She was shot to death by her common-law husband, Charles Lee Levon, Jr., 33. Johnson had obtained a protective order against Levon 17 days before he killed her. Their 17-month-old child was in the house at the time of the murder.

PORTER-RANDALL COUNTY

Jeanette Gilland McGee, 69

Residence: Amarillo

February 2, 2000

She was shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide by her husband, Mayo McGee, 69. The bodies of the couple was discovered in their townhouse. Investigators believe Mayo McGee shot his wife and then himself.

TARRANT COUNTY

Precious Burleson, 24

Residence: Fort Worth

March 3, 2000

She was stabbed to death by her boyfriend, Tony Board, 25. They had dated on-and-off for more than five years and had two children together. She was stabbed repeatedly in the head, neck and chest.

Ginger Crow, 25

Residence: Fort Worth

March 7, 2000

She was shot to death by her boyfriend, Steven Dean Passmore, 21. Passmore had two previous arrests for assaulting Crow. Witnesses to the shooting said Passmore shot Crow in the head as she cowered on the floor. Her two young children were in the apartment at the time of the murder.

Norma Flores, 29

Residence: Fort Worth

July 4, 2000

She was killed by her boyfriend, Miguel Martinez, in an apparent murder-suicide. Flores left El Salvador to escape an abusive husband. She worked for several years to save money to bring her older son to the U.S. When she had enough saved, her husband convinced her that he had changed, and persuaded her to allow him to accompany the child to Fort Worth. It wasn't long before the abuse resumed and Norma and her children were forced to flee to a shelter. After she divorced her husband, she began dating Martinez. This time Norma was not able to escape her abuser. Police believe he killed Norma then shot himself.

Cindy L. Freitas, 33,

Residence: Hurst

January 26, 2000

She was working as a caregiver when her intoxicated 26-year-old boyfriend came to see her. An argument ensued and Ernesto O. Verdeja stabbed her with a kitchen knife. The next morning, Freitas' employer found her body.

Barbara Gilreath, 46
Residence: Fort Worth
June 17, 2000

The last time anyone saw Barbara alive was the night when her boyfriend, Brian Richard Safcsak, 38, was trying to prevent her from leaving him. Police say her savagely beaten body was found July 26 in an empty lot across the street from the house they shared. Safcsak was sentenced to 60 years in prison.

Sherry Knight, 41,
Residence: Fort Worth
February 2, 2000

She was run over by her boyfriend, Donald L. Burling. Burling had brutally assaulted Knight a few weeks before the final attack and there was a warrant issued for his arrest six days before her death. According to the police, on the day of her death, Knight and Burling began arguing while riding in a U-Haul truck with her two nieces, ages 6 and 9. He struck her in the face and she fell out of the moving truck. When Burling saw that the back wheels of the truck had run over Knight's head, he left the two young girls with her body and drove away. Knight was not Burling's only victim. He had previous convictions for assaulting other women and served a prison sentence for beating a man with a pipe. Burling was sentenced to life in prison.

Sandra Walton, 29
Residence: Fort Worth
September, 21, 2000

She was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend, James Edward Martinez, 26. Walton dated Martinez for six weeks and spent the remaining months of her life living in fear of him. She filed six police reports in the spring of 2000 detailing harassment, stalking and threats. She also told police that Martinez once came to her apartment dressed in camouflage and carrying an arsenal of guns. On the day she was killed, Martinez ambushed Walton and a friend in front of her apartment complex and shot them at close range with an assault rifle, killing both. Martinez was sentenced to death.

Michelle Marie Parks, 27
Residence: Arlington
May 19, 2000

She was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend, Robby Scott Fowler, 35, in an apparent-murder-suicide. Fowler told his family he was devastated over the fact that Parks would no longer date him. Fowler rented a car, followed Parks to a mall parking lot, and shot her in the head. He then ran back to his car and killed himself with the same gun.

Cynthia Paige Price, 35
Residence: Crowley
September 27, 2000

She was shot to death by her husband, William Price in an apparent murder-suicide. Price's three daughters heard their parents arguing over money and the plans for a birthday party as they went to sleep the previous night. The girls woke up late the next morning perplexed about why their mother didn't get them up for school. The master bedroom was locked so the 14-year-old peeked in the window and saw the bodies of Cynthia and Price on the floor. The police believe William shot Cynthia and then himself.

