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## **Texas Women Killed by their Intimate Partner in 2003**

*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 154 women killed in 2003 and gives brief accounts of their deaths. We learn of these women from a combination of records including Texas Department of Public Safety data, media reports and law enforcement records. **There are undoubtedly other victims of domestic homicide who remain uncounted.** The list below reflects the most accurate information available to TCFV researchers at the time of compilation. We also update our records annually, or as media coverage alerts us to developments.*

*Unknown victims are those unnamed women whose deaths are noted in law enforcement records, often without details such as hometown, age or date of death. TCFV uses media reports to match the incident data with names for most of these victims; however, if there is no media coverage, a name often cannot be discovered. If you can help us name these unknown victims, please contact TCFV at 800-794-1133.*

### **ANGELINA COUNTY**

**Julieanna Armenta, 46**

**Residence: Lufkin**

**December 8, 2003**

Police say Julieanna died from head injuries suffered when her boyfriend, Luis Muniz, 26, attacked her. According to news reports, Muniz had a history of violence; police reported he had previously stabbed Julienna's son.

### **ATASCOSA COUNTY**

**Mary Ellen Aguilar, 36**

**Residence: Leming**

**November 28, 2003**

Mary was stabbed in her home by her common-law husband, William Adkin, who then killed himself. Police reported the violence as a murder-suicide, and said officers had been called to the home for prior domestic disturbances. Mary had five children.

### **BAILEY COUNTY**

**Rhonda Kitchens, 48**

**Residence: Muleshoe**

**October 10**

Police say Rhonda was shot by her ex-husband, Larry Brent Kitchens, 51, during a social gathering at her home. Larry Kitchens opened fire with an assault rifle, killing Rhonda and two others, authorities said.

### **BASTROP COUNTY**

**Brenda Archibald, 57**

**Residence: Bastrop**

**October 12, 2003**

Brenda was shot by her husband, Gary Archibald, 56, who then killed himself. Police found the bodies near the front door to their home.

## **BELL COUNTY**

**Unknown Victim**

**Wife**

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## **BEXAR COUNTY**

**Rolanda Cortinas, 24**

**Residence: San Antonio**

**February 24**

Rolanda was shot by her estranged husband, Roland Cortinas, 36, who then killed himself. She was in the process of obtaining a protective order against him. She had two children, ages 3 and 2.

**Mayra Lizeth De Loa, 19**

**Residence: Garland**

**December 20, 2003**

Mayra was stabbed to death by her ex-boyfriend Paul Milne, 23. Milne was sentenced to life in prison. Mayra told friends the night before she was killed that Milne had threatened her life.

**Emma Garza, 58**

**Residence: San Antonio**

**February 4, 2003**

Emma was strangled in her apartment by her boyfriend, Manual Maldonado, 45, police said. Maldonado surrendered to police after threatening to jump from a parking garage. He was charged in her death. Family members said the couple had problems in the past.

**Melissa Jiminez, 30**

**Residence: San Antonio**

**January 29, 2003**

Melissa was shot by her boyfriend, Emilio Ramirez, 40, and later died from her injuries. Initially, Ramirez told police the shooting was accidental, but he later admitted to killing Melissa. He was given an 18-year sentence.

**Maria Moreno, 31**

**Residence: San Antonio**

**September 24, 2003**

She was shot by her husband, Roland Moreno, 33. Roland Moreno also shot and killed their 5-year-old son, Luis, as he slept. Maria was pregnant at the time of her death. Roland Moreno killed himself after police arrived at the home.

**Maria G. Moreno, 55**

**Residence: San Antonio**

**March 30, 2003**

Police say Maria was killed when her ex-husband, Jesus Ramirez Moreno, 50, ran over her with his car. The couple had met to discuss reconciliation. They had recently divorced after 29 years of marriage.

**Monay Morris, 18**

**Residence: San Antonio**

**July, 2003**

Police say Monay's ex-boyfriend, Shaun, killed her by pushing her into a train.

**Michelle Webb, 28**

**Residence: San Antonio**

**November, 2003**

Police say Michelle was strangled by her boyfriend, Jonathan Williams, 24. She had an 8-month-old daughter.

**Martha Wilson, 41**

**Residence: San Antonio**

**November 17, 2003**

Martha was found strangled in her bedroom closet with her hands and feet bound and her head covered. Police say Gary Wilson, 43, murdered his wife and then held police at bay from the front seat of his car parked at the house, while his children sat in the back of the car. He was shot and killed in the standoff. The Wilson children were not injured.

**Unknown Victim**

**Common-Law Wife**

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### **BRAZORIA COUNTY**

**Linda Bates, 41**

**Residence: Bailey's Prairie**

**July 10, 2003**

Linda was stabbed to death in her home by her husband, John Bates, 40. His brother witnessed the murder and identified the killer to police.

**Unknown Victim**

**Wife**

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### **CALDWELL COUNTY**

**Nodie Fennel, 39**

**Residence: McMahan**

**April 5**

Nodie was shot and killed by her common-law husband, Alvin Brown. At the trial, Brown admitted to the shooting, but claimed the gun fired accidentally during a struggle. The jury found him guilty and sentenced him to 30 years.

### **CAMERON COUNTY**

**Gabriela Jimenez**  
**Residence: Harlingen**  
**January 12, 2003**

Gabriela was shot and killed outside her home by her ex-boyfriend, David Atkinson, 47. When police arrived at Atkinson's home to get information, he shot and killed himself. Gabriela had three children.

### **CASS COUNTY**

**Nyainna Maxine Oliver, 24**  
**Residence: Hughes Springs**  
**December 21, 2003**

Nyainna and her 3-year-old son were found beaten to death in their apartment. Her boyfriend, Reginald Brown, 29, left a suicide note admitting to their murders before he fatally shot himself.

