

# Honoring Texas Victims

*Texas women and men killed  
by their intimate partners in 2021*

VICTIM NARRATIVES





**The Texas Council on Family Violence promotes cultural and systemic changes to prevent and end intimate partner abuse and uplift healthy, safe, respectful relationships.**



We pause each year to reflect on the victims of intimate partner violence homicides and honor those whose lives were ended at the hands of their partners. We examine the conditions related to each homicide to identify potential systemic gaps for survivor safety and offer holistic approaches to addressing domestic violence in Texas communities.

In 2021, 204 Texans were victims of intimate partner homicide. This number includes 169 women and 35 men, including 12 LGBTQ+ victims. Homicide perpetrators also shot and killed 22 family members, friends, or bystanders, including 11 children ages 18 and below. During the homicides, perpetrators injured an additional 21 victims including four law enforcement officers, six children, and 11 family members and friends. Victims ranged in age from 16 to 85. Two hundred fifty-six adults and minor children lost a parent to domestic violence.

Their lives reflect the diversity and richness of Texas. Among the victims were educators, ranchers, cosmetologists, active and retired members of the armed forces, entrepreneurs, business managers, real estate agents, healthcare providers, immigrants, students, athletes, animal lovers, avid readers, artists, moms, dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, cousins and best friends. They sang in their church choirs and in their kitchens while making pancakes. They cheered at their children's games and supported their community members. They aspired to further their educations and careers, to provide for their families, to travel, to spend time at the beach, and to make their friends and family smile. Each of their deaths represents an incalculable loss to their loved ones and communities.

TCFV documents intimate partner homicides within our Texas communities on the following pages. Each confirmed fatality represents an individual killed in Texas by an intimate partner or a stalking perpetrator between January 2021 and December 2021. To offer a lens to enhance future survivor safety, TCFV highlights lethality risk factors within each narrative when the information is available.

Information regarding criminal charges and bond conditions in this report represents what was known about the status of criminal cases at the time of publishing. We hope that a thoughtful examination of each case shines much-needed light on improved prevention and intervention strategies to reduce domestic violence.

TCFV respectfully lists the names of each of the 204 victims of intimate partner homicide in 2021 and joins their families, friends, and communities in mourning each individual.

## ANDERSON COUNTY

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### *Tobey Jo Myrick, 33*

**OCTOBER 10, 2021 | TENNESSEE COLONY**

Tobey Jo Myrick died in her home when her husband, Jeremy Myrick, 35, shot and killed her. Myrick then shot and killed himself. Authorities discovered them deceased after responding to a welfare check. Tobey is survived by her son and daughter.

## BELL COUNTY

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### *Skyler Mills, 24*

**JULY 31, 2021 | HARKER HEIGHTS**

Skyler Mills died in her home when her ex-boyfriend, Jeremiah Mitchell, 20, shot and killed her. Skyler was home with her wife when Mitchell pounded on the door and entered the house. Mitchell shot Skyler and then assaulted Skyler's wife. Skyler had ended her relationship with Mitchell approximately a month prior to the murder. Authorities arrested and charged Mitchell with capital murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

### *Tiffany Shepard, 34*

**FEBRUARY 24, 2021 | KILLEEN**

Tiffany Shepard died in her home when her husband, Archie Mitchell, 40, shot and killed her. Three of the couple's children were inside the home. Mitchell posted a live stream showing Tiffany deceased on social media. When officers responded, Mitchell shot and killed himself. Mitchell had a history of violence, including a previous assault charge and a protective order issued for a prior partner. Tiffany is survived by her four children.

### *Sgt. Francine Martinez, 24*

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 | KILLEEN**

Sgt. Francine Martinez died at the hospital from injuries sustained when her ex-boyfriend, Cpl. Nakealon Mosley, 24, shot her in her vehicle. Francine had ended her relationship with Mosley and filed for child support. Five days after Mosley received the child support order, he followed Francine from a shopping center and shot her. Francine drove to a hospital and was airlifted to a Temple hospital, where she died 12 days later. Mosley has a history of abusive and threatening behavior towards Francine. Authorities arrested and charged Mosley with aggravated assault of a family member with a deadly weapon and discharge of a firearm in a municipality. A grand jury indicted Mosley for murder. Francine is survived by her son, age 1.

## BEXAR COUNTY

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### *Marisol Klingelhofer, 49*

**APRIL 26, 2021 | ATASCOSA**

Marisol Klingelhofer died in a vehicle after Andres Perez Tarnava, 36, shot and killed her. Family members stated that Tarnava was pursuing a relationship with Marisol, which she had declined, and they reported Marisol missing after they could not reach her. A witness contacted authorities stating he was with Marisol inside a vehicle when Tarnava approached the vehicle and shot and killed her. The witness fled, and Tarnava took Marisol out of the car, placed her inside his car, and took her to his home. Another witness stated that Tarnava later confessed to killing Marisol and destroying evidence. When interviewed, Tarnava confessed to killing Marisol. Tarnava was arrested and charged with murder and felon in possession of a firearm. Marisol is survived by her daughter.



***Martell Derouen, 34***

**JANUARY 22, 2021 | SAN ANTONIO**

Martell Derouen died in his home when his girlfriend, Sasha Skare, 21, shot and killed him. Authorities conducted a welfare check at Martell's home and found him deceased. Skare was previously charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon in 2019 in connection to the death of a previous boyfriend and released on bond in Travis County. Authorities arrested and charged Skare with murder.

***Stephanie Vences, 26***

**FEBRUARY 6, 2021 | SAN ANTONIO**

Stephanie Vences died in a vehicle after her boyfriend, Ruben Urquiza-Aviles, 37, shot and killed her. Urquiza-Aviles then shot and killed himself. An individual saw the vehicle parked on a rural road and contacted the police.

*“She made her impact  
on the world while she  
was here.”*

***Leah Anders, 19***

**FEBRUARY 13, 2021 | SAN ANTONIO**

Leah Anders died in her home after her boyfriend, Abdi Shidad, 22, shot and killed her. Shidad also shot and killed Leah's friend, Anastasia Simms, 17, and shot and injured another person inside the home. Authorities arrested and charged Shidad with capital murder. Leah is survived by her two children.

***Claudia Castro de Lara, 44***

**FEBRUARY 22, 2021 | SAN ANTONIO**

Claudia Castro de Lara died in her home after her boyfriend, Mario Lopez-Moreno, 39, stabbed and killed her. Claudia's son contacted the police after he discovered she was injured. When the authorities arrived, she was deceased. Lopez-Moreno fled and was later charged with murder. He remains at large. Claudia is survived by her son.

***Azucena Nelson, 49***

**APRIL 6, 2021 | SAN ANTONIO**

Azucena Nelson died in her home after her husband, Todd Owen Hafer, 53, shot and killed her. Hafer then shot and killed himself. When concerned family members had not heard from Azucena or Hafer, they requested that law enforcement conduct a welfare check. Authorities found them deceased. Azucena is survived by her three children.

***Rosa Martin, 61***

**APRIL 25, 2021 | SAN ANTONIO**

Rosa Martin died in her home after her husband, Robert Martin, 64, strangled and killed her. Rosa's daughter contacted the police. Authorities arrested and charged Martin with murder. Rosa is survived by her daughter.

***Laura Placker, 37***

**JUNE 19, 2021 | SAN ANTONIO**

Laura Placker died when her husband, Dillon Meckel, 35, shot and killed her in a hotel room. Laura's children were in the room. Multiple hotel guests heard the shooting and alerted authorities. Emergency responders attempted life-saving treatment on Laura but pronounced her dead. Meckel confessed to killing Laura, and authorities arrested and charged him with capital murder. Criminal records indicate Meckel had previous convictions of aggravated sexual assault of a child and assault on a family member. Laura was pregnant at the time of the murder. Laura is survived by her two children, ages 4 and 6.

***Neida Tijerina, 29***

**JULY 26, 2021 | SAN ANTONIO**

Neida Tijerina died in her home after being shot when her ex-husband, Angel Sanchez, 28, held her hostage and engaged in an armed stand-off with law enforcement. Officers responded to the home after family members reported that Sanchez threatened to kill Neida and then kill himself. Officers attempted to de-escalate Sanchez, and when Neida came out of the apartment, they urged her not to reenter the home. Neida went back into the apartment to protect her children. Sanchez was armed with a shotgun and was wearing body armor; he aimed his weapon at officers, and officers shot and injured him. Authorities transported Sanchez to a hospital for treatment and then arrested and charged him with murder, three counts of aggravated assault of a public servant, and unlawful restraint. Sanchez has a history of violence against Neida. In August 2020, authorities charged Sanchez with aggravated assault for threatening Neida with a knife, strangling her, and hitting her with a television while she was pregnant. Sanchez was arrested and released from jail on bond. In May 2021, Sanchez was charged with attempted arson, harassment of a public servant, attempted burglary with intent to commit assault, and resisting arrest. He was under house arrest, and his bond conditions required him to stay away from Neida. Five days before Neida's murder, a judge issued a warrant for Sanchez's arrest after he removed his GPS (Global Positioning System) monitoring device. Neida is survived by her four children, ages 3 months, 5, 11, and 13.

***Crystal Iris Garcia, 33***

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 | SAN ANTONIO**

Crystal Garcia died in her apartment after her ex-boyfriend, Francisco Garcia Ventura, 29, assaulted and killed her. Crystal's mother reported her missing when she did not pick up her twin daughters. Ventura admitted to his family that he had killed Crystal and his family reported his confession to the authorities. Ventura was arrested as he prepared to board a bus to Mexico. Authorities initially charged Ventura with tampering with evidence. Authorities found Crystal deceased four days later in Comal County and charged Ventura with murder. Crystal is survived by her four children.

***Sara Silva, 31***

**OCTOBER 13, 2021 | SAN ANTONIO**

Sara Silva died in her mother's home after her boyfriend, Evan Held, 30, shot and killed her. On the day of the shooting, Sara's mother heard Held yelling at Sara, and Sara went to her mother's house to escape his abuse. Held later arrived at Sara's mother's home, shot through a closed-door multiple times, injured Sara's mother and killed Sara. Held then fled and later turned himself into the authorities. Authorities indicted Held on murder charges. Held died by suicide in jail while waiting for his trial. Held had a history of violence against a child and a family member, for which he served time in prison.

## BEXAR COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Carlos Gonzales, 54***

**DECEMBER 7, 2021 | SAN ANTONIO**

Carlos Gonzales died in his home after his boyfriend, Mason Nichols, 21, shot and killed him. A friend located Carlos and contacted the police for help. Nichols was the primary suspect in Carlos' death; six days after Carlos' murder, authorities found Nichols deceased.

### ***Jared Rodriguez, 40***

**DECEMBER 17, 2021 | SAN ANTONIO**

Jared Rodriguez died in his home after his ex-wife, Krystal Rodriguez, 36, shot and killed him. One of Jared's children was in the home. Family members reported that Rodriguez had a history of abusive behavior towards Jared, and law enforcement had responded on a prior occasion. Civil court records show the couple had filed for divorce four times since 2013. Authorities arrested and charged Rodriguez with murder. A grand jury indicted her on the murder charges. Jared is survived by his two children, ages 4 and 8.

### ***Karen Ortiz, 22***

**AUGUST 4, 2021 | SHAVANO PARK**

Karen Ortiz died when her boyfriend, Eric Flores, 29, shot and killed her in his home. Flores then shot and killed himself. Karen's father located them and contacted the authorities.

### ***Kristen Slack, 45***

**FEBRUARY 27, 2021 | UNIVERSAL CITY**

Kristen Slack died in the front yard of a home after her boyfriend, Todd Danhof, 46, shot and killed her. Neighbors heard the gunshots and called the police. When law enforcement responded, Danhof barricaded himself inside the home. Police and SWAT were outside the home when they heard Danhof shoot and kill himself. The family reported that Kristen had only dated Danhof for a brief time. Kristen is survived by her five children.