Grace Smith, 65

Residence: Richland Hills

January 5, 2000

She was killed by Roscoe Pyatt, 78. They'd known each other for 10 years and Pyatt wanted to marry but Smith did not. On the fateful day, Pyatt shot Smith inside his RV, then walked into the house and called police. Two handwritten journals found at the scene indicated that Pyatt had planned to kill Smith for quite a while.

TITUS COUNTY

Nicole Sybil Newman, 27

Residence: Titus County

December 16, 2000

She was shot to death by her husband, Richard Doyle Newman. Newman called 9-1-1 to report that he killed his wife and would wait for officers to take him into custody. When deputies arrived they found him sitting in front of the house with his children, ages 4 and 7. They found Nicole inside dead from a shotgun wound.

TRAVIS COUNTY

Pamelia Denese Lloyd, 38

Residence: Austin

June 22, 2000

She was killed by her boyfriend, Ronald Layne Hutchins, 38, in her apartment. Hutchins killed Lloyd after she confronted him about stealing money from her. Hutchins was charged with murder.

Veronica Sanchez, 22

Residence: Austin

August 3, 2000

She was found beaten and unconscious in her North Austin apartment. Police charged Juan Reza Ortiz, 38 in her death.

Jennifer Ward, 27

Residence: Travis County

March 29, 2000

She was strangled to death by her ex-husband, Eric Ward, 37. Family members and colleagues were concerned about her safety. When a relative came to check on her, he found Jennifer Ward strangled on her bed. Her estranged husband was in the living room. Eric Ward died a few hours later of an overdose of alcohol and drugs.

VAN ZANT COUNTY

Jacqueline Guest, 61

Residence: Van Zandt County

March 18, 2000

She was killed by her boyfriend, Alan Ray Watson, 55, in an apparent murder-suicide. Guest had called 9-1-1 and asked for help removing her roommate from the house. A moment later, she was shot by Watson. Then the dispatcher heard two more shots.

According to the police, when they arrived at the rural trailer, they found both people dead in the back bedroom.

WALKER COUNTY

Leslie Bibbs, 22

Residence: Huntsville

June 26, 2000

She was shot to death by her boyfriend, Cedric Ellis, 22. Ellis had an outstanding arrest warrant for a previous assault on Leslie when he was arrested for shooting her. Police say their 4-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter witnessed the murder. Ellis was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to 99 years in prison.

WALLER COUNTY

Kristen Tarver, 22

Residence: Prairie View

April 18, 2000

She was shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide by her ex-boyfriend, Gary Burroughs. Tarver was a popular Prairie View A&M senior, majoring in architecture. Witnesses say they saw her running away from a man in a campus parking lot. He shot her in both legs, and then continued to shoot her as he paced around her in a circle. As campus police approached Burroughs a few minutes after Kirsten's murder, he shot and killed himself.

WARD COUNTY

Norma Sepulveda Esparza Galindo, 23,

Residence: Monahans

October 30, 2000

She was stabbed to death by her husband, Jose Ignacio Galindo, 29. A family cookout was disrupted when Galindo lost his temper with his wife of six months. After the family left, someone called 9-1-1 to report a violent dispute at the residence. Three minutes later, Ward County Sheriff's Deputy Lee Russ entered the house. Investigators believe Galindo stabbed Deputy Russ, then Norma. Russ then shot Galindo with his service revolver before he died.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Teresa Gandy, Age unknown

Residence: Brenham

April 8, 2000

Her body was found when police and firefighters responded to a fire at her home. Her husband, Darrell Keith Gandy, 30, was charged with her murder.

WEBB COUNTY

Veronica Hinojosa, 46

Residence: Laredo

December 27, 2000

She was shot to death by her common-law husband, Carlos Ramos, 45, while she was washing clothes in a downtown Laundromat. According to the police, Ramos then turned the gun on himself. He died the next day. Hinojosa had two children and Ramos had four children.

Adela Rodriguez, 36

Residence: Laredo

November 1, 2000

She was shot to death by her ex-husband, Javier Rodriguez, 36. For two years before she was killed, Adela Rodriguez and her five children lived in a car and struggled to get enough to eat. Javier Rodriguez repeatedly beat her. He tried twice to force his way into her sister's house, where she was staying. He was successful when he returned a third time, armed with a .30 caliber M-1 rifle. He beat Adela Rodriguez in the presence of his children and her family and then shot her to death. He then shot himself in the head, in an unsuccessful suicide attempt.