



Honoring Texas Victims

*Texas women and men killed
by their intimate partners in 2023*

VICTIM NARRATIVES

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TEXAS COUNCIL ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) examines and reports intimate partner homicides annually to call for systemic and cultural change. We reflect on the stories of these individuals to understand the experiences of victims, identify gaps in services, and offer practical solutions for change.

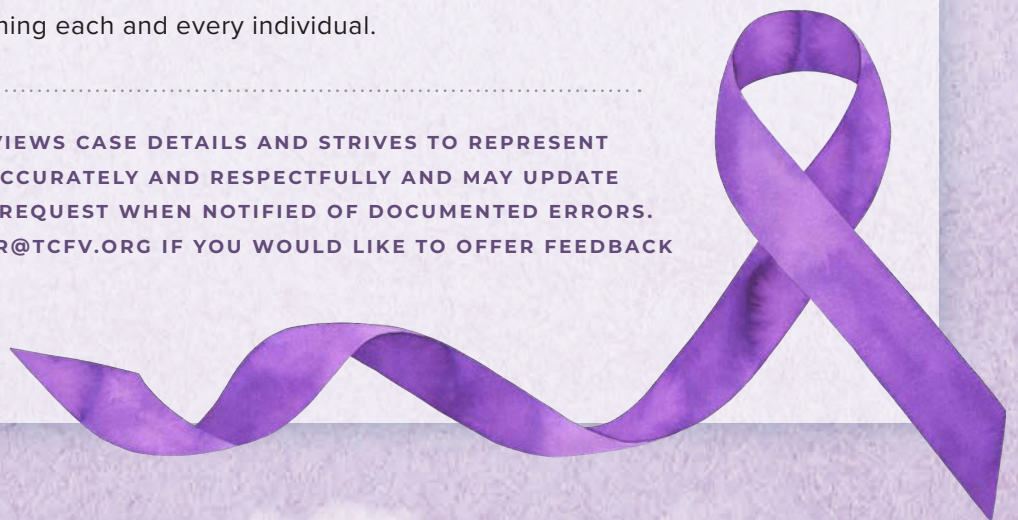
Each story informs our efforts to uphold our mission and improve outcomes for families experiencing domestic violence. We pause to honor the lives of Texas women, men, and children killed by someone who claimed to love them. These losses devastate families and communities across Texas.

In 2023, 205 Texans were victims of intimate partner or stalking homicide. This number includes 179 women and 26 men, including four LGBTQ+ victims. Intimate partner homicide victims ranged in age from 15 to 88. Homicide perpetrators also killed 16 family members, friends, or bystanders and injured an additional 12 victims, including family members, neighbors, and friends. The victims included four children who were killed and three children who were injured. Two hundred eighteen adults and children lost a parent to domestic violence.

Each confirmed fatality represents a woman or man killed by an intimate partner or stalking perpetrator between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023. These narratives include the date of death, the ages of the victim and perpetrator, and the location of the homicide, followed by a brief description of the circumstances of the crime based on publicly available information. The narratives prioritize highlighting lethality risk factors for best practices on enhancing future survivor safety. Information in this report, particularly regarding criminal charges and bond conditions, represents what was known about the status of criminal cases at the time of publishing.

We hope that a careful examination of each case illuminates the issue of domestic violence and paves pathways for effective intervention and prevention. Texas Council on Family Violence respectfully lists the names of each of the 205 victims of intimate partner homicide in 2023, joining their families, friends, and communities in mourning each and every individual.

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*In memory of the Texas women and men killed
by their intimate partners in 2023*

ANDERSON COUNTY

Brittany Johnson, 30

MARCH 2, 2023 | PALESTINE

Brittany Johnson died at a hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Joseph Cole, 50, shot her at her home and fled. Emergency responders transported Brittany to a hospital and authorities issued a warrant for Cole's arrest. Cole has a history of violence against Brittany. In October 2020, he strangled and assaulted Brittany when she was 16-weeks pregnant. Brittany was issued an emergency protective order against Cole, who later pled guilty to assault family violence, impeding breath and assault of a pregnant person. Cole received deferred adjudication. Conditions of his community supervision required he attend a Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) and prohibited Cole from possessing a firearm. Brittany is survived by her children.

ARANSAS COUNTY

Sharon Simmons, 59

JULY 13, 2023 | ROCKPORT

Sharon Simmons died after her boyfriend, Richard Becker, 57, shot and killed her at home. Becker also shot and injured Sharon's friend, who fled the home and called 911. Three children were in the home, including two of Sharon's grandchildren. A SWAT team breached the door and found Becker had shot and killed himself. Sharon is survived by her four sons and one daughter.

“She poured her heart
into the well-being and
happiness of her children
and grandchildren.”

ATASCOSA COUNTY

Mary Heinz, 32

JUNE 29, 2023 | LEMING

Mary Heinz died after a person she briefly dated, Rosendo Montoya, 27, broke into her home, shot, and killed her. Montoya also shot and killed Mary's roommate, Laura West, 43. He attempted to cover up the crime scene by starting a fire near her body. Montoya then absconded with Mary's body. Firefighters who responded to the home found Laura deceased. Law enforcement placed Montoya under surveillance and observed Montoya disposing of bags of evidence. Montoya was detained and questioned when he confessed to killing both Mary and Laura. Later, he led authorities to the location of Mary's remains. Prior to the murder, Mary's family reported that Montoya had been stalking Mary, and that Mary had planned to file a restraining order. Authorities charged Montoya with capital murder and set a bond of \$1 million. Montoya pled guilty to capital murder and was sentenced to life in prison without parole. Mary is survived by her two children, ages 7 and 9.

BANDERA COUNTY

Amber Ashlaw, 34

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 | LAKE MEDINA SHORES

Amber Ashlaw died when her boyfriend, Andrew Lester, 34, shot and killed her. Lester fled and law enforcement pursued him to a store, where they exchanged fire. Emergency responders transported Lester to a hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Lester with murder. In December 2021, Lester was arrested on domestic violence charges when he strangled and threatened an intimate partner with a firearm in Duval County, Florida. Amber is survived by her three children.

BELL COUNTY

Chu Cha McGranahan-Valentine, 79

MAY 28, 2023 | KILLEEN

Chu Cha McGranahan-Valentine died after her husband, Terry Lee Valentine, shot and killed her in their home. A grand jury indicted Valentine for negligent manslaughter and he was released on a \$50,000 bond. Chu is survived by her five adult children.

Daniel Francisco-Jose Vidal, 19

JUNE 9, 2023 | KILLEEN

Daniel Francisco-Jose Vidal died when his boyfriend, Ryan Conway, 29, shot and killed him in a vehicle. Conway then shot and killed himself.

Yessica Diaz-Pineda, 28

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 | TEMPLE

Yessica Diaz-Pineda died in a hotel room when her boyfriend, Yeison Bejarano Berrio, 29, assaulted and killed her. A friend filed a missing person report after not hearing from Yessica. Law enforcement conducted a welfare check and discovered Yessica deceased inside the hotel room. Authorities arrested and charged Bejarano Berrio with murder. He has a history of violence against Yessica including an assault she reported in July 2023, when she ended the relationship.

BEXAR COUNTY

Alyssa Perez, 26

JANUARY 27, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Alyssa Perez died when her ex-boyfriend, Lazerith Carillo, 18, shot and killed her in a vehicle. Carillo also shot and killed Alyssa's friend, Edward Acosta Jimenez, 32. Carillo fled and attempted to carjack an occupied vehicle. Alyssa had ended the relationship with Carillo. One week prior to the murder, he had fired a gun at Alyssa's vehicle. Authorities arrested him and charged him with capital murder and robbery and burglary of vehicles.

BEXAR COUNTY *continued*

Shannon Martinez, 37

MARCH 18, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Shannon Martinez died in her home when her husband, Jeremy Martinez, 43, shot and killed her. Martinez also shot and killed their daughter, Bailey, 7, before shooting and killing himself. Authorities found them deceased after Shannon's family requested a welfare check. Shannon had filed for divorce two months prior to the murder.

Zachary Williamson, 41

APRIL 6, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Zachary Williamson died when his ex-girlfriend, Israel Reyes, 23, shot and killed him in her apartment. Authorities arrested and charged Reyes with murder. Reyes has a history of violence against Zachary and a previous partner. In 2018, authorities arrested Reyes for setting fire to her previous boyfriend's home and endangering a child. Zachary is survived by his sons.

Jade Alvarez, 22

APRIL 6, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Jade Alvarez died when her boyfriend, Adam Byrd, 23, shot and killed her. Byrd fled and authorities later questioned him regarding a robbery that happened days earlier. Byrd admitted to killing Jade after trying to force her to get pregnant, but she had refused. Jade is survived by her son, age 3.

Briann Hernandez, 30

MAY 3, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Briann Hernandez died when her boyfriend, Albert Casanova, Jr., 39, shot and killed her at a hotel. Casanova left the hotel in Briann's vehicle. The next day, hotel staff found Briann and called 911. Authorities arrested and charged Casanova with murder. Casanova is being held in jail on a \$200,000 bond for murder. Casanova had a criminal background resulting in firearm prohibitions. Briann is survived by her son, age 3.

Desiree Fisher, 24

AUGUST 4, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Desiree Fisher died when her boyfriend, Calaseo Brown, 20, shot and killed her. Zephaniah Cleaver, 17, and Demarcus Whitley, 18, conspired with Brown and shot Desiree. Authorities arrested and charged Brown with murder; his bond was set at \$200,000. Authorities also arrested and charged Cleaver and Whitley with murder.

Emily Lopez, 33

AUGUST 11, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Emily Lopez died when her boyfriend, Jonathan Vasquez, 41, stabbed and killed her. Vasquez then killed himself. Emily is survived by her son and her three daughters.

BEXAR COUNTY *continued*

Deanna Mason, 34

AUGUST 13, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Deanna Mason died when her boyfriend, Giovanni Paschal, 40, shot and killed her at a gas station. Paschal then fled. Emergency responders transported Deanna to a hospital where she died. Authorities arrested Paschal and charged him with murder; he was held on a \$150,000 bond.

Priscilla Silva, 37

OCTOBER 16, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Priscilla Silva died after her boyfriend, Melvin McClary, 56, shot and killed her. McClary then shot and killed himself.

Allison Cevallos, 36

OCTOBER 20, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Allison Cevallos died when her fiancé, Michael Palafos, 37, shot and killed her in a vehicle. Palafos fled. Allison was five months pregnant. Authorities arrested and charged Palafos with capital murder. He pled guilty and was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

Tamika George, 24

NOVEMBER 3, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Tamika George died after her ex-boyfriend, Antonio Eladjoe, 23, shot and killed her at her home. Eladjoe then shot and killed himself. Eladjoe's mother found both deceased and called 911. Tamika is survived by her daughter and son.

“It was just something about that day, when I kept calling her and she didn't answer...”

Teresa Morena Garcia, 66

DECEMBER 5, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Teresa Moreno Garcia died when her ex-husband, Martin Garcia Jr., 54, stabbed and killed her. Garcia then cut his wrists. Emergency responders transported Garcia to a hospital for treatment of injuries. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Teresa had divorced Garcia and was trying to have him evicted from the home. She had planned to leave the home when she was killed. Teresa is survived by her sons.

Shamiah Allen, 21

DECEMBER 15, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Shamiah Allen died when her boyfriend, Donevyn Bowie, 22, shot and killed her. Officers found Shamiah deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Bowie with murder. His bond was set at \$100,000.

Eriawna Curry, 25

DECEMBER 28, 2023 | SAN ANTONIO

Eriawna Curry died after her ex-husband, Ryan Walser, 27, shot her. Emergency responders transported her to a hospital where she died. Eriawna had separated from Walser and went to his home to collect her belongings. Authorities arrested and charged Walser with murder. Eriawna is survived by her sons, ages 1 month and 2 years.