*“She was as soft hearted as she was strong minded, and those that loved her admired her for her fierceness, honesty, and compassion.”*

## BOWIE COUNTY

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### ***Bengie Cooper, 56***

**JULY 29, 2021 | TEXARKANA**

Bengie Cooper died in a hospital two days after her husband, Tremayne Ware, 39, shot her near her home. Ware also shot and injured his girlfriend, who was with her daughter and Bengie. Ware then fled in his vehicle. Ware had multiple felony convictions and was prohibited from possessing a firearm. Authorities arrested him the same day of the shootings. Ware was found guilty of murder, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and child endangerment. He received three life sentences. Bengie is survived by four sons and two daughters.

## BOWIE COUNTY *continued*

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### *Jennifer Garrett, 29*

**AUGUST 12, 2021 | TEXARKANA**

Jennifer Garrett died in her home when her boyfriend, Travis Turner, 27, strangled, shot, and killed her. Friends went to Jennifer's home after she did not report to work. Turner told them she had not come home. When Turner left the home, Jennifer's friends entered the residence and found her deceased. Authorities had previously arrested Turner in February after a shooting in Arkansas and in July after he physically assaulted his mother. Approximately two weeks prior to the murder, Turner was released on bonds related to those previous charges. Authorities arrested and charged Turner with murder.

## BRAZORIA COUNTY

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### *Helen David, 76*

**NOVEMBER 17, 2021 | ANGLETON**

Helen David died in her home after her husband, Richard David, 76, shot and killed her. David then shot himself. Police responded to a 911 call and found Helen deceased. David died while being transported to the hospital. Helen is survived by her two adult children.

## BRAZOS COUNTY

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### *Roshainah Tompkins, 18*

**JULY 25, 2021 | COLLEGE STATION**

Roshainah Tompkins died in a vehicle when her boyfriend, Tarod London, 20, shot and killed her. London then transported Roshainah to his apartment and fled. A neighbor requested a welfare check, and law enforcement found Roshainah deceased. One month prior to the murder, London had been charged with disorderly conduct involving a firearm for shooting a gun during an argument with Roshainah. Authorities arrested London, and the grand jury indicted him for murder, tampering with a corpse, and attempting to tamper with evidence.

### *Jeffrey Blankley, 51*

**AUGUST 16, 2021 | COLLEGE STATION**

Jeffrey Blankley died in his vehicle when his ex-girlfriend, Khanh Kim Phan, 43, shot and killed him. After Jeffrey ended his relationship with Phan, she stalked and threatened him. Jeffrey reported Phan was at his apartment complex the night before the murder; authorities arrested Phan with criminal trespass, and she bonded out of jail. Authorities arrested and charged Phan with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and a grand jury indicted her for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and murder. Jeffrey is survived by his three children.

### *Susan Love Droste, 85*

**NOVEMBER 22, 2021 | COLLEGE STATION**

Susan Droste died in a hotel room after her boyfriend, Edgar Hoch, Jr., shot and killed her. Hoch then shot and killed himself. Susan is survived by her son and daughter.

## CALDWELL COUNTY

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### *Lothar Storch, 82*

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 | TILMON**

Lothar Storch died after his wife, Dena Harris Storch, 69, shot and killed him in their home. Storch confessed to shooting Lothar, and authorities arrested and charged her with murder. Lothar is survived by his three children.

## CAMERON COUNTY

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### *Destiny Pemelton, 28*

**JULY 2, 2021 | HARLINGEN**

Destiny Pemelton died in her vehicle when her ex-boyfriend, Eduardo Zamora, 27, shot and killed her. As law enforcement responded, Zamora shot and injured two officers. Zamora then fled to Mexico. Mexican officials located Zamora two days later, and Zamora was killed during a confrontation. Zamora had a history of violence, including a prior conviction of assault family violence in 2017, and was a respondent on a protective order for a previous partner. Destiny is survived by her son, age 21 months.

### *Christy Martinez, 27*

**DECEMBER 4, 2021 | HARLINGEN**

Christy Martinez died at a remote location when Isaac Vasquez, 21, who she had only recently begun dating, shot and killed her. Christy's family reported her missing. Eleven days later, authorities found Christy deceased and arrested Vasquez. A grand jury indicted Vasquez with murder and tampering with evidence. Christy is survived by her son, age 8.

## CAMP COUNTY

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### *Makayla Goodson, 21*

**NOVEMBER 5, 2021 | PITTSBURG**

Makayla Goodson died at her home after someone she had previously dated, Tyrek Neal, 23, shot and killed her. The next day, Makayla's current boyfriend found her deceased at home. Authorities arrested and charged Neal with her murder. He later confessed to killing Makayla to a relative.

## CHEROKEE COUNTY

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### *John Clinton, 18*

**JULY 20, 2021 | NEW SUMMERFIELD**

John Clinton died when a person he had a relationship with, Jesse Pawlowski, 20, robbed, shot, and killed him. Pawlowski and two accomplices, Dylan Welch, 21, and Billy Phillips, 37, planned to steal firearms from John. When John showed them a firearm that he offered to sell them, Welch, and Phillips, shot and killed John. They then shot and killed John's boyfriend, Jeff Gerla, 47, with whom Pawlowski also had a relationship, and John's mother, Ami Hickey, 39, and her girlfriend, Amanda Bain, 39. The three suspects left the scene with Jeff's vehicle. Authorities arrested and charged Pawlowski, Welch, and Phillips with capital murder.



## CHEROKEE COUNTY *continued*

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### *Jeff Gerla, 47*

**JULY 20, 2021 | NEW SUMMERFIELD**

Jeff Gerla died when a person he had a relationship with, Jesse Pawlowski, 20, robbed, shot, and killed him. Pawlowski and two accomplices, Dylan Welch, 21, and Billy Phillips, 37, planned to steal firearms from Jeff's boyfriend, John Clinton, 18, with whom Pawlowski was also involved. Pawlowski, Welch, and Phillips shot and killed John when he showed them a firearm he had offered to sell. They then shot and killed Jeff, John's mother, Ami Hickey, 39, and her girlfriend, Amanda Bain, 39. The three suspects left the scene with Jeff's vehicle. Authorities arrested and charged Pawlowski, Welch, and Phillips with capital murder.

## COLLIN COUNTY

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### *Kimberly Enriquez, 43*

**MARCH 12, 2021**

Kimberly Enriquez died after her husband, Joseph Enriquez, 54, shot and killed her in their home. Enriquez called 911 and attempted to present Kimberly's death as an accident, but authorities arrested and charged him with murder after determining his report did not match the evidence. In a phone call from jail, Enriquez told a relative that Kimberly had discovered he had an affair. Enriquez was convicted of murder by a jury and sentenced to life in prison. Kimberly is survived by two children.

### *Tamara Jo Paton, 35*

**FEBRUARY 20, 2021 | CELINA**

Tamara Jo Paton died in her home after her husband, Michael Patrick Paton, 37, shot and killed her. Paton also killed their children, a son, 14, and a daughter, 15. Paton called 911, reporting that he had killed his family. He then set fire to the home. Authorities arrested Paton outside the house while he was in possession of the gun. Authorities arrested and charged Paton with capital murder.

### *Shailene Velez, 21*

**NOVEMBER 14, 2021 | MCKINNEY**

Shailene Velez died in her home after her husband, Joel Jesus Torres, 22, shot and killed her. Torres called the authorities and reported the shooting was an accident that resulted from cleaning his weapon. After completing an investigation, authorities arrested and charged Torres with murder.

*“What a beautiful person she was, and I just don't want that to get lost because of what he did.”*

### *Cassandra Riddle, 30*

**MARCH 17, 2021 | WYLIE**

Cassandra Riddle died after her ex-boyfriend, Shawn Myers, 36, strangled and assaulted her. Officers responding to a vehicle crash saw Cassandra lying injured in a parking lot and Myers standing over Cassandra with a rifle. After Myers refused to lower the gun or obey the officers' commands, he was fatally shot. Friends and family reported that Cassandra ended the relationship with Myers months before her murder. Cassandra is survived by her two sons, ages 8 and 11.

## COMAL COUNTY

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### *Kathleen Johnson, 34*

**OCTOBER 26, 2021 | NEW BRAUNFELS**

Kathleen died in her vehicle after her boyfriend, Clifton Meneley, 39, shot and killed her. Law enforcement responded to a report of shots fired and found Meneley standing outside Kathleen's truck holding a gun. Authorities arrested and charged Meneley with murder.

## COMANCHE COUNTY

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### *Carl Woolsey, 72*

**DATE NOT RELEASED, COMANCHE**

Carl Woolsey died after his girlfriend, Misty Woolsey, 44, killed him. Family members contacted law enforcement in September and reported Carl missing after being unable to reach him for a significant amount of time. In November, authorities arrested and charged Woolsey with murder, abuse of a corpse, and tampering with evidence. Authorities also arrested and charged Woolsey's son, Ryan Brown, 22, with abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence. Carl is survived by his two adult daughters.

## DALLAS COUNTY

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### *Marietta Matthews, 26*

**FEBRUARY 7, 2021 | DALLAS**

Marietta Matthews died in her home when her boyfriend, Nathan James, 24, shot and killed her. James also shot and killed Marietta's mother, Tamiko Merriwether, 55. Police responded to an active shooter call, and James shot at the officers, striking a patrol car. While waiting for SWAT, James live-streamed himself on social media. James then shot and killed himself.

### *Raesha Nelson-Allison, 29*

**FEBRUARY 14, 2021 | DALLAS**

Raesha Nelson-Allison died when her husband, Roger Allison, 27, shot and killed her. Law enforcement responded to reports of gunfire and found Raesha deceased. Authorities arrested Allison and charged him with murder the following day. Raesha is survived by her three children.

### *April Sanchez, 31*

**FEBRUARY 18, 2021 | DALLAS**

April Sanchez died in her home when her husband, Sergio Sanchez, 57, shot and killed her. Sanchez then notified authorities that he had killed his wife. When they arrived, Sanchez shot and injured two police officers. Sanchez then shot and killed himself. Sanchez had an extensive history of violence against women, including sexual assault, kidnapping, and sexual assault of a child.

***Jonathan Wernhammar, 39***

**FEBRUARY 24, 2021 | DALLAS**

Jonathan Wernhammar died in the hospital after his girlfriend, Vivianna Alvarez, 20, shot him in a hotel room. Emergency responders transported Jonathan to the hospital, where he died from his injuries. Authorities arrested and charged Alvarez with murder.

***Rachel Witcher, 21***

**MARCH 9, 2021 | DALLAS**

Rachel Witcher died in a hospital after her boyfriend, Charles Parker, Jr., 32, shot and killed her. Parker was prohibited from possessing a firearm. In June of 2015, he was convicted of a federal offense of felon in possession of a weapon and sentenced to 30 months in the federal penitentiary. Authorities arrested and charged Parker with murder.

***Lexa Kimberling, 30***

**APRIL 17, 2021 | DALLAS**

Lexa Kimberling died at a hotel when her boyfriend, Santiago Dominguez, 24, shot and killed her. Hotel employees called law enforcement after hearing gunshots coming from the hotel room. Authorities arrested Dominguez and charged him with first-degree murder. Lexa is survived by her two children.

***Irma Bonilla, 25***

**APRIL 19, 2021 | DALLAS**

Irma Bonilla died in her home when her husband, Yoni Vasquez-Velasquez, 28, stabbed and killed her. Vasquez-Velasquez called the police and confessed to killing Irma. Authorities arrested and charged Vasquez-Velasquez with murder. Irma is survived by her children.

***Dyrelle Smith, 28***

**MAY 9, 2021 | DALLAS**

Dyrelle Smith died when her ex-boyfriend, Jeremiah Henderson, 25, shot and killed her in a home. Law enforcement responded and found Dyrelle deceased and suspected Henderson of being the shooter. Henderson shot and killed himself at another location. Henderson was previously convicted of strangling a former partner and ordered to attend Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP). After multiple violations, including failure to participate in BIPP, his probation was revoked in August 2020. He was sentenced to four years in prison.