### **CHEROKEE COUNTY**

**Faye Harris, 42**  
**Residence: Jacksonville**  
**August 3, 2003**

Faye was beaten and shot in her driveway by her estranged husband, Michael Harris, 43. Police say Michael repeatedly struck Faye on the face and head with the butt of a gun until she fell to the ground. He then shot her in the back. Michael was arrested and charged. Faye had filed a protective order against her husband, who police say had used intimidation tactics including burning her house and vandalizing her car in the months prior to the murder.

**Tracy Moore, 41**  
**Residence: Rusk**  
**June 4, 2003**

Tracy was stabbed by her husband, Runny Session, 37. Session also killed the couple's 16-year-old son before killing himself. Her 18-year-old daughter found the bodies inside the home. Family members said Session had a history of violent behavior and mental illness.

### **COLLIN COUNTY**

**Barbara Cantrell, 63**  
**Residence: Allen**  
**June 25, 2003**

Barbara was shot and killed by her husband, William Cantrell, 59, who then killed himself. The couple had financial problems, police said.

**Debbie Dunn, 40**  
**Residence: Anna**  
**July 31, 2003**

Police say Debbie was shot by her husband, Reece Boyd Dunn, 42. He told authorities he was tired of arguing with his wife, so he shot her. The Dunns' 14-year-old son was in the house at the time of his mother's murder.

**Patricia Himelright, 67**

**Residence: McKinney**

**November 22, 2003**

Patricia was shot in the head at home by her boyfriend, John Stephen Castaneda, 41, who was convicted of her murder in March of 2005. Castaneda was sentenced to life in prison.

**Alene Leopard, 43**

**Residence: Allen**

**February 21, 2003**

Alene was shot by her husband, James Kevin Leopard, 41, before he set fire to their home. James Leopard died in that fire, but police said evidence indicated he had not planned to kill himself. Police had previously responded to domestic disturbances at the home. A court hearing related to the couple's impending divorce was scheduled on the day of their deaths. They had two children.

**Tracy Jean Littrell, 43**

**Residence: Anna**

**November 11, 2003**

Police say Tracy was strangled by her boyfriend, Kevin Michael Jones, 40. Jones called police and informed them he had just killed Tracy at the home they shared. In January 2004, Jones was indicted in her murder. Tracy had an 8-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter.

**Carol "Renee" Taylor, 39**

**Residence: Allen**

**July 21, 2003**

Carol was shot and killed by her husband of 22 years, Mark Taylor, 42. He later met with the couple's marriage counselor and then killed himself. Newspaper accounts said Renee had filed for divorce and obtained a restraining order against her husband six days prior to her murder. They had three daughters, ages 16, 19 and 21.

## **CORYELL COUNTY**

**Estelvinda Cardona, 42**

**Residence: Copperas Cove**

**July 14, 2003**

Estelvinda was stabbed by her husband, U.S. Army Capt. Rene Cardona, 46. Before killing himself, Rene also repeatedly stabbed the couple's 18-year-old daughter, Jennifer, who survived. Authorities said there was evidence of past family violence.

## **DALLAS COUNTY**

**Teshibra Bell, 15**

**Residence: Dallas**

**June 25, 2003**

Teshibra was killed by her 25-year-old boyfriend, Shannon Meshack, who attempted to burn her body in his backyard. She was pregnant at the time of her murder. Teshibra had complained to family members about Meshack's physical abuse. Previously, police had responded to domestic disturbances at Meshack's residence. In August 2004, he was sentenced to life in prison.

**Stephanie Renee Chapman, 34**

**Residence: Dallas**

**September 28, 2003**

Police say Stephanie was shot by her ex-boyfriend, Lester Deon Thomas. Thomas was arrested after a lengthy standoff with police. Stephanie's new boyfriend, Dorley Crockett, 21, also was killed. Her 13-year-old daughter witnessed the murders. Police say Thomas had argued with Stephanie and Crockett earlier in the day at their apartment, and later returned to kill them.

**Mary Fangers, 45**

**Residence: Dallas**

**July 9, 2003**

Mary was shot and killed by her estranged husband, Mark Fangers, 43, in the apartment leasing office where she worked. Mark Fangers then killed himself. The couple had recently separated. An assistant manager in the office witnessed the murder-suicide.

**Ann Marie Garrett**

**Residence: Garland**

**March 4, 2003**

Ann Marie was shot by her boyfriend, Anthony William Sims, 36, in what police reported as a murder-suicide.

**Celia Martinez, 39**

**Residence: Rowlett**

**April 20, 2003**

Celia was shot and pushed from a car at a Rowlett convenience store in front of several witnesses. An arrest warrant was issued for her boyfriend, Tomas Gutierrez, 48, of Garland. Police believe Gutierrez fled to Mexico; he has not been found.

**Etherine McDowell, 41**

**Residence: Dallas**

**August, 2003**

Police say Etherine was shot during an argument with her intimate partner, John Grimble. A neighbor who witnessed the shooting told police the pair were a couple.

**Cumia Mitchell, 30**

**Residence: Dallas**

**January 10, 2003**

Cumia was shot and killed during an argument with her boyfriend, Michael Duane Hill, 23. Hill was convicted of murder and received a 15-year sentence.

**Mandy Parker, 19**

**Residence: Dallas**

**September 30, 2003**

Police say Mandy was shot in her apartment by her boyfriend, Eddie Correa. According to police, Correa shot Mandy, then left in her car, which was later found abandoned.

**Jennifer Rane Scott, 30**

**Residence: Addison**

**May 30, 2003**

Jennifer was stabbed by her boyfriend, Andre Jaramillo, 27, in what police reported as a murder-suicide.

**Amy Amel Sabehe-Swift, 27**

**Residence: Irving**

**April 30, 2003**

Police say Amy was strangled and stabbed by her husband, Christopher Jay Swift, 28. She was eight months pregnant at the time of her death. Police say Swift killed his wife in front of her 5-year-old son. He then took the boy with him to the home of Amy's mother, Sandra Sabehe, where he killed her as well, authorities say. Police arrested and charged Swift in both deaths. Swift had previously pled guilty to misdemeanor assault charges for shoving and choking his first wife.