BRAZOS COUNTY

Sherry Shugart, 44

JUNE 20, 2023 | COLLEGE STATION

Sherry Shugart died when her husband, Brian Jutson Jr., 45, strangled and then stabbed her. Jutson called a family member and confessed to killing Sherry. Authorities arrested and charged Jutson with murder. He is being held on a \$500,000 bond and has been indicted for murder by a grand jury. Sherry is survived by her daughter and her two sons.

CAMERON COUNTY

Kassandra Roquemore, 25

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 | BROWNSVILLE

Kassandra Roquemore died when her ex-boyfriend, Francisco Hernandez Jr., 29, shot and killed her. Hernandez, Mary Bodden, 30, and Michael Culvert, 30, moved Kassandra's body to an open field and set fire to her remains. A person extinguishing the grass fire found Kassandra deceased and called 911. In April 2023, authorities charged Hernandez with murder, abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence, and set a bond of \$1,030,000. Authorities charged Bodden with abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence and set a bond of \$30,000. In May 2024, authorities arrested Culvert at a port of entry, charging him with abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence, and set a bond of \$70,000. Hernandez has a history of violence, including a charge for dating violence in January 2023. A grand jury indicted Hernandez and Bodden.

Jocelyn Morales, 22

AUGUST 16, 2023 | BROWNSVILLE

Jocelyn Morales died in her home after her husband, Abel Nava, 22, suffocated and killed her. Law enforcement officers found Jocelyn deceased after responding to a welfare check request. Authorities issued a warrant for Nava, arresting him the following day. Nava confessed to killing Jocelyn. Bond was set at \$1 million, and a grand jury indicted Nava for murder. Jocelyn is survived by her son.

CHAMBERS COUNTY

Joseph Hartsfield, 46

JANUARY 7, 2023 | BAYTOWN

Joseph Hartsfield died in a hospital after his wife, Sarah Hartsfield, 47, injected him with high doses of insulin. When Joseph was unresponsive, Hartsfield contacted emergency responders. Healthcare providers reported concerns to investigators. Joseph died days later. Authorities arrested and charged Hartsfield with murder. Hartsfield has a history of violence and harassment against prior partners and family members. She was also implicated in a former fiancé's death. Joseph is survived by his son and daughter.

“His sudden passing has left a void in the hearts of his loved ones and everyone who knew him.”

CLAY COUNTY

Kenneth Douglas, 57

MARCH 24, 2023 | PETROLIA

Kenneth Douglas died when his girlfriend, Brittany Rouleau, 37, stabbed and killed him in their home. Emergency responders attempted life-saving measures on Kenneth, then pronounced him deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Rouleau with murder, setting bond at \$600,000. At the time of the murder, Rouleau was on bond with Wichita County for several charges, including aggravated sexual assault of a child; in May 2024, a jury convicted Rouleau and sentenced her to 60 years in prison. The murder charges are still pending in Clay County.

COLLIN COUNTY

Layla Sherwani, 38

AUGUST 28, 2023 | ALLEN

Layla Sherwani died after her husband, Farman Sherwani, 41, shot and killed her in their home. Sherwani also shot and killed their sons, Shaheen Sherwani, age 12, and Mateen Sherwani, age 2. Family members requested a welfare check after being locked out of the home and unable to contact the family. Responding officers gained access and found Layla, Shaheen, Mateen, and Sherwani deceased.

Yul Dominique, 40

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 | DALLAS

Yul Dominique died when his girlfriend, Tiffany Colbert, 27, shot him. A grand jury indicted Colbert on murder charges. Colbert pled guilty to manslaughter and received a sentence of 18 years in prison.

Kayla Kelley, 33

JANUARY 18, 2023 | MCKINNEY

Kayla Kelley died after her boyfriend, Ocastor Ferguson, 33, kidnapped and asphyxiated her. Ferguson set fire to Kayla's vehicle and buried her in a wooded area near his home in Grand Prairie. Authorities arrested Ferguson for kidnapping and after locating Kayla one week later, charged him with murder. A jury convicted Ferguson of murder and sentenced him to life in prison. Kayla had dated Ferguson for several months when she learned he had given her a false identity and he was married. Kayla confronted Ferguson before he kidnapped and killed her.

Nawreen Tuli, 31

DECEMBER 25, 2023 | MCKINNEY

Nawreen Tuli died after her husband, Nasib Ahsan, 33, strangled and killed her at home. Ahsan called a relative and confessed to strangling Nawreen. Authorities responded to the home and found Nawreen deceased. Authorities arrested Ahsan, setting a bond at \$1 million. A grand jury indicted Ahsan for capital murder of multiple persons. A month prior, Ahsan was arrested for assaulting Nawreen and issued an emergency protective order. Nawreen was three months pregnant.

COMAL COUNTY

Andreanna Maria Flores, 19

MAY 19, 2023 | NEW BRAUNFELS

Andreanna Flores died after her boyfriend, Gilberto Sepulveda, 25, killed her. Family members reported Andreanna missing in May 2023. Law enforcement officers arrested and charged Sepulveda with capital murder, continuous family violence and continuous violation of a protective order in May 2024. Sepulveda had a history of threats against Andreanna. She was trying to end her relationship with him when she disappeared. Andreanna is survived by her two children, ages 2 months and 2 years.

DALLAS COUNTY

Sheriffa Nelson, 31

JANUARY 29, 2023 | ADDISON

Sheriffa Nelson died when her husband, Keone Israel, 42, stabbed and killed her in their home. Israel then cut and injured himself. Officers responding to a welfare check request found Sheriffa deceased, and Israel injured. Authorities arrested and charged Israel with murder. He pled guilty and received a sentence of 50 years in prison. Sheriffa is survived by her daughter, age 6.

Esmeralda De Jesus Marquez Rodriguez, 36

APRIL 23, 2023 | ADDISON

Esmeralda De Jesus Marquez Rodriguez died when her boyfriend, Atilio Rivera, 46, strangled and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Rivera with murder. Esmeralda is survived by her two daughters and her son.

Hilda Gurrola, 34

NOVEMBER 21, 2023 | BALCH SPRINGS

Hilda Gurrola died after her husband, Luis Pardo, 38, stabbed and killed her in their home. Their son and nephew were present. A week prior, Hilda had ended the relationship and moved out of the home with their children. Hilda returned with family members to retrieve belongings. Hilda's sister heard Hilda scream inside the home and attempted to stop Pardo from killing Hilda. Pardo then stole Hilda's sister's vehicle and fled. Family members called 911. A grand jury indicted Pardo for murder; he remains at large. Hilda is survived by her two daughters, ages 12 and 10, and son, age 3.

Venus Rodriguez, 16

JANUARY 16, 2023 | DALLAS

Venus Rodriguez died after her boyfriend, Arturo Flores, 22, shot and killed her in his home. Flores moved Venus' body to a creek near the home. Venus' family was concerned about her relationship with Flores and reported her missing in September 2022. Neighbors witnessed Flores chasing Venus down the street and reported that Flores had physically assaulted Venus weeks before he murdered her. Authorities arrested and charged Flores with murder.

DALLAS COUNTY *continued*

Juan Diego Cruz, 18

MARCH 12, 2023 | DALLAS

Juan Diego Cruz died when his ex-girlfriend, Azucena Sanchez, 20, shot and killed him. Sanchez broke into the home with Artemio Maldonado, 28, and shot and killed Juan's friend, Fatima Alvarado, 21, and Juan's brother and sister-in-law, Guadalupe Cruz, 25, and Jasmin Borja, 20. Family members went to the home after being unable to reach any of the victims and called 911. Juan and Sanchez had an ongoing child custody case for their infant son. Sanchez had been arrested for family violence assault against Juan and had signed an affidavit acknowledging she was prohibited from possessing firearms. Authorities arrested and charged Sanchez and Maldonado with capital murder. Juan is survived by his son.

Ra'Jean Jackson, 28

MARCH 16, 2023 | DALLAS

Ra'Jean Jackson died after her boyfriend, Devante Traylor, 30, shot and killed her in his vehicle. Traylor has a history of family violence assault against a previous partner and was prohibited from possessing a firearm. Authorities arrested Traylor and charged him with murder. Ra'Jean is survived by her two daughters.

Marcel Ballard, 23

MARCH 25, 2023 | DALLAS

Marcel Ballard died when his girlfriend, Delila Salinas, 23, hit him with a vehicle. A witness observed Salinas push Marcel and then drag and run over Marcel with the vehicle. Authorities arrested and charged Salinas with manslaughter.

Angelica Hinojosa, 28

APRIL 12, 2023 | DALLAS

Angelica Hinojosa died when her ex-boyfriend, Juan Carlos Escamilla, 36, shot and killed her. Escamilla then shot and killed himself.

Angelica's son was present. Angelica had tried to end the relationship with Escamilla. Angelica is survived by her son, age 11.

“Nothing will ever
be the same for our
family ever again
without her.”

Andrea Garcia, 50

MAY 4, 2023 | DALLAS

Andrea Garcia died when her boyfriend, William Jackson, 59, shot and killed her in their home. Andrea's roommate witnessed Jackson holding the firearm and leaving the home after the shooting. Authorities arrested and charged Jackson with murder. A grand jury indicted him. Andrea is survived by her daughter.

DALLAS COUNTY *continued*

Gabriella Gonzales, 26

MAY 10, 2023 | DALLAS

Gabriella Gonzalez died when her boyfriend, Harold Thompson, 22, shot and killed her in her home. A witness saw and surveillance recorded Thompson put Gabriella in a chokehold before shooting her multiple times. Thompson had a criminal history with prior charges of domestic assault, which resulted in a warrant being issued for his arrest prior to the shooting. In March 2023, Gabriella reported a strangulation assault and abusive behaviors to police. During their relationship, Thompson isolated Gabriella from family, kept her from accessing her phone, and threatened to hurt her family members. Gabriella was pregnant when Thompson strangled her. She was attempting to end her relationship with Thompson. Authorities arrested and charged Thompson with murder; he was held without bond. Gabriella is survived by her two daughters and her son.

Lusero Guzman, 22

JULY 20, 2023 | DALLAS

Lusero Guzman died after her husband, Eric Thomas, 29, shot her. Thomas then called Lusero's friend and confessed to killing her. Lusero's children were in the home and Thomas exited the home with the children when law enforcement officers responded. Emergency responders transported Lusero to a hospital, where she died. Authorities arrested and charged Thomas with murder. He pled guilty and received a sentence of 40 years in prison. Lusero is survived by her three children.

Becky Alvarado Tamayo, 39

JULY 27, 2023 | DALLAS

Becky Alvarado Tamayo died when her husband, Cruse Tamayo, 35, shot and killed her. Officers responding to a welfare check request found Becky deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Tamayo with murder. The judge set bond at \$1 million. Becky is survived by her six children.

Quinton Dean, 41

AUGUST 1, 2023 | DALLAS

Quinton Dean died when his girlfriend, Anthaneta Bush, 35, stabbed him. U.S. Marshalls arrested Bush for a murder warrant and booked her into Bell County Jail in September 2024.

Nancy Gonzalez, 29

AUGUST 26, 2023 | DALLAS

Nancy Gonzalez died when her husband, Christian Lopez Ibarra, 33, shot and killed her. Ibarra then shot and killed himself. Nancy had separated from Ibarra. Nancy is survived by her three sons, ages 4 to 11.

DALLAS COUNTY *continued*

Gyjah Powers-Green, 21

AUGUST 26, 2023 | DALLAS

Gyjah Powers-Green died when her boyfriend, Roberto Galloway, 44, shot and killed her in their home. Galloway then shot and killed himself. Officers responding to a request for a welfare check found them both deceased. Two weeks prior to shooting Gyjah, Galloway was arrested for assaulting her and prohibited from possessing a firearm under conditions of bond.