***Doris Ramirez, 32***

**MAY 17, 2021 | DALLAS**

Doris Ramirez died in a hospital after her husband, Ricardo Navarro-Carvajal, 34, shot her at a family gathering. Navarro-Carvajal pointed his gun at bystanders as he fled. Emergency responders transported Doris to a hospital, where she died the following day. Authorities issued a warrant for Navarro-Carvajal. He remains at large. Doris is survived by her three children.



***Quincey Brooks, Jr., 22***

**JUNE 8, 2021 | DALLAS**

Quincey Brooks Jr. died at an apartment building when his girlfriend, Shohreh Polozadeh, 20, shot him. Polozadeh told authorities that she shot Quincey because he threatened her and attempted to set her on fire. Authorities found her story to be inconsistent and arrested Polozadeh. A grand jury indicted Polozadeh for murder. Quincey is survived by his son, age 2.

***Heather Hammond, 31***

**JULY 10, 2021 | DALLAS**

Heather Hammond died after her boyfriend, David Perez, 28, stabbed and killed her in a Dallas apartment. Perez asked a witness outside the apartment to call 911. Authorities arrested and charged Perez with murder. Heather is survived by her six children.

*“She was someone that made the world feel a little more OK, and a little bit more warm, and a little bit more right.”*

***Erika Montano, 20***

**JULY 27, 2021 | DALLAS**

Erika Montano died after her boyfriend, Elijah Morris, 23, shot and killed her. Morris then shot and killed himself. Authorities responded to a shooting call and, upon entering the apartment, found Erika and Morris deceased.

***Nancy Gomez Agustin, 22***

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 | DALLAS**

Nancy Gomez Agustin died when her boyfriend, Rolando Benitez, 27, shot and killed her. Nancy was sitting in a vehicle with a friend when Benitez drove up and shot into the vehicle. Benitez also shot and injured Nancy's friend, Amizarael Felipe Jacinto, 22. Amizarael returned fire and killed Benitez. Amizarael died two days later.

***Tonubari Badom, 23***

**OCTOBER 3, 2021 | DALLAS**

Tonubari Badom died near his home when his girlfriend, Madeline Stanford, 23, shot and killed him. Stanford drove past Tonubari's residence, returned when Tonubari was heading to his car, and then shot Tonubari. Stanford then fled. Authorities responded to a shooting call and found Tonubari injured in a driveway. Stanford was indicted for murder. Tonubari is survived by his infant daughter.

***Belma Franco Castillo, 46***

**NOVEMBER 13, 2021 | DALLAS**

Belma Franco Castillo died after her ex-husband, Miguel Angel Chavez Lopez, 50, shot and killed her in the parking lot of a department store. Lopez also shot and injured Belma's boyfriend. Belma's son, age 7, was with her. Lopez then fled. Belma filed for divorce in April 2020, and the divorce was granted in May 2021. Authorities arrested and charged Lopez with murder. Belma is survived by her two sons and her daughter.

***Carmen Galilea De Anda Ramos, 19***

**NOVEMBER 27, 2021 | DALLAS**

Carmen Galilea De Anda Ramos died in a wooded area after her ex-boyfriend, Edgar Ramirez, 20, shot and killed her. Carmen's family reported her missing when she did not return from work. Ramirez confessed to a witness, who then reported it to the police. Authorities arrested Ramirez. He led them to the location where he killed Carmen. Ramirez was indicted for capital murder.

***Jacqueline Archuleta, 52***

**DECEMBER 13, 2021 | DESOTO**

Jacqueline Archuleta died in her home after her partner, Raymond Turner, Jr., 39, stabbed and killed her. Turner then fled the state. Emergency responders found Jacqueline unresponsive during a welfare check requested by concerned family members. Authorities located Turner in Utah. A grand jury indicted Turner for murder.

***Anabel Rodriguez, 33***

**MARCH 6, 2021 | GARLAND**

Anabel Rodriguez died in a hospital after her boyfriend, Rodrigo Roman Villareal, 40, shot her in her home. Two of Anabel's children were present. Villareal then fled and left Anabel's children behind. The children sought help from neighbors, and the neighbors called the police. Emergency responders transported Anabel to a hospital, where she later died. Authorities charged Villareal with murder; he remains at large. Anabel is survived by her three children.

***Keandra Long, 28***

**MAY 16, 2021 | GARLAND**

Keandra Long died in her home after her ex-boyfriend, Gregory Lowe, 36, shot and killed her. Keandra was able to place a call to 911 and report the shooting. Lowe shot again and killed Keandra, and then shot himself. Emergency responders transported Lowe to a hospital, where he died.

***Wanda Stephens, 80***

**MAY 18, 2021 | RICHARDSON**

Wanda Stephens died in her home when her husband, John Stephens, 80, shot and killed her. Stephens then shot and killed himself. Authorities responded to the residence after the couple was discovered deceased in their bed. Wanda is survived by her adult son.

***Monique Gonzalez, 36***

**FEBRUARY 13, 2021 | IRVING**

Monique Gonzalez died when her boyfriend, Lionel Jones, shot and killed her in a vehicle. Jones then shot and killed himself. Monique is survived by her three children.

## DALLAS COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Kathryn Kramer, 80***

**JULY 23, 2021 | RICHARDSON**

Kathryn Kramer died at the hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Eddie Leon Williams, 75, shot her in a grocery store parking lot. Law enforcement responded to reports of gunfire. Kathryn had recently ended the relationship with Williams. Neighbors saw Williams driving around Kathryn's home in the days before her murder, and Kathryn's roommate described Williams as jealous that Kathryn was dating again. Authorities apprehended Williams and charged him with murder. He is currently awaiting trial while in custody.

## DENTON COUNTY

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### ***Maria Romero Ramos, 45***

**MARCH 3, 2021 | CARROLLTON**

Maria Romero Ramos died in her home after her ex-husband, Ronald Singer, 35, assaulted and killed her. Singer picked up their daughter from a friend's home and fled. Maria's roommate found her in the home and called the police. Authorities issued an Amber Alert for Maria's daughter. After threatening to shoot employees at one hotel, Singer took his daughter to another hotel, where an employee recognized them from the Amber Alert and notified the authorities. Singer was arrested and the child was safely recovered. Authorities charged Singer with murder. Maria is survived by her daughter, age 10.

### ***Dejia Lovelace, 23***

**MAY 23, 2021 | DALLAS**

Dejia Lovelace died in her home when her boyfriend, Tyrone Oliver, Jr., 22, asphyxiated and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Oliver with murder.

### ***Mindy Tenerias, 26***

**MARCH 6, 2021 | DENTON**

Mindy Tenerias died in a hospital after her boyfriend, Zeniff Rudd, 39, shot her in their shared home. Rudd reported the shooting as an accident. However, when Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office ruled her death a homicide months later, authorities arrested Rudd, who has been indicted for murder. Mindy is survived by her son, age 3.

### ***Cassity Hinojosa, 19***

**APRIL 28, 2021 | DENTON**

Cassity Hinojosa died at the hospital after her boyfriend, Simeon Bonilla-Rubio, 22, shot her in a vehicle. Bonilla-Rubio crashed the car and fled to Dallas but was caught by authorities who were able to track his Uber. Authorities arrested and charged Bonilla-Rubio with murder. Bonilla-Rubio was indicted for the capital murder of multiple persons since Cassity was pregnant at the time of the murder. Cassity is survived by her daughter.



## DENTON COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Latoya Connor, 38***

**JUNE 20, 2021 | LEWISVILLE**

Latoya Connor died after her husband, Julious Connor, 45, shot and killed her. Connor then shot and killed himself. Latoya had recently separated from Connor, and they were in the process of divorcing. Latoya had gone to his home to collect a check. After not hearing from her for several days, her family filed a missing person report. Authorities conducted a welfare check at Connor's home and found them both deceased. Latoya is survived by her two daughters, ages 12 and 14.

### ***Ashly Holbrook, 26***

**DECEMBER 29, 2021 | THE COLONY**

Ashly Holbrook died in a home when her boyfriend, Jason Dixon, 46, shot and killed her. Dixon contacted the police and confessed to killing Ashly. Authorities arrested and charged Dixon, who has been indicted for her murder. Ashly is survived by her four children.

## ECTOR COUNTY

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### ***Jacob Ledward, 24***

**MAY 16, 2021 | ODESSA**

Jacob Ledward, 24, died in his home when his wife, Clara Ledward, 29, shot and killed him. Ledward fled to Mexico, where authorities later apprehended her. Authorities arrested and charged her with murder.

*“He was an amazing artist, who loved to share his drawings with his family and friends.”*

### ***Heather Hernandez Rodriguez, 28***

**NOVEMBER 11, 2021 | ODESSA**

Heather Hernandez Rodriguez died in her vehicle after her ex-boyfriend, Adan Barerra, 21, crashed his vehicle into hers and then shot and killed her. Barerra then shot and killed himself. Barerra had a history of stalking her. Heather had ended the relationship with Barerra. Heather is survived by her two sons, ages 4 and 11, and daughter, age 8.

## EL PASO COUNTY

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### ***Laithe Marra, 56***

**FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | EL PASO**

Laithe Marra died in his home after his wife, Leeanne Mandeville, 57, shot and killed him. Media reports state that before dying, Laithe sent text messages to his son indicating that Mandeville had threatened him with a firearm. After the murder, Mandeville requested a neighbor to call the authorities citing that Laithe had died by suicide. After investigating, authorities arrested and charged Mandeville with murder. Laithe is survived by his adult son and adult daughter.

## EL PASO COUNTY *continued*

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### *Isabel Silvas Reyes, 74*

**MAY 16, 2021 | SOCORRO**

Isabel Silvas Reyes died in her home after her husband, Roberto Reyes, 74, shot and killed her. Reyes then shot himself. Law enforcement responded to the scene after receiving reports of gunfire. Reyes was transported to the hospital where he later died.

## FAYETTE COUNTY

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### *Ezrianna Poncik, 20*

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 | FAYETTE**

Ezrianna Poncik died at home when her boyfriend, Denzale Myles, 28, shot and killed her. Authorities arrested Myles in Bastrop County and charged him with murder.

## FORT BEND COUNTY

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### *Eugene Liger, 42*

**JULY 20, 2021 | MISSOURI CITY**

Eugene Liger died in a hospital after his wife, Jacqueline Thomas, 43, shot him in their shared home. Thomas called 911 and reported the shooting. The couple's infant was in the home at the time. Emergency responders transported Eugene to a hospital, where he died. Prior to his death, Eugene told investigators Thomas had shot him. Authorities arrested and charged Thomas with murder. Eugene is survived by his children.

### *Patti Pollard, 40*

**JANUARY 5, 2021 | RICHMOND**

Patti Pollard died when her ex-boyfriend, Kyon Mitchell, 40, struck her with his vehicle and killed her. Mitchell ran Patti's vehicle off the road; however, Patti was able to get out of the car and walk away. Mitchell followed her in his vehicle, struck and killed her, and fled. Authorities arrested and charged him with aggravated assault and murder.

### *Janae Gagnier, 33*

**AUGUST 29, 2021 | RICHMOND**

Janae Gagnier died in her home when a person who had stalked her on social media, Kevin Accorto, 34, strangled, assaulted, and killed her. Accorto then stabbed himself. Janae's father found her deceased and Accorto injured; Accorto died from his injuries. Accorto had followed Janae's public profile on social media and wanted to initiate a relationship with her. Janae did not engage with Accorto. He drove to Texas from Florida to kill her.

### *Yvonne Zavala, 44*

**APRIL 22, 2021 | WALLIS**

Yvonne Zavala died in her home when her boyfriend, John David Dixon, 46, shot her. Authorities arrested Dixon nine months later and charged him with murder and possession of a controlled substance. Yvonne is survived by her two sons.

## GALVESTON COUNTY

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### *Jordan Turner-Boxley, 25*

**JUNE 12, 2021 | CRYSTAL BEACH**

Jordan Turner-Boxley died at the home of his ex-girlfriend, Angelique Campbell, 21, when Daron Cordell Gills, 24, shot and killed him. Campbell planned and coordinated the murder and convinced Gills to kill Jordan. Authorities arrested and charged Campbell and Gills with murder, and a grand jury later indicted each of them.