**Huong Tao, 32**

**Residence: Garland**

**April 22, 2003**

Police say Huong was on her way to work when her ex-husband, Khoa Dang Tao, 43, ambushed and beat her to death as she sat in the front seat of her car. Khoa then called 911 and told the dispatcher he had just killed his wife. The couple had finalized their divorce just weeks before Huong's death. She had told friends, neighbors and her supervisor that her husband was stalking and threatening her.

**Maria T. Trevino, 42**

**Residence: Oak Cliff**

**September 17, 2003**

Police say Maria was shot in the head by her husband, Clifford Claiborne, 47.

**Paraskevi Gomez Voutos, 40**

**Residence: Dallas**

**December 30, 2003**

Paraskevi and her 7-year-old daughter were found dead inside their burning home. Arson investigators said evidence showed that her husband, Ramon Santiago Torres, 49, killed Paraskevi and their daughter before setting the house on fire and taking his own life. The medical examiner's office ruled that Paraskevi died as a result of multiple sharp-force injuries. Family and friends said Paraskevi had recently asked her husband for a divorce.

**Marquita Williams, 18**

**Residence: Dallas**

**July 10, 2003**

Marquita was shot and killed by Jabari Scott, 19, who then killed himself. Police reported the violence as a murder-suicide between intimate partners.

**Lucia Zamudio, 26**

**Residence: Dallas**

**January 21, 2003**

Lucia was shot and killed by her common-law husband, Fernando Orozco, 25. The couple had a history of domestic violence, and Lucia was trying to leave Orozco when she was murdered. In April 2004, Orozco was sentenced to 55 years in prison for her murder. Lucia had one child.

**Unknown Victim**

**Residence: Mesquite**

**February 11, 2003**

She was shot and killed by her ex-husband inside her apartment. Police reported the violence as a murder-suicide.

**Unknown Victim**

**Common-Law Wife**

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**DENTON COUNTY**

**Denise Ann Johnson, 23**

**Residence: Lake Dallas**

**May 31, 2003**

Denise's body was found buried in a barrel of concrete on a rural road. Police determined she had been stabbed and suffocated. She was five months pregnant. Police arrested Denise's boyfriend, Steven Wiederhold, 26, after he told two acquaintances he had killed Denise and dumped her body in Oklahoma. In July 2004, a jury found Wiederhold guilty and sentenced him to life in prison.

**Vilma Rios, 19**

**Residence: Denton**

**December 28, 2003**

Vilma was shot by her ex-boyfriend, Jose Nogues, 23. Nogues then shot himself and their daughter at Rios's apartment. Nogues died at a hospital; the girl survived. Rios had applied for a protective order against Nogues prior to her murder.

**EL PASO COUNTY**

**Debra Harmon-Frakes, 43**

**Residence: El Paso**

**July 7, 2003**

Debra was shot and killed by her husband of less than one year, Ben Rogers Frakes, 65. In March 2004, Frakes pled guilty and received a 15-year sentence.

**Rebeca Greene, 30**

**Residence: El Paso**

**August 6, 2003**

Rebecca was shot and killed by her husband of less than one month, Rodolfo A. Greene, 56, a U.S. Border Patrol agent. He then killed himself. Her 6-year-old daughter and a visiting 10-year-old cousin were awakened by gunfire and ran outside, where they waited until police arrived.

**Judith Hernandez, 30**

**Residence: El Paso**

**September 28, 2003**

Judith was shot and killed by her common-law husband, Jose Delgado, 32, after their 11-year-old daughter's birthday party. Before killing himself, Delgado also killed Oscar Miranda, 38, a neighbor who tried to intervene. Judith and Miranda each had two children.

**Maria Victoria Martinez, 24**

**Residence: El Paso**

**December 15, 2003**

Maria was shot and killed by her common-law husband, Rodolfo Candelaria Jr., who then committed suicide. The couple had two sons.

**ERATH COUNTY**

**Brenda Smith, 46**

**Residence: Stephenville**

**July 3, 2003**

Police say Brenda was kidnapped, beaten and thrown from a moving car by her boyfriend, Juan Moreno, 26. Brenda was taken to a hospital for treatment, and when she was discharged, police placed her at a hotel for her safety during recovery. But she later died from her injuries. Moreno was arrested in connection with the kidnapping and charged in Brenda's death.

**Unknown Victim**

**Wife**

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**FORT BEND COUNTY**

**Sandra K. Goodrich, 48**

**Residence: Mission Bend**

**September 13, 2003**

Police say Sandra was fatally shot by her husband, Kevin Goodrich, 44, who was arrested in his wife's death. Goodrich told police the shooting was an accident. He was sentenced to life in prison.

**Maria Sylvia Hernandez, 41**

**Residence: Richmond**

**December 25, 2003**

Maria was stabbed during an altercation with her husband, Luis Cuchilla, 37, on Christmas Day. Cuchilla then stabbed himself, but survived. After he was indicted on a charge of murder and released on bond, Cuchilla committed suicide. Maria had obtained an emergency protective order against Cuchilla prior to her murder.

**Kelly Murphey, 34**

**Residence: Kendleton**

**January 16, 2003**

Kelly was shot by her boyfriend, Michael Wayne Joseph, 34, after a domestic dispute. After killing Kelly, Joseph took their daughter to a friend's house, returned to the home he shared with Kelly, and then killed himself.

**GAINES COUNTY**

**Erica Muro, 18**

**Residence: Seminole**

**January 26, 2003**

Police say Erica was shot by her boyfriend, Daniel Lee Flores, 27. She was three months pregnant. After killing Muro, police say, Flores wounded a police officer and engaged other officers in a three-hour standoff before surrendering. He was charged with attempted capital murder and murder.