Jenean Chapman, 46

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 | DALLAS

Jenean Chapman died when her husband, James Patrick, 49, strangled and assaulted her in her home. Officers responded to a request for a welfare check and found Jenean deceased. Patrick has a history of violence against Jenean; she had informed family members Patrick strangled her to the point of losing consciousness in a recent assault. Jenean was separating from Patrick; he was moving out when he killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Patrick with murder; he was held on a \$1 million bond.

Dishaye Stevenson, 35

OCTOBER 24, 2023 | DALLAS

Dishaye Stevenson died after her husband, Michael Smith, 39, shot and killed her in his vehicle. Family members reported they were unable to reach Dishaye. Authorities located Dishaye deceased on the side of the road the next day. Authorities arrested and charged Smith with murder, setting a bond of \$1 million. A grand jury indicted Smith for murder and the case is currently set for a jury trial. Dishaye was planning to divorce Smith. Dishaye is survived by her daughter.

Jeanifer Harris, 37

NOVEMBER 28, 2023 | DALLAS

Jeanifer Harris died after her boyfriend, Roderick Terry Jr., 35, shot her. Terry then shot himself. Officers responded to the home, and emergency responders transported Jeanifer and Terry to a hospital, where they both died two days later. Jeanifer is survived by her daughter.

Brenda Cruz Gutierrez, 29

DECEMBER 30, 2023 | DALLAS

Brenda Cruz Gutierrez died after her boyfriend, Juan Jesus Magana, 28, shot and killed her in his home. Magana then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement responded to a welfare check and found Brenda and Magana deceased. Brenda is survived by her child.

DALLAS COUNTY *continued*

Catalina Andrade Valdez, 47

NOVEMBER 24, 2023 | FARMERS BRANCH

Catalina Andrade Valdez died in her home after her husband, Jose Santiago Chairez, 49, shot and killed her. Chairez also shot and injured his daughter, age 18, and shot and killed Catalina's sister, Merced Bailon, 43. Authorities arrested Chairez, and a grand jury indicted him on charges of capital murder of multiple persons and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon family violence. Chairez is on an immigration hold with bond set at \$2.1 million.

Phi Kim Nguyen, 66

NOVEMBER 29, 2023 | GARLAND

Phi Kim Nguyen died after her husband, Luat Nguyen, 65, shot and killed her in their home. Nguyen called 911 and reported that he killed Phi Kim and planned to kill himself. Nguyen then shot himself. Emergency responders arrived and found Phi Kim and Nguyen deceased. Phi Kim is survived by her four children.

“Losing her will be
felt for many years
to come.”

Yolanda Kelly, 41

JANUARY 28, 2023 | GRAND PRAIRIE

Yolanda Kelly died when her boyfriend, Eric Riddley, 25, strangled, assaulted, and killed her in a home. Yolanda's daughter was in the home. Riddley called his mother, who came to the home and called 911, then Riddley fled. Law enforcement officers responded to a call for a medical emergency and found Yolanda deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Riddley with murder. Riddley has a history of violence towards Yolanda. Yolanda is survived by her two daughters, ages 10 and 15.

Gregory Carter, 37

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 | MESQUITE

Gregory Carter died when his girlfriend, LaTronda Champion, 39, stabbed him in their home. Champion called 911. Emergency responders transported Gregory to a hospital where he died. Authorities arrested and charged Champion with murder. A grand jury indicted her on murder charges.

Aurelia Zelaya, 41

DECEMBER 24, 2023 | RICHARDSON

Aurelia Zelaya died after her boyfriend, Fredis Martinez Maldonado, 49, assaulted her. Emergency responders transported Aurelia to a hospital, where she died days later. Authorities arrested and charged Martinez Maldonado with aggravated sexual assault and aggravated assault, serious bodily injury. The charges were updated to capital murder after Aurelia's death. Aurelia is survived by her daughter.

DALLAS COUNTY *continued*

Sharon Radebaugh, 78

JUNE 3, 2023 | ROWLETT

Sharon Radebaugh died in her home after her ex-boyfriend, Wilson Elliott, 83, shot and killed her. Officers responded and found Sharon deceased. Authorities arrested Elliott and he confessed to killing Sharon. Elliott had asked relatives about Sharon's activities and if she had been dating anyone. Elliott confessed to law enforcement about asking Sharon the day he killed her if she was in a relationship. He then shot her twice. A grand jury indicted Elliot on a murder charge and bond was set at \$1 million. An expert determined Elliott was not competent to stand trial; he remains in custody. Sharon is survived by her three adult daughters.

Zuleika Lucia Lopez, 48

NOVEMBER 14, 2023 | WILMER

Zuleika Lucia Lopez died when her husband, Juan Aguilar-Cano, 38, assaulted and killed her at her home. Aguilar-Cano then abducted Zuleika's son, age 10. After not hearing from Zuleika, her daughter went to her home and found Zuleika deceased. Authorities found Zuleika's son in Laredo and reunited him with family. Authorities issued a murder warrant for Aguilar-Cano, who remains at large. Zuleika is survived by her son and her daughter.

DENTON COUNTY

Pamela Bush, 59

MARCH 24, 2023 | DALLAS

Pamela Bush died when her ex-husband, Richard Davis, 62, shot and killed her. Davis fled and authorities later arrested and charged him with murder. Pamela had divorced Davis in 2017.

Stephanie Ingram, 30

AUGUST 24, 2023 | ELM RIDGE

Stephanie Ingram died when her boyfriend, Anthony Thornton, 32, shot and killed her. Stephanie's infant was home. Thornton then shot and killed himself. Stephanie is survived by her four children.

Kelly Kruger, 44

OCTOBER 21, 2023 | LEWISVILLE

Kelly Kruger died when her boyfriend, Samuel Parrish, 43, stabbed and killed her in his home. Parrish confessed to a family member, who requested a welfare check before going to the home and finding Parrish deceased. Kelly is survived by her children.

DENTON COUNTY *continued*

Sarah Dudley, 32

JUNE 24, 2023 | THE COLONY

Sarah Dudley died after her husband, Karlton Dudley, 37, asphyxiated and killed her. Dudley then placed Sarah's body in a nearby lake and reported her missing. Authorities discovered Sarah in the lake, and then arrested Dudley and charged him with abuse of a corpse without legal authority, updating the charges to murder after completing their investigation. Authorities set bail at \$1 million for these charges, as well as several unrelated sexual crimes against children. Dudley has a history of controlling behavior towards Sarah.

ECTOR COUNTY

Lisa Clark Miller, 58

AUGUST 12, 2023 | ODESSA

Lisa Clark Miller died after her husband, Michael Miller, 56, assaulted and killed her in the home they shared. Miller texted his brother confessing to killing Lisa and planning to kill himself. Miller then overdosed on prescription medication. Law enforcement conducted a welfare check and found Lisa deceased and Miller unconscious. Emergency responders transported Miller to a hospital, and authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Lisa is survived by her son and daughter.

Kristina Alvarado, 36

SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 | ODESSA

Kristina Alvarado died when her husband, William Silva, 43, shot and killed her. Silva then killed himself. Kristina is survived by her three daughters.

“It is because of
her that we are
who we are today.”

EL PASO COUNTY

Michelle Morales-Nakaza, 32

APRIL 10, 2023 | EL PASO

Michelle Morales-Nakaza died after her boyfriend, Christopher Maya, 34, shot and killed her. Michelle's mother reported her missing. Maya confessed to two acquaintances that he shot Michelle. Authorities arrested and charged Maya with murder and held him on a \$1 million bond. Maya has a history of abusive behavior. He had told a friend that he planned to kill Michelle multiple times. Michelle is survived by her son and her two daughters.

Deborah Sheeran, 56

JUNE 11, 2023 | EL PASO

Deborah Sheeran died when her husband, Eric Sheeran, 58, shot and killed her. Sheeran then shot and killed himself. A family member requested a welfare check and responding officers found them both deceased.

EL PASO COUNTY *continued*

Juan Antonio Gonzalez-Garcia, 46

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | EL PASO

Juan Antonio Gonzalez-Garcia died after his boyfriend, David Luna Mijares, 43, stabbed him in a home. Emergency responders transported Juan to a hospital where he died. Authorities arrested and charged Mijares with murder.

Jose Luis Avalos Reyes, 47

DECEMBER 27, 2023 | EL PASO

Jose Luis Avalos Reyes died when his wife, Luz Elena Martinez, 54, shot and killed him in their home. Authorities arrested and charged Martinez with murder.

FORT BEND COUNTY

Jameka Williams, 38

NOVEMBER 10, 2023 | HOUSTON

Jameka Williams died after her ex-boyfriend, Christopher Levels, 40, shot and killed her. Three of her children were present. Levels fled, and later turned himself in. Authorities charged him with murder. Jameka is survived by her four children.

Yaima Verjes, 22

MAY 10, 2023 | RICHMOND

Yaima Verjes died when her boyfriend, Abel Sosa, 20, shot and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Sosa with murder, and he is being held on a \$500,000 bond. Sosa was on probation and prohibited from possessing a firearm. Yaima is survived by her infant daughter.

Wendy Duan, 29

JANUARY 7, 2023 | SUGARLAND

Wendy Duan died after a person she dated, Charvas Thompson, 26, shot and killed her in her home. Authorities arrested Thompson in Louisiana and charged him with murder. Thompson died by suicide in jail.

Lantonia Faulk, 43

APRIL 16, 2023 | SUGARLAND

Lantonia Faulk died at a hospital after her boyfriend, Alton Sandles, 38, shot her. Lantonia's son was at home. Law enforcement officers responded to a 911 call from Lantonia, stating Sandles was assaulting her. Responding officers saw Sandles shoot Lantonia and then he shot at officers, who then shot him. Sandles set the house on fire. Emergency responders found Sandles deceased inside the home. Lantonia is survived by her son, age 15, and her adult daughter.

“She was the type of person that made most folks feel like they were her best friend. And they were... We lost her too soon, but her impact was massive.”

GALVESTON COUNTY

Tina Kelley, 45

MAY 26, 2023 | GILCHRIST

Tina Kelley died when a person she dated, Raymond Borden Jr., 45, shot and killed her at her home. Borden then fled in Tina's vehicle. When law enforcement conducted a welfare check, they found Tina deceased. Borden was already in custody for other crimes when authorities charged Borden with murder and set a \$250,000 bond. A grand jury indicted him for murder. Tina is survived by her three adult children.

Sally Staehli, 57

MARCH 20, 2023 | LEAGUE CITY

Sally Staehli died after her husband, Lance Staehli, 54, shot her in their home. Staehli then shot and killed himself. Staehli's employers requested a welfare check when Staehli did not show up to work. Law enforcement found Sally and Staehli deceased.

Gaylynn Varley, 63

AUGUST 19, 2023 | LEAGUE CITY

Gaylynn Varley died after her husband, David Varley, 83, shot and killed her in their home. Varley then called 911. When law enforcement officers responded they found Gaylynn deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Varley with murder and set the bond at \$250,000. Varley had a history of threatening to shoot people. Varley died of natural causes while awaiting his trial. Gaylynn is survived by a daughter and son.

Sok Choi, 65

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 | SAN LEON

Sok Choi died when her husband, James Reece, 62, shot and killed her. Reece killed their dog, then shot and killed himself. A neighbor called 911. When deputies arrived, they found all three deceased.

GRAY COUNTY

Eleanor Thatcher, 80

APRIL 29, 2023 | PAMPA

Eleanor Thatcher died after her husband, Donald Thatcher, 73, assaulted and killed her at their home. Thatcher had a history of abusive behavior towards Eleanor. Authorities arrested Thatcher. The grand jury indicted him for manslaughter and injury to elderly charges. A \$1 million bond was set for each charge. Eleanor is survived by her son and her daughter.