### *Erica Wroblewski, 35*

**MAY 12, 2021 | LEAGUE CITY**

Erica Wroblewski died on her front lawn when her husband, Nicholas Allen, 40, shot and killed her. Allen called the authorities and falsely claimed that someone was invading the home. Allen then shot and killed himself. Their two children were inside the home. Erica filed for a divorce and a restraining order the previous year. At the time of the murder, divorce proceedings were underway. Erica is survived by her two sons, ages 2 and 7.

### *Sherika Noel, 38*

**JANUARY 14, 2021 | TEXAS CITY**

Sherika Noel died in her home when her boyfriend, Jeffrey Douglas, 40, shot her. Douglas then shot and killed himself.

### *Crystal Patterson, 36*

**NOVEMBER 29, 2021 | TEXAS CITY**

Crystal Patterson died at her workplace when her husband, Brian Miller, 58, stabbed and killed her. Law enforcement responded to an active assault and found Crystal deceased. Miller fled and later confessed to a friend that he stabbed Crystal. Crystal's family reported that Miller has a history of violence. Court records indicate Crystal had filed for divorce a month prior to the murder. Authorities arrested and charged Miller with murder.

## GRAY COUNTY

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### *Sarah Baxter, 38*

**MAY 23, 2021 | PAMPA**

Sarah Baxter died when her husband, Matthew Bolch, 39, shot and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Bolch with murder, interference with the duty of a peace officer, and resisting arrest; a grand jury indicted him on murder charges in August 2021. Sarah is survived by her two sons and a daughter.

## GREGG COUNTY

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### *La'Shekia Kenney, 35*

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 | KILGORE**

La'Shekia Kenney died in front of her home when her ex-boyfriend, Kendall Johnson, 33, and his friend, Calvin Anderson, 32, drove to her home and stabbed and killed her. Anderson and Johnson then fled. Johnson had a history of stalking, harassing, and threatening La'Shekia, including showing up at her house and threatening to kill himself if La'Shekia did not get back together with him. Authorities arrested Anderson and Johnson, who have both been indicted for the murder.



## GREGG COUNTY *continued*

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### *Christopher Baker, 41*

**MAY 13, 2021 | LONGVIEW**

Christopher Baker died at the hospital after his girlfriend, Jeanne-Marie Minter, 36, shot him in their home. Authorities arrested and charged Minter with murder. Christopher is survived by his two sons.

### *Paige Martin, 22*

**JUNE 15, 2021 | LONGVIEW**

Paige Martin died in her home when her ex-boyfriend, Dontrey Walker, 24, strangled and killed her. Walker poured bleach over Paige. Walker then fled to Huntsville, where he engaged in a standoff with local police. Authorities arrested Walker, who later pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to 60 years in prison. Paige is survived by her young daughter.

## GUADALUPE COUNTY

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### *Jo Sparkman, 83*

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | MCQUEENEY**

Jo Sparkman died in her home after her husband, Jerry Sparkman, 87, shot and killed her. Authorities responded to the shooting, where Sparkman admitted to shooting Jo and told them that he tried to shoot himself. Authorities transported him to a hospital where Sparkman died days later.

## HARDEMAN COUNTY

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### *Anaja Griffin-McNeal, 18*

**JANUARY 15, 2021 | QUANAH**

Anaja Griffin-McNeal died in a vehicle when her boyfriend, Armond Smith, 24, shot and killed her. Smith also shot himself but survived. In the emergency room, Smith confessed to medical personnel that he had shot Anaja. Authorities charged Smith with murder.

## HARRIS COUNTY

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### *Sitthiy Sabra Mohammed Ali, 62*

**JULY 11, 2021 | BAYTOWN**

Sitthiy Sabra Mohammed Ali died after her husband, Mohamed Hismath, 55, stabbed and killed her. He kidnapped Sitthiy outside her home and drove her to his apartment, where he stabbed Sitthiy as he removed her from the vehicle. Hismath fled and approached individuals who had called 911. Hismath later confessed to law enforcement that he killed Sitthiy. Sitthiy had separated from Hismath. Authorities indicted Hismath for capital murder.

***Karla Sierra Bautista, 33***

**JUNE 3, 2021 | CHANNELVIEW**

Karla Sierra Bautista died at her home when her ex-boyfriend, Martin Ayala Monico, 34, stabbed and killed her. Law enforcement found Karla deceased after her family reported they had not heard from her for a few days. Monico has a history of violence against Karla, including a pending criminal case for assaulting her in 2019. Three months prior to the murder, Monico had been charged with continuous sexual assault of a child. Monico has been indicted for murder and continuous sexual assault of a child. Karla is survived by her five children.

***Yuan Hua Liang, 46***

**NOVEMBER 18, 2021 | CYPRESS**

Yuan Hua Liang died in her home when her husband, Christopher Collins, 41, shot her. Collins initially told authorities that Yuan had complained of an intruder outside their residence. Authorities identified evidence inconsistent with Collins' version of events, including an insurance policy signed only days before the murder. Collins was arrested and indicted for murder.

***Johnathan Tisby, 30***

**JANUARY 12, 2021 | HIGHLANDS**

Johnathan Tisby died in his vehicle after his girlfriend, Fransha Brooks, 32, shot and killed him. Brooks then drove the vehicle into a nearby canal and fled. Brooks contacted law enforcement to report Johnathan missing but ultimately confessed to shooting and killing Johnathan. Johnathan was located in his vehicle submerged in water. Authorities arrested and charged Brooks with murder. In 2011, Brooks was arrested twice on strangulation charges against a different victim and had been convicted of a misdemeanor offense and sentenced to 11 months in jail.

***Takela Marshall, 34***

**JANUARY 10, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Takela Marshall died at the hospital after her husband, Brian Marshall, 36, shot her at her mother's home. Takela's mother and sister were present during the shooting, and another witness called the police. Emergency responders transported Takela to a hospital, where she was pronounced deceased. Marshall was prohibited from possessing a firearm and has a history of violence toward Takela. Authorities arrested Marshall, who has been indicted for murder.

***Leslie Bullock, 52***

**MARCH 6, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Leslie Bullock died at a hospital after her boyfriend, Charlie Williams, 48, stabbed and killed her in a vehicle driven by a family member. Williams fled, and the driver drove to a nearby business and administered aid while a witness called 911. Emergency responders transported Leslie to the hospital, where she died. Williams has a history of violence and was arrested and indicted for murder.

***Ciana Castro, 16***

**APRIL 16, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Ciana Castro died in a home after her boyfriend, Alexander Valenzuela, 20, shot and killed her. Valenzuela called law enforcement after the shooting and stated he accidentally shot her; however, further investigation determined the shooting was not accidental. Authorities arrested Valenzuela and indicted him for murder.

***Ciara Burrell, 29***

**APRIL 27, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Ciara Burrell died in her home after her ex-boyfriend, Marcellous Smith, 39, shot and killed her. Smith then fled. On the day of the homicide, Smith had flown from Los Angeles, CA, and went directly to Ciara's home. Ciara was at home on a date when Smith kicked in the house door. Smith had been threatening to kill Ciara, and she feared for her safety. Authorities arrested Smith in Baton Rouge, LA, and indicted him for murder. Ciara is survived by her daughter, age 10.

***Tyjia Spells, 25***

**MAY 8, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Tyjia Spells died at his home when his ex-girlfriend, Brianna Cannon, 23, shot and killed him. Cannon then called neighbors and law enforcement, stating that someone broke into the home and killed Tyjia. Several witnesses and security video recordings showed Cannon entering and exiting the home. Law enforcement reported there were several family violence calls to their home leading up to the murder, including one call in which Cannon threatened Tyjia with a shotgun. Authorities arrested Cannon, who was indicted for murder.

***Yajaira Alvarez, 28***

**MAY 22, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Yajaira Alvarez died at her home when her boyfriend, Isac Marrugo, 28, shot and killed her. Marrugo's mother discovered Yajaira deceased and contacted law enforcement. Marrugo has a history of violence toward Yajaira, including an assault against her four months prior to the murder, and was prohibited from possessing firearms. Authorities arrested and indicted Marrugo for the murder.

*“She truly loved more than anything to be of service to women who were struggling with the disease of addiction.”*

***Noelia Guzman, 50***

**MAY 30, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Noelia Guzman died at her home when her husband, Carlos Guzman, 52, stabbed and killed her. Guzman then cut himself with a knife. Two of their children were present. Noelia's daughter found her deceased. Law enforcement responded, and emergency responders transported Guzman to a hospital. Authorities arrested Guzman and indicted him for murder. Noelia is survived by her three daughters.

***Farida Zouwawi, 69***

**JUNE 2, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Farida Zouwawi died in her home when her husband, Mouafak Mahmo Chami, 75, strangled and assaulted her. Chami then jumped from their third-floor apartment. Several neighbors heard the assault, witnessed Chami jumping from the balcony, and contacted police for help. Emergency responders transported Chami to the hospital, where authorities later charged him with murder. He died from his injuries three weeks later. Farida is survived by her six children.

***Lesli Reyes Erazo, 35***

**JUNE 12, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Lesli Reyes Erazo died in her home after her ex-boyfriend, Vicente Lopez-Garcia, 51, shot and killed her. Lopez-Garcia also shot and killed Lesli's daughter, Elsy Jiménez Erazo, 16. After being unable to reach Lesli, Lesli's sister went to the home and discovered Lesli and Elsy deceased in the bedroom of the home. Law enforcement reported Lopez-Garcia has a history of violence and fled after the murders. Lopez-Garcia has been charged with capital murder. He remains at large.

***James Meza, 21***

**JUNE 15, 2021 | HOUSTON**

James Meza died when his girlfriend, Taneil Robertson, 19, shot and killed him. Robertson initially said that James accidentally shot himself but later admitted to shooting him. Authorities arrested Robertson, who has been indicted for murder.

***Virginia Lillard, 39***

**JUNE 20, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Virginia Lillard died when her boyfriend, Lewis Nunez, 46, shot and killed her in his home. Nunez also shot and killed Virginia's mother, Rita Lillard, 64. Officers had just arrived and witnessed Nunez shoot Rita as she opened the door. The responding officers ordered Nunez to surrender, and Nunez shot at the officers. An officer returned fire and shot and injured Nunez, who retreated into the home. He surrendered, and authorities arrested him. He has been indicted for aggravated assault against a public servant and capital murder for the murder of both Virginia and Rita.

***Alma Mendea, 43***

**JUNE 27, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Alma Mendea died in her home when her husband, Gonzalo Romero, 43, shot and killed her. Romero then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement officers responded to the residence and contacted the couple's two sons and their friend, who were home when the shooting occurred. Police had been called to the home in the past for a reported assault. Alma is survived by her two sons, ages 11 and 21.

***Donyavia Lagway, 29***

**JUNE 30, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Donyavia Lagway died in her home after her ex-girlfriend, Alexis Williams, 29, hired a hitman, Xavier Davis, 28, to shoot and kill her. Davis broke into the home of Donyavia and her husband, Gregory Carhee, 35, and shot and killed Donyavia, Gregory, and their daughter, Harmony Carhee, 6. Davis also shot and injured their daughters, ages 1 and 10. Donyavia's 10-year-old daughter rescued her one-year-old sister and called her grandmother for help. Williams was on the phone during the attack, watching through a facetime call. Donyavia had ended her relationship with Williams a week prior and returned to her husband. Donyavia also recently learned she was pregnant with her fifth child. Authorities arrested and charged Davis with capital murder. Nine months later, authorities arrested Williams and charged her with three counts of capital murder. Donyavia is survived by her daughters, ages 1 and 10, and son, age 8.



***Layla Steele, 24***

**JULY 1, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Layla Steele died at a hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Zaccheus Gaston, 27, shot her in her home. Gaston also shot and injured Layla's son, age 1. Gaston has a history of violence, including aggravated assault, sexual assault, and numerous family violence charges, among them multiple strangulations. In September 2020, Gaston was charged with aggravated assault against Layla. Layla had ended the relationship and received a protective order against Gaston, who violated the order on multiple occasions in the months prior to the murder. Authorities arrested and charged Gaston for Layla's murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Layla is survived by her son.