**GALVESTON COUNTY**

**Unknown Victim**

**Wife**

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**GRAY COUNTY**

**Evarene "Eva" Fritz, 42**

**Residence: Pampa**

**July 15, 2003**

Police say Evarene was shot by her ex-boyfriend, Joseph Landon Ridenour, 67. Ridenour was linked to her death through evidence found at the scene. When authorities arrived at his apartment, he was holding a gun to his head and pulled the trigger repeatedly, but it failed to fire, police said. In January 2004, a district attorney decided not to seek the death penalty. The case was still awaiting trial in July 2005.

**Ethel Jean Goldsmith, 31**

**Residence: Pampa**

**May 27, 2003**

Ethel was severely beaten and stabbed and her body was found discarded in a rural area. Police say her husband, Jeffrey Goldsmith, 42, confessed to killing her at home, then dumping her body. She had an 8-month-old daughter.

**GREGG COUNTY**

**Lori Ruth Long, 31**

**Residence: Longview**

**June 9, 2003**

Lori was shot in her apartment by her husband, James Lloyd Reedy, 40. After a failed suicide attempt, Reedy was charged in Long's death. Eighteen months prior to the shooting, Reedy had completed a six-year jail sentence for firing a handgun at Long. In January 2004, Reedy pled guilty to killing Long and was sentenced to 50 years in prison. Long had a 5-year-old child.

**HALE COUNTY**

**Mijoy Sierra, 22**

**Residence: Plainview**

**August 28, 2003**

Police say Mijoy was shot and killed by her common-law husband, Christopher Lee Salinas, 24, who was arrested and charged in her death. In the five weeks before she was killed, Mijoy had filed two protective orders against Salinas. He was indicted by a grand jury and was awaiting trial as of July 2005.

### **HARRIS COUNTY**

**Marta Vilma Amaya, 22**

**Residence: Houston**

**February 16, 2003**

Marta was shot at a local dance hall by her estranged husband, Teodoro Sanchez, 41. The couple had recently separated. Her dance partner, Gerraldo Chavez, 36, also was shot and killed. Witnesses at the dance hall saw Sanchez arguing with Marta and then saw Sanchez pull a gun and shoot her and Chavez.

**Guillermina "Gidget" Cauley, 43**

**Residence: Houston**

**February 10, 2003**

Guillermina was shot by her husband, Purnell Cauley, who also killed their three daughters. Earlier in the day, Purnell Cauley killed his girlfriend, Flor Roque, 28. When detectives entered the Cauley home to investigate a missing persons report for Roque, Cauley shot and wounded Detective Michael Bozeman before killing himself.

**Laura Grant Chamblin, 52**

**Residence: Houston**

**June 13, 2003**

Laura was shot by her husband, William Michael Chamblin, 49, as she gardened in the back yard of their home. Her 22-year-old daughter, Marie Nicole, also was shot as she stood near the kitchen window. Chamblin then dragged his wife into the kitchen, where he shot both women a second time, killing both. Police said the family's two dogs also were found shot to death in the house. Chamblin was sentenced to life in prison.

**Carolyn Cleveland, 47**

**Residence: Houston**

**March 6, 2003**

Carolyn was stabbed more than 20 times after asking her husband, Andre Cleveland, for a divorce. The couple's children witnessed their mother's murder. Although Cleveland claimed he stabbed his wife in self-defense, a jury found him guilty of murder.

**Ruby Clemons, 22**

**Residence: Houston**

**August 4, 2003**

Ruby was beaten and stabbed by her boyfriend, Romelle Watts, 27, after he became enraged during an argument. Watts slammed Ruby's head against the pavement and stabbed her, then used her car to run over her lifeless body. He then placed her body in the car and abandoned it in southwest Harris County. Watts pled guilty to killing Ruby and received a 40-year prison sentence.

**Rocio Vasquez Cruz, 24**

**Residence: Houston**

**September 9, 2003**

Rocio was stabbed and her body was discarded in a ditch in southeast Houston. The remains of her 15-year-old half-sister, Magaly Vilchis Mendoza, were found along a

highway in Montgomery County. Police suspect Cruz's husband, Freddy Jaime Cruz, 27, killed his wife and her sister, then fled to Mexico with their two children.

**Giuseppina M. Estrada, 58**

**Residence: Houston**

**May 18, 2003**

Giuseppina collapsed during a physical and verbal confrontation with her husband, Miguel Veras Gonzalez, 45, who later admitted to having attempted to bury her body. The medical examiner attributed the specific cause of her death to heart disease, but ruled it a homicide. Police said Gonzalez knew of Giuseppina's heart condition and did not call 911 after she collapsed. The couple had a history of domestic violence and Gonzalez had previously been arrested for assaulting his wife.

**Dominique Fix, 30**

**Residence: Katy**

**October 14, 2003**

Dominique was shot inside her home by her husband, Kyle Richard Fix, 36. The following day, Kyle admitted killing his wife to a police officer working a traffic accident. He had just dropped off their children to stay with relatives.

**Linda Garrison, 51**

**Residence: Houston**

**January 16, 2003**

Linda was shot at her workplace by her husband, Norman Garrison, 57, who then killed himself in the parking lot. Linda Garrison had filed a domestic violence report one week prior to her death. The couple had an 18-year-old daughter and a 24-year-old son.

**Amanda Lorena Garza, 19**

**Residence: Houston**

**September 1, 2003**

Police say Amanda was shot by her ex-boyfriend, Angel Resendez, 21. Her body was found by a passer-by on the street near Resendez's home. Officials say Amanda died of gunshots to the neck and head. She had a 2-year-old daughter.

**Marquita Gipson, 19**

**Residence: Unknown**

**September 29, 2003**

Police say Marquita was killed execution-style by her estranged boyfriend, Andre Washington, 28. Washington was charged with capital murder after an autopsy revealed Gipson was pregnant.