GRAYSON COUNTY

Crystal Jones, 43

OCTOBER 25, 2023 | SHERMAN

Crystal Jones died when her ex-husband, Anthony Jones Sr., 47, shot and killed her in their home. Jones has a history of violence. Law enforcement had responded to the home before, including a few days before the murder. Authorities arrested and charged Jones with murder and aggravated assault. His bond was set at \$1.4 million. Crystal had divorced Jones and reconciled with him in the year prior to her death. Crystal is survived by her four children.

Brian Olivo, 26

APRIL 9, 2023 | DENISON

Brian Olivo died after his girlfriend, Claudia Ramirez, 47, struck him with her vehicle, killing him and leaving him in the roadway. Ramirez attempted to stage Brian's death as a hit and run, but authorities arrested and charged her with manslaughter days later. Ramirez has a history of violence against Brian and was arrested in Guadalupe County in 2022. Brian is survived by his three children.

GREGG COUNTY

Ashley Wall, 33

APRIL 22, 2023 | LONGVIEW

Ashley Wall died when her husband, Michael Headrick, 41, shot and killed her at their home. Headrick then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement officers responded to a call regarding a shooting and found both Ashley and Headrick deceased. Ashley is survived by her son and her daughter.

Michael Bauchum, 30

MARCH 5, 2023 | LONGVIEW

Michael Bauchum died when his ex-girlfriend, Rashandra Godfrey, 37, shot him at a local restaurant. Emergency responders transported Michael to a hospital, where he later died. Authorities arrested and charged Godfrey with murder and also charged her with other crimes related to an October 2017 offense. Michael is survived by his daughter and his son.

Kimberly Alexander, 61

JULY 10, 2023 | WHITE OAK

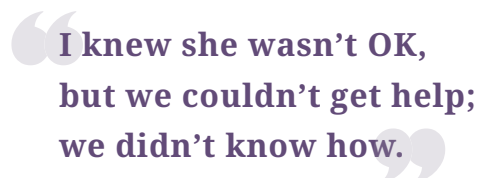
Kimberly Alexander died after her husband, James Alexander, 63, shot and killed her at her home. Alexander fled and a few days later was involved in a vehicle accident, where authorities discovered firearms in his vehicle. Kimberly's son found her deceased two days after she was killed and called 911. Authorities arrested and charged Alexander with murder. He pled guilty and received a sentence of 30 years in prison. Alexander has a history of violence. Kimberly is survived by her three sons and her daughter.

HARRIS COUNTY

Rutilia Rosales Esteban, 25

JANUARY 4, 2023 | CHANNELVIEW

Rutilia Rosales Esteban died in her home when her husband, Edgar Flores Meza, 29, shot and killed her. Meza then shot and killed himself. Meza's teen brother was in the home and called 911 for help. Meza had a history of violence towards Rutilia.

 **I knew she wasn't OK,
but we couldn't get help;
we didn't know how.**

Alexis Falcon, 23

JANUARY 14, 2023 | HOUSTON

Alexis Falcon died after her boyfriend, Keita Albert, 21, shot and killed her in her home. Law enforcement responded to a report of a shooting and discovered Alexis deceased in the home. At the time of the murder, Albert had a firearm prohibition as a condition of bond, which occurred after threatening another woman with a firearm seven months earlier. Authorities arrested and charged Albert with murder. He is being held without bond.

Maria Jose Rivera Rivera, 22

JANUARY 21, 2023 | HOUSTON

Maria Jose Rivera Rivera died when a person she was dating, Chase Akpulon, 25, shot and killed her at her home. Akpulon then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement responded to a welfare check request and found Maria Jose and Akpulon deceased.

Tamarah Derry-Tijani, 41

JANUARY 24, 2023 | HOUSTON

Tamarah Derry-Tijani died after her boyfriend Christopher Edwards, 52, shot and killed her at a hotel. Edwards shot and injured Tamarah's daughter, 21. Edwards then fled. Emergency responders transported Tamarah's daughter to a hospital. Edwards has a history of violence and had been convicted of murder in 1991. Authorities arrested and charged Edwards with murder, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful carrying of a weapon. He was sentenced to 45 years in prison for killing Tamarah and shooting her adult daughter.

Candace Rechtmann, 29

JANUARY 25, 2023 | HOUSTON

Candace Rechtmann died when her boyfriend, Tyler Greenwood, 31, shot and killed her. Greenwood then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement responded to a welfare check call that evening and found Candace and Greenwood. Paramedics pronounced them each deceased.

Hilda Vargas, 62

FEBRUARY 22, 2023 | HOUSTON

Hilda Vargas died when her husband, Francisco Vargas, 66, shot and killed her. Vargas then shot and killed himself.

HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

Laura Sherrard, 55

MARCH 3, 2023 | HOUSTON

Laura Sherrard died when her husband, Paul Rubin, 64, shot and killed her. Laura dialed 911 and the dispatcher heard gunshots. Rubin shot and killed Laura's son, Alexander Sherrard, 16. He then shot and killed himself. When law enforcement arrived, they found the door locked, forced entry, and found Laura, Alexander, and Rubin deceased.

Rebecca Castillo, 61

MARCH 6, 2023 | HOUSTON

Rebecca Castillo died from injuries sustained in 2015, when her husband, Jose Castillo, 58, assaulted her with a weapon. Rebecca's daughter found her injured and called 911 in February 2015. Emergency responders transported her to a hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Castillo with aggravated assault, serious bodily injury. In April 2022, a jury found Castillo guilty of aggravated assault and sentenced him to 15 years in prison. Rebecca died one year later. A medical examiner ruled her death a murder, resulting from injuries sustained in the 2015 assault. Rebecca is survived by her daughters.

Delmy Morales, 18

MARCH 15, 2023 | HOUSTON

Delmy Morales died when her ex-boyfriend, Walter Ramirez, 18, stabbed and killed her. Three days prior to the murder, Delmy had reported to law enforcement Ramirez's threats and abuse. Authorities charged Ramirez with murder and arrested him in Virginia. Ramirez is in custody with \$500,000 bond. Delmy is survived by her infant daughter.

Nathan Freeman, 32

MARCH 20, 2023 | HOUSTON

Nathan Freeman died when his girlfriend, Liliana Cervantes, 25, stabbed and killed him at their home. Nathan's daughters were in the home. When law enforcement arrived, they found Cervantes attempting to stitch up Nathan's wounds. Paramedics pronounced Nathan dead. Authorities arrested and charged Cervantes with murder, and a grand jury indicted her. Nathan is survived by his three children.

Besy Ayala-Barrientos, 39

APRIL 9, 2023 | HOUSTON

Besy Ayala-Barrientos died after her former dating partner, Edwin Galdamez-Alas, 29, shot and killed her at her home. Besy's brother and family went to her home after not hearing from her and found her deceased. Authorities arrested Galdamez-Alas and charged him with murder and tampering or fabricating physical evidence. Besy is survived by four children.

Crystal Soto, 19

APRIL 13, 2023 | HOUSTON

Crystal Soto died when her ex-boyfriend, Jusiayn Bennett, 19, shot and killed her in her vehicle. Bennett arranged for Crystal to pick him up and had two friends join him. When Crystal parked her vehicle at her apartment, Bennett walked to the driver's side and shot her before fleeing with his friends. Weeks later, Bennett shot and killed another man while stealing his vehicle. Authorities arrested and charged him with capital murder and while he was detained, detectives completed their investigation of Crystal's death. Authorities then charged him with Crystal's murder.

Crystal Lynch, 34

MAY 7, 2023 | HOUSTON

Crystal Lynch died when her husband, Marquise Rochard Gasper, 37, killed her. Gasper attempted to make it appear as though Crystal had disappeared; however, after an investigation, law enforcement determined that Gasper had killed Crystal. Authorities arrested Gasper and charged him with her murder, among other charges related to her death, including unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and tampering with evidence. Crystal is survived by her young daughters.

Julia Picazo Carranza, 40

MAY 10, 2023 | HOUSTON

Julia Picazo Carranza died after her husband, Ausencio Garcia, 44, stabbed and killed her. Garcia then fled; at a convenience store in Beeville, he tried to kidnap another woman unrelated or known to Garcia. Garcia led the police on a chase. Authorities arrested and charged Garcia with murder and additional charges.

Jasmine McHenry, 29

JUNE 11, 2023 | HOUSTON

Jasmine McHenry died when her husband, Thomas Alexander, 32, shot and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Alexander with murder; he was held on a \$1 million bond. Jasmine is survived by two children.

“She was a source of love, support and security for her children, and her loss has left them heartbroken.”

Cindy Camarillo, 38

JULY 20, 2023 | HOUSTON

Cindy Camarillo died when her boyfriend, Santiago Vallejo, 39, shot and killed her outside of their shared home. Cindy's son was in the home. When law enforcement arrived, Vallejo confessed to killing Cindy. Authorities arrested and charged Vallejo with murder; he was held on a \$250,000 bond. Cindy is survived by her son, age 14.

Ana Belén Aroca Aguilera, 25

JULY 23, 2023 | HOUSTON

Ana Belén Aroca Aguilera died when her ex-husband, Francisco López Pineda, 23, shot and killed her while refusing to give Ana access to her son during a custody exchange at his home. López Pineda fled, then shot and killed himself. Officers found him deceased one block from the home. Ana is survived by her son, age 2.

HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

Melissa Fowler, 43

JULY 29, 2023 | HOUSTON

Melissa Fowler died when her boyfriend, Marques Potts, 58, stabbed and killed her in her home. Potts broke into Melissa's home, stabbed and killed her dog, and waited for her to return before attacking her. Witnesses saw Potts leaving the apartment. Potts has a history of violence against Melissa and a prior partner. Potts was arrested and charged with aggravated assault in March of 2021 when he stabbed and injured his partner at the time. He pled guilty and received deferred adjudication in November 2022. He was ordered to start a Battering Intervention and Prevention Program in January 2023. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder; the charges were updated to capital murder. Melissa is survived by two daughters.

Veronica Elizalde, 50

AUGUST 7, 2023 | HOUSTON

Veronica Elizalde died when her husband, Juan Jose Trillo-Calvo, 51, stabbed her multiple times and killed her in their home. He then fled. Law enforcement and emergency responders found Veronica deceased. Authorities charged Trillo-Calvo with murder; he remains at large. Veronica had filed for divorce in February 2023. She is survived by her daughter.

Monica Thomas, 35

AUGUST 14, 2023 | HOUSTON

Monica Thomas died when her boyfriend, Latrenton Washington, 36, shot and killed her in a vehicle. Washington then fled in another car with another individual. Washington confessed to killing Monica to his family and his federal probation officer. Washington was on probation and prohibited from possessing a firearm. Authorities arrested and charged Washington with murder. Thomas is survived by her two children, ages 14 and 16.

Mark Constantine, 49

AUGUST 31, 2023 | HOUSTON

Mark Constantine died after his girlfriend, Trazana Mitchell, 41, stabbed and killed him in their home. Mitchell fled and asked a family member to check on Mark. The family member contacted law enforcement. Authorities arrested and charged Mitchell with murder. A grand jury indicted her. Mitchell was previously convicted of manslaughter in another state for the stabbing death of a former intimate partner. Mark is survived by his children.

Keyanna Mercer, 23

SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 | HOUSTON

Keyanna Mercer died when her boyfriend, Joshua Zimmerman, 30, shot and killed her in a hotel. Hotel staff contacted law enforcement who found Keyanna deceased. Authorities in Mississippi arrested Zimmerman on separate felony charges; while he was awaiting extradition to Harris County, Zimmerman escaped. He was captured in Chicago in August 2024 after a SWAT standoff. Keyanna is survived by her child.

HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

Victoria Anderson, 34

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | HOUSTON

Victoria Anderson died in her home when her husband, James Paul Anderson, 37, shot and killed her. Victoria had called 911 to report that Anderson was threatening to shoot her and emergency responders heard gunfire. When police arrived, Anderson agreed to let their son leave the home before barricading himself inside for several hours. Authorities arrested and charged Anderson with murder. He is in custody on a \$300,000 bond. Victoria had filed for divorce one month prior to the murder. Anderson had previously called 911 to report Victoria had removed his guns from the home and secured them in her father's safe. Victoria is survived by her son, age 3.

Courtney Grantom, 28

OCTOBER 1, 2023 | HOUSTON

Courtney Grantom died in her home when her husband, Devin Grantom, 28, shot and killed her. Recently, Courtney had relocated and was attempting to end their relationship. On the day of the incident, she went to their shared home and contacted her father for help, who arrived with a friend. Inside the home, other relatives, including Courtney's two-year-old son, were present. Grantom's mother, Deborah, was shot and killed and Courtney's father and his friend were shot and injured. Authorities arrested Grantom and charged him with Courtney's murder. Courtney is survived by her son, age 2.

Karly Navarrete, 48

OCTOBER 1, 2023 | HOUSTON

Karly Navarrete died in her home when her husband, Ever Navarrete, 55, shot and killed her. Family members reported Navarrete had a history of abuse towards Karly. She had separated from him and was obtaining a divorce. Karly had recently secured a safe home when Navarrete used a car tracking device to locate her. He shot Karly when she opened her garage door and also shot and injured Karly's nephew. Navarrete called his son and confessed to the killing. He fled to El Salvador. He was later located and extradited back to Houston. Authorities charged him with murder. Karly is survived by her two adult daughters and adult son.

Charity Stewart, 38

OCTOBER 3, 2023 | HOUSTON

Charity Stewart died in a hotel when her boyfriend, Keyth Scott, 31, assaulted and killed her. Scott has a history of violence against intimate partners. In January 2023, he was arrested and charged for assaulting and strangling a previous partner. In July 2023, he was arrested and charged for assaulting, strangling, and threatening to kill a second previous partner. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder in Charity's death.

Miriam Martinez Pol, 56

OCTOBER 8, 2023 | HOUSTON

Miriam Martinez Pol died when her ex-boyfriend, Roger Betancourt-Castillo, 40, shot and killed her in her apartment. He then fled. Law enforcement responding to gunshots discovered Miriam. Emergency responders transported her to a hospital where she died. Authorities charged Betancourt-Castillo with murder; he remains at large.

Robin Simpson, 49



NOVEMBER 1, 2023 | HOUSTON

Robin Simpson died when her husband, Michael Simpson Jr., 58, stabbed, mutilated, and killed her. Robin had called 911 to report her husband was threatening to kill himself. When officers arrived, they found Robin deceased. Robin's child was in the home. Emergency responders took Simpson to a hospital for self-inflicted wounds. Authorities arrested and charged Simpson with murder and aggravated assault, holding him on a \$340,000 bond. Robin had filed for divorce in May 2022. Robin is survived by her daughter.

Xinying Di, 34

NOVEMBER 14, 2023 | HOUSTON

Xinying Di died in her home when her husband, Chao Liang, 54, strangled and assaulted her. Liang then hung and killed himself. An officer from Houston Independent School District requested a welfare check after visiting the home when Xinying's son was not picked up from school. Responding officers found Xinying and Liang deceased in the home. Xinying is survived by her son.

 **I always looked forward to speaking with her. She was lively, funny, and dynamic. My heart hurts from her loss.** 

Idania Campos, 21

NOVEMBER 28, 2023 | HOUSTON

Idania Campos died when her ex-boyfriend, Ariel Cruz, 19, shot and killed her. Cruz moved Idania to the trunk of her vehicle. Idania's family reported her missing and then tracked her phone to her vehicle. They called law enforcement and then a locksmith, before breaking the window of the vehicle and finding Idania in the trunk. Cruz had joined the family to search for Idania and was interviewed by detectives. Cruz confessed to killing Idania. Authorities arrested and charged Cruz with murder. Idania had ended her relationship with Cruz.

Ashton Russell, 30

DECEMBER 7, 2023 | HOUSTON

Ashton Russell died after his ex-girlfriend, Sharonda Campbell, shot and killed him. Campbell has a history of harassment and violence against Ashton. In October 2022, she threatened him at his home and damaged his mother's vehicle. Campbell was charged with assault family violence for that incident in June 2024. Authorities arrested and charged Campbell with murder. Ashton is survived by his two children.

Ashley Davis, 33

DECEMBER 14, 2023 | HOUSTON

Ashley Davis died when her boyfriend, Richard Mitchell, 51, shot and killed her in their home. Mitchell left the home with their child, then returned the child to the home and fled. Neighbors heard gunshots and called 911. Law enforcement found Ashley deceased. Officers found Mitchell deceased after he shot and killed himself in another location. Ashley was survived by her child.

HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

Christina Abner, 33

DECEMBER 15, 2023 | HOUSTON

Christina Abner died when her boyfriend, Keith Lee, 34, shot and killed her in her home. Lee also assaulted and injured Christina's three children. Her two older children fled for help at a neighbor's house. Emergency responders transported Lee and the three children to the hospital. Authorities charged Lee with murder and three counts of injury to a child. Lee has a history of abuse. Authorities charged Lee with harassment in November 2023 after Christina had reported him three times for harassment in the six months prior to her murder. Christina is survived by her three children, ages 2, 4 and 10.

Antrell Phillips, 38

DECEMBER 21, 2023 | HOUSTON

Antrell Phillips died when her wife, Portia Phillips, 37, shot and killed her. Phillips called 911 to report shooting Antrell. Authorities arrested and charged Phillips with murder.

Fannie Uresti, 34

DECEMBER 25, 2023 | HOUSTON

Fannie Uresti died after her husband, Roberto Hernandez, 43, shot and killed her. Hernandez then shot and killed himself. The couple's three children were in the home. Hernandez had a history of controlling and threatening behavior. When Fannie planned to seek a divorce and end their relationship, Hernandez pulled out a firearm and threatened to kill himself. He had stalked Fannie and tracked her locations. Eleven days before the homicide, Fannie reported to law enforcement that her husband was controlling and tracking her movements. Fannie had also informed her family about Hernandez's controlling behavior and interference with her efforts to learn English. Fannie is survived by her three children.

Nityadevi Ramroop, 35

OCTOBER 31, 2023 | KATY

Nityadevi Ramroop died when her husband, Beesham Ramroop, 42, shot and killed her. Nityadevi was days away from finalizing her divorce when Ramroop ambushed her in her driveway with a gun. She had an active protective order, which prohibited Ramroop from possessing a firearm, and expressed to law enforcement fear for her safety. He also attacked Nityadevi's sister, who survived. Ramroop later killed himself. Nityadevi is survived by her three minor children.

Lesley Reyes, 19

MAY 26, 2023 | PASADENA

Lesley Reyes died when her ex-boyfriend, Juan Carlos Mata, 20, shot and killed her at her apartment complex. Lesley had ended the relationship a month prior; Mata continued texting and showing up at her complex. Mata stalked Lesley, waited for her to get home from work and killed her. Lesley's parents lived in the same complex, heard the gunshots and called Lesley to warn her of possible danger. Mata later returned to a memorial site at the complex and witnesses reported to police his strange behavior. When officers engaged with him, he shot and killed himself.

HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

Minh Nguyen, 60

MAY 24, 2023 | TOMBALL

Minh Nguyen died when her husband, Khan Nguyen, 70, shot and killed her. Nguyen then shot and killed himself. Minh's family members found the couple deceased. Minh is survived by her children.

HARRISON COUNTY

Ricky Ellis, 56

APRIL 7, 2023 | HALLSVILLE

Ricky Ellis died when his wife, Cassandra Harris, 54, shot and killed him in their home. When law enforcement arrived, Harris told them she shot Ricky. Authorities arrested Harris and charged her with murder. A grand jury indicted her in May 2023.

Camri Johnson, 26

OCTOBER 16, 2023 | MARSHALL

Camri Johnson died when her boyfriend, Windell Moris Jr., 23, stabbed and killed her in her home. Moris left the home and when he returned, he was questioned by law enforcement. Authorities arrested and charged Moris with murder and abandoning or endangering a child. A grand jury indicted him in February 2024. Camri is survived by her two children.

“She will be remembered for her accomplishments, love, and happiness she brought into the lives of those around her.”

HAYS COUNTY

Misty Nuncio, 39

OCTOBER 30, 2023 | SAN MARCOS

Misty Nuncio died when Andre Symon, 32, killed her in a highway intersection. First responders provided CPR, but Misty was pronounced deceased. Symon has a history of violence, including a January 2021 assault on a family member in Bexar County. He was also charged for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in a case from August 2021. As part of a plea deal, he pleaded guilty to the charge and was given 10 years deferred adjudication. In February 2022, he was arrested for assault on a family member. Misty is survived by three sons and one daughter.

HIDALGO COUNTY

Brittany Ireland, 38

OCTOBER 30, 2023 | ALAMO

Brittany Ireland died in her home when her boyfriend, Christopher Lee Soto, 41, stabbed and killed her. Law enforcement found Brittany deceased and Soto injured. Brittany's mother told law enforcement she spoke with Brittany two days prior to the murder, and she indicated she was afraid of Soto. Law enforcement transported Soto to the hospital for treatment and he was later arrested and charged with murder. Brittany is survived by her seven children.

Maria De La Carmen De Anda, 49

DECEMBER 27, 2023 | DONNA

Maria De La Carmen De Anda died after her husband, Ismael Terrazas Diaz, 49, suffocated and assaulted her in their home. Officers found Maria deceased. Diaz took Maria's car to a port of entry and then crossed into Mexico. Authorities issued a warrant for Diaz for murder; he remains at large. Maria is survived by her five children.

Editza Gomez, 40

AUGUST 19, 2023 | MISSION

Editza Gomez died after her boyfriend, Reynaldo Mercado III, 33, asphyxiated and shot her in his home. Police received a missing person's report and located Editza deceased. Kristian Valenzuela Jr., 24, Mercado's roommate, turned himself in, telling authorities he assisted Mercado with concealing Editza's body. Valenzuela said that Mercado threatened him with a firearm. Authorities arrested Valenzuela and Mercado, charging them with murder and tampering with physical evidence with the intent to impair a human corpse. Both defendants' bonds were set at \$3.5 million. Editza is survived by her five children.

Johanna Gould, 88

JULY 13, 2023 | MISSION

Johanna Gould died when her husband, William Gould, 88, shot and killed her in their home. Gould called 911 and reported that he killed Johanna. Gould then shot himself. Emergency responders found Johanna deceased and transported Gould to a hospital, where he died. Johanna is survived by her two sons.

Claudia Gonzalez, 49

APRIL 10, 2023 | PALMVIEW

Claudia Gonzalez died after her husband, Ramon Coronel Jr., 52, shot and killed her at a business. Coronel then shot and killed himself. Witnesses called 911 reporting a man holding a firearm. Claudia had separated from Coronel and filed for divorce in March 2023. The petition for divorce reports a history of abusive and controlling behavior toward Claudia, including physical violence. Claudia is survived by her three children.

Leeann Ramirez, 33

JULY 9, 2023 | SAN JUAN

Leeann Ramirez died after her husband, Felipe Ramirez Jr., 38, shot and killed her in front of their home. Ramirez then shot and killed himself. Leeann's five children were in the home. Law enforcement responded to a 911 call and found Leeann and Ramirez deceased. Leeann is survived by her five children, ages 7 to 15.

HOOD COUNTY

Venisa McLaughlin, 58

JANUARY 1, 2023 | GRANBURY

Venisa McLaughlin died after her husband, Jeffrey McLaughlin, 58, assaulted her in their home. Emergency responders transported Venisa and McLaughlin to a hospital, where Venisa died. Authorities arrested and charged McLaughlin with murder and bond was set at \$250,000. While awaiting trial, McLaughlin was taken from the County jail to a medical center, where he died. Venisa is survived by her two daughters.

Hannah Cole, 20

NOVEMBER 15, 2023 | INDIAN HARBOR

Hannah Cole died when her ex-boyfriend, Richard Flatt, age 21, shot her at her home. Flatt then shot and killed himself. Hannah's family members and neighbors were present. One of Flatt's friends was concerned about statements Flatt had made and requested a welfare check that was received after the shooting. Emergency responders transported Hannah to a hospital where she died. Hannah is survived by her infant daughter.

“She was a beautiful girl, full of life and potential. She loved her family and had the kindest heart.”

JASPER COUNTY

Rosalin Lewis, 24

NOVEMBER 18, 2023 | JASPER

Rosalin Lewis died after her boyfriend, William Christian, 23, assaulted and killed her. Law enforcement officers found Rosalin deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Christian with murder. His bond was set at \$1 million, and a grand jury indicted him in December 2023. Rosalin is survived by her three children.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Delbert Lewis, 66

OCTOBER 3, 2023 | BEAUMONT

Delbert Lewis died at a hospital after his girlfriend, Tracy Samuel, 40, shot him at his home. Law enforcement officers responded to a 911 call from Samuel. Authorities charged Samuel with murder and set bond at \$800,000.

Shekira Simpson, 31

JUNE 19, 2023 | PORT ARTHUR

Shekira Simpson died after being shot by a dating partner, Eric Martin, 38, at Martin's mother's house. Martin's mother called 911 after she heard the gunshots, saw blood in her driveway and witnessed Martin place Shekira's body in his car. After shooting Shekira, Martin shot and injured another man. Law enforcement officers in Lafayette, Louisiana arrested Martin on an outstanding warrant and discovered Shekira's body in his car. Authorities planned to extradite him to Texas and charge him with murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Shekira is survived by her six children.

JEFFERSON COUNTY *continued*

Sheryl Ann McMinn, 47

JUNE 3, 2023 | PORT ARTHUR

Sheryl Ann McMinn died after her husband, Harold McMinn, 57, shot her inside her car at a bank. McMinn then drove to another location and shot himself. He later died at a nearby hospital. Sheryl is survived by her four children.

JIM WELLS COUNTY

Rebecca Letson, 44

FEBRUARY 9, 2023 | ALICE

Rebecca Letson died in her home after her husband, Paul Vasquez, 42, shot and killed her. Vasquez then fled. Rebecca's 10-year-old daughter was in the home and called 911. Law enforcement stopped Vasquez for reckless driving and arrested him for driving while intoxicated. Authorities served Vasquez with a warrant for murder while he was in jail and set bond at \$503,000. Rebecca is survived by her two daughters and one son.

Grace Petersen, 37

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 | ALICE

Grace Petersen died at home after her husband, Jeremy Jones, 46, shot and killed her. Jones then shot and killed himself. Grace's children ran to a neighbor's residence after hearing gunshots. Law enforcement responded to a 911 call and found Grace and Jones deceased. Family members reported Grace was proceeding with a divorce. Grace is survived by her four children.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Nora Stewart, 53

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 | ALVARADO

Nora Stewart died when her husband, Joe Stewart, 57, shot and killed her at their home. Stewart then shot and killed himself. A neighbor called 911 to report gunshots. Responding law enforcement found Nora and Stewart deceased.

Flora Walker, 82

MAY 27, 2023 | CLEBURNE

Flora Walker died when her husband, James Walker, 56, shot and killed her at their home. Walker called the police and stated he shot his wife. Walker then shot and injured himself. Emergency responders transported him to the hospital where he died.

Leigh Underwood, 66

AUGUST 27, 2023 | GODLEY

Leigh Underwood died when her husband, Gary Underwood, 73, shot and killed her. Underwood then shot and injured himself. Emergency responders transported him to a hospital where he died. Leigh is survived by her two daughters.

JONES COUNTY

James Bradley, 63

JANUARY 26, 2023 | STAMFORD

James Bradley died when his girlfriend, Bobbi Allen, 41, shot and killed him. Authorities arrested and charged Allen with murder.

KAUFMAN COUNTY

Brandon Clark, 39

JUNE 7, 2023 | COMBINE

Brandon Clark died after his girlfriend, Kiali Herrington, 39, shot him in her home. Emergency responders transported Brandon to a fire station and then flew him by helicopter to a hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Herrington with manslaughter. A grand jury indicted her for murder.

Angela Mennel, 47

JUNE 25, 2023 | KAUFMAN

Angela Mennel died after her husband, Robert Mennel Sr., 49, shot her. Mennel then shot and killed himself. Emergency responders transported Angela to a hospital where she died. Angela is survived by her three daughters and one son.

LAVACA COUNTY

Anna Hailey, 45

JULY 11, 2023 | SHINER

Anna Hailey died after her husband, Roderick Hailey, 52, shot and killed her in their home. Hailey then shot and killed himself. The couple's youngest child was in the home at the time. Authorities responded to reports of gunfire and found Anna and Hailey deceased. Anna is survived by her two daughters and one son.

LIBERTY COUNTY

Brandy Thomas, 46

JANUARY 27, 2023 | DAYTON

Brandy Thomas died when her husband, Darwin Thomas, 52, shot and killed her. Law enforcement conducted a welfare check and found Brandy deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Thomas with murder.

LUBBOCK COUNTY

La’Karia Moore, 18

MAY 21, 2023 | LUBBOCK

La’Karia Moore died when her boyfriend, Christopher Carter, 40, shot and killed her. La’Karia was reported missing after leaving a party with Carter and was found deceased in Carter’s abandoned vehicle. Carter shot and killed himself. Law enforcement found him deceased at a hotel.

“She had a lot
of life to live.”

MCLENNAN COUNTY

David Ralph Peeler, 44

APRIL 24, 2023 | LACY LAKEVIEW

David Ralph Peeler died when his ex-girlfriend, Leah Breuer, 36, stabbed him multiple times and killed him in his apartment. Breuer then fled with her sister, Joann Arey Cometsevah, 34. David’s brother-in-law discovered David deceased. Breuer has a history of violence towards David and previously assaulted David in October 2022. Authorities charged Breuer with murder and issued a \$500,000 bond. Authorities charged Cometsevah with murder and tampering with evidence and she remains in custody on a \$1 million bond. David is survived by his daughter, age 9.

Maria Fernanda Guerro, 21

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 | WACO

Maria Fernanda Guerro died when her ex-boyfriend, Gustavo Rojas, 26, shot and killed her inside a vehicle. Rojas also shot and injured Isai Rajardo, 21. At the time of the murder, Rojas had been awaiting trial for allegedly assaulting Maria by strangling and hitting her in October 2020. Rojas was released on a \$5,000 bond, the conditions of which prohibited him from contacting Maria. However, the conditions of his bond did not prohibit him from purchasing or possessing a firearm. He pleaded guilty and is serving a 45-year sentence for Maria’s murder along with a concurrent 20-year sentence for Isai’s aggravated assault. Maria is survived by her son.

Queen Tanishia Louise Brooks, 25

DECEMBER 29, 2023 | WACO

Queen Tanishia Louise Brooks died when her partner, Kevin Eugene Reese, 28, assaulted and strangled her at her home. Queen’s son was at home. A family member went to the apartment for a welfare check and found Queen unresponsive. Emergency responders transported Queen to the hospital where she died three days later. Authorities arrested and charged Reese with felony aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury. He is being held on a \$1 million bond. Queen is survived by her daughter and her son.

MIDLAND COUNTY

Madeline Pantoja, 20

MAY 10, 2023 | MIDLAND

Madeline Pantoja died after her ex-boyfriend, Mario Chacon Jr., 24, assaulted and killed her. Chacon moved Madeline's body from her home to a remote area. Law enforcement spent nine days searching before finding her deceased. Madeline had ended her relationship with Chacon the day before he killed her. Authorities charged Chacon with murder.

Latunya Foster, 51

OCTOBER 2, 2023, MIDLAND

Latunya Foster died when her husband, Ricky Garrett, 57, shot and killed her. Garrett then shot and killed himself. Latunya is survived by her son and her daughter.

Tameeka Jackson, 39

FEBRUARY 13, 2023 | ODESSA

Tameeka Jackson died after by her boyfriend, Israel Yanez II, 24, shot her at her workplace. Tameeka was pregnant, and Yanez sent several threatening text messages to her about her pregnancy. Yanez confirmed Tameeka would be at her workplace before showing up in a mask and camouflage hoodie, shooting her several times. Tameeka later died at the hospital. Mariah Gonzalez Bordayo, 24, helped plan Tameeka's murder. Authorities arrested Bordayo and Yanez and held them in custody with a \$1 million bond. Tameeka is survived by her five children.

Crystal Williams, 36

APRIL 28, 2023 | ODESSA

Crystal Williams died when her ex-boyfriend, Larry Johnson, 31, shot and killed her in her home. Johnson fled. A friend requested a welfare check when Crystal did not report for work. Officers found her deceased. Authorities arrested Johnson and charged him with murder and tampering with evidence. Johnson has a history of violence. A previous partner reported him for domestic violence.

“She was kind, generous, hardworking and a shining example of unconditional love in my life. I feel her loss every single day.”

MONTAGUE COUNTY

Pamela Tingwald, 59

APRIL 20, 2023 | SUNSET

Pamela Tingwald died when her husband, James Tingwald, 58, shot and killed her at their home. Tingwald then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement officers conducted a welfare check when Pamela and Tingwald did not report to work and found them deceased in the home. Pamela had planned to end her relationship with Tingwald and move out of the home.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Arazeli Ruiz, 24

DECEMBER 11, 2023 | CONROE

Arazeli Ruiz died after her ex-boyfriend, Fernando Fernandez, 31, shot and killed her. Fernandez then shot and killed himself. Arazeli's two sons were in the home. Officers responding to a welfare check found both Arazeli and Fernandez deceased. Arazeli is survived by her two sons, age 2 and 5.

Maria Paragios, 76

JULY 4, 2023 | CONROE

Maria Paragios died when her husband, Ilias Karamanolis, 74, shot and killed her. He then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement officers responded to a welfare check and found both Maria and Karamanolis deceased.

Maria Jessica Olvera, 27

APRIL 6, 2023 | SPRING

Maria Jessica Olvera died when her boyfriend, Paul Bailiff, 55, shot and killed her. Bailiff then killed himself. Officers responded to a request for a welfare check and found them both deceased.

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

Laquice Sanford, 48

OCTOBER 28, 2023 | NACOGDOCHES

Laquice Sanford died when her boyfriend, Ronnie Jernigan Jr., 41, shot and killed her in her home. Jernigan also shot and killed Laquice's mother, Laura Sanford, 73. Laquice was planning to end the relationship with Jernigan. Authorities arrested and charged Jernigan with capital murder. A grand jury indicted him. Laquice is survived by her three children.

NAVARRO COUNTY

Amy Clemons, 46

JANUARY 28, 2023 | BARRY

Amy Clemons died in her home after her husband, Jerod Clemons, 46, shot and killed her. Law enforcement and medical personnel responded to a report of an unconscious shooting victim. When they arrived, they found Amy deceased. Amy had separated from Clemons prior to the shooting. Authorities arrested and charged Clemons with murder. Amy is survived by her two daughters.

NUECES COUNTY

George Waggoner, 53

JANUARY 10, 2023 | CORPUS CHRISTI

George Waggoner died after his girlfriend, Norfilia Morales Aguirre, 54, hit him with her vehicle. Aguirre then fled and witnesses called 911. When law enforcement arrived, they found George seriously injured. Emergency responders transported George to the hospital where he died. Authorities arrested Aguirre and charged her with murder.

Michelle Mungia, 33

APRIL 14, 2023 | CORPUS CHRISTI

Michelle Mungia died after her boyfriend, Jose Gonzalez, 44, shot and killed her in front of a home. Gonzalez then shot and killed himself. Witnesses heard gunshots and called 911. Michelle is survived by her three children—two daughters and a son.

Ashton Dudley, 23

APRIL 17, 2023 | CORPUS CHRISTI

Ashton Dudley died at a hospital after her husband, Bryce Dudley, 26, shot her in their home. Dudley then shot and injured himself. Ashton's children were in the home. Law enforcement responded to reports of gunfire and emergency responders transported both to a hospital, where Ashton was pronounced deceased and Dudley died ten days later. Ashton is survived by her two children, ages 2 and 3.

Eriya Ruiz, 15

JUNE 2, 2023 | CORPUS CHRISTI

Eriya Ruiz died after her boyfriend, age 15, stabbed her in front of her home. Eriya's family found her and contacted law enforcement. Emergency responders transported Eriya to a hospital, where she was pronounced deceased. Authorities charged the suspect with murder and transported him to a juvenile justice center, where he remains in custody. A court will determine whether to charge him as an adult or juvenile. Eriya had ended the relationship with the suspect.

Felicia Franco, 35

AUGUST 31, 2023 | CORPUS CHRISTI

Felicia Franco died in a home when her boyfriend, Edward Garcia, 51, stabbed and killed her. Garcia fled. Law enforcement officers responded to a welfare check and found Felicia deceased. A month later, Garcia led law enforcement officers on a high-speed chase and fired at officers in Atascosa County, who shot and killed him. Family members reported Garcia had a history of abusive behavior towards Felicia, and she had planned to end the relationship.

ORANGE COUNTY

Dalvin Levi, 25

APRIL 1, 2023 | ORANGE

Dalvin Levi died when his girlfriend, Shontasia Garrett, 28, shot him. Officers responded to a call regarding shots fired and found Dalvin suffering from a gunshot wound in the street. Emergency responders transported Dalvin to a hospital where he died. Authorities arrested Garrett and charged her with murder. Her bond is set at \$1 million.

Casie Graves, 38



SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 | ORANGE

Casie Graves died when her boyfriend, Derek Bradley, 45, strangled and killed her. Authorities arrested Bradley and charged him with murder. Casie is survived by her four children.

Jenny Baxter, 45

MARCH 14, 2023 | VIDOR

Jenny Baxter died when a person who was living with her, Russell Kinney, 38, assaulted and killed her. Kinney hid Jenny's remains and used her phone to communicate with family and friends for weeks posing as Jenny. Neighbors requested a welfare check after not seeing her for an extended time. Officers found Jenny and her pets deceased. Authorities issued a murder warrant and arrested Kinney in Liberty County. He accepted a plea deal and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

 **She was an adventurer at heart who enjoyed outdoor activities, traveling, watching movies with family, and was a true animal lover.** 

PARKER COUNTY

Kerri Wade, 74

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 | HUDSON OAK

Kerri Wade died when her husband, Earl Wade, 79, shot and killed her. He then shot and killed himself. Kerri is survived by her three daughters and two sons.

POTTER COUNTY

Kendra Vela, 31

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 | AMARILLO

Kendra Vela died when her boyfriend, Trey Greenleaf, 30, shot and killed her in a hotel room. Kendra was pregnant. Authorities arrested and charged Greenleaf with capital murder. She is survived by her three children.

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Cody Albers, 39

APRIL 18, 2023 | FRANKLIN

Cody Albers died when his wife, Brittany Albers, 36, shot and killed him in their home. Albers was charged with murder and released on a \$500,000 bond. Cody is survived by his four sons.

ROCKWALL COUNTY

Chelsie Griffin, 37

FEBRUARY 16, 2023 | ROYSE CITY

Chelsie Griffin died when her husband, Corey Griffin, 38, assaulted, shot, and killed her in her home. Authorities arrested and charged Griffin with murder. A jury found him guilty and sentenced him to life in jail. Griffin has a history of violence. Chelsie had filed for divorce just a few weeks prior to the murder. Griffin had been charged with harassment and Chelsie received a protective order. Chelsie is survived by her two children.

SAN JACINTO COUNTY

Jesslyn Draper, 18

AUGUST 19, 2023 | CLEVELAND

Jesslyn Draper died after her boyfriend, Dylan Morse, 25, shot and killed her in her home's yard. Morse then shot and injured himself. Law enforcement officers responded to a call and found Jesslyn deceased. Jesslyn had planned to end the relationship with Morse and move out of the house while he was working out of state. He returned home early without her knowledge and murdered her when she arrived to pick up her belongings. Authorities arrested and charged Morse with murder. His bond was set at \$1 million and then reduced to \$150,000.

SAN SABA COUNTY

Jo Lei Henniger, 40

APRIL 19, 2023 | SAN SABA

Jo Lei Henniger died when her husband, Ben Henniger, 45, shot and killed her in a parking lot. Henniger then shot and killed himself. Jo Lei's son was present. Jo Lei had separated from Henniger. The day before killing her, Henniger had received divorce papers. Jo Lei is survived by her son and her daughter.

SCURRY COUNTY

Ashley Terrazas, 34

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 | SNYDER

Ashley Terrazas died after her ex-boyfriend, Anthone Cobb, 41, shot and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Cobb with murder. Cobb has a history of threatening to kill Ashley by shooting her and was prohibited from possessing a firearm due to criminal convictions. Ashley is survived by her three sons.

SHELBY COUNTY

Yuri Diana Barahona, 32

FEBRUARY 8, 2023 | JOAQUIN

Yuri Diana Barahona died when her husband, Carlos Manuels, 32, shot and killed her in her home. Manuels fled. A neighbor called 911. Authorities arrested and charged Manuels with murder after he was released from the hospital. Manuels pled guilty to first degree murder and was sentenced to forty years. Yuri is survived by her four children, ages 6, 7, 9 and 10.

SMITH COUNTY

Paula Belonga, 51

APRIL 7, 2023 | TYLER

Paula Belonga died when a person she began dating, Jesse Williams, 40, killed her. Paula was reported missing by a family member and friend. Using phone data and GPS, law enforcement officers were able to track Williams' location. They found Williams with Paula's vehicle and evidence that connected him to her disappearance. Authorities arrested and charged Williams with Paula's murder. His bond was set at \$750,000. Paula is survived by her son.

TARRANT COUNTY

Ryan Shinabery, 45

MAY 23, 2023 | ARLINGTON

Ryan Shinabery died when his wife, My Tran, 42, assaulted and killed him with a blunt object in his home. Ryan had separated from Tran. When he asked her to meet to receive divorce paperwork, she attacked him. Authorities arrested and charged Tran with murder.

Maysaa Zaaroor, 37

MAY 31, 2023 | ARLINGTON

Maysaa Zaaroor died when her boyfriend, Ayad Abu-Abound, 46, shot her. Maysaa's children were in the home. Emergency responders transported Maysaa to a hospital where she died. Authorities arrested and charged Abu-Abound with murder. Maysaa is survived by her four children.

TARRANT COUNTY *continued*

Yolanda Gibbs, 56

OCTOBER 11, 2023 | FOREST HILL

Yolanda Gibbs died when her boyfriend, Anthony Harris, 58, shot her outside of the school where she worked. Harris then fled. Emergency responders transported Yolanda to a hospital where she died. Harris was on parole and prohibited from possessing a firearm. Authorities issued an arrest warrant for Harris and later found him deceased from a fentanyl overdose. Yolanda is survived by her two daughters.

Angela LaCroix, 58

AUGUST 8, 2023 | FORT WORTH

Angela LaCroix died in her home when her husband, Blayne LaCroix, 62, shot and killed her. LaCroix then shot and killed himself. Officers responded to a welfare check request and found them both deceased. Angela is survived by her daughters.

Laura Carter, 41

MAY 31, 2023 | HALTOM CITY

Laura Carter died when her boyfriend, Shallum Bluford, 41, shot and killed her. Bluford then shot and killed himself. Laura is survived by her two children.

“I want her remembered
as a hard worker,
a very caring person,
a very loving person.”

Maria del Carmen Hernandez, 52

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | HALTOM CITY

Maria del Carmen Hernandez died when her husband, Luciano Mendez, 53, shot and killed her. Mendez then shot and injured himself. Emergency responders transported him to a hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Mendez with murder. Maria is survived by her five children.

Joyce Hartzell Simpson, 80

APRIL 30, 2023 | NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

Joyce Hartzell Simpson died when her husband, Joseph Simpson, 79, shot and killed her in the driveway of their home. Simpson reported shooting Joyce to 911 dispatchers before shooting and killing himself.

Kimberly Knapp, 46

JULY 24, 2023 | SAGINAW

Kimberly Knapp died in her home after a person she had dated, Rance Magby, 32, shot her. Emergency responders transported Kimberly to a hospital where she died. Kimberly's death was reported to 911 as a self-inflicted shooting; however, investigators determined that Magby was responsible. Authorities arrested and charged Magby with murder; he was held on a \$500,000 bond.

TAYLOR COUNTY

Ashley Rapp, 35

JANUARY 1, 2023 | ABILENE

Ashley Rapp died when her boyfriend, Robert McClure, 45, struck her with his vehicle outside their home. McClure then fled. Emergency responders transported Ashley to a hospital where she died. McClure has a history of violence against Ashley. Authorities arrested and charged McClure with murder. Ashley is survived by her two sons.

TOM GREEN COUNTY

Michelle Galindo Gonzales, 52

DECEMBER 22, 2023 | CARLSBAD

Michelle Galindo Gonzales died after her husband, Randy Gonzales, 58, shot and killed her at their home. Gonzales also attempted to shoot a witness, who was able to escape. Gonzalez then shot himself. Law enforcement officers discovered Michelle deceased and Gonzales injured. Emergency responders transported Gonzales to a hospital where he died from his injuries.

Jermaine Johnson, 39

DECEMBER 26, 2023 | SAN ANGELO

Jermaine Johnson died when his girlfriend, Ebony Gasca, 26, stabbed him outside a home. Another woman, Shevetra Mathis, 25, was present and also stabbed Jermaine. Then Mathis and Gasca fled together. Authorities arrested and charged Gasca and Mathis with murder. Mathis is held on a \$500,000 bond and Gasca is held on a \$500,000 bond.

TRAVIS COUNTY

Jade Guajardo, 31

FEBRUARY 9, 2023 | AUSTIN

Jade Guajardo died when her ex-boyfriend, Davonte Fox, 31, shot and killed her in his home. Jade had called law enforcement earlier in the day to report that Fox slashed her tire after she gave him a ride to his home. Hours later, Fox returned to shoot Jade. He then shot and killed himself during a SWAT response. Fox had a history of violence against Jade and was prohibited from possessing a firearm. In 2021, he was sentenced to jail time for violating a magistrate's order of emergency protection. The day before the homicide, authorities issued arrest warrants for retaliation and impeding breath assaults that occurred one week earlier. Jade is survived by her two sons.

TRAVIS COUNTY *continued*

Minerva Molina Jiménez, 30

MARCH 14, 2023 | AUSTIN

Minerva Molina Jiménez died in her home when her husband, Jorge Alvarado Blanco, 38, stabbed and killed her. Law enforcement officers responded to the home and found Minerva injured. Officers also responded to a call that Alvarado Blanco was threatening to jump from a bridge onto an interstate highway. Alvarado Blanco confessed to killing Minerva. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder. He pled guilty and was sentenced in January 2024. Minerva had been concerned for her safety and asked Alvarado Blanco to leave the home days before he killed her. Minerva is survived by her two sons, ages 2 and 6.

Shanre-Ka Yvette Mays, 27

MARCH 22, 2023 | AUSTIN

Shanre-Ka Yvette Mays died when her boyfriend Timothy Pace, 33, shot and killed her at her home. Pace then fled. Shanre-Ka was able to call 911 and report she had been shot. First responders arrived; Shanre-Ka died shortly afterwards. Shanre-Ka had ended the relationship and asked Pace to move out of the house per a pending CPS case. Authorities charged Pace with murder. Shanre-Ka is survived by her two children, a daughter and son.

“She was a precious friend and an incredible mom. There is no one like her, and she will be truly missed by so many people.”

Shannon Norton, 47

APRIL 23, 2023 | AUSTIN

Shannon Norton died when her boyfriend, James Flom, 52, shot and killed her in their home. Flom then shot and killed himself. A family member called 911 and requested a welfare check as they had not heard from Shannon. Responding officers found Shannon and Flom deceased.

Eva Dotson Penton, 73

JULY 16, 2023 | AUSTIN

Eva Dotson Penton died when her husband, Timothy McDonald, 65, shot and killed her at their home. McDonald then shot and killed himself. Police conducted a welfare check and found them both deceased. Eva is survived by her adult son.

Demetria Jackson, 47

AUGUST 20, 2023 | MANOR

Demetria Jackson died when her husband shot and killed her. Witnesses called 911 when they heard shots fired. When law enforcement arrived, they found Demetria outside the home deceased and her husband deceased with a self-inflicted gunshot. Demetria is survived by her three children.

UPSHUR COUNTY

Shakerrie Waters, 37

NOVEMBER 4, 2023 | GILMER

Shakerrie Waters died when her ex-boyfriend, Alvin McKnight, 41, shot and killed her. McKnight also killed Shakerrie's sister, Mandy Ray, 35. McKnight then fled out of state. Shakerrie had ended her relationship with McKnight. Authorities charged McKnight with capital murder and arrested him in California. He was held on a \$5 million bond. Authorities arrested McKnight's sister, Laquesha McKnight, for helping him escape. She was booked into the Upshur County Jail on \$500,000 bond. Shakerrie is survived by her son and her daughters.

VICTORIA COUNTY

Brandy Schrade, 44

JULY 22, 2023 | VICTORIA

Brandy Schrade died when her husband, Willard Baugh Jr., 50, assaulted and strangled her in their home. Baugh called 911 and emergency responders found Brandy deceased. Police arrested Baugh who had an active warrant at the time for violations of a probated sentence from a prior June 2020 domestic violence incident. Following an investigation, authorities charged Baugh with murder and tampering with evidence and held him without bond. Baugh was convicted and received a sentence of 99 years in prison. Brandy is survived by her three children.

Amanda Stevenson, 20

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 | VICTORIA

Amanda Stevenson was killed by a person she dated, Kevin Bennetsen, 45. Amanda's family reported her missing after not hearing from her for several days. Amanda was later found deceased in a creek. Bennetsen was interviewed by police investigating Amanda's disappearance and was released. When officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop and interview Bennetsen again, he shot and killed himself in his vehicle. Authorities found Amanda's remains in a creek a week later.

WALKER COUNTY

Melinda Cobb, 60

MARCH 3, 2023 | HUNTSVILLE

Melinda Cobb died in her home when her husband, Larry Cobb, 59, stabbed and killed her. Law enforcement officers responded and found Melinda deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Cobb with murder. Melinda is survived by her three sons and her daughter.

“She was there for us,
she fought for us.
She was always there in
the corner of our ring.”

WALKER COUNTY *continued*

Tianne Jones, 43

MARCH 8, 2023 | HUNTSVILLE

Tianne Jones died when her husband, Roy Wasbotten, 44, shot and killed her. Wasbotten then shot and killed himself. Tianne had separated months prior, and officers had responded to a previous incident in which Wasbotten broke a window to enter their home after he moved out. Tianne was attempting to give him divorce papers on the night he killed her. Tianne asked Wasbotten to meet her in a public place, but he refused. When she went to his home, he shot her in her vehicle. Tianne is survived by her son.

WALLER COUNTY

Anggy Diaz, 21

JANUARY 11, 2023 | MAGNOLIA

Anggy Diaz died after her husband, Jared Dicus, 21, stabbed and decapitated her in their home. Dicus' parents found Anggy deceased and called law enforcement. Dicus confessed to killing Anggy and authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Dicus has a history of violence towards Anggy. Law enforcement had responded to several family violence calls. Dicus is being held on a \$500,000 bond.

WEBB COUNTY

Krystal Claudina Limon, 22

JANUARY 6, 2023 | LAREDO

Krystal Claudina Limon died in a hospital after her husband, Francisco Javier Garcia, 27, shot her at their home. Several witnesses, including Krystal's children, were present. Emergency responders transported Krystal to a hospital where she died three days after the shooting. Authorities arrested and charged Garcia with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was held in Webb County jail on a \$170,000 bond. Krystal is survived by her three daughters.

Sylvia Ramos, 40

MARCH 6, 2023 | LAREDO

Sylvia Ramos died in her home after her boyfriend, Rene Mendez, 39, stabbed and killed her. He also killed Sylvia's daughter, Brianna Ramos, 19, and then fled. Relatives went to their home to check on them and found Sylvia and Brianna deceased. Law enforcement officers found Mendez unconscious from an overdose and transported him to a hospital. Authorities charged him with two counts of murder and arrested him when he was released from the hospital, with bond set at \$1 million. A grand jury indicted Mendez.

WICHITA COUNTY

Joan Frank, 62

JULY 4, 2023 | WICHITA FALLS

Joan Frank died when her husband, Cedric Sartin, 65, shot and killed her in her home. Sartin then shot and injured himself. Joan's adult daughter was present and called 911. Upon arrival, the police found Joan deceased and Sartin injured. Authorities arrested and charged Sartin with murder. He was held on a \$750,000 bond. Sartin later died in custody awaiting trial. Joan is survived by her daughter.

Melanie Berry, 52

NOVEMBER 21, 2023 | WICHITA FALLS

Melanie Berry died when her husband, Brian Barnwell, 53, shot and killed her at her home. He then fled, returned to the home, and shot and killed himself. Neighbors requested a welfare check and responding officers found Melanie and Barnwell deceased. Melanie had filed for divorce the previous year.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Joyce Pingul Clarke, 55

MAY 1, 2023 | AUSTIN

Joyce Pingul Clarke died when her husband, Gary Clarke, 56, shot and killed her in their apartment. Clarke then shot and killed himself. A neighbor called 911 and reported hearing gunshots. Law enforcement responded and found Joyce and Clarke deceased.

WISE COUNTY

Debra Woods, 65

JUNE 9, 2023 | COTTONDALE

Debra Woods died when her husband, Ernest Woods, 81, shot and killed her in her home. Woods also shot and killed Debra's son, Joseph Woods, 32. Deputies responding to a welfare check request found Debra and Joseph deceased. When deputies stopped Woods in his vehicle, he shot and killed himself.

Kimberly Kellam, 42

JUNE 12, 2023 | DECATUR

Kimberly Kellam died when her husband, Robert Morairity, 45, stabbed and killed her. Morairity also suffocated and killed Kimberly's daughter, age 11. Months later, Morairity led investigators to their location. Authorities arrested and charged Morairity with capital murder and tampering with evidence. Morairity has a history of abuse towards Kimberly. Kimberly is survived by her son.

FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND BYSTANDERS KILLED & INJURED

Domestic violence and stalking homicide perpetrators also killed 16 and injured 12 family members, friends, and bystanders. With care and respect, TCFV acknowledges the immense loss of each of these lives:

Laura West, 43
ROOMMATE OF MARY HEINZ

Edward Acosta Jimenez, 32
FRIEND OF ALYSSA PEREZ

Bailey Martinez, 7
DAUGHTER OF SHANNON MARTINEZ

Shaheen Sherwani, 12
SON OF LAYLA SHERWANI

Mateen Sherwani, 2
SON OF LAYLA SHERWANI

Fatima Alvarado, 21
FRIEND OF JUAN DIEGO CRUZ

Guadalupe Cruz, 25
BROTHER OF JUAN DIEGO CRUZ

Jasmin Borja, 20
SISTER-IN-LAW OF JUAN DIEGO CRUZ

Merced Ballon, 43
SISTER OF CATALINA ANDRADE VALDEZ

Alexander Sherrard, 16
SON OF LAURA SHERRARD

Deborah Grantom, 65
MOTHER-IN-LAW OF COURTNEY GRANTOM

Laura Sanford, 73
MOTHER OF LAQUICE SANFORD

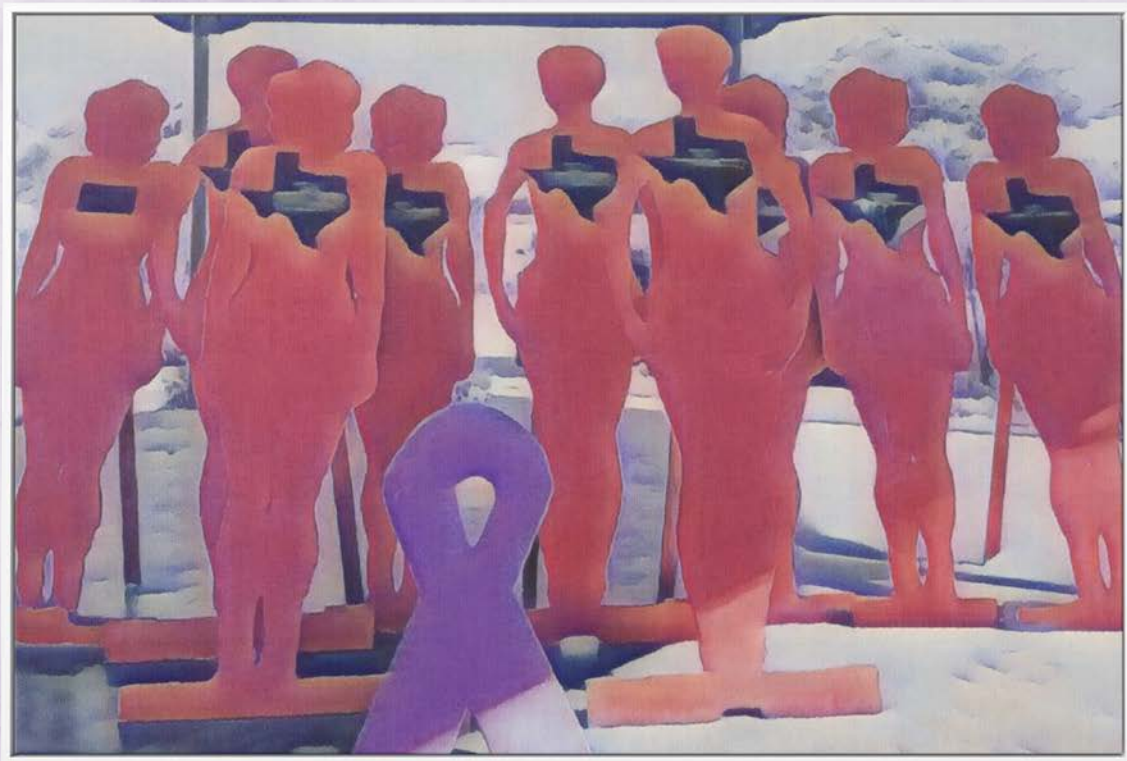
Mandy Ray, 35
SISTER OF SHAKERIE WATERS

Brianna Ramos, 19
DAUGHTER OF SYLVIA RAMOS

Joseph Woods, 32
SON OF DEBRA WOODS

Name not released, 11
DAUGHTER OF KIMBERLY KELLAM

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