

# HONORING TEXAS VICTIMS

*Texas women and men killed  
by their intimate partners in 2020*

VICTIM NARRATIVES

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**Each year, the Texas Council on Family Violence documents victims of intimate partner violence homicides to honor those whose lives were taken and to inform our work to close system gaps and change the culture that minimizes intimate partner abuse.**



In 2020, a year of collective grief as so many lives were lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we witnessed an increase in barriers, isolation, and severity of domestic violence. Tragically, TCFV documents on the following pages a significant increase in intimate partner homicides within our Texas communities.

Beginning with the 2018 *Honoring Texas Victims* report, TCFV expanded the review to include cases of men killed by female partners, and individuals killed by same-sex partners. With the inclusion of these victims, we hope to further inform community conversations, interventions, and solutions to domestic violence. The report includes victims with previous

*“Her family, colleagues, and community continue to mourn a life well-lived through strength and love for her children.”*

histories of violence perpetration, and intimate partner homicides with no known previous domestic violence. The report includes cases categorized as mercy killings, as we believe that a violent death represents the ultimate act of domestic violence.

Each confirmed fatality represents a woman or man killed in Texas by an intimate partner or a stalking perpetrator between January 2020 and December

2020 and includes the date of death, ages of the victim and perpetrator, location of the city and county, followed by a brief description of the circumstances based on available open records at the time. The narratives highlight lethality risk factors for best practices for enhancing future survivor safety. Information regarding criminal charges and bond conditions in this report represents what was known about the status of criminal cases at the time of publishing. We hope that a thoughtful examination of each case shines much needed light for improved prevention and intervention strategies to reduce domestic violence.

TCFV respectfully lists the names of each of the 228 victims of intimate partner homicide in 2020 and joins their families, friends, and communities in mourning each individual.

## ANDERSON COUNTY

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### *Justin Barlow, 30*

**JANUARY 23, 2020 | NECHES**

Justin Barlow died at a hospital after his girlfriend, Kathleen Commander, 43, stabbed him at a home. Commander then called 911. Emergency responders transported Justin to the hospital where he later died. Commander confessed to stabbing Justin. Authorities arrested and charged Commander with murder. Justin is survived by his twin boys, age 4.

### *Linda Morris, 78*

**FEBRUARY 2, 2020 | WESTWOOD**

Linda Morris died at her home when her husband, Harold Morris, 85, shot and killed her. Morris then called 911 and told dispatchers that he had shot his wife. Authorities arrested and charged Morris with murder. Law enforcement had responded to their home several times leading up to the murder. Linda is survived by her six adult children.

## ARANSAS COUNTY

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### *Erin Gorman-Dineen, 62*

**NOVEMBER 24, 2020 | ROCKPORT**

Erin Gorman-Dineen died at her home when her husband, Dwayne Dineen, 62, shot and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Dineen, and a grand jury indicted him for murder.

## ATASCOSA COUNTY

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### *David Quinonez, 52*

**FEBRUARY 29, 2020 | PLEASANTON**

David Quinonez died when his wife, Cathi Quinonez, 57, shot and killed him. Quinonez called 911 and stated she shot her husband. Authorities arrested and charged Quinonez with murder. David is survived by his two sons.

### *Aurora Angelina Martinez, 48*

**AUGUST 13, 2020 | PLEASANTON**

Aurora Martinez died at a home when her boyfriend, Fausto Rodriguez, 64, shot and killed her. An individual called 911 for a shooting. When law enforcement arrived they found Aurora deceased and Rodriguez at the residence. Authorities arrested and charged Rodriguez with murder. Aurora is survived by her two sons.

## ATASCOSA COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Jennifer Storey, 36***

**JULY 15, 2020 | POTEET**

Jennifer Storey died when her husband, Joshua Storey, 38, shot and killed her in the front yard of their home. Jennifer had separated from Storey about a month prior and returned to retrieve some of her personal belongings. Storey opened the door, shot Jennifer, and went back inside. Jennifer's daughter who had accompanied Jennifer, called 911 to report her step-father had shot her mother. Storey has a history of abuse towards Jennifer. Authorities arrested and charged Storey with murder. A grand jury indicted him for murder. Jennifer is survived by a daughter and two sons ages 15, 17, and 19.

### ***Margie Arguijo, 48***

**AUGUST 30, 2020 | POTEET**

Margie Arguijo died in her home after her boyfriend, Marcelino Esparza, 48, strangled and killed her in the home they shared. Authorities arrested and charged Esparza with murder. Margie is survived by her daughter and her two sons.

## AUSTIN COUNTY

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### ***Amanda Gail Moeller, 40***

**DECEMBER 20, 2020 | NEW ULM**

Amanda Moeller died in her home when her boyfriend, Michael Harrell, 41, shot and killed her, Harrell confessed to a friend that he killed Amanda and stated he did not want to go to prison. Harrell then shot and killed himself. The friend contacted law enforcement who located Harrell and Amanda. Harrell had a history of family violence. Amanda had separated from him.

## BELL COUNTY

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### ***Latonya Washington, 46***

**APRIL 7, 2020 | HARKER HEIGHTS**

Latonya Washington died in a home when her husband, Willis Washington II, 49, shot and killed her. Washington confessed to a neighbor that he shot Latonya and stated he was going to get rid of the gun. Authorities arrested and charged Washington with murder and tampering with evidence. A grand jury indicted him on both charges. Latonya is survived by her six daughters.

### ***Nilsa Maria Arce, 50***

**JUNE 27, 2020 | KILLEEN**

Nilsa Maria Arce died at the hospital after her boyfriend, Raymond Antonio Rivera, 35, assaulted her at her home. Rivera assaulted Nilsa, then threw her over the second-story balcony of her home. Rivera then fled. Law enforcement responded to a 911 call report for an assault and discovered Nilsa on the ground. Emergency responders transported Nilsa to the hospital, where she died two days later. Authorities arrested and initially charged Rivera with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury. Authorities updated the charges to murder and a grand jury indicted him for murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Nilsa is survived by her adult daughter.

## BEXAR COUNTY

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### *SFC Latoucha Tucker Green, 41*

**DECEMBER 4, 2020 | CONVERSE**

SFC Latoucha Green died in a hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Kendall Blount, 36, assaulted and strangled her in her home. Blount then took the phone from Latoucha's daughter, who went to neighbors' homes to get help. Emergency responders transported Latoucha to the hospital where she died two days later. Authorities arrested and charged Blount with aggravated assault and then murder. Latoucha had ended the relationship with Blount three years earlier. Latoucha is survived by her son, her two daughters, and her grandchild.

### *Carlos Javier Sifuentes, 39*

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 | LEON VALLEY**

Carlos Sifuentes died when his girlfriend, Rebecca DeLeon, 38, struck him with her car and killed him. DeLeon was intoxicated at the time and was originally arrested and charged with intoxication manslaughter. DeLeon's charges have been upgraded to murder.

### *Christopher Jones, 57*

**JANUARY 25, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

Christopher Jones died in his home after his girlfriend, Mary Diaz, 36, shot and killed him. Diaz fled in Christopher's vehicle, accessed his bank accounts, and attempted to sell some of his possessions. Christopher's family requested a welfare check. Law enforcement found Christopher deceased. When Diaz was arrested on an unrelated minor drug possession charge, authorities found evidence that connected Diaz to the crime. Authorities arrested and charged Diaz with murder.

### *Mary Magdalen Sanchez, 45*

**FEBRUARY 11, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

Mary Magdalen Sanchez died in her home when her husband, Michael Morales, 36, shot and killed her. He then fled. A witness called law enforcement. A few hours earlier, Morales stabbed and killed his acquaintance, Felix Garcia, 37. Morales sustained an injury in his attack and called an ambulance to transport him to the hospital. Later Morales returned home and confessed to Mary Magdalen that he had killed Felix before shooting her. Authorities arrested Morales a few miles away from the home and charged Morales with two cases of capital murder. Mary Magdalen is survived by her three adult children.

### *Marisela Cadena, 43*

**FEBRUARY 28, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

Marisela Cadena died at the hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Andrew Munoz, 42, shot her at the restaurant where she worked. Law enforcement found Marisela behind the counter and emergency responders transported her to the hospital where she died that evening. Two weeks prior, Munoz held Marisela hostage for several hours, threatening to kill her and her grandchildren. Marisela filed a protective order against Munoz two days before the murder. Law enforcement found Munoz had shot and killed himself four days after Marisela's death. Marisela is survived by her four children.

***Jon Marburger, 47***

**MARCH 24, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

Jon Marburger died at a hospital after his wife, Sherry Marburger, 47, shot and killed him. Marburger called 911 from their hotel room and admitted she had shot Jon. Emergency responders transported Jon to the hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Marburger with murder.

***Catherine Algarin, 41***

**APRIL 7, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

Catherine Algarin died when her boyfriend, Ramon Villagomez, 31, stabbed and killed her in their home. Villagomez then stole Catherine's car and drove to his sister's house. A friend requested a wellness check and law enforcement found Catherine's body. Three weeks later, Villagomez shot and stabbed his brother-in-law; he was transported to the hospital in critical condition. Villagomez then drove to Dallas, where he hijacked a DART bus. Once the bus was stopped, Villagomez shot at the responding officers and injured two officers. Law enforcement shot and killed him. Villagomez was wanted for an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon charge in Brazoria County related to the assault on his brother-in-law and was the suspect in the murder case against Catherine. Villagomez had a history of violence. During a previously reported family violence assault, he had assaulted Catherine, nearly killing her. Catherine is survived by her three children, ages 9, 15, and 16.

***Tiffany Desiree Washington, 25***

**APRIL 25, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

Tiffany Washington died at the hospital after her boyfriend, James Stewart, 48, shot her at her home. Emergency responders transported Tiffany to the hospital. Tiffany's infant was found in the house. Authorities arrested and charged Stewart with murder. Tiffany is survived by her child, age two months.