***Brenda Brown, 28***

**JULY 13, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Brenda Brown died at a hospital after her wife, Danielle Brown, 37, shot her. Authorities arrested and charged Brown with murder. Brown has a history of violence, including a 2013 conviction for strangulation. Brown was prohibited from possessing a firearm following a felony conviction in 2019.

***Candice Calvin, 39***

**JULY 14, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Candice Calvin died in her home when her husband, Christopher Calvin, 41, shot and killed her. Calvin also shot and injured their son, 17, and then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement responded to a welfare check where they found Candice and Calvin deceased. Emergency responders transported their son to the hospital. Candice is survived by her two sons.

*“My mom was my best friend and I spoke with her every day.”*

***Arris Travis, 35***

**JULY 14, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Arris Travis died at a hospital after his girlfriend, Letoia Steward, 39, stabbed him at a hotel. Hotel witnesses called 911 after hearing a disturbance, and when law enforcement arrived, they found Arris outside the hotel with a stab wound to his chest. Arris was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Arris had a history of family violence toward Steward and was on deferred adjudication for an assault he committed against Steward at the time of his death. Authorities arrested Steward, and a grand jury indicted her for the murder.

***Tonya Davis, 44***

**JULY 20, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Tonya Davis died in her home when her husband, Christopher Anderson, 36, shot and killed her. He then fled. Tonya's son, 16, was home at the time and contacted the police. A neighbor also heard Tonya telling Anderson to leave her home and later heard gunshots. Anderson has a history of violence, including a conviction for an aggravated assault against a family member and an arrest seven months before the murder for strangling Tonya's juvenile son. Following that arrest, Anderson bonded out of jail and, as a condition of his bond, was ordered to stay away from Tonya and her son, wear a GPS ankle monitor, and not possess a firearm. Three days after the murder, authorities arrested him after a standoff with law enforcement inside his parents' home. Tonya is survived by her four children.

***Dalia Garay, 38***

**JULY 25, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Dalia Garay died at a hospital after her ex-husband, Lucio Estrada Molina, 42, shot and killed her at her son's soccer game. Molina also shot and killed Dalia's boyfriend, Victor Rivera Hernandez, 29. Molina fled and then shot and killed himself. Dalia was pregnant and is survived by her three children.

***Margaret Rogers, 78***

**AUGUST 15, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Margaret Rogers died at a rehabilitation facility after her husband, Harold Rogers, 80, shot and killed her. Rogers then shot and killed himself. Margaret had experienced a stroke and was being treated at the facility. Staff discovered Margaret and Rogers deceased. Authorities pronounced them both dead. Margaret is survived by her two adult children.

***Joanne Rosas, 40***

**AUGUST 7, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Joanne Rosas died in the hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Larry Britton, Jr., 38, shot and killed her. Britton also shot and killed his father, Larry Britton, Sr., 69. After she was shot, Joanne called 911. Emergency responders transported Joanne to the hospital, where she later died. Britton was prohibited from possessing a firearm. Authorities arrested Britton and charged him with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, murder, and assault of a peace officer; a grand jury indicted him on capital murder.

***Alexis Tavera, 23***

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Alexis Tavera died in his home when his girlfriend, Jailene Hernandez, 24, shot and killed him. There were three witnesses inside the home during the murder. Authorities arrested Hernandez, who was indicted for the murder.

***Jenna Soderberg, 27***

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Jenna Soderberg died when her boyfriend, Sherrick Byrd, 39, shot and killed her in a hotel lobby. Byrd then shot and killed himself. Byrd had an extensive history of violence against Jenna, including multiple arrests and criminal convictions for assault, including strangulation. Four months before the murder, Byrd pled guilty to an assault he committed against Jenna in Travis County. Jenna called the police multiple times and sought protective orders against Byrd, which he violated. At the time of the murder, Byrd was prohibited from possessing a firearm.

***Thuy-Hong Ngoc Vu, 33***

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Thuy-Hong Ngoc Vu died in a home after her ex-boyfriend, JD Doakes, 29, shot and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Doakes, and a grand jury indicted him for murder.

***Crystal Barnes, 45***

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Crystal Barnes died when her husband, Joseph Williams, 44, shot and killed her. Authorities found Crystal on the side of a road. Williams was the primary suspect in Crystal's murder. Three days later, authorities found Williams had shot and killed himself.

***Ryniscia Sanford, 27***

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Ryniscia Sanford died outside her home after her ex-boyfriend, Cameron Davis, 29, shot and killed her. A neighbor heard an assault occurring in the common area of their apartment complex and called law enforcement. Davis has a history of violence against women, including strangulation. Ryniscia had ended the relationship in May. In the eight months prior to her murder, charges were filed against Davis for assault, retaliation, and violation of a protective order, with Ryniscia listed as the victim. Davis fled the scene and remains at large. Ryniscia is survived by her five children.

***Jose Amaya Urrutia, 42***

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Jose Amaya Urrutia died in his home after his boyfriend, Corbin Dockens, 30, strangled and killed him. After the murder, Dockens called the police and confessed to killing Jose. Dockens has a history of violence towards Jose. In January of 2021, Dockens was convicted of assaulting Jose. Authorities arrested Dockens, who was indicted for the murder.

***Cavanna Smith, 25***

**OCTOBER 6, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Cavanna Smith died in a public street after her boyfriend, Kwanmaine Boyd, 25, kidnapped, shot, and killed her. Cavanna had gone to Boyd's home and informed her family of the location because she was concerned for her safety. He then kidnapped Cavanna. She was able to text friends and inform them that Boyd had kidnapped her. Witnesses called 911 to report Boyd threatening Cavanna. Cavanna flagged a passing car for help, but when the driver saw Boyd holding a firearm, he drove away. Authorities arrested and charged Boyd with capital murder. Cavanna was pregnant at the time of her death.

***Jose Cesar Martinez, 37***

**NOVEMBER 8, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Jose Cesar Martinez died in his home when his boyfriend, Cristian Estibis Balmaceda, 25, shot and killed him. Balmaceda then fled in a vehicle, which he later crashed. Authorities arrested Balmaceda and charged him with murder.

***Kimberly Hernandez, 24***

**NOVEMBER 22, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Kimberly Hernandez died in her home when her husband, Dabreon Banks, 27, shot and killed her. The couple's two children were in the home. Banks was prohibited from possessing a weapon. Authorities arrested Banks, who has been indicted for murder. Kimberly is survived by her son, age 20 months, and daughter, age 3.

***Keysha Preston, 41***

**NOVEMBER 24, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Keysha Preston died when her ex-husband, Sean Dacko Preston, 47, killed her. The couple had recently divorced. Nine days before the murder, Keysha witnessed Preston sexually assaulting a child and reported it to the police. Authorities arrested Preston, indicting him for murder and aggravated sexual assault of a child. Keysha is survived by her three sons.

***Maria Gonzalez, 42***

**DECEMBER 25, 2021 | HOUSTON**

Maria Gonzalez died when her husband, Arsenio Gonzalez, 45, assaulted and killed her in the front yard of their home. Gonzalez then shot and killed himself. The family had recently returned home from a family holiday gathering when Gonzalez attacked Maria. The couple's five children were inside the home. Maria is survived by her five children, ranging in age from 7 to 16.

***Loleda Smith, 38***

**MARCH 26, 2021 | HUMBLE**

Loleda Smith died in a hospital after her ex-girlfriend, Erica Green, 41, assaulted and killed her in her vehicle. Green has a history of abusive, jealous, and threatening behavior. Loleda had recently ended the relationship with Green. During the assault, Green used Loleda's cellphone to call and threaten someone Loleda had started dating, who heard the assault and contacted authorities. Emergency responders transported Loleda to a hospital, where she died the following day. Authorities arrested Green, who has been indicted for criminally negligent homicide.

***Dalisha Blate, 30***

**APRIL 11, 2021 | JACINTO CITY**

Dalisha Blate died in a vehicle after her boyfriend, Johnny Zermeno, 31, shot and killed her. A friend was on the phone at the time of the shooting and stated they heard the firearm discharge. Dalisha's six-month-old daughter was also in the car. Zermeno has a history of violence against Dalisha, and she had previously sought a protective order against him. At the time of the death, Zermeno was out on bond for continuous violence against Dalisha and violating a protective order. The bond included a condition that Zermeno does not communicate or contact Dalisha. Authorities arrested and indicted Zermeno for manslaughter and felon in possession of a firearm. Dalisha is survived by her daughter, age 6 months, and son, age 20 months.

***Rhonda Lenear, 45***

**MAY 19, 2021 | JERSEY VILLAGE**

Rhonda Lenear died in her home when her husband Dakari Lenear, 46, shot and killed her. The couple's teenage children called 911 from a neighbor's house. Authorities arrested Lenear and charged him with murder. Rhonda is survived by her two teenage children.

*“Her children were so proud to call her their mom, and to her, “Mom” was the best title she could have.”*



***Valerie Junius, 36***

**JULY 29, 2021 | KATY**

Valerie Junius died at home when her husband, Lawrence Reed, 53, shot and killed her. Reed also shot and injured two of Valerie's children, her son, 16, and daughter, 20. Valerie had planned to end their marriage and had been staying with relatives in a different state prior to the murder. Authorities arrested Reed, and he has been indicted for the murder and two counts of aggravated assault. Valerie is survived by her six children, ranging in age from 4 to 20.

***Nancy McDowell, 69***

**MAY 2, 2021 | SEABROOK**

Nancy McDowell died in her home after her husband, Eddie McDowell, 70, shot and killed her. McDowell notified police after he killed Nancy. Authorities arrested and charged McDowell with murder. Nancy is survived by her adult son and two adult daughters.

***Jessica Snodgrass, 36***

**MARCH 25, 2021 | SPRING**

Jessica Snodgrass died at the hospital after a person she had dated, Philip Beach, 35, shot her at home. Emergency responders transported Jessica to the hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Beach with murder. Beach was prohibited from possessing a firearm at the time due to prior felony convictions. Jessica is survived by her two sons.

***Nitzi Valencia, 28***

**NOVEMBER 10, 2021 | SPRING**

Nitzi Valencia died at a friend's home when her ex-boyfriend, Jose Gallegos, 24, shot and killed her. Gallegos also shot and injured Nitzi's friend. Authorities charged Gallegos with murder. Gallegos later contacted law enforcement and confessed to the murder, and he then shot and killed himself in New Mexico.

***Shaterica Anderson, 28***

**NOVEMBER 22, 2021 | SPRING**

Shaterica Anderson died in her home after her ex-boyfriend, Johnny Landry, 48, shot and killed her. Landry then fled. Landry has a history of violence against Shaterica, including a terroristic threat charge eight months prior for assaulting Shaterica and impeding her breathing. The conditions of his bond prohibited Landry from possessing a firearm. Shaterica had attempted to leave Landry multiple times prior to being killed. However, Landry threatened Shaterica and her family numerous times to get her to stay. Landry remained at large for several weeks after the homicide until authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Shaterica, who was pregnant when she was killed, is survived by her five young children, ranging in age from 3 to 9.

***Patricia Dees-Birmingham, 48***

**DECEMBER 6, 2021 | SPRING**

Patricia Dees-Birmingham died at her home when her husband, Carey Birmingham, 57, shot and killed her. Neighbors report that they heard gunshots. When the authorities arrived, they found Patricia deceased in the driveway. Authorities detained Birmingham and later charged him with murder. Patricia is survived by her teenage daughter and two adult stepsons.

## HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

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### *Taylor Pomaski, 29*

**DECEMBER 10, 2021 | SPRING**

Taylor Pomaski died after her boyfriend, Kevin Ware Jr., 41, strangled her and cut her throat. Ware then burned and buried Taylor. Taylor was last seen in April 2021 when friends had witnessed Ware assault Taylor. Authorities had arrested Ware in Montgomery County on drug and weapon possession charges several days before Taylor's disappearance. In June 2021, Montgomery County authorities arrested Ware for violating the conditions of bond set for those charges. Authorities charged Ware and indicted him for murder and tampering with evidence.