**Norma Jean Gonzalez, 29**

**Residence: Houston**

**June 15, 2003**

Norma was shot by her common-law husband, Jesus De La Rosa, 26, who then killed himself. Police say Norma was attempting to leave De La Rosa. The couple had two young children who were not at home at the time of the deaths. She also had a daughter from a previous marriage.

**Gina Jones, 19**

**Residence: Houston**

**March, 21, 2003**

Police say Gina was shot inside her apartment by her ex-boyfriend, Deion Dewane Sergent, 20. According to police, Gina was home with a friend when Sergent arrived and asked to speak with her. The two went into a bathroom and began to argue. Sergent

emerged minutes later and left the apartment, and Gina's friend found her body in the bathroom. Police later arrested Sergeant and charged him in her death.

**Helen Marie Kirklin, 22**

**Residence: Houston**

**March 9, 2003**

Police say Helen was shot by her ex-boyfriend, Gary Christopher McClain, 39. Her body was found in her car parked outside her home. Witnesses recall hearing two gunshots and then seeing a man speed away in another car. Police believe the shooting may have stemmed from an argument earlier in the day.

**Lisa Lee, 55**

**Residence: Houston**

**September 11, 2003**

Lisa was found shot next to the body of her husband, Thomas Lee, 59. Police suspect Thomas Lee killed Lisa and then committed suicide. The bodies were discovered after a customer told relatives the couple's store had not opened the next morning.

**Paula Mansanarez, 25**

**Residence: Houston**

**October 20, 2003**

Paula was shot by her estranged husband, Jose Rubio, 28. Witnesses told police they saw Rubio sitting in his parked car across the street from the home on the day Mansanarez was killed. As she and the couple's children walked outside, Rubio chased his wife into a neighbor's yard and shot her several times. Rubio then committed suicide. Police say Rubio had moved out of the couple's home only a week earlier. Three of their four children, ages 3 to 6, witnessed the murder-suicide. Family members said Rubio had threatened violence many times in the past.

**Lucinda Coca Martinez, 45**

**Residence: Houston**

**July 6, 2003**

Lucinda was shot by her husband, Jose Benitez Leon, 38, after an altercation in their home. Leon then killed himself. Her two daughters and a nephew witnessed the murder-suicide.

**Justine Maxwell, 24**

**Residence: Houston**

**June 10, 2003**

Justine was shot by her ex-boyfriend, Robert Saulter, 25. She was pregnant at the time of her death. Her boyfriend, Daniel Armantrout, 28, also was shot and killed. In an earlier incident, Saulter had held Maxwell hostage at gunpoint for a week after their breakup. Saulter was arrested and charged with the two murders. His body was later found in Brazoria County with a self-inflicted wound.

**Lesly Lourdes Moran, 24**

**Residence: Houston**

**October 9, 2003**

Lesly was shot by her husband, Noel Antonio Lopez, 29, who then committed suicide. Their 13-month-old son was found unharmed, covered in blood, next to his parents' bodies.

**Estella Jimenez Ortiz, 20****Residence: Houston****April 10, 2003**

Estella was stabbed and beaten by her husband, Jesse Jason Ortiz, 24. Their 3-year-old daughter was at home at the time of the murder. After killing his wife, Jesse committed suicide by jumping from a highway overpass. The couple had separated three days earlier. Police say Estella told friends she feared for her safety because Jesse was jealous and violent.

**Paula Jones Richard, 38****Residence: Houston****April 23, 2003**

Paula was shot by her husband, Preston Richard, 38, who set their home on fire and then killed himself. Both bodies were found in the blaze. The Harris County sheriff's office had responded to a domestic disturbance at the home the night before the murder-suicide took place. The couple's two children were at school at the time of their parents' deaths

**Flor Roque, 28****Residence: Houston****February 10, 2003**

Flor was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Purnell Cauley, 35, after she tried to end their relationship. Enraged, Cauley killed Flor, then killed his wife and three daughters. He then killed himself after a standoff with police in which one officer was wounded.

**Tocarro Leane Swanson-Sanders, 20****Residence: Spring****January 22, 2003**

She was stabbed to death in her apartment by her boyfriend, Andre Fitzgerald Pierre, 30. Pierre asked neighbors to call police, saying he had killed Tocarro. Then he fled the scene. He later confessed the murder to police.

**Heidi Simone, 37****Residence: Houston****August 10, 2003**

Police say Heidi was beaten to death by her common-law husband, David Paul Chabolla, 39. Medical examiners ruled her death a homicide due to blunt-force trauma. Chabolla was arrested and charged in her death.

**Enjoli Taylor, 23****Residence: Houston****June 14, 2003**

Police say Enjoli was stabbed by her boyfriend, Aaron Rayme, 27. The two were seen arguing in a car when Enjoli jumped out to seek help at a nearby house. Rayme followed her and stabbed her to death. He then cut himself, was treated at a hospital, and then was arrested in connection with her death.

**Susan Rene Tull, 29****Residence: Houston****January 2, 2003**

Susan was shot at home by Paul Wade Hilligiest, 32, who then killed himself, police say. The two bodies were found after concerned relatives entered the home the couple shared. According to police, the couple had recently discussed ending their relationship.

**Priscilla Jenifer Viehland, 22**

**Residence: Houston**

**October 20, 2003**

Police say Priscilla was strangled by her ex-boyfriend, Anthony Jackson, who then set her body on fire. According to police reports, she had recently ended their relationship.

**Maria Villatoro, 20**

**Residence: Houston**

**August 1, 2003**

Police say Maria was shot in her car by her ex-husband, Luis Gonzalez, 21. Gonzales was arrested two days later in connection with her murder. He was discovered at a bus station in Santa Barbara, Calif., with their daughters, ages 3 and 18 months. Police say Maria had picked up her girls from day-care the previous afternoon, but never made it home with them.