***Claudia Garcia, 48***

**APRIL 27, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

Claudia Garcia died on the way to a hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Manuel Gonzales, 23, shot her. Gonzales then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement responded to a reported shooting on the side of a road and located Claudia outside of her car. Law enforcement located Gonzales in the back seat of the car. Claudia is survived by her four children.

***Miranda Sage Milowski, 27***

**MAY 24, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

Miranda Milowski died after her ex-boyfriend, Michael Gonzales, 27, stabbed her in a vehicle. Miranda jumped from the vehicle and witnesses tried to provide emergency care while others called 911. Gonzales crashed the vehicle nearby and fled. Authorities found him hiding in a house where they arrested and charged him with murder. Gonzales has a history of violence against Miranda. She had ended the relationship three months prior to the murder and relocated from Arizona to Texas to escape his abuse. Law enforcement had responded to prior custody calls. Miranda is survived by her three young children, one son, and two daughters, all under the age of 7.

***April LeClere, 39***

**JUNE 3, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

April LeClere died after her boyfriend, Thomas Roberts, 43, stabbed and killed her in her home. Roberts called 911. Initially, Roberts refused to open the door to law enforcement officers. When they were allowed access to the home, they found April deceased. Roberts has a history of violence, including assault, family violence, and terroristic threats. In January 2020, he was released on a personal recognizance bond and had violated the conditions of his release three times. Authorities arrested and charged Roberts with murder.

***Cora Nickel, 27***

**AUGUST 20, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

Cora Nickel died in her home when her boyfriend, Jorge Izquierdo, 29, shot and killed her. Izquierdo fled and was observed by neighbors and surveillance cameras running away from the home. The couple's two children were in the home and one of them texted Cora's mother stating they were worried about Cora. After going to the house, Cora's mother called 911. Authorities arrested and charged Izquierdo with murder. A grand jury indicted Izquierdo for murder. Izquierdo has a history of violence including a charge for terroristic threats. Cora is survived by her two children, ages 5 and 8.

***Gabriella Albright, 55***

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

Gabriella Albright died after her husband, Joseph Albright, 67, stabbed and shot her in their home. Albright then shot and killed himself. After not hearing from Gabriella, her daughter became concerned, went to the home, where she found Gabriella and Albright deceased, and called 911. The medical examiner ruled Albright's death a suicide and Gabriella's death a homicide. Gabriella is survived by her two daughters.

***Dominga Pesqueda, 33***

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

Dominga Pesqueda died at the hospital as a result of injuries sustained when her ex-husband, David Estrada, 30, struck her with his truck. Law enforcement responded to a call about an accident and found Dominga unresponsive on the side of the road. Witnesses told police that they saw Estrada run her over with his truck before fleeing. Estrada returned and officers detained him. Authorities arrested and charged Estrada with murder; a grand jury indicted him on murder charges.

***Janice Marie Holland, 82***

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 | SAN ANTONIO**

Janice Holland died after her husband, George Holland, 89, shot her inside their home. Neighbors asked Holland if they could check on them and he responded that Janice was deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Holland with murder. Eight days later, Holland died from health issues.

***Jose Salvadore Tellez-Tapia, 33***

**MARCH 27, 2020 | SOMERSET**

Jose Salvadore Tellez-Tapia died outside of his home when his wife, Maria Del Rosario Mendez, 53, shot and killed him. Their children were in the house at the time. Authorities arrested and charged Mendez with murder. Jose is survived by his three children.

## BEXAR COUNTY *continued*

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### *Erna Dowell, 34*

**NOVEMBER 26, 2020 | UNIVERSAL CITY**

Erna died in her home when her husband, Austin Dowell, 30, shot and killed her. Dowell called his mother and then shot and killed himself. Dowell's mother went to their home and discovered their bodies and alerted authorities. Law enforcement reported Erna had recently separated from Austin and they were in the process of reconciling. Family reported Austin had a history of violent behaviors. Erna is survived by her son.

## BRAZORIA COUNTY

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### *Jessica Mares, 29*

**MARCH 14, 2020 | ALVIN**

Jessica Mares died in her home when her ex-husband, Julian Garcia, 29, shot and killed her. Garcia then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement arrived at the home after neighbors heard gunshots. Jessica is survived by her son and two daughters.

### *Stephen Daniel Stewart, 46*

**JULY 19, 2020 | CLUTE**

Stephen Stewart died in his home when his girlfriend, Athena Lange, 42, shot and killed him. Lange then contacted police stating she had killed Stephen. Authorities arrested and charged Lange with murder. Stephen is survived by his daughter.

### *Briana Warren, 24*

**MAY 22, 2020 | ROSHARON**

Briana Warren died in her home when her boyfriend, Joe Robinson, 38, shot and killed her. Robinson then shot and killed himself. Their child was in the home. Briana had planned to end the relationship with Robinson. Briana's sister became concerned when she could not reach her and contacted the police. During the welfare check, law enforcement entered the home and located their bodies. Briana is survived by her son, age 22 months.

## BRAZOS COUNTY

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### *Loretta Lynn Aguirre, 56*

**MAY 29, 2020 | BRYAN**

Loretta Lynn Aguirre died at her home when her dating partner, Ike Newton, 24, assaulted, stabbed, and killed her. Loretta's family member called 911 after he discovered her body. Authorities arrested and charged Newton with murder, and a grand jury indicted him on murder charges. Loretta is survived by her son and two daughters.

### *Angie Crystal Saucedo, 19*

**OCTOBER 6, 2020 | COLLEGE STATION**

Angie Saucedo died at her home when her boyfriend, Cristian Gonzalez, 22, killed her. Angie's roommate called 911 after discovering Angie's body. Authorities arrested and charged Gonzalez with tampering with evidence after learning he disposed of Angie's cell phone, and later charged Gonzalez with murder. A grand jury indicted him for murder.



## BURNET COUNTY

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### *Susan Michelle Chrane, 45*

**JANUARY 10, 2020 | GRANITE SHOALS**

Susan Chrane died when her boyfriend, James Duncan, 45, assaulted and killed her. Duncan left Susan in their home for an extended time where she was later found by a third party. Duncan has a history of violence. Authorities arrested Duncan in Bastrop County for an unrelated violent charge. Authorities in Burnet County charged and a grand jury indicted Duncan, for murder. Duncan also had criminal holds with Nueces County for additional violent charges. Susan is survived by her adult daughter.

## CALDWELL COUNTY

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### *Kailyn Gann, 27*

**JULY 20, 2020 | LULING**

Kailyn Gann died in her home when her husband, Abel Magallanez Jr., 31, shot and killed her. Magallanez then shot himself. Law enforcement responded to a report of a shooting and discovered Kailyn deceased and Magallanez injured. Emergency responders transported Magallanez to the hospital, where he recovered from his injuries. Magallanez has a history of violence; he had been convicted of strangling Kailyn in 2010 and Kailyn had been issued a protective order at that time. Magallanez was on probation for the strangulation charge. He was arrested and found guilty of murder and sentenced to 50 years in prison. Magallanez was also found guilty of violating his probation and sentenced to two years, and found guilty of three counts of endangering a child and sentenced to six years. Kailyn is survived by her two sons and daughter.

## CAMERON COUNTY

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### *Amelia Areli Garza, 42*

**JANUARY 18, 2020 | BROWNSVILLE**

Amelia Garza died in her home when her husband, Adolfo Garza, 57, shot and killed her. Garza then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement responded to the home and discovered Amelia and Garza deceased. Amelia is survived by her son and two daughters.

### *Adela Gonzalez Martinez, 39*

**NOVEMBER 2, 2020 | BROWNSVILLE**

Adela Gonzalez Martinez died in her home when her ex-husband, Jose Arnaldo Rodriguez, 36, hired two men, Charly Angel Carrillo-Torres, 33, and Jonathan Xavier Roman-Martinez, 33, to shoot and kill her. Rodriguez called the police for a welfare check for Adela. Law enforcement responded and discovered Adela had been shot and pronounced her deceased. After investigating, authorities arrested and charged Rodriguez and a grand jury indicted him with capital murder, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit a felony, and criminal solicitation. Authorities also arrested and charged Carrillo-Torres and Roman-Martinez and a grand jury indicted both with capital murder and burglary of a habitation with intent to commit a felony, and engaging in organized criminal activity. Adela is survived by her daughter and her son.

## CAMERON COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Maria Alaniz Villareal, 74***

**NOVEMBER 24, 2020 | SAN BENITO**

Maria Villareal died at her home when her husband, Jesus Villareal, 83, shot and killed her. Villareal also shot and killed their daughter, Crystal Villareal, 41, before he shot and killed himself. A neighbor called 911 after seeing an unresponsive person in the driveway. Law enforcement responded and discovered Villareal deceased in the driveway and Maria and Crystal deceased inside their home.

## CHAMBERS COUNTY

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### ***Kristina Payne, 39***

**AUGUST 25, 2020 | BAYTOWN**

Kristina Payne died in the hospital as a result of injuries sustained when her ex-boyfriend, Marquis Posey, 40, shot her outside his home. Law enforcement arrived after reports of a shooting and found Kristina injured. Emergency responders transported Kristina to the hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Posey with murder; he was released on bail and is awaiting trial. Kristina is survived by her son, age 6.

## COLLIN COUNTY

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### ***Marjorie Barlow, 54***

**NOVEMBER 18, 2020 | MCKINNEY**

Marjorie Barlow died at her home when her boyfriend, Marcus Tate-Clay, 42, shot and killed her. Tate-Clay then shot and killed himself. Marjorie's daughter requested a welfare check after Marjorie had been missing for two days. Law enforcement responded and discovered their bodies. Marjorie is survived by her son and daughter.

## COMAL COUNTY

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### ***Desiree Bernarducci, 37***

**FEBRUARY 17, 2020 | NEW BRAUNFELS**

Desiree Bernarducci died in a car after her dating partner, Michael Logue, 34, shot and killed her. Logue then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement responded to a report and discovered Desiree and Logue deceased inside a vehicle in the parking lot of Logue's apartment complex.