## HAYS COUNTY

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### *Cheryl Ritzer, 36*

**MARCH 11, 2021 | SAN MARCOS**

Cheryl Ritzer died after her ex-boyfriend Kiril Sokoloff, 42, assaulted, stabbed, and killed her in the backyard of her home. Sokoloff's baby was found next to Cheryl's body unharmed. Authorities arrested and charged Sokoloff with murder and abandoning a child. Cheryl is survived by her young daughter.

## HENDERSON COUNTY

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### *Brooke Nicole Spurgeon, 22*

**FEBRUARY 18, 2021 | SEVEN POINTS**

Brooke Spurgeon died in a hospital after her boyfriend, Christopher Hood, 46, shot her. Hood admitted that he shot Brooke. Hood, who was prohibited from possessing a firearm was charged with murder and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. Brooke is survived by her daughter, age 1 month.

## HIDALGO COUNTY

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### *Andrea Socorro Reyna, 47*

**MARCH 25, 2021 | ALAMO**

Andrea Socorro Reyna died in a parking lot when her boyfriend, Larry Charles Culbert, 28, killed her by cutting her throat with a knife. Andrea's son, age 11, was present in the parking lot. Culbert then stabbed himself. Emergency responders transported Culbert to the hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Culbert with murder. Andrea is survived by her two sons.

### *Craig Chastain, 31*

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | EDINBURG**

Craig Chastain died in his home after his wife, Lucinda Diaz, 35, shot and killed him. Diaz contacted law enforcement and attempted to stage Craig's death as a suicide. Law enforcement arrived and located Craig deceased. An autopsy determined Diaz's story did not match the evidence. Authorities arrested and charged Diaz with murder.

*“He will always be remembered for the way his smile lit up a room.”*

## HIDALGO COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Yvonne Salas, 47***

**DECEMBER 7, 2021 | EDINBURG**

Yvonne Salas died at her home when her boyfriend, Adan Roberto Ruiz, 52, assaulted and killed her. Ruiz called 911, and law enforcement responded and discovered Yvonne deceased. Ruiz has a history of abusive behavior toward Yvonne, and she had told family members that she was afraid to report him because of his threats to kill her and her family. Ruiz also has a history of previous arrests and charges for assault. Authorities arrested, charged, and indicted Ruiz for murder.

### ***Rosalinda Garcia, 65***

**FEBRUARY 25, 2021 | SAN JUAN**

Rosalinda Garcia died in her home when a person she had a relationship with, Moises Herrera Peña, 39, stabbed and killed her. Peña then fled. Authorities arrested him approximately two weeks later and charged him with murder and tampering with evidence. Rosalinda is survived by her adult children.

## HOPKINS COUNTY

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### ***Margaret Sanders, 32***

**AUGUST 10, 2021 | CUMBY**

Margaret Sanders died in a hospital after her husband, Jason Sanders, 43, shot her in their home. When deputies responded, Sanders attempted to delete a text conversation between him and Margaret from his phone. Authorities arrested and charged Sanders with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and tampering with evidence. After Margaret's death, Sanders's charges were updated to include capital murder because Margaret was pregnant. Sanders pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

## HOWARD COUNTY

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### ***Maria Soto, 46***

**JULY 21, 2021 | BIG SPRING**

Maria Soto died at her home when her ex-boyfriend, Luis Hernandez Jr., 49, killed her. Hernandez then fled. Hernandez has a history of violence. He stalked and threatened Maria on social media and Maria had reported the threats to law enforcement. Maria had ended the relationship one month before the homicide. Authorities arrested and charged Hernandez with murder. Maria is survived by two adult daughters.

## JACKSON COUNTY

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### *Dolores Sabedra, 48*

**OCTOBER 4, 2021 | EDNA**

Dolores Sabedra died outside her home when her ex-boyfriend, Augustine Tristan, 36, brutally assaulted and killed her. Tristan had attempted to obtain a handgun earlier in the day, but a gun shop refused the sale. Neighbors called the police. Upon arrival, law enforcement found Dolores lying unresponsive in the front yard. Tristan had a history of violence and abusive behavior. A previous partner reported to police that Tristan threatened to kill Dolores and her child. In 2020, authorities arrested and charged Tristan with assault causing bodily injury, and in May 2021, he was arrested and charged on suspicion of interfering with an emergency request for assistance. He pleaded guilty to that charge in July 2021. Authorities arrested and charged Tristan with murder. Dolores is survived by her daughter, age 12.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

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### *Lizeth Carpio, 32*

**APRIL 29, 2021 | BEAUMONT**

Lizeth Carpio died at her home when her ex-boyfriend, Bradley Konning, 24, shot and killed her. Lizeth had ended the relationship with Konning several months earlier. She feared for her safety and posted a warning about Konning on a local crime watch site two days before her death. At the time, Konning had three active arrest warrants. The day before Konning killed her, Lizeth sought a protective order and left the district attorney's office before completing the application. Authorities arrested Konning and charged him with murder. He pled guilty to her murder and received a sentence of 73 years in prison. Lizeth is survived by her daughter.

### *Ashley Buck, 37*

**OCTOBER 23, 2021 | BEAUMONT**

Ashley Buck died outside a business when her husband, Terry Barlow, 53, shot and killed her. A witness saw Barlow confront Ashley, pull out a gun, and then drive away. Barlow then returned, chased Ashley, and shot at her multiple times, killing her and injuring a witness. Barlow has a history of domestic violence against Ashley. Ashley had separated from Barlow. Authorities arrested and charged Barlow with murder and aggravated assault. Ashley is survived by her three children.

### *Ronald Frazier, Jr., 31*

**AUGUST 25, 2021 | PORT ARTHUR**

Ronald Frazier, Jr. died outside a restaurant when his girlfriend, Brittany Tims, 26, shot and killed him. Tims was in the car with children when she shot Ronald as he stood outside the car. A witness also was present. Authorities arrested, charged, and indicted Tims for murder. Ronald is survived by his young son.



## JIM WELLS COUNTY

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### *Angelica Contreras Harris, 27*

**JUNE 6, 2021 | ALICE**

Angelica Contreras Harris died at her home when her husband, Howard Harris, 39, shot and killed her. Law enforcement responded to reports of gunshots and discovered Angelica deceased. After a standoff, authorities arrested and charged Harris with murder. In July 2020, Harris was arrested and pled guilty to unlawful carrying of a weapon while on probation. Angelica is survived by her son and daughter.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

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### *Brenda Duckworth, 69*

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 | KEENE**

Brenda Duckworth died in her home when her husband, Charles Duckworth, 70, shot and killed her. Duckworth contacted law enforcement and confessed to shooting Brenda. Authorities arrested and charged Duckworth with murder. Brenda is survived by four daughters.

## KENDALL COUNTY

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### *Emily Fulton Evans, 36*

**DECEMBER 31, 2021 | BOERNE**

Emily Fulton Evans died when her husband, Jason Evans, 47, shot and killed her in her home. Evans then shot and killed himself. Emily's children were home at the time of the shooting. Prior to the shootings, Evans called family members. After receiving a call from Evans, Emily's mother contacted the authorities. She is survived by six children, ages 1, 4, 7, 9, 11, and 15.

*“She leaves behind young children who she loved dearly and they are extremely heartbroken.”*

## KLEBURG COUNTY

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### *Aurora Noriega Perez, 38*

**APRIL 3, 2021 | KINGSVILLE**

Aurora Noriega Perez died in a hospital several days after her boyfriend, Jesus Herrera, 25, shot her. Herrera then fled. In addition to murder, authorities arrested and charged Herrera with aggravated assault with a weapon, assault causing bodily injury to a family member, possession of a controlled substance, evading arrest and evading arrest with a vehicle, unlawful possession of a firearm, resisting arrest, and striking an unattended vehicle. Aurora is survived by her daughters and her son.

## LAMAR COUNTY

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### *Carla Hall, 20*

**OCTOBER 25, 2021 | ROXTON**

Carla Hall died in her home when her boyfriend, Tanner Robinson, 21, shot and killed her. Robinson then shot and killed himself. The couple's children were in the home. Family members reported Robinson had been violent in the past. Two days prior to the homicide, law enforcement had responded to their home when Robinson assaulted and threatened Carla with a gun. Carla is survived by her son, age 1, and daughter, age 2.

## LEE COUNTY

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### *Christopher Gonzales, 34*

**MARCH 27, 2021 | BLUE**

Christopher Gonzales died on a county road after his girlfriend, Jennifer Kramer, 41, stabbed him in the chest. Authorities arrested and charged Kramer with murder. Christopher is survived by his two sons and his daughter.

## LUBBOCK COUNTY

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### *Molly Beckman, 23*

**FEBRUARY 1, 2021 | LUBBOCK**

Molly Beckman died in her apartment after her ex-fiancé, Colton Totzke, 23, stabbed her multiple times. Law enforcement found her body while conducting a requested welfare check. At the time of her death, Molly was pregnant. A few months prior to the murder, Molly had separated from Totzke. Law enforcement later found Totzke dead by suicide in Crosby County.

### *Sylvia Arteaga Hernandez, 59*

**AUGUST 21, 2021 | LUBBOCK**

Sylvia Arteaga Hernandez died at a park after her husband, Luis Carlos Hernandez, 54, ran over her body with his vehicle and shot her. Witnesses at the park saw Sylvia running and asking for help, and then observed Hernandez chase, run over, and shoot Sylvia. Law enforcement responded and found Hernandez with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. An ambulance transported Hernandez to the hospital, where he died from his injuries. Sylvia is survived by one adult daughter.

## MATAGORDA COUNTY

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### *Amanda Johnson, 38*

**APRIL 18, 2021 | MIDFIELD**

Amanda Johnson died on a rural county road after a person she had dated, Fernando Acosta, Jr., 28, shot and killed her. When Amanda did not return from a scheduled appointment, her family reported her missing. The following day law enforcement responded to a call after two hunters found her inside a burned car on a rural road. Several days later, Acosta turned himself in. Authorities charged Acosta with murder, tampering with evidence, and abuse of a corpse. Amanda is survived by her daughter, age 9, and son, age 13.

## MAVERICK COUNTY

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### **Ana Petters, 36**

**OCTOBER 30, 2021 | EAGLE PASS**

Ana Petters died at the hospital after her husband, Juan Petters, 47, shot her in their home. Petters then shot and killed himself. Family members reported Petters had been violent in the past. Ana is survived by her daughters, ages 6 and 18, and son, age 14.

*“She was vivacious, full of life, and beautiful both inside and out. She was a true spitfire of a woman.”*

## MCLENNAN COUNTY

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### **Cargin Madison, 25**

**AUGUST 23, 2021 | ROBINSON**

Cargin Madison died in a hospital after his ex-boyfriend, Willie Joe Lloyd, 39, broke into his home and set him on fire while he was sleeping. Lloyd also set the living room couch on fire. Lloyd's brother, Jason Lloyd, assisted in starting the fires. They injured two other people in the home and killed Cargin's dog. Emergency responders transported Cargin to a hospital, where he died eleven days later. Authorities arrested and charged Willie Lloyd with capital murder and attempted capital murder and arrested and charged Jason Lloyd with capital murder and attempted capital murder.

### **Griselda Martinez, 51**

**MAY 25, 2021 | WEST**

Griselda Martinez died after her ex-boyfriend, Angel Aguilar, 44, kidnapped her from her place of work and shot her. Aguilar then shot and killed himself. Griselda's family reported her missing after not being able to contact her. After a search, law enforcement officers discovered Griselda deceased in Aguilar's home. Griselda had ended the relationship with Aguilar earlier in the year. Griselda is survived by her two children.

## MIDLAND COUNTY

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### **Travae Jackson, 28**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 | MIDLAND**

Travae Jackson died in her apartment when her ex-boyfriend, Kionne Lewis, 29, shot and killed her. Travae had an active protective order against Lewis due to a history of violence and stalking. Lewis was also prohibited from owning firearms. On the day of the homicide, Travae sent her friend a video of Lewis pointing a rifle at her and violating the Protective Order. Travae's friend stated they received another text message requesting that they come over and the front door was unlocked. When the friend went to Travae's home to help, they discovered Lewis inside with a firearm. Lewis shot and injured Travae's friend. Lewis then fled to New Mexico, where authorities arrested him and charged him with capital murder.

## MIDLAND COUNTY *continued*

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### *Saffire Armenta, 25*

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021 | MIDLAND**

Saffire Armenta died when her boyfriend, Sergio Cerna, 37, killed her before burning her remains. Authorities arrested Cerna with a drug possession charge in Reeves County. While he was in custody, they found threatening messages Cerna sent to Saffire the day she was killed. In those messages, he threatened to torture and kill her in retaliation for making a report to the police. Cerna confessed to killing Saffire. Authorities charged Cerna with capital murder.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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### *Steve Walker, 64*

**MARCH 25, 2021 | CLEVELAND**

Steve Walker died when his ex-wife, Diane Walker, 56, shot and killed him in her home. Authorities arrested and charged Walker with murder. Steve is survived by his son.

### *Laura Martelli, 38*

**OCTOBER 18, 2021 | CONROE**

Laura Martelli died at a hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Anthony Dwane Moore, 48, ran over her with a vehicle in a parking lot. He then fled. Laura was conscious when the authorities arrived, and she informed them that Moore was the person who ran over her. Moore confessed to a friend that he had strangled and run over Laura. The friend called the authorities. Authorities apprehended, arrested, and charged Moore. He has been indicted for murder. Laura is survived by her daughter, age 9.

### *David Epstein, 37*

**MARCH 7, 2021 | THE WOODLANDS**

David Epstein died in a parking garage when his wife, Abigail Epstein, 40, shot and killed him. Epstein then shot and killed herself. Their three-year-old child was present. David had recently sought a divorce. David is survived by his son, age 3.

## NOLAN COUNTY

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### *Betty Thompson, 30*

**MARCH 16, 2021 | SWEETWATER**

Betty Thompson died in her home after her dating partner, Brenda Gamble, 57, did not seek emergency medical intervention for her. Law enforcement was called after a family member located Betty's body inside their home. Authorities reported that Betty had been dead or dying, and Gamble failed to contact authorities and left her without help. Authorities also reported Gamble had a history of violence against Betty. Gamble was arrested for criminally negligent homicide. A second individual, Michael Franks, was also arrested and charged with criminally negligent homicide.



## ORANGE COUNTY

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### *Jeana Norton, 35*

**JANUARY 29, 2021 | BRIDGE CITY**

Jeana Norton died when her husband, Bryan Allen, 41, shot and killed her. Allen also shot and injured a neighbor. Allen then shot and killed himself. Jeana is survived by her son, two daughters, and stepdaughter.

*“My main concern  
is that justice will  
be served.”*

### *Aaliyah Gradnigo, 18*

**JANUARY 23, 2021 | ORANGE**

Aaliyah Gradnigo died at the hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Manka Melson, 25, shot and killed her. Melson also shot and killed Aaliyah's boyfriend, Thalamus Livings, 23. Melson then fled. Aaliyah had ended the relationship with Melson who stalked and threatened Aaliyah. Melson texted Aaliyah more than 10,000 times in December 2019 and January 2021. Melson was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

## PANOLA COUNTY

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### *TyKuirra Bryant, 22*

**OCTOBER 31, 2021 | CARTHAGE**

TyKuirra Bryant died in a vehicle outside her home when her boyfriend, Leonard Maxwell Jr., 25, shot and killed her. Maxwell then shot and killed himself. A friend heard the gunshots, located them inside the car, and contacted authorities.

## PARKER COUNTY

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### *Shirley Weatherley, 72*

**AUGUST 5, 2021 | SPRINGTOWN**

Shirley Barrington Weatherley died in the front yard of her home when her husband, Clayton Strong, 73, shot and killed her. Strong then fled to Mexico. Family members were concerned after not being able to reach Shirley and went to the home where they found her deceased. Family members reported Shirley attempted to end the relationship and had previously called the police and received a protective order against Strong. Strong also had a documented history of violence with other partners. Mexican authorities later arrested Strong for unlawful possession of weapons and contacted authorities in Texas when they discovered an active murder warrant. Shirley is survived by her two sons.

## RANDALL COUNTY

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### *Nell Fife Hunsucker, 81*

**APRIL 14, 2021 | AMARILLO**

Nell Fife Hunsucker died in the backyard of her house when her husband, Lee Wayne Hunsucker, 80, shot and killed her. Hunsucker then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement responded to their home after someone requested a welfare check and discovered their bodies.

## RANDALL COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Kathleen Heather Abramson, 45***

**APRIL 14, 2021 | AMARILLO**

Kathleen Abramson, 45, died when her husband, Jason Abramson, 48, shot her in their home. Abramson then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement discovered them deceased after a family member requested a welfare check. Kathleen is survived by her two adult sons.

## RUSK COUNTY

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### ***Kristi Wilson Collier, 41***

**JULY 27, 2021 | HENDERSON**

Kristi Collier died at her home after her boyfriend, Coy Jones, 39, shot and killed her. Jones then fled. Police were called to the home for a welfare check and discovered Kristi's body. Jones admitted to two family members that he shot and killed Kristi. Jones has a history of violence and was out on bond for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon with an unnamed victim. Authorities arrested and charged Jones with murder.

### ***Shaniqua Denice Williams, 31***

**OCTOBER 11, 2021 | HENDERSON**

Shaniqua Williams died in her home after her boyfriend, Jarvis Craig Simon, 53, stabbed and killed her. Simon had a history of violence against Shaniqua. A week prior to the homicide, Simon tried to run over Shaniqua with a car. He had an active warrant for his arrest. Simon was jailed for failure to re-register as a sex offender and bonded out the same day. Five days later, he killed Shaniqua and confessed to law enforcement. Shaniqua is survived by her three sons.

## SAN PATRICIO COUNTY

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### ***Jennifer Phillips, 36***

**AUGUST 14, 2021 | PORTLAND**

Jennifer Phillips died at her home when her husband, Roel Garza, 52, assaulted, shot, and killed her. Garza also shot and killed their son, Eli Garza, 5. Garza called 911 and then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement responded and discovered Jennifer, Eli, and their son deceased.

## SMITH COUNTY

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### ***Kristi Meyer, 40***

**MARCH 28, 2021 | FLINT**

Kristi Meyers died in her home after her ex-boyfriend, Thomas Baskin, 39, shot and killed her. Kristi's mother requested a welfare check that same day. One of Baskin's friends also requested a welfare check when Baskin said that he had hurt someone. Law enforcement did not have cause to enter the home until the next day when Baskin's employer went to the home and found a door unlocked. They then found Kristi and Baskin deceased. Kristi had ended the relationship with Baskin and asked him to move out. Kristi is survived by her four children.

## SMITH COUNTY *continued*

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### *Laura Garcia, 25*

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 | TYLER**

Laura Garcia died in her home after her ex-boyfriend, Javier Valenzuela-Avila, 20, stabbed and killed her. Law enforcement went to Laura's home after a welfare check was requested, and they found her deceased. Authorities located Valenzuela-Avila in a hospital for self-inflicted wounds and arrested and charged him with murder. Laura is survived by her three sons.

## TARRANT COUNTY

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### *James Dell, 81*

**FEBRUARY 18, 2021 | NORTH RICHLAND HILLS**

James Dell died in his home when his wife, Roxanna Dell, 74, shot and killed him. Authorities arrested and charged Dell with murder. James is survived by his three sons and two daughters.

### *Chastity Williams, 43*

**MAY 26, 2021 | ARLINGTON**

Chastity Williams died at her home when her ex-boyfriend, Christopher Baker, 36, shot and killed her. Baker also killed Chastity's 15-year-old son, Damajay Williams, and shot and injured another woman inside the home. Baker then shot and killed himself. Police had responded to this location earlier in the year. Chastity is survived by her daughter, age 18.

### *Jayde Marshay Bell-Louis, 24*

**NOVEMBER 29, 2021 | ARLINGTON**

Jayde Bell-Louis died in her home when her boyfriend, Tanavian Smith, 29, shot and killed her. Two days prior to the homicide, Smith strangled and threatened Jayde. Jayde had planned to end her relationship with Smith. The day before the murder, neighbors observed Smith removing his belongings from Jayde's home while carrying an assault rifle. Authorities arrested Smith and charged him with murder. Jayde is survived by her daughter, age 3.

### *Holly Beverly, 39*

**JUNE 1, 2021 | FORT WORTH**

Holly Beverly died in her home when her husband, Timothy Beverly III, 39, shot and killed her. Beverly also killed Holly's 17-year-old son, Titus Atkins. Beverly then shot and killed himself. Holly's two other children were also home. Forty-five minutes prior to the murders, Holly called 911 for help and said her husband was coming to her home to harm her. The dispatcher did not send an officer because Beverly was not currently present. Beverly had received deferred adjudication for an unlawful weapons charge in 2019 and completed probation in September 2020. Holly had separated from Beverly. Holly is survived by her son, age 12, and daughter, age 18.

***Abigail Saldaña, 22***

**OCTOBER 26, 2021 | FORT WORTH**

Abigail Saldaña died in her vehicle on the highway after a person who stalked her, Stanley Szeliga, 54, shot and killed her. Szeliga had pursued an unwanted relationship with Abigail and stalked her. Abigail complained to her employer as Szeliga was a customer there, shared with her family that she was concerned for her safety, and shared her concerns on social media, including that Szeliga had placed tracking devices on her vehicle. Szeliga also tried to blackmail Abigail. Authorities arrested and charged Szeliga with murder. Abigail is survived by her son.

***Debra Lee Franklin, 67***

**OCTOBER 27, 2021 | FORT WORTH**

Debra Franklin died in her home after a person she had dated, Hoy Eugene Tennar, 72, shot and killed her. Tennar then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement arrived after reports of a shooting and found Debra and Tennar deceased. Debra is survived by two adult daughters.

***Judy Ray, 63***

**AUGUST 7, 2021 | FORT WORTH**

Judy Ray died when her husband, Marcus Ray, 64, shot and killed her. Ray then shot and killed himself. A neighbor requested a welfare check after not seeing either Judy or Ray. Judy is survived by her adult son.

***Gerardo Fernando Salinas, 63***

**JULY 17, 2021 | GRAND PRAIRIE**

Gerardo Fernando Salinas died when his girlfriend, Anna Reyes, 61, struck him with a vehicle. Both Gerardo and Reyes were in the vehicle when Reyes pulled over; Gerardo left the vehicle to start walking. Reyes then circled the area and hit Gerardo with the vehicle, killing him. Authorities arrested and charged Reyes with murder.

***Name Withheld, 25***

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 | GRAND PRAIRIE**

A woman died in her home after her ex-boyfriend, 32, stabbed and killed her. Authorities charged the ex-boyfriend with murder. He remains at large.

***Laurel Schick, 65***

**JANUARY 23, 2021 | HURST**

Laurel Schick died after her fiancé, Anthony Young, 43, assaulted and killed her at their home. Young contacted one of Laurel's friends and indicated something was wrong with her. The friend requested a welfare check, and authorities discovered Laurel deceased. The next day, authorities arrested Young and charged him with murder. Laurel is survived by her two adult sons.

## TARRANT COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Tracy Burton, 39***

**NOVEMBER 24, 2021 | MANSFIELD**

Tracy Burton died in a neighbor's garage after her husband, Marcus Burton, 56, shot and killed her. Tracy had filed for divorce and moved out a month prior and was at the house to collect her belongings while Marcus claimed to be away from the house. Upon her arrival, Marcus threatened her with a firearm and as Tracy fled for help, he followed and shot her. Burton then shot and killed himself as law enforcement responded. Tracy's two youngest children were present. Tracy's friends reported that Burton had a history of controlling and abusive behavior towards Tracy. Tracy had sought a protective order, but it was not granted. Tracy is survived by her four sons.

## TRAVIS COUNTY

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### ***Amanda Morris, 45***

**FEBRUARY 16, 2021 | AUSTIN**

Amanda Morris died at a hotel when her husband, Michael Wells, 44, strangled and stabbed her. Wells called 911 and reported Amanda deceased and confessed to law enforcement officers that he killed her. Authorities arrested Wells, who has been indicted for the murder. Amanda is survived by her daughter.

*“She immigrated to the US and would help people who were new to the United States.”*

### ***Natalia Cox, 21***

**MARCH 31, 2021 | AUSTIN**

Natalia Cox died at her home when a person she had briefly dated, Henry Keith Watson Jr., 24, shot and killed her. Watson then fled. Three days before the murder, Watson had threatened Natalia with a gun at her home. Natalia had contacted the police after the threat; however, the case was not coded as dating violence. Natalia had gone on two dates with Watson, and after he threatened her and she feared for her life, she attempted to terminate her lease and move. Authorities later arrested and charged Watson with capital murder.

### ***Amanda Broderick, 35***

**APRIL 18, 2021 | AUSTIN**

Amanda Broderick died in a parking lot outside her home when her husband, Stephen Broderick, 41, shot and killed her. Broderick also shot and killed Amanda's daughter, Alyssa Broderick, 17, and her boyfriend, Willie Simmons III, 18. There was an active protective order in place and Amanda had filed for divorce. Amanda was waiting to meet with Broderick for a custody exchange when Broderick crashed into their car and shot and killed all three in front of their young son. Broderick was arrested for sexual assault of a child in 2020 and was out on bond. His tracking device was removed six months before the murders. The protective order and bond conditions prohibited him from possessing firearms. Broderick pled guilty to capital murder and was sentenced to life in prison. Amanda is survived by her son.

### ***Jennifer Robertson, 36***

**OCTOBER 18, 2021 | AUSTIN**

Jennifer Robertson died at her home when her husband, Darius Robertson, 36, shot and killed her. Robertson also shot and killed their son, James Daric Robertson, 6, before shooting and killing himself. Officers responded to a welfare check and discovered all three were deceased.



## TRAVIS COUNTY *continued*

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### *Vanessa Neves, 41*

**OCTOBER 26, 2021 | AUSTIN**

Vanessa Neves died at her home when her husband, James Marcus Neves, 54, shot and killed her. Neves was home with their two children and threatened the children. The children ran to a neighbor's home and called Vanessa. She came home and comforted the children. Neves pulled her into their home and shot her. Neves called 911 and confessed to shooting Vanessa. Authorities arrested Neves who has been indicted for the murder. Vanessa is survived by her son, age 10, and daughter, age 13.

### *Iyanna Dukes, 20*

**NOVEMBER 9, 2021 | AUSTIN**

Iyanna Dukes died after her boyfriend, Frank Nobles, 30, shot and killed her. Witnesses observed Nobles fleeing the area shortly after hearing the gunshots. Law enforcement responded to a call regarding shots fired and located Iyanna's body in front of an apartment complex. Earlier on the day of the murder, Nobles had threatened Iyanna with a rifle. Friends and family stated Nobles has a history of violence. Authorities captured Nobles in Spring and charged him with murder.

### *Joseph Neal, Jr., 36*

**DECEMBER 7, 2021 | AUSTIN**

Joseph Neal Jr. died in his vehicle at a friend's home after his boyfriend, John Paul Rangel, 22, shot and killed him. Joseph's father called for a welfare check after his son did not show up for work. Law enforcement later found Joseph's body inside his car in a parking garage. A friend later informed law enforcement that Rangel went to retrieve his firearm and then heard Rangel shoot Joseph's car. The friend also stated Rangel confessed he shot Joseph. Authorities arrested and charged Rangel with murder.

## UPSHUR COUNTY

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### *Jennifer Lile, 34*

**JULY 31, 2021 | GLADEWATER**

Jennifer Lile died in her home when her husband, Mark Lile, 37, shot and killed her. Lile shot and injured himself. Law enforcement were responding to a separate complaint when they heard gunshots coming from the Lile home. Law enforcement entered the home and found Jennifer deceased. Authorities charged Lile with murder, and at the time of publication, he was not medically competent to stand trial.

## VAN ZANDT COUNTY

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### *Bradley Dickinson, 40*

**JULY 27, 2021 | WILLS POINT**

Bradley Dickinson died after his wife, Jamie Johnson, 40, and his stepson, Braxten Henderson, 20, ran him over with a vehicle on a county road. Authorities arrested and charged Johnson and Henderson.

## WALKER COUNTY

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### *Bradley Brown, 60*

**DECEMBER 12, 2021 | HUNTSVILLE**

Bradley Brown died in his home after his wife, Brenda Brown, 56, shot and killed him. Brown called her mother, confessed to killing Bradley, and told her she planned to kill herself. She then shot and killed herself. Brown's mother alerted the authorities, who later discovered them deceased.

## WALLER COUNTY

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### *Amanda Sampson, 47*

**MARCH 12, 2021 | BROOKSHIRE**

Amanda Sampson died in a parking lot after her ex-boyfriend, Dundre Maxfield, 46, shot and killed her. He then fled in Amanda's car. Law enforcement responded after reports of gunshots and located Amanda in the parking lot. Authorities located Maxfield three days later. Maxfield was convicted of murder and sentenced to forty years in prison. Amanda is survived by her three sons.

### *Kevin Alexander, 21*

**JULY 5, 2021 | PRAIRIE VIEW**

Kevin Alexander died when his girlfriend, Alyssa Wolfe, 20, allegedly stabbed and killed him. A grand jury indicted Wolfe on murder charges.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

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### *Cynthia Lynette Jackson, 44*

**AUGUST 8, 2021 | BRENHAM**

Cynthia Lynette Jackson died in her home after her boyfriend, Jason Saxton, 30, shot and killed her. Friends and family reported Saxton has a history of violence against Cynthia. Authorities arrested and charged Saxton with murder.

## WEBB COUNTY

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### *Dhalia Guadalupe Maldonado, 27*

**DECEMBER 3, 2021 | LAREDO**

Dhalia Guadalupe Maldonado died in the street when her boyfriend, Rosendo Pérez Zúñiga, 68, shot and killed her. Dhalia and Zúñiga were involved in a motor vehicle accident after which Zúñiga exited his car and shot Dhalia multiple times. He then shot and killed himself. Dhalia is survived by her three daughters.

*“We will forever strive to honor her and live a life that would make her so proud.”*

## WICHITA COUNTY

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### *Katherine Acuna, 46*

**FEBRUARY 23, 2021 | WICHITA FALLS**

Katherine Acuna died in her home when her boyfriend, Narciso Espinoza Caso, 43, stabbed her multiple times. Katherine's daughter called 911 to report that Caso assaulted Katherine and then fled. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Katherine is survived by her son and three daughters.

### *Vickie Hanson, 65*

**OCTOBER 14, 2021 | WICHITA FALLS**

Vickie Hanson died in her home after her ex-husband, Bruce Hanson, 64, shot and killed her. Hanson called the police and attempted to stage Vickie's death as a suicide. Hanson has a history of physical violence and abuse towards Vickie. Vickie divorced Hanson shortly after their marriage in the 1980s and later reconciled with him. Vickie planned to end her relationship with Hanson and move out of the home. Three months after her death, authorities arrested and charged Hanson with murder. Vickie is survived by her adult son and daughter.

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### *Liane Gardner, 75*

**FEBRUARY 9, 2021 | CEDAR PARK**

Liane Gardner died in her home when her husband, Donald Gardner, 79, shot and killed her. Gardner then shot and killed himself. Liane is survived by her children.

### *Julie Hall, 47*

**FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | GEORGETOWN**

Julie Hall died in her home after her husband, Travis Hall, 48, struck her with a blunt object and killed her. After she did not report for work, she was reported as missing. Hall later wrote a confession letter to Julie's children. Authorities initially arrested and charged Hall with tampering with evidence and four months after Julie's death, indicted Hall for murder. Julie is survived by her adult son and daughter.

### *Jacklin Nieto, 19*

**MAY 29, 2021 | GEORGETOWN**

Jacklin Nieto died in a vehicle after her boyfriend, Darwin Guzman, 20, intentionally crashed into an 18-wheeler on a highway. Jacklin called 911 and stated Guzman was threatening to kill her and driving erratically. Jacklin was on the phone with dispatchers when Guzman crashed into an 18-wheeler, killing both. The driver of the other vehicle was not physically injured.

### *Carmen Velasquez, 54*

**JUNE 18, 2021 | TAYLOR**

Carmen Velasquez died at the hospital after her boyfriend, Marcus Rodriguez, 55, shot her in front of a home. Rodriguez then shot and killed himself in his vehicle. Officers responded and discovered Carmen injured and unconscious. Emergency responders transported Carmen to the hospital, where she died several days later. Carmen is survived by her son and daughter.

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### ***Araceli Lopez Davis, 45***

**NOVEMBER 30, 2021 | TAYLOR**

Araceli Lopez Davis died at her home when her husband, Anthony Davis, 57, shot and killed her. Davis also shot and killed Araceli's son, Pedro Navarro, 18, and Pedro's girlfriend, Cynthia Abundiz, 20, before shooting and killing himself. Araceli had planned to divorce Davis. Araceli is survived by her son and daughter.

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### ***Brittany Scruggs, 29***

**FEBRUARY 25, 2021 | ALVORD**

Brittany Scruggs died in a home when her boyfriend, Corey Brooks, 28, shot and killed her. Brooks initially called his father and told him he had shot Brittany but called later, authorities arrived, they heard a gun discharge; Brooks shot and killed himself. Law enforcement reported that Brittany had attempted to end the relationship. Brittany is survived by two daughters, ages 5 and 7.

## FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND BYSTANDERS KILLED & INJURED

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Domestic violence and stalking homicide perpetrators also killed 22 and injured 21 family members, friends, and bystanders. With care and respect, TCFV acknowledges the immense loss of each of these lives:

*Titus Akins, 17*

SON OF HOLLY BEVERLY

*Amizarael Felipe Jacinto, 22*

FRIEND OF NANCY GOMEZ AGUSTIN

*Larry Britton, Sr., 69*

FATHER-IN-LAW OF JOANNE ROSAS

*Rita Lillard, 64*

MOTHER OF VIRGINIA LILLARD

*Alyssa Broderick, 17*

DAUGHTER OF AMANDA BRODERICK

*Thalamus Livings, 23*

BOYFRIEND OF AALIYAH GRADNIGO

*Willie Simmons III, 18*

BOYFRIEND OF ALYSSA BRODERICK

*Tamiko Merriwether, 55*

MOTHER OF MARIETTA MATTHEWS

*Harmony Carhee, 6*

DAUGHTER OF DONYAVIA LAGWAY

*Pedro Navarro, 18*

SON OF ARACELI LOPEZ DAVIS

*Gregory Carhee, 35*

HUSBAND OF DONYAVIA LAGWAY

*Cynthia Abundiz, 20*

GIRLFRIEND OF PEDRO NAVARRO

*Ami Hickey, 39*

MOTHER OF JOHN CLINTON

*Name Withheld, 14*

SON OF TAMARA JO PATON

*Amanda Bain, 39*

GIRLFRIEND OF AMI HICKEY

*Name Withheld, 15*

DAUGHTER OF TAMARA JO PATON

*Elsy Erazo, 16*

DAUGHTER OF LESLI REYES ERAZO

*James Daric Robertson, 6*

SON OF JENNIFER ROBERTSON

*Eli Garza, 5*

SON OF JENNIFER PHILLIPS

*Anastasia Simms, 17*

FRIEND OF LEAH ANDERS

*Victor Rivera Hernandez, 29*

BOYFRIEND OF DALIA GARAY

*Damajay Williams, 15*

SON OF CHASTITY WILLIAMS



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