**Erika Veronica Zepeda, 24**

**Residence: Houston**

**September 5, 2003**

Police say Erika was stabbed by her common-law husband, Daniel Martinez, 26. Adults in the southeast Houston home where the couple were guests tried to intervene when the couple started to argue, but backed away when Martinez grabbed a butcher's knife and stabbed Erika. Martinez was arrested and charged in her death.

**HARRISON COUNTY**

**Gertrude Tyler, 40**

**Residence: Hallsville**

**March 5, 2003**

Police say Gertrude was shot at home by her husband, George Tyler, 43, who also killed her 17-year-old son. George reported finding the bodies when he came home; however, police charged him in the deaths.

**HAYS COUNTY**

**Neshia Nunn, 35**

**Residence: San Marcos**

**September 27, 2003**

Neshia was shot by her estranged husband, Ricky Nunn, 29. Prior to the shooting, police had been called to a domestic disturbance at the apartment, but the officers left because they could not find Ricky Nunn. Three minutes later, he returned and killed his wife, and injured her cousin, Alishia Batiste. A neighbor who heard the shootings called the police. When officers returned to the apartment, Ricky Nunn shot himself in the head. He later died at a local hospital. Neshia Nunn's mother said Ricky Nunn had abused his wife throughout their marriage, and police say they had previously been called to the apartment.

**HENDERSON COUNTY**

**Celeste Murray, 43**

**Residence: "near Seven Points"**

**August 3, 2003**

Police say Celeste was shot by her husband, Wesley Wayne Murray, 40. Wesley Murray was indicted for murder. Celeste Murray had four daughters, ages 5 to 15.

## **HIDALGO COUNTY**

**Alma Booth, 86**

**Residence: Edinburg**

**July 4, 2003**

Police say Alma was shot and killed on her living room sofa by her husband, Donald Ray Booth, 85.

**Juana Cerda, 44**

**Residence: Donna**

**May 1, 2003**

Juana was shot by her husband, Jose Manuel Cerda, 55, who then killed himself. Sheriff's investigators say the violence may have resulted from a domestic dispute.

**Olga Lydia Garcia, 19**

**Residence: Donna**

**December 27, 2003**

Police say Olga was killed by her boyfriend, Rosendo DeLeon, 20. Her body was found one week after her family reported her missing.

**Virginia Huddleston, 34**

**Residence: McAllen**

**May 26, 2003**

Virginia was strangled in her apartment by her ex-boyfriend, Jeffery Ryan Hill, 32. Hill stuffed Huddleston's body into a suitcase and dumped it in a rural area. He later pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to 60 years in prison.

**Isabel Kaiser, 58**

**Residence: Mission**

**July, 2003**

Isabel was shot as she slept by her husband, Howard Maines, 67. Kaiser had earlier attempted to end their turbulent marriage. Maines pled guilty to Isabel's murder and was sentenced to 58 years. She had one son and three grandchildren.

**Michelle Peralez, 34**

**Residence: Weslaco**

**August 27, 2003**

Michelle was shot by her estranged husband, Santiago Gallegos, 33. Gallegos shot Peralez in the parking lot of the day-care center where she had just dropped off the couple's twins. Gallegos then shot himself. They were in the process of getting a divorce.

**Maria del Carman Vasquez, 34**

**Residence: San Juan**

**November 21, 2003**

Maria's burned remains, found on Thanksgiving Day in Sullivan City, were identified through dental records. Her husband, David Vasquez, 33, was arrested and charged in her death. The couple had a 7-year-old-son.

## **JEFFERSON COUNTY**

### **Marilyn Viltz Procter, Age Unknown**

**Residence: Port Arthur**

**March 28, 2003**

Police say Marilyn was shot outside her home by her ex-boyfriend, Nhikima Hager, after she ended their relationship.

### **Pamela Reed, 40**

**Residence: Port Arthur**

**May 1, 2003**

Pamela was shot by her estranged husband, Willis Joseph Reed, 50, while visiting a friend's house. The couple argued before Willis shot his wife and two of her friends. He then returned home and confessed the shootings to police.

## **JOHNSON COUNTY**

### **Unknown Victim**

**Girlfriend**

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### **Unknown Victim**

**Wife**

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## **KLEBURG COUNTY**

### **Meagan McFarlin, 22**

**Residence: Unknown**

**April, 2003**

Police say Meagan was beaten with a sledgehammer by her boyfriend, David Wammack, 26. Wammack confessed to killing Meagan after her skeletal remains were discovered on a beach one month after her death. Police learned the couple had a troubled relationship for some time. Wammack was indicted for murder on June 14, 2003.

## **LIBERTY COUNTY**

### **Maria Hernandez, 32**

**Residence: Liberty**

**October 19, 2003**

Police say Maria was stabbed after a struggle with her estranged husband, Martin Rivera, 40, who then attempted suicide.

### **Martha Sheets, 49**

**Residence: Hull**

**November 22, 2003**

Martha's beaten and burned body was found in June 2004 near a heavily wooded rural road. Her family had reported Martha missing shortly before Thanksgiving in 2003. Police say her husband, Edward Sheets, 53, killed her. Edward Sheets had a long history

of domestic violence, and he was in fact doing jail time on family violence charges when police found his wife's body.

## **LUBBOCK COUNTY**

### **Unknown Victim Common-Law Wife**

*Texas Council on Family Violence research has not discovered the name or story of this victim as reported by the county to the Texas Department of Public Safety.*

### **Michelle King, 23**

**Residence: Lubbock  
November 21, 2003**

Michelle suffered multiple gunshot wounds and died on the way to the hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Jason Flowers, 24, held her hostage for 15 hours. After a stand-off with police, he killed himself. King had obtained a protective order against Flowers two weeks prior to her death.

### **Christina Moreno, 26**

**Residence: Lubbock  
March 17, 2003**

Police say Christina was stabbed by her common-law husband, Armando Sandoval Jr., 29, after an all-night argument turned violent. After two failed suicide attempts, Sandoval confessed to killing Moreno. She had a 4-year-old son.