### ***Marisol Martinez, 33***

**AUGUST 25, 2020 | NEW BRAUNFELS**

Marisol Martinez died in her vehicle when her ex-husband, Sacramento Martinez, 32, shot and killed her. Martinez then fled to a truck stop and shot and killed Daniel Sieger, 45, while stealing his 18-wheeler. Martinez overturned the 18-wheeler and fled on foot. Authorities located and arrested Martinez, charging him with capital murder. Martinez has a history of violence against Marisol, including an arrest for a strangulation assault in 2019. Marisol had an active protective order against Martinez at the time of her death. Marisol is survived by her daughters, ages 8 and 15, and her son, age 13.

## COMANCHE COUNTY

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### *Ashlyn Smith, 18*

**JULY 25, 2020 | DELEON**

Ashlyn Smith died at her grandparents' home when her boyfriend, Brendan Jenkins, 22, shot and killed her. Jenkins also shot and killed Ashlyn's grandparents, Earl Stephens III, 63, and Patricia Stephens, 62. Jenkins then called 911 and confessed to killing them. Emergency responders transported Patricia to the hospital. Jenkins and Ashlyn lived on Ashlyn's grandparent's land; Jenkins had a history of controlling and possessive behavior. A few days prior to the murder, Ashlyn planned to end the relationship with Jenkins and asked her father to pick her up. Authorities arrested and charged Jenkins with capital murder.

### *Larry John Hall*

**DECEMBER 2, 2020 | PROCTOR**

Larry John Hall died after his wife, Dorothy Seidel, 23, shot and killed him. Two weeks later, authorities arrested and charged Seidel with murder. Johnny is survived by his two children.

## COOKE COUNTY

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### *Randal Holley, 63*

**APRIL 21, 2020 | WHITESBORO**

Randal Holley died at the hospital as a result of injuries sustained when his wife, Sheryl Holley, 61 shot him at their home. Holley called 911. Emergency responders transported Randal to the hospital where he died. Authorities arrested and charged Holley with murder; Holley is out on bond. Randal is survived by his two adult children.

## CORYELL COUNTY

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### *Kiera Michelle Ware, 27*

**DECEMBER 12, 2020 | COPPERAS COVE**

Kiera Ware died at her home when her husband, Bryan Richardson, 27, stabbed and killed her. Richardson also stabbed and killed their two children, Brayden Albert Richardson, 4, and Kori Lilly-Ann Richardson, 3, and killed the family's dog. Kiera's brother requested a welfare check. Law enforcement discovered Kiera and her children deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Richardson with three counts of murder. A grand jury indicted him for two counts of capital murder and one count of murder.

## DALLAS COUNTY

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### *Alyssa Burkett, 24*

**OCTOBER 2, 2020 | CARROLLTON**

Alyssa Burkett died outside of her work when her ex-boyfriend, Andrew Beard, 33, shot and stabbed her. Beard has a history of violence against Alyssa and had tracked and stalked her before. Alyssa feared Beard would kill her and her daughter. A custody case between Beard and Alyssa had been finalized a few days before the murder, and the order granted custody to Alyssa. Authorities arrested and charged Beard with murder. While he was released on bond, Alyssa's mother took Alyssa's daughter into hiding. Federal prosecutors arrested and charged Beard with possession of a silencer and revoked his release. Alyssa is survived by her daughter, age 1.

### *Emily Sarah Bingabing, 22*

**JANUARY 26, 2020 | DALLAS**

Emily Bingabing died in front of a store when her ex-boyfriend, Rashad Warren, 24, shot and killed her. Emily was shopping with three friends when Warren approached her and led her to the parking lot. After shooting Emily, Rashad fled. Authorities issued a warrant for Warren's arrest and located him in Greenville, Texas. When officers attempted to serve the warrant, Warren barricaded himself in the apartment and then shot and killed himself. Warren had a pending misdemeanor domestic violence charge in Collin County for assaulting another dating partner and had previously received a ten-year probation sentence for a felony charge of injury to a child. Emily had ended the relationship with Warren. At the time of her death, Emily was enlisting in the Army and hoped that would help her get away from Warren.

### *LaTiffiney Rodgers, 26*

**FEBRUARY 9, 2020 | DALLAS**

LaTiffiney Rodgers died at her home when her boyfriend, Johnnie Palmore, 33, stabbed and killed her. Palmore then fled with their children. LaTiffiney's mother requested a welfare check. Law enforcement responded and discovered LaTiffiney deceased in her home. A SWAT team located Palmore at a different residence, where he then shot himself. Emergency responders transported Palmore to a hospital where he later died. Palmore had a history of violence against LaTiffiney. LaTiffiney is survived by her two sons, ages 1 and 7.

### *Brittany Howard, 31*

**MARCH 10, 2020 | DALLAS**

Brittany Howard died in a hotel room after her husband, Charles Schoenfeld, 42, shot and killed her. Schoenfeld shot and killed his sons, Charlie, 12, and Noah, 9. Schoenfeld sent an unsettling text message to Charlie and Noah's mom before shooting and killing himself. Schoenfeld and Brittany were visiting the Dallas area from Florida and had requested an unscheduled custody visit. Schoenfeld had a history of violence against Charlie and Noah's mom. In January 2020, he violated a custody agreement and did not return the boys as required after a December visit to Florida.

### *Jennifer DeZarn, 21*

**MARCH 15, 2020 | DALLAS**

Jennifer DeZarn died in her home when her boyfriend, Milton Moody, 41, physically assaulted and killed her. Moody showed an individual that he had killed Jennifer. He then asked to borrow a vehicle from another witness to move Jennifer's body from the home. When officers investigated, they learned that neighbors had overheard the assault. Moody admitted to killing Jennifer. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Jennifer was pregnant at the time of the murder.

***Kashus Williams, 25***

**MAY 11, 2020 | DALLAS**

Kashus Williams died in his home when his girlfriend, Kenia Rodriguez-Gonzalez, 24, shot and killed him. Law enforcement responded to a report of a shooting and discovered Kashus deceased. Rodriguez-Gonzalez fled and was later apprehended. Authorities arrested and charged Rodriguez-Gonzalez with murder. Kashus is survived by his three children.

***Abigail Manriquez, 26***

**MAY 19, 2020 | DALLAS**

Abigail Manriquez died in her home when her ex-boyfriend, Christian Morales, 27, shot and killed her. Morales also shot and injured Abigail's friend. Abigail's children were in the home. When law enforcement arrived, Morales threatened them and would not surrender or allow them to enter the home. Law enforcement officers removed the children and the injured friend through a window while negotiators spoke with Morales. Morales surrendered and authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Abigail is survived by her two children.

***Ceese Murray, 21***

**JUNE 10, 2020 | DALLAS**

Ceese Murray died in a home after her ex-boyfriend, Jesus Hernandez, 28, shot and killed her. Hernandez then shot and killed himself. Officers responding to the call made entry into the home and found Ceese and Hernandez deceased.

***Ronald Ray Briscoe, 54***

**JUNE 27, 2020 | DALLAS**

Ronald Ray Briscoe died in his home when his girlfriend, Audrea Johnson, 52, stabbed and killed him. Law enforcement responded and discovered Ronald deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Johnson with murder.

***Shekenia Arnae Horton, 38***

**JULY 11, 2020 | DALLAS**

Shekenia Arnae Horton died after her boyfriend, Demond Dixon, 41, shot her. Shekenia was wounded and sought help at a nearby business. She collapsed at the entrance of the barbershop. Emergency responders transported her to a hospital where she died. In January 2021, authorities identified Dixon as a suspect and arrested and charged him with murder.

***Jennifer Hickmon, 37***

**JULY 12, 2020 | DALLAS**

Jennifer Hickmon died at her home when her boyfriend, Jeffery Alan Scott, 35, killed her. Law enforcement responded to a welfare check and discovered Jennifer deceased. Scott was later located by police in San Marcos, where he shot an officer. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder and attempted capital murder of a peace officer. A grand jury indicted him for attempted capital murder. Jennifer is survived by her daughter.

***Victoria Bunton, 35***

**AUGUST 31, 2020 | DALLAS**

Victoria Bunton died in her home when her husband, James Webb, 57, shot and killed her. Webb also shot and killed Victoria's sons, Zq'Quon Bunton, 14, and Isaac Bunton, 16. Webb called an alarm company and reported that he murdered his family. Law enforcement responded and Webb confessed. Authorities arrested and charged Webb with capital murder.

***Nicole McChriston, 40***

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2020 | DALLAS**

Nicole McChriston died in the home that she shared with her mother after her boyfriend, Jerry Ford, 58, stabbed and killed her. Ford called 911 to report the murder then fled in Nicole's car. Law enforcement officers pursued Ford. He crashed the vehicle into a house. An officer shot and injured Ford, and he was then transported to the hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Ford with murder. Ford has a history of violence against Nicole, including five arrests for assaults over several months. In September 2020, he was released on bond for an assault charge days prior to killing Nicole.

***Rachel Escamilla, 38***

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 | DALLAS**

Rachel Escamilla died in a hotel room when her ex-boyfriend, Efrain Cisneros, 37, shot and killed her. Cisneros also shot and killed Rachel's mother, Peggy Bailey, 56, and Rachel's boyfriend, Michael Rivera, 33. The hotel manager alerted law enforcement after the employee opened the hotel room to do a room check and discovered the bodies. Authorities identified Cisneros as the suspect in the murders and arrested and charged him with three charges of capital murder. The female that accompanied Cisneros remains at large.

***Linda Simmons, 65***

**OCTOBER 6, 2020 | DALLAS**

Linda Simmons died when her boyfriend, Bobby Ray Harris, 67, shot and killed her as they drove to work. Harris left Linda's body at a cemetery. He then reported to work and confessed to his co-workers that he killed Linda. His co-workers alerted law enforcement officers. Authorities arrested and charged Harris with murder. Linda is survived by her daughters.

***Josefina Alonso De La Sierra Avila, 36***

**OCTOBER 31, 2020 | DALLAS**

Josefina Alonso De La Sierra Avila died when her husband, Jose Arellano, 50, shot and killed her. Law enforcement responded to a shooting; when they arrived they found Josefina's body. Witnesses reported that Arellano had shot his wife and later Arellano confessed to killing his wife. Authorities arrested and charged Arellano with murder. Arellano died in March 2021 while awaiting trial.

***Briana Marie Johnson, 30***

**DECEMBER 28, 2020 | DALLAS**

Briana Johnson died at the hospital after her boyfriend, Demarcus Jackson, 27, shot her in her home. Jackson also shot and injured another woman present. Emergency responders transported Briana to a hospital, where she later died. Authorities apprehended Jackson, arrested and charged him with murder. A grand jury indicted him for murder. Jackson has a history of violence, including a prior family violence arrest. Briana is survived by her four children.

***Miriam Dalila Reyes, 44***

**FEBRUARY 10, 2020 | IRVING**

Miriam Reyes died in her home when her husband, Jose Reyes, 57, shot and killed her. Reyes then shot and killed himself. Their two sons were in the home at the time. Miriam is survived by her four children.

***Brandy Sapp, 46***

**OCTOBER 20, 2020 | IRVING**

Brandy Sapp died in her home when her husband, James Olivares, 45, shot and killed her. Olivares also shot and killed Brandy's daughter, Sicilian Williams, 18, and then killed himself. Law enforcement responded to a call requesting assistance at the residence and heard a man yell from inside, requesting a negotiator, followed by at least one gunshot. When they entered the house, they found Brandy, Sicilian, and Olivares deceased and discovered that he had also shot and killed the family pets.

***Markeita McCleary, 28***

**OCTOBER 18, 2020 | MESQUITE**

Markeita McCleary died after her husband, Ashton Neroes, 28, shot her in their home. Their children were in the home during the shooting. Emergency responders transported her to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Authorities arrested and charged Neroes with murder. Markeita had planned to end the relationship with Neroes and asked him for a divorce. Markeita is survived by her daughter and two sons.

***Olga Korobovskaya, 58***

**DECEMBER 15, 2020 | RICHARDSON**

Olga Korobovskaya died at her home after ex-boyfriend, Newman Lofland, 71, shot and killed her. Lofland then shot and killed himself. Lofland had a history of violence, including a prior indictment for aggravated assault in retaliation from 2010. Years after their relationship ended, Olga had offered Lofland a temporary place to stay in her home. Authorities had served Lofland with eviction paperwork to remove him from Olga's home. Olga is survived by her son and daughter.

## DENTON COUNTY

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### *Megan Darling, 30*

**JANUARY 10, 2020 | DENTON**

Megan Darling died at her home when her boyfriend, Xavier Patterson, 28, shot and killed her. Megan's children were in the home. Patterson has a history of violence, and Megan had asked Patterson to move out of her home hours before he shot her. Authorities initially arrested Patterson with aggravated assault, and later added a murder charge. Megan is survived by her three sons and daughter.

### *Diane Kramer, 65*

**MARCH 13, 2020 | DENTON**

Diane Kramer died as a result of blunt force injuries after her ex-husband, Darrell Kramer, 53, killed her. Diane's daughter went to Diane's home to check on her mother and discovered Diane deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Kramer with murder. Diane is survived by her adult daughter.

### *Kyle Laborda, 34*

**JULY 25, 2020 | DENTON**

Kyle Laborda died at the hospital after his wife, Marianna Bailey, 35, shot him inside of her home. Law enforcement responded to a reported shooting at the residence. Emergency responders transported Kyle to the hospital where he died. Bailey admitted to shooting Kyle. Kyle and Bailey had been separated for several years and Kyle was living in California with his fiancé. Kyle traveled to Bailey's home from California to receive legal custody of their daughter. Authorities charged Bailey with murder and arrested her. Kyle is survived by his daughter, age 6.

### *Leslie Lynn Hartman, 46*

**AUGUST 26, 2020 | DENTON**

Leslie Hartman died at home when her boyfriend, Jay Rotter, 36, shot and killed her. Rotter initially called 911 to report that Leslie had shot herself and committed suicide. When law enforcement arrived they found evidence that Rotter killed Leslie. Authorities arrested and charged Rotter and a grand jury indicted him with murder and tampering with evidence or fabricating physical evidence.

### *Frederick Wysingle, 51*

**JUNE 28, 2020 | HICKORY CREEK**

Frederick Wysingle died when his wife, Schevette Wysingle, 50, shot and killed him in the home they shared. Wysingle then shot and killed herself.

### *Susan Adkins Howard, 58*

**APRIL 25, 2020 | JUSTIN**

Susan Howard died at her home when her husband, Kenneth Howard, 58, shot and killed her. Howard then shot and killed himself. Their son reported finding his parents to law enforcement who responded and discovered Susan and Howard deceased. Susan is survived by her daughter and son.



## DENTON COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Caleb Pearson, 31***

**FEBRUARY 12, 2020 | LITTLE ELM**

Caleb Pearson died in his home when his wife, Micyra Williams, 27, shot and killed him. Williams called 911 and reported that she shot Caleb. Authorities arrested and charged Williams with murder. Caleb had a history of family violence towards Williams and they had separated in 2020. In 2016, authorities in Tulsa arrested Caleb for domestic abuse against Williams. Caleb received deferred adjudication for a misdemeanor assault and violated his probation. Williams's attorney reports Williams had called 911 to report Caleb's violence at least five times; three times in Oklahoma, including an assault when Caleb pulled a gun on her. In 2019, Caleb became violent when Williams was in labor. The hospital called CPS and security escorted Caleb off the hospital property. Caleb is survived by his three children.

### ***April Robinson, 36***

**OCTOBER 14, 2020 | PROVIDENCE VILLAGE**

April Robinson died when her boyfriend, Cory Washington, 39, shot and killed her. Washington also shot and killed Robinson's son, Donovan Fielder, 18. Washington called 911 and reported he had killed April. When law enforcement arrived, they found April deceased in a neighbor's yard and her son's body in the home. Authorities arrested Washington and charged him with capital murder.

## EASTLAND COUNTY

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### ***Carizma Maynard, 18***

**JUNE 11, 2020 | EASTLAND**

Carizma Maynard died when her ex-boyfriend, Sean Simington, 21, shot and killed her in the kitchen of his home. Simington called Carizma's mother and confessed to killing her. When law enforcement responded to the home, Simington confessed to them as well. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Carizma had ended the relationship with Simington about one month before her death. Simington pled guilty and received a sentence of 80 years in prison.

## ECTOR COUNTY

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### ***Veronica Carrillo, 38***

**DECEMBER 20, 2020 | ODESSA**

Veronica Carrillo died on a neighborhood road when her boyfriend, Humberto Polanco Jr., 35, struck her with his vehicle and killed her. Veronica planned to end the relationship with Polanco Jr. because of his violent, jealous, and controlling behavior. Two weeks before he killed Veronica, Polanco Jr. was arrested and released for domestic violence against Veronica. Veronica was walking to Polanco's home when he struck her. He then fled. A witness called 911. Authorities arrested and charged Polanco Jr. with murder and also arrested Polanco Jr.'s mother for tampering with evidence. Veronica is survived by her son and her three daughters.

## EL PASO COUNTY

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### *Jorge Luis Vasquez, 39*

**APRIL 2, 2020 | EL PASO**

Jorge Luis Vasquez died when his girlfriend, Monica Martinez, 44, chased and struck him with her vehicle at a gas station. Emergency responders transported Jorge to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. Authorities arrested and charged Martinez with murder. Jorge is survived by his son.

### *Kerica Robinson, 21*

**MAY 29, 2020 | EL PASO**

Kerica Robinson died when her husband, Linwood Smith, 22, shot her. Kerica and Smith had lived together and were in the process of getting a divorce. When Kerica did not go to work or call in, a friend reported her missing. Law enforcement found suspicious searches on Smith's cellphone and when they questioned him, he admitted to killing Kerica. Authorities arrested and charged Smith with murder.

### *Norma Martinez, 58*

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 | EL PASO**

Norma Martinez died in her home when her husband, Mark Martinez, 57, shot and killed her. Martinez then fled to New Mexico where he shot and killed himself.

### *Capt. Malcolm Perry, 27*

**OCTOBER 11, 2020 | EL PASO**

Capt. Malcolm Perry died in his car after his ex-girlfriend, Capt. Clevy Nelson-Royster, 27, asked her friend driving her vehicle to ram into Malcolm's vehicle. Nelson-Royster and her friend, Richard Sennesie, 23, had followed Malcolm to his home. When Malcolm drove away, Nelson-Royster told Sennesie to follow him and then instructed him to crash into Malcolm's vehicle, causing him to crash and the vehicle to burst into flames. Authorities arrested and charged Sennesie with murder and, days later, arrested and charged Nelson-Royster with murder.

### *Erin Teresa Hawkins, 37*

**JANUARY 25, 2020 | HORIZON CITY**

Erin Hawkins died in her home when her boyfriend, Travis Edmisten, 36, physically and sexually assaulted and killed her while she was unconscious. Erin's mother found her and contacted law enforcement. Authorities arrested and charged Edmisten with murder. Erin is survived by her daughter, age 7.

### *Marta Reyna, 52*

**JULY 5, 2020 | SOCORRO**

Marta Reyna died at her workplace when her husband, Sergio Reyna, 53, stabbed and killed her. Reyna then fled to Mexico. Reyna confessed to killing Marta to a priest and a family member. Authorities issued a warrant for Reyna's arrest and U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers arrested him when he attempted to reenter the United States. Authorities charged Reyna with murder.

## ERATH COUNTY

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### *Traci Lee Jones, 41*

**JUNE 16, 2020 | DUBLIN**

Traci Jones died after her ex-boyfriend, Jeffery Rodgers, 60, strangled and killed her. Rodgers moved Traci's body to a lake in Kentucky. Traci had worked for Rodgers and had an intimate relationship with him. Authorities arrested and charged Rodgers with murder.

## FORT BEND COUNTY

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### *Lynnette Brown, 49*

**MARCH 8, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Lynnette Brown died at her home when her husband, Ryan Brown, 48, shot and killed her. Brown also shot and killed the couple's two sons, Sam, age 16, and Hayes, age 13, and the family's two dogs before shooting and killing himself. Brown's mother became concerned and requested a welfare check. Law enforcement responded and discovered the family deceased.

### *Kristi Cousin Carter, 44*

**MAY 23, 2020 | KATY**

Kristi Carter died at home when her husband, Brian Carter, 49, shot and killed her. Carter then shot and killed himself. Their teenage son was in the home. Law enforcement responded to a 911 call. Kristi had separated from Carter. Kristi is survived by her two sons.

### *Brandi Wills, 48*

**JULY 12, 2020 | KATY**

Brandi Wills died at a friend's home when her husband, Chris Wills, 37, shot and killed her. Wills then shot and killed himself. Brandi was staying with her friend for the night, when Wills entered that home with a gun, shooting Brandi and then shooting himself. Brandi is survived by her two sons, ages 9 and 22, and her two daughters, ages 11 and 21.

### *Maria Petra Zuniga, 50*

**APRIL 15, 2020 | ROSENBERG**

Maria Petra Mendez Zuniga died at a hospital when her husband, Tomas Maldonado Capelo, 50, assaulted and killed her. Maldonado then fled. Law enforcement responded to a family violence call and found Maria injured. Emergency responders transported Maria to the hospital where she died. Maldonado's vehicle was later found in Columbus, Texas. Witnesses reported that Maldonado threatened Maria and family members days prior to the attack and believe Maldonado fled to Mexico. Maldonado remains at large. Maria is survived by her son.

### *Christopher Wilson, 39*

**MARCH 20, 2020 | STAFFORD**

Christopher Wilson died after his girlfriend, Maria Soto, 36, shot and killed him. Christopher had strangled Soto earlier on the day she shot him. Soto informed an off-duty law enforcement officer who lived in the same apartment complex that Christopher had strangled her. Later the same day, Soto shot Christopher. Authorities arrested and charged Soto with murder. Christopher is survived by his child.

## FORT BEND COUNTY *continued*

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### *Diana Lynn Logan, 48*

**FEBRUARY 11, 2020 | SUGAR LAND**

Diana Logan died after her husband, Richard Logan, 53, shot and killed her in her home. Logan also shot and killed the couple's son, age 11. Logan drove to another city, where the couple's daughter, age 22, was attending university, and he assaulted, strangled, and injured her. Logan then drove to another location, where he shot and killed himself.

### *Theresa Okigbo, 53*

**DECEMBER 18, 2020 | SUGAR LAND**

Theresa Okigbo died at her home when her husband, Benjamin Okigbo, 64, strangled and killed her. Okigbo also attempted to kill their two adult sons by strangling them. Okigbo then killed himself by hanging. Theresa's daughter became concerned when she did not hear from the family and went to the home. One of Theresa's children called 911. Law enforcement responded and discovered Theresa and Okigbo deceased. Emergency responders transported Theresa's two sons to the hospital. Theresa is survived by her two adult sons and her adult daughter.

## GALVESTON COUNTY

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### *Marcella Brizuela, 38*

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 | DICKINSON**

Marcella Brizuela died in her home when her ex-boyfriend, Elvir Kaltak, 47, shot and killed her. He then shot and killed himself. Kaltak waited for Marcella to return from work to shoot her. Marcella had attempted to end the relationship multiple times and had told Kaltak he needed to move out of their residence by the date of the murder. The next day, a relative requested a welfare check. When law enforcement responded, they found Marcella's home on fire and located both of their bodies. Marcella is survived by her three children.

### *Savannah Kinchen Paschal, 30*

**OCTOBER 21, 2020 | LA MARQUE**

Savannah Kinchen Paschal died at a hospital after her husband, Trent Paschal, 48, shot her at their home. Savannah had gone to a neighbor's home earlier in the day to get away from Paschal and returned to her home with her mother. Paschal then shot Savannah and attempted to shoot her mother. Paschal fled, and Savannah's mother called 911 from a neighbor's house. Emergency responders transported Savannah to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Authorities later located Paschal, who refused to put down his gun as officers attempted to arrest him. Officers then shot Paschal, arrested him, and transported him to the hospital. Paschal was charged with murder, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, unlawful possession of a firearm, and aggravated assault on a peace officer. While released on bond, Paschal removed his GPS ankle monitor and stole a vehicle from a dealership at knifepoint. Paschal was charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. He remains at large. Savannah is survived by her son, age 11, and her daughter, age 7.

## GALVESTON COUNTY *continued*

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### *Megan Ficklen, 21*

**NOVEMBER 28, 2020 | SAN LEON**

Megan Ficklen died at a hospital after her boyfriend, Anthony Castellanos, 21, shot her. Law enforcement responded in time for Megan to disclose who shot her while they transported her to the hospital. Castellanos fled. Authorities later captured Castellanos in Houston and arrested him for parole violation and murder. Megan is survived by her two sons.

### *Grace Kaldenberg, 79*

**MARCH 8, 2020 | TEXAS CITY**

Grace Kaldenberg died at a nursing home in Texas City when her husband, Donald Eugene Kaldenberg, 90, shot and killed her. Kaldenberg entered Grace's room at the facility, and after shooting Grace, he shot and killed himself. Grace is survived by her five children.

## GRAYSON COUNTY

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### *Emilia Gunnels, 21*

**MARCH 23, 2020 | SHERMAN**

Emilia Gunnels was killed by her co-worker Ebby Wade, 44. Emilia's family reported her missing after she had told them she was going to Wade's apartment. Emilia and Wade were acquaintances, and occasionally rode to work together, however, Wade disclosed to investigators that he had wanted to start a relationship with Emilia. A day after being reported missing, city workers discovered Emilia's body in the water under a bridge. Authorities charged and arrested Wade. A grand jury indicted Wade for murder.

### *Pamela Ann Pence, 60*

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 | SOUTHMAYD**

Pamela Pence died in her home when her husband, Richard Pence II, 50, assaulted and killed her. Pamela's son found her and contacted law enforcement. Neighbors indicated they had heard prior assaults in the past. Pence was arrested and charged and later indicted for murder. Pamela is survived by her four adult sons.

## GREGG COUNTY

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### *Joshua Huffman, 32*

**APRIL 29, 2020 | LONGVIEW**

Joshua Huffman died in the hospital after Angelita Ruiz, age 39, shot him. After the shooting was reported, law enforcement officers arrived to find Joshua suffering life-threatening injuries. Emergency responders transported him to the hospital. Ruiz was arrested and charged with first-degree murder. Joshua is survived by his children.

## HALE COUNTY

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### *Linda Fay Daily Downs, 68*

**FEBRUARY 1, 2020 | ABERNATHY**

Linda Downs died in a vehicle in front of her home when her husband, Randy Downs, 71, stabbed and shot her. Downs set fire to the home and shot and injured himself. Neighbors called 911 to report the fire. Emergency responders transported Downs to a hospital. Downs admitted to investigators that he killed his wife. Authorities arrested and charged Downs with murder.

## HARRIS COUNTY

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### *Norma Astrid Martinez, 49*

**JULY 13, 2020 | BAYTOWN**

Norma Astrid Martinez died in a hospital after her husband, Efrain Lucatero-Loza, 52, shot her in their home. Lucatero-Loza also shot and killed Norma's daughter, Joselynn Chairez, 17. Lucatero-Loza then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement arrived at the home after reports of gunshots. They found Norma and Joselynn in the garage and transported Norma to the hospital via life flight where she died two days later. Norma is survived by her three adult sons.

### *Katy Houck, 46*

**AUGUST 17, 2020 | BAYTOWN**

Katy Houck died at the hospital after her boyfriend, Dantravias McNeil, 46, stabbed her in a hotel room they shared. Hotel guests reported concerns to hotel staff, who went to the room and located Katy severely injured. Emergency responders transported Katy by life flight to a hospital where she later died. McNeil has a history of violence with former partners, including strangulation. Authorities arrested and charged McNeil with murder. Katy is survived by her three daughters.

### *Jose Alvarado, 25*

**MARCH 26, 2020 | CHANNELVIEW**

Jose Alvarado died at home when his wife, Caroline Mendoza, 45, shot, stabbed, and killed him. Law enforcement responded and located Jose in the driveway and transported him to a local hospital where he later died. Mendoza admitted to authorities that she shot and stabbed Jose. Authorities arrested and charged Mendoza with murder.

### *Julie De La Garza, 20*

**OCTOBER 19, 2020 | CYPRESS**

Julie Marie De La Garza died in the hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Mann Hayes, 21, shot her. Julie was in a vehicle with her current boyfriend when Hayes began following them in his vehicle. Hayes shot through the back window of Julie's boyfriend's vehicle, striking Julie. Julie was life-flighted to the hospital, where she later died. Hayes was initially charged with aggravated assault, but the charges were upgraded to murder after Julie's death.

***Mayra Graciela Falcon-Medellin, 38***

**JANUARY 24, 2020 | GALENA PARK**

Mayra Graciela Falcon-Medellin died in her home when her husband, Jose Antonio Medellin, 40, stabbed and killed her while she slept. Mayra's daughter, age 8, was in the room with her. Mayra had told Medellin she wanted to separate the night he killed her. Law enforcement responded to the home and found Mayra deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Medellin with murder. Medellin pled guilty and was sentenced to 45 years in prison. Mayra is survived by her four children.

***Dominic Jefferson, 33***

**JANUARY 4, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Dominic Jefferson died after her fiancé, Kendrick Akins, 39, shot her in the parking lot outside of her apartment. Dominic and her friend were planning to drive Dominic's vehicle to pick up the friend's boyfriend when they discovered the car was not working. Akins shot Dominic in front of her friend. A neighbor witnessed the incident and rushed to intervene. Akins shot at the neighbor, who pretended to be dead until Akins left. Dominic and Akins had been dating for three months. Akins proposed to Dominic four days before he killed her. Akins was on parole at the time of the murder. He had also broken her cell phone the previous day. Authorities arrested Akins and charged him with murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Dominic is survived by her daughter, age 10, and her two sons.

***Tallya Boss, 35***

**JANUARY 8, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Tallya Boss died after her boyfriend, Patrick Hall, 53, shot and killed her. Hall initially claimed Tallya accidentally shot herself, but the evidence contradicted his claims. Authorities arrested Hall and charged him with murder. Hall was released on bond. Hall has a history of assault against others. Tallya is survived by her daughter.

***Ray Court, 66***

**JANUARY 19, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Ray Court died at the hospital after his wife, Carolyn Court, 68, shot him in her home. After being separated for several weeks, Ray returned to Court's home to retrieve some of his belongings. Court attempted to assault Ray and used a gun to threaten Ray before fatally shooting him. Authorities arrested and charged Court with murder; she was released on bond. Ray is survived by his adult son.

***Anita Bartosh, 81***

**FEBRUARY 18, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Anita Bartosh died after her husband, Ronald Bartosh, 80, stabbed and killed her in her home. Bartosh then shot and killed himself. When Anita and Bartosh missed a family gathering, relatives became concerned and called for a welfare check. Law enforcement and paramedics found their bodies. Anita is survived by her four adult children.

***Angela Marie Perez Sanchez, 27***

**MARCH 8, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Angela Perez Sanchez died after her boyfriend, Jeovany Sabillon-Portillo, 34, stabbed and killed her. He then fled in Angela's car. Angela was at Sabillon-Portillo's apartment along with his roommates. Sabillon-Portillo told Angela he was going to kill her and then himself, went to the kitchen to retrieve a knife, and began stabbing Angela in front of the roommates. The roommates fled and waited on the apartment balcony until Sabillon-Portillo left the scene. Emergency responders pronounced Angela dead. Authorities charged Sabillon-Portillo with murder; he remains at large. Angela is survived by her three young children.

***Charlene Grovell, 36***

**MARCH 31, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Charlene Grovell died in her home when her husband, Jason Armster, 37, shot and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Armster with murder and tampering with physical evidence. Armster has a history of violence toward other partners, resulting in protective orders and incarceration. Charlene is survived by her three children, ages 4, 7, and 11.

***Chi Thi Lien Le, 29***

**APRIL 3, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Chi Thi Lien Le died when her husband, Curtis Holliday, 58, assaulted and killed her. Holliday had a history of violence against Chi and was out on a felony bond at the time of the murder. Chi had contacted law enforcement, obtained an emergency protective order, and told friends and family she feared Holliday would kill her. Chi was attempting to end the relationship and was seeking a divorce. Family reported Chi missing in April and her body was located in May at Holliday's workplace. Authorities arrested and charged Holliday with murder. Chi is survived by her daughter, age 4.

***Darlene Solis, 33***

**APRIL 30, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Darlene Solis died after her ex-boyfriend, Corey Campbell, 31, shot and killed her in her home. He then stole Darlene's car and fled. Darlene's family became concerned when they did not hear from her. Darlene's father went to her home to check on her and discovered her body. Law enforcement began an investigation. Authorities charged Campbell with murder but he absconded. Law enforcement then located him in Forsyth County, North Carolina, and returned him to Texas. He was released on bond.

***Aaron Conner, 41***

**MAY 19, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Aaron Conner died in his home after his girlfriend, Joni Sablatura, 43, shot him. Aaron and Sablatura were discussing ending their relationship at the time. Sablatura called 911 and reported that she shot Aaron. Authorities arrested and charged Sablatura with murder. Aaron is survived by his two minor daughters.



***Cody John, 24***

**MAY 20, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Cody John died after her ex-boyfriend, Kendrick Thomas, 30, broke into her home and shot her. Thomas also shot and injured Cody's mother and sister. Several hours after the shooting, Thomas drove to Cody's boyfriend's home and shot and injured him. Thomas fled and was later discovered by law enforcement as he hid in the cab of an 18-wheeler. Police made attempts to draw Thomas out of the truck, but Thomas shot and killed himself. Thomas had a history of violence against a former partner, including while she was pregnant. Cody was seven months pregnant when Thomas killed her.

***Derick Randle, 53***

**JUNE 9, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Derick Randle died after his ex-boyfriend, Ricky Brown, 48, shot him in the parking lot of the apartment complex where they lived. After shooting Derick, Brown approached a neighbor, held him at gunpoint, and forced him to help Brown move Derick's body to a dumpster in a nearby apartment complex. Authorities arrested and charged Brown with murder three months later. Brown had a history of threatening behavior against Derick, and months before had fired multiple shots at him in the same parking lot where he later killed him. The property manager had banned Brown from the premises.

***Andrea Williams, 39***

**JUNE 27, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Andrea Williams died in her home when her husband, David Willis, 39, shot her. A family member called law enforcement to request a welfare check. Police discovered Andrea's body and learned Willis had fled. After he killed Andrea, Willis visited a friend and confessed to the murder. Willis was arrested nine days later and charged with capital murder. Andrea was four months pregnant at the time of the murder. Andrea is survived by her son, age 15.

***April Daniels Burleson, 33***

**JULY 16, 2020 | HOUSTON**

April Daniels Burleson died at a gas station when her boyfriend, Kenneth Moore Jr., 34, shot and killed her. Moore then shot and killed himself. April is survived by her four children.

***Kimberly Robinson, 28***

**JULY 17, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Kimberly Robinson died in her home after her ex-boyfriend, Cedgadrick Harris, 24, shot and killed her. In the early morning on the day of the murder, Harris broke into Kimberly's home while she and her children slept. He kicked in her bedroom door and shot Kimberly multiple times, killing her. Harris also shot and injured Kimberly's daughter, age 4. Kimberly's other children were in the home. Harris has a history of violence toward Kimberly. In 2019, Harris assaulted Kimberly and she was issued a protective order. In 2020, three months before killing her, Harris assaulted Kimberly by striking her repeatedly in the head with a pistol. At the time of the murder, Harris was out on a personal recognizance bond for assaulting Kimberly. Authorities arrested and charged Harris with capital murder and injury to a child. Kimberly is survived by her five children, ages 12 and under.

***Jessica Rose Perez, 24***

**AUGUST 30, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Jessica Perez died in her home after her boyfriend, Andrew Webster, 21, struck her in the head and stabbed her. Law enforcement responded to a call and found Webster wandering outside. Webster confessed that he killed Jessica. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder.

***Ashley Garcia, 27***

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Ashley Garcia died after her boyfriend, Alexis Rojas-Mendez, 22, assaulted and killed her in her home. A neighbor witnessed Rojas-Mendez assaulting Ashley in front of her son, age 8, in the parking lot of their apartment complex. Rojas-Mendez then forced Ashley upstairs to their apartment, where he continued to assault and kill Ashley. Rojas-Mendez placed Ashley's body in the bed and told her son not to wake Ashley because she was sleeping. The next morning, Ashley's son sought help from neighbors when he could not wake his mother. Neighbors called 911; emergency responders found Ashley deceased. Authorities charged Rojas-Mendez with capital murder. He absconded and is at large. Ashley was 7 weeks pregnant and is survived by her three minor children.

***Elizabeth Hernandez, 30***

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Elizabeth Hernandez died in her home when her husband, Arnold Garcia, 30, strangled, assaulted, and killed her. Garcia called 911 and admitted to killing her. Authorities arrested and charged Garcia with murder. Garcia has a history of violence, including a 2009 indictment for a misdemeanor assault family violence charge against a prior dating partner. Elizabeth is survived by her five children.

***Artina Cooper, 33***

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Artina Cooper died in the driveway of her home after her husband, Herschell Cooper, 34, shot and killed her. Cooper then shot and killed himself. Neighbors called 911 to report a shooting. When law enforcement arrived they found Artina and Cooper outside the home. Cooper had a history of violence against Artina, as well as against his previous partner. Artina was issued an emergency protective order in 2020 and separated from Cooper. Prior to the murder, authorities had charged Cooper with felony assault; Cooper bonded out and had a bond condition to not contact Artina and later did not show up to court. Authorities issued a judgment of forfeiture ordering Herschell to pay a fine, court costs, among other orders. Artina is survived by her step-daughter.

***Danielle Hart, 25***

**OCTOBER 13, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Danielle Hart died after her boyfriend, Tuscanny Elder, 34, shot her. Elder then shot and killed himself. Police discovered their bodies after family members had not heard from them in several days. The medical examiner determined that Elder died by suicide and Danielle died by homicide.

***Tammy Stabler, 39***

**OCTOBER 13, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Tammy Stabler died after her husband, David Medrano, 61, shot and killed her. Law enforcement were called for a welfare check and made contact with Medrano, who had barricaded himself inside the home. After hours of negotiations, Medrano shot and killed himself, and law enforcement made entry into the home. Medrano had a history of violence toward Tammy, including assault charges. Tammy is survived by her four children.

***Rita Acosta, 43***

**NOVEMBER 6, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Rita Acosta died in her uncle's home after her boyfriend, Jesus Gallegos, 29, physically assaulted and killed her. Rita's uncle found her deceased in her bed. Authorities arrested Gallegos three days later for four outstanding felony warrants and later charged him with Rita's murder. Gallegos has a history of violence toward Rita, previous partners, and other family members. Rita had recently moved in with her uncle and disclosed that Gallegos was abusing her. Two months prior to the murder, authorities arrested and charged Gallegos for assaulting Rita. Gallegos bonded out shortly after, making it his fifth bond in the year leading up to Rita's murder. Four of those bonds were felony bonds and two of those felony bonds were personal recognizance bonds. Two days prior to Rita's murder, a judge issued a warrant for Gallegos' arrest for violating multiple conditions of his bond for the assault charge.

***Iluminada Marrerro Perdoma, 27***

**NOVEMBER 25, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Iluminada Marrero Perdoma died in her home after her ex-husband, Leonardo Llanes, 47, shot and killed her. Llanes also shot and killed Iluminada's boyfriend, Ernesto Carlos Aguilar Vásquez. Neighbors reported the shooting. Authorities arrested and charged Llanes with capital murder. Iluminada is survived by her son, age 7.

***Briana Johnson, 28***

**NOVEMBER 28, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Briana Johnson died when her boyfriend, Victor Campbell, 35, strangled and killed her in her home. Campbell then placed Briana's body in the trunk of her car and drove out of the county. Law enforcement observed Campbell driving recklessly and attempted a traffic stop. Campbell fled from the officers, initiating a pursuit that resulted in Campbell crashing the vehicle. During Campbell's arrest, law enforcement found Briana in the vehicle. Campbell was arrested and charged and later indicted for murder. Campbell has a history of violence, including two felony family violence assault convictions for strangling two previous partners.

***Dondre Odums, 22***

**DECEMBER 10, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Dondre Odums died when his girlfriend, Melanie Marenah, 35, stabbed him in their home. Marenah left the apartment and went to her sister's house. Hours later, Marenah returned to the apartment with her sister and her sister confirmed that Dondre had died. Marenah called 911. Authorities arrested and charged Marenah with murder.

***Itzell Sanchez, 24***

**DECEMBER 23, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Itzell Sanchez died when her boyfriend, Norge Dominguez-Ramirez, 21, shot her in a vehicle parked at a friend's home. Dominguez-Ramirez then shot and killed himself. The couple had recently separated but had reconciled two days before the murder. Dominguez-Ramirez had a history of violence against Itzell, as well as his previous partners.

***Vicki Pennington, 52***

**DECEMBER 30, 2020 | HOUSTON**

Vicki Pennington died after her boyfriend, Louis Matlock, 49, shot and killed her in her home. Matlock also shot and killed Vicki's children, Destini Smith, 20, and Cameron Smith, 21. When deputies arrived at the home, Matlock fired his weapon at them and then barricaded himself inside the home. Despite negotiation attempts, Matlock refused to exit the home. Matlock shot and killed himself. Matlock had a history of violence, including previous charges for violence against a former partner's child. Vicki is survived by her two adult sons.

***Claudia Echeverria, 40***

**DECEMBER 2, 2020 | KATY**

Claudia Echeverria died in her home after her husband, Pedro Piedrasanta, 46, shot her. Piedrasanta then shot and killed himself. Claudia's son, age 16, was in the home at the time of the shooting and called 911. Claudia is survived by her two sons, one adult and one minor.

***Tanya Melton, 47***

**AUGUST 1, 2020 | NASSAU BAY**

Tanya Melton died after her boyfriend, Roger Douglas, 49, shot and killed her in his home. Law enforcement responded and discovered Tanya deceased and Douglas unresponsive. Emergency responders transported Douglas to the hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Douglas with murder.

***Alexandria Peletay, 50***

**JANUARY 20, 2020 | SPRING**

Alexandria Peletay died in a hospital after her boyfriend, Hernán Lagunas-Ochoa, 25, assaulted her. Authorities responded and transported Alexandria via life flight to a hospital where she died two days after the assault. Authorities arrested and charged Lagunas-Ochoa with murder.

***Rhonda Williams, 49***

**AUGUST 25, 2020 | SPRING**

Rhonda Williams died at a family member's home after her husband, Ralph Cooper, 38, shot and killed her. Rhonda had separated from Cooper. Cooper lured Rhonda to the home by telling her he was sick and asking her to bring their young son to the home. Later that evening, Cooper chased, shot, and killed Rhonda and then fled in someone else's vehicle. Authorities arrested Cooper the next day and charged him with murder, evading arrest, and unauthorized use of a vehicle. Cooper has a history of violence that includes strangulation, family violence, and assault of a public servant officer. Rhonda is survived by her son, age 3.

## HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

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### *Yashica Fontenot, 46*

**DECEMBER 26, 2020 | SPRING**

Yashica Fontenot died in her home after her husband, Jeffrey Fontenot, 49, shot and killed her. Fontenot called 911 to report the shooting. Fontenot shot and injured Yashica's son. Authorities arrested and charged Fontenot with murder and aggravated assault. Prior to her death, Yashica had disclosed to family members that Fontenot was verbally abusive toward her and she was planning on ending the relationship. Yashica is survived by her son, age 10, and her adult daughter.

## HARRISON COUNTY

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### *Terry Thomas Jones, 60*

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 | MARSHALL**

Terry Thomas Jones died at the hospital after his ex-girlfriend, Charlene Keigi, 61, shot him at her home. Keigi called 911 to request assistance and report that Terry was on her property; the call was disconnected. Keigi called 911 a second time and stated that she had shot Terry and would be waiting for law enforcement in her front yard. A grand jury indicted Keigi for murder. Terry is survived by his adult daughter.

## HAYS COUNTY

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### *Diana Stackiewiez, 63*

**MARCH 20, 2020 | BUDA**

Diana Stackiewiez died in her home when her husband, Thomas Stackiewiez, 64, shot and killed her. Stackiewiez then shot and killed himself. Before killing himself, Stackiewiez contacted a family member and stated they should contact the police. The family member went to their home and located their bodies and alerted authorities. Diana is survived by her adult son and adult daughter.

## HENDERSON COUNTY

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### *Ashley Nicole Koonce, 27*

**FEBRUARY 22, 2020 | ATHENS**

Ashley Koonce died at her mother's home in the front yard when her ex-boyfriend, Dameon Williams, 29, shot and killed her. Ashley's children and brother were in the home. Ashley's brother called 911. Authorities arrested and charged Williams with murder. Williams had a history of violence and Ashley had ended the relationship and moved to her mother's house the day before Williams killed her. Ashley is survived by her children, ages 3, 6, and 8.

### *Name and Age Not Released*

**DECEMBER 27, 2020 | CHANDLER**

A woman, over the age of 70, was shot and killed in her home by her husband, also over 70. Her husband then shot and killed himself. TCFV reached out to the responding law enforcement agency, Henderson County Sheriff's Office, who were unable to release data or victim and offender names due to pending lab reports.

## HENDERSON COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Kristy Lynn Combs, 36***

**MAY 16, 2020 | MABANK**

Kristy Combs died at her home after her husband, Justin Combs, 38, assaulted and killed her. Kristy's young son was present in the home. Combs left and later, law enforcement officers responded to the home and found Kristy deceased. Combs has a history of abuse towards Kristy, and she had been documenting the abuse with photos on her cellphone for about a year leading up to her death. Authorities arrested and charged Combs with murder. Kristy is survived by her son, age 6.

### ***Norman Wayne Thomas, 63***

**APRIL 8, 2020 | PAYNE SPRINGS**

Norman Thomas died in his home after his girlfriend, Judy Brown, 67, assaulted and killed him. Law enforcement responded to a call that a woman was hitting and kicking a man inside a home. When they arrived, they found Norman deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Brown with murder.

## HIDALGO COUNTY

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### ***Bertha Bermudez, 41***

**APRIL 16, 2020 | EDINBURG**

Bertha Bermudez died at her home when her boyfriend, Lindolfo Meza Sanchez, 73, shot and killed her. Sanchez then shot and killed himself. Sheriff's deputies met with a concerned family member who provided entry into the residence. Bertha is survived by her three children.

### ***Craig Chastain, 31***

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 | EDINBURG**

Craig Chastain died at his home when his wife, Lucinda Diaz, 35, shot and killed him. Law enforcement responded to a report of attempted suicide and discovered Craig unresponsive. Authorities arrested and charged Diaz, who was pregnant at the time. A grand jury indicted her for murder.

### ***Alyssa Martinez, 23***

**OCTOBER 30, 2020 | EDINBURG**

Alyssa Martinez died in her home when her ex-boyfriend, Alan Olivo, 25, shot and killed her. Olivo then shot and killed himself. Alyssa had ended the relationship with Olivo and reported him to law enforcement for stalking behavior the night prior to the murder. Officers escorted her home that evening and conducted patrols around her home. When law enforcement received information that Olivo was armed, on his way to Alyssa's home, and threatened to kill himself, authorities responded and discovered Alyssa and Olivo deceased.

## HIDALGO COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Olga Guadalupe Guevara, 30***

**DECEMBER 31, 2020 | EDINBURG**

Olga Guadalupe Guevara died at home when her husband, Agustin Adan Castellano, 29, shot and killed her. Castellano also shot and killed her mother, Maria Reyes Martinez, 58. Law enforcement responded to a family violence call, found Castellano at the home, and discovered Olga and her mother deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Castellano. A grand jury indicted him with capital murder. Olga is survived by her two daughters, ages 2 and 3.

### ***Melissa Banda, 37***

**AUGUST 6, 2020 | MCALLEN**

Melissa Banda died after her ex-husband, Richard Ford, 40, kidnapped her from her home, lacerated her throat, and killed her. Ford took Melissa to a rural area and left her in an abandoned vehicle. Law enforcement responded to Melissa's home after witnesses reported seeing Ford force her into a vehicle. Authorities arrested Ford for violation of a protective order and stalking. After an investigation, authorities located Melissa in the vehicle and charged Ford with aggravated kidnapping and capital murder. A grand jury indicted him for capital murder. He has a history of violence toward Melissa, including a charge for a family violence assault and strangulation in February 2020. Melissa had divorced Ford and received a protective order in March 2020. Melissa is survived by her three children, ages 6, 10, and 12.

## HOPKINS COUNTY

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### ***Melinda Edmonson, 49***

**JANUARY 31, 2020 | SULPHUR SPRINGS**

Melinda Edmonson died after her husband, Joe Edmonson, 53, shot and killed her in her home. Edmonson then shot and killed himself. A family member went to their home after not being able to contact them and called 911. Melinda is survived by her daughter and son.

## HUNT COUNTY

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### ***Abbaney Matts, 20***

**FEBRUARY 3, 2020 | COMMERCE**

Abbaney Matts died in a residency hall on the campus of Texas A&M University at Commerce when her ex-boyfriend, Jacques Dshawn Smith, 21, shot and killed her. He also shot and killed Deja Matts, Abbaney's sister, 19, and shot Abbaney's young son in the leg. Smith then fled. Abbaney had driven Deja to her dorm after a family event. The next morning, witnesses called 911 after seeing a bullet hole in an adjacent dorm wall. Emergency responders transported Abbaney's son to the hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Smith with capital murder. Smith has a history of violence against Abbaney. A week prior to the murders, Smith had assaulted Abbaney and threatened her with a knife. Abbaney had received an emergency protective order, and authorities had arrested and charged Smith with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, but he was released on bond. Abbaney is survived by her son, age 2.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

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### *Kelvin McMahon, 49*

**JUNE 30, 2020 | BEAUMONT**

Kelvin McMahon died in his home after his girlfriend, Naomi Ardion, 48, stabbed and killed him. Ardion then drank poison. Law enforcement conducted a welfare check and found Kelvin deceased and Ardion unconscious. Emergency responders transported her to the hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Ardion with murder and a grand jury indicted her on murder charges. Kelvin is survived by his son.

### *Kayla Rice, 33*

**NOVEMBER 30, 2020 | BEAUMONT**

Kayla Rice died when her boyfriend, Jonathan Menard, 35, asphyxiated and killed her. Menard transported Kayla's body to Louisiana and then physically altered and sold her vehicle. Kayla's family reported her missing, and her remains were discovered in a shallow grave months later in Louisiana. Authorities had arrested Menard on an unrelated charge for parole violation and then charged him with tampering with evidence. Menard was later charged with capital murder. A grand jury indicted him for capital murder and tampering with evidence. Kayla was six months pregnant, expecting a son. Kayla is survived by her daughter, age 11.

### *Taylor Rodriguez, 23*

**MAY 13, 2020 | PORT ARTHUR**

Taylor Rodriguez died in a wooded area where his girlfriend, Lachrisha Abshire, 33, stabbed and killed him. Law enforcement responded to a report of an unresponsive person and found Taylor deceased. Abshire admitted to her relatives that she had stabbed someone. Authorities arrested Abshire and charged her with murder. A grand jury indicted Abshire for murder.

### *Heather Delmar, 44*

**NOVEMBER 15, 2020 | PORT NECHES**

Heather Delmar died in her home when her fiancé, Robert Alan Holloway, 47, stabbed and killed her. Holloway then fled and was injured in a vehicle accident. Emergency responders transported him to the hospital. Two days later, law enforcement responded to a welfare check, but they were unable to contact anyone. They returned when Holloway's mother met them at the home with a key. Officers made entry to the apartment and found Heather's body. Authorities arrested and charged Holloway with murder. A grand jury indicted him for murder. Heather is survived by her daughter and her son.

## LAMAR COUNTY

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### *Allen Price, 65*

**JULY 10, 2020 | PARIS**

Allen Price died in a car when his wife, Berlinda Price, 64, shot and killed him. Police responded to a welfare concern and found Allen in the vehicle. Authorities arrested Price and indicted her on murder charges.



## LAMB COUNTY

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### *Jasmine Rodriguez, 17*

**JULY 31, 2020 | LITTLEFIELD**

Jasmine Rodriguez died in a home when her boyfriend, Joseph Moran, 18, shot and killed her. Moran alerted his grandmother to call for help and after being interviewed by law enforcement, confessed to killing Jasmine. Law enforcement discovered Moran had posted a video of the aftermath of the murder on social media. Moran has a history of family violence. Moran was arrested and charged with murder and tampering with evidence.

## LEE COUNTY

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### *Julio Munoz, 44*

**JUNE 14, 2020 | GIDDINGS**

Julio Munoz died at his home when his girlfriend, Pamela Elmyra Ramirez, 37, shot and killed him. Law enforcement responded to a report of a shooting and discovered Julio deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Ramirez with murder. A grand jury indicted Ramirez. Julio is survived by his daughter.

## LIBERTY COUNTY

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### *Trena Monique Jordan, 49*

**APRIL 30, 2020 | CLEVELAND**

Trena Jordan died in her home when her boyfriend, Phillip Simmons, 55, shot and killed her. Law enforcement responded to the home after reports of gunshots and found Trena's body. The couple's daughter, age 13, was in the home. Witnesses saw Simmons flee and were able to identify his vehicle to law enforcement officers. Authorities arrested and charged Simmons with murder. Trena is survived by her daughter and son.

### *Misty Herndon, 39*

**AUGUST 17, 2020 | DAYTON**

Misty Herndon died in Dayton when her ex-boyfriend, Michael Wettstein, 60, shot her. Wettstein also shot and killed Misty's father, Richard Lamm, 56, and her neighbor, Bruce Mercer, 59, and shot and injured two of her neighbors. He also shot and killed Misty's dog. Law enforcement arrested and charged him with capital murder. Wettstein pled guilty to three first degree felony offenses of murder and was sentenced to life in prison. Misty is survived by her four children and grandchild.

## LIVE OAK COUNTY

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### *Stacy Doss Lawhon, 36*

**DECEMBER 26, 2020 | GEORGE WEST**

Stacy Doss Lawhon died in her home when her husband, Aaron Lawhon, 38, shot and killed her. Law enforcement officers were called to the location and asked to pick up a child. When law enforcement approached, Lawhon placed the child down in the roadway in front of officers and quickly walked away. Law enforcement found Stacy dead in the residence. Authorities arrested and charged Lawhon with murder. Stacy is survived by her child, age 1.

## LUBBOCK COUNTY

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### *Kayla Quintero, 29*

**MARCH 11, 2020 | LUBBOCK**

Kayla Quintero died when her boyfriend, Jason Mercado, 40, shot and killed her. Mercado threatened a neighbor who witnessed the murder with a firearm. Law enforcement responded to reports of a shooting and discovered Kayla deceased. Authorities arrested and indicted Mercado with murder. Mercado had a history of violence. Kayla was pregnant at the time and planned to end the relationship. Kayla is survived by her two sons and one daughter.

### *Kyera Jones, 26*

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 | LUBBOCK**

Kyera Jones died at the hospital after her boyfriend, Winston Caraway, 57, stabbed her at his home. Kyera remained injured for two days. Caraway then called 911 to report Kyera was deceased. Law enforcement responded and discovered Kyera as unresponsive. Emergency responders transported Kyera to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Authorities arrested and charged Caraway with murder, and a grand jury indicted him for murder. Caraway has a history of violence, including prior arrests for assault, aggravated assault, false imprisonment, and terroristic threat, and had threatened to kill Kyera.

### *Haven Trevino, 19*

**NOVEMBER 12, 2020 | LUBBOCK**

Haven Trevino died in the parking lot where she worked when her ex-boyfriend, Isaiah Mesa, 20, shot and killed her. Mesa fled, shot himself, and died at a hospital. Mesa had an extensive history of violence towards Haven and their son. Mesa had strangled and poured bleach on Haven and was physically abusive towards their son. After a breakup, Mesa stalked Haven on multiple occasions and vandalized her car. Haven moved several times to seek safety and CPS was actively working with the family before her death. Haven is survived by her son, age 2.

### *Nathaniel Bloedel, 26*

**DECEMBER 9, 2020 | LUBBOCK**

Nathaniel Bloedel died at home when his ex-girlfriend, Kaitlin Ehrhart, 25, shot and killed him. Nathaniel had recently ended his relationship with Ehrhart. After shooting Nathaniel, Ehrhart called a relative, who told her to call the police. Ehrhart then called 911 and reported that she shot Nathaniel and claimed in her statement with police that it was an accident. Authorities arrested and charged Ehrhart. A grand jury indicted Ehrhart with manslaughter alleging that she was reckless in the handling of the firearm; she was released on bond.

## McLENNAN COUNTY

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### *Crystal Richards, 28*

**JUNE 8, 2020 | WACO**

Crystal Richards died at her home when her boyfriend, Gertraveon Demar Wilson, 28, shot and killed her. Crystal was celebrating her 28th birthday with over 100 people when Wilson shot her. Witnesses called 911 and reported the shooting. When law enforcement responded they discovered Crystal deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Wilson, and a grand jury indicted him for murder. Wilson is out on bond pending trial.

## McLENNAN COUNTY *continued*

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### *SaKyra Antwanette Young, 21*

**AUGUST 14, 2020 | WACO**

SaKyra Young died at a hospital after her boyfriend, Michael Howard, 20, shot her while she was driving, causing her to crash into a fence. After the crash, he shot her again and fled. Law enforcement officers responded to a report of shots fired and found SaKyra in the street outside her vehicle suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Emergency responders transported SaKyra to the hospital. Authorities located Howard in a traffic stop, hiding under a blanket in a vehicle, and arrested and charged him with murder.

## MEDINA COUNTY

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### *Brittnee Morgane Jones, 28*

**AUGUST 22, 2020 | NATALIA**

Brittnee Morgane Jones died on a roadway when her girlfriend, Tina Gabrielle Rendon, 32, struck, ran over and killed Brittnee with a vehicle. When law enforcement arrived, they found Brittnee underneath the vehicle. Authorities arrested and charged Rendon with