### **Leah Nicole Rumbaugh, 18**

**Residence: Lubbock  
December 26, 2003**

Police said Leah was shot in the head by her boyfriend, Robert Hudson, 26. Hudson told police he had found Leah's body, and believed it was a suicide. But detectives charged Hudson in her death.

## **MCLENNAN COUNTY**

### **Allison Felkner (Estes), 26**

**Residence: Waco  
May 15, 2003**

The former Marine was beaten to death on the steps of her apartment by her estranged husband, Brian Estes, 26. The couple was in the process of getting a divorce. Allison had two children.

## **MATAGORDA COUNTY**

### **Shirley Joyce Johnson, 64**

**Residence: Palacios  
January 17, 2003**

Shirley was shot and killed by her husband, Russell Franklin Yeager, 71. Yeager also shot and killed his son-in-law, James Milton Arnett, 49, before killing himself.

## **MILAM COUNTY**

**Bettie Jo Smith, 56**  
**Residence: Cameron**  
**December 21, 2003**

Police say Bettie Jo was stabbed by Jerry Lewis Wooden, 36 in what authorities deemed an intimate-partner homicide. Wooden was charged in her death, and was indicted for murder.

### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**Unknown Victim**  
**Girlfriend**

*Texas Council on Family Violence research has not discovered the name or story of this victim as reported by the county to the Texas Department of Public Safety.*

### **MOORE COUNTY**

**Tammy Rene Benson, 39**  
**Residence: Cactus**  
**February 17, 2003**

Tammy was shot by her ex-boyfriend, Ruben Ruiz, 32, after an argument. A jury found Ruiz guilty of murder and sentenced him to 25 years.

### **NACOGDOCHES COUNTY**

**Betty Jernigan, 40**  
**Residence: Chireno**  
**February 17, 2003**

Betty was shot as she arrived home with her children by her ex-husband, Dan Hardy Jernigan, 37. The children ran inside their home to call 911 when they witnessed their father killing their mother. Dan Jernigan received a 30-year sentence for the murder.

**Unknown Victim**  
**Wife**

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### **NUECES COUNTY**

**Unknown Victim, 23**  
**Residence: Corpus Christi**  
**November 1, 2003**

She was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend, 45, after an argument escalated. He later turned himself in to police. No other information was available from authorities.

### **ORANGE COUNTY**

**Wendy Roque, 23**  
**Residence: Pine Forest**  
**December 21, 2003**

The newly commissioned police officer was shot and killed by her husband, Alvaro Gabino Roque, 33. She was in the process of divorcing him. Alvaro Roque also killed his

wife's friend, Lance Benjamin Pearson, 35, before fatally shooting himself during a police standoff.

**Unknown Victim**

**Ex-Wife**

**Orange Co.**

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**POLK COUNTY**

**Linda Arnold, 34**

**Residence: Unknown**

**September 17, 2003**

Linda drowned after her common-law husband, Ronnie Boyd Barnet, 43, beat her while both were swimming in a local lake. Police say a heated argument led to the violence. Barnet was convicted of murder and is serving a 25-year sentence.

**Vickey Bowen, 44**

**Residence: Livingston**

**October 16, 2003**

Vickey's body was found in her home by a co-worker who was concerned when she did not show up to work. Police say her boyfriend, Donnie Lee Roberts Jr., killed her. As police pursued Roberts, he jumped from the car he was driving. Eventually, he surrendered and was taken into police custody on suspicion of murder.

**Unknown Victim**

**Girlfriend**

**Polk Co.**

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**POTTER COUNTY**

**Luz Martina Alfonso, 35**

**Residence: Amarillo**

**November 19, 2003**

Luz was shot by her husband, Juan Alfonso, 47, who then fatally shot himself. She had filed for divorce two months prior to her death, and the couple was scheduled to attend their final divorce court hearing on the day of the shooting. She had two daughters, 11 and 16.

**Kathy Sue Snelson, 51**

**Residence: Amarillo**

**June 19, 2003**

Kathy was stabbed by her boyfriend, James Richie, 72. Richie had a history of violent behavior and was sentenced to life in prison for her murder.

**RAINS COUNTY**

**Tracie Lee Harmon Rogers, 35**

**Residence: Unknown**

**May 28, 2003**

Tracie was shot at home by her husband, Floyd Edward Rogers Jr., 40. Deputies had been called to the home previously for reports of domestic violence. Floyd Rogers was sentenced to life in prison for his wife's murder. She had a 14-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son.

### **RUNNELS COUNTY**

**Trisha Leigh Hovorak, 28**

**Residence: Ballinger**

**September 5, 2003**

Trisha's body was found by her father inside her home. Her husband, David Wayne Franklin, 26, was charged in her death. The couple had begun divorce proceedings and was trying to reconcile, police said.

### **STARR COUNTY**

**Brenda Lee Monjares, 16**

**Residence: Alto Bonito**

**December 7, 2003**

Brenda was shot by her boyfriend, Jairo Garza, 13. She was pregnant and had just finished her freshman year of high school. The two had been living together in Garza's parents' home after Brenda told her mother she was pregnant. Brenda's parents had begun to suspect that Garza was abusing their daughter.

### **TARRANT COUNTY**

**Ana Cantu, 23**

**Residence: Fort Worth**

**June 22, 2003**

Ana was shot by her estranged husband, Oscar Cantu Sr., 31, as she held her 3-year-old son. An acquaintance, Jose Hernandez, 36, also was killed. Oscar then killed himself.

**Jeannie I. Gonzalez, 37**

**Residence: Fort Worth**

**December 31, 2003**

Jeannie was killed by her estranged husband after he entered her home. He also wounded her daughter and killed Artemio Arroyo, 40, before killing himself.

**Yarra Martinez, 20**

**Residence: Hurst**

**June 3, 2003**

Yarra was fatally shot in the back as she approached her car, just minutes after leaving her workplace. Police say her 19-year-old ex-boyfriend had been waiting for her, armed with a rifle, in an adjacent parking lot. After he sped away, police found him dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

**Cynthia Miles, Age Unknown**

**Residence: Fort Worth**

**May 12/13, 2003 (date uncertain)**

Cynthia was found beaten to death in her apartment. Police say her boyfriend, Andre Robinson, 26, was the killer. Robinson was arrested in Cynthia's death. The couple's two

young daughters witnessed the killing and police believe they were left alone with their mother's body for more than a day.

**Veronica Romo, 29**

**Residence: Irving**

**February 15, 2003**

Veronica was stabbed to death at her workplace. Her body was found later by coworkers. Veronica's estranged husband, Carlos Delreal Rojas, 35, was arrested and charged in her death.

**Elena Sain, 41**

**Residence: Fort Worth**

**November 15, 2003**

Police say Elena was killed by her estranged husband, John Sain, 47. The couple had recently separated and Elena Sain had returned home to get her belongings when her husband shot and killed her, police say. Authorities said they were aware that Elena was returning home, but she had told them John Sain was not home.

**TAYLOR COUNTY**

**Deborah Wieringo, 47**

**Residence: Abilene**

**April 26, 2003**

Deborah was shot by her boyfriend, who also killed her estranged husband after becoming enraged at seeing them together. The boyfriend then killed himself. The husband survived his injuries. She had two children.

**TRAVIS COUNTY**

**Robin Buckland, 47**

**Residence: Spicewood**

**November 9, 2003**

Robin was beaten to death with a hammer as she slept. Police say the killer was her ex-husband of 18 years, Gary Jackson Buckland, 44. A police report says after he killed her, Gary dragged Robin's body outside his home and struck her on the neck to ensure she was dead.

**Ortralla Mosley, 15**

**Residence: Austin**

**March 28, 2003**

Ortralla was stabbed in front of fellow students at school by her ex-boyfriend, Marcus McTear, 16. She had broken up with McTear the day before her death to escape their violent relationship. McTear had a history of violent behavior. McTear, a minor, pled guilty to murder and received a 3 to 40 year sentence.

**Ann-Marie Sibley, 43**

**Residence: Austin**

**August 25, 2003**

Ann-Marie was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Arthur James West Jr., 37. West also killed Ann-Marie's brother, Michael Garvey, 45. West pled guilty to the charges and received two 30-year life sentences.

**Marivel Vargas, 18**

**Residence: Austin**

**December 11, 2003**

Marivel was shot in her car outside her workplace. Her ex-boyfriend, Alvaro Lee Contreras, 18, was charged in her death. She had recently ended their relationship after she suspected that Contreras had slashed her tires. Her brother reported that Contreras had assaulted him on one occasion and that his sister had expressed fear of Contreras. Contreras turned himself in to authorities.

**Unknown Victim**

**Girlfriend**

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### **VAL VERDE COUNTY**

**Bertha Paniagua, 46**

**Residence: Del Rio**

**June 12, 2003**

Authorities reported Bertha's death as a murder-suicide in Del Rio, Texas. No other information was available.

### **VAN ZANDT COUNTY**

**Michelle Ann Plevnic, 35**

**Residence: Wills Point**

**November 8, 2003**

Police say Michelle was shot by her boyfriend, Timothy Dewayne Hathcock, 32. He was arrested and charged in her death.

### **WALLER COUNTY**

**Gail Sternberg, 47**

**Residence: Unknown**

**October 31, 2003**

Gail was shot and killed by her husband, Gary Sternberg, 67, who then killed himself.

### **WEBB COUNTY**

**Acenette Belinda Huerta, 38**

**Residence: Laredo**

**August 22, 2003**

Acenette died 11 days after entering a hospital for a slash wound to her neck that police say her common-law husband, Santiago Martinez Jr., 40, inflicted during a domestic dispute. Martinez had a history of beating Acenette and was found that day by police covered in blood and holding a box-cutter. After pleading guilty, Martinez was given a 60-year sentence.

**Kristina Gonzalez, 35**

**Residence: Laredo**

**June 16, 2003**

Kristina was shot by her boyfriend, Hector Rodriguez, Jr., 32, who then killed himself. Police had visited their home for previous domestic violence complaints. Kristina had sought a protective order against Rodriguez after he kicked her in her face, cut her with a knife and sexually assaulted her in a previous attack.

**WICHITA COUNTY**

**Samantha Lezark, 28**

**Residence: Wichita Falls**

**January 5, 2003**

Police say Samantha was beaten with a fire extinguisher and strangled by Kristopher Kyle Russell, 21. A co-worker found her body. The pair had just begun dating when the murder took place. Russell was charged in her death and is also a suspect in the death of his wife, Tara Russell, in Nebraska.

**Senior Airman Shelby Orelup, 22**

**Residence: Wichita Falls**

**February 28, 2003**

Shelby was strangled by her boyfriend, Sgt. Jason Arindain. Arindain dumped Shelby's body near the base where she was stationed. In May 2004, Arindain was dishonorably discharged and sentenced to life in prison. Shelby had a young daughter.

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY**

**Kali Gianna Sansone, 27**

**Residence: Cedar Park**

**September 21, 2003**

Police say Kali was strangled by her husband, Gregory Michael Klapesky, 29. Police say Klapesky then took Kali's body to a friend's house to dispose it off. Police found the body after the friend grew suspicious and notified authorities.

**Shelia Stifflemire, 40**

**Residence: Leander**

**May 13, 2003**

Shelia was shot by her husband, Hank Stifflemire, 46, who then killed himself.

**WISE COUNTY**

**Hope Marie Moore, 37**

**Residence: Bridgeport**

**August 4, 2003**

Hope was shot by her estranged husband, Martin Edward Moore, 36, outside her workplace. He later killed himself in an Indiana cornfield as he was being pursued by police. Hope and her daughter were staying with friends because her husband had threatened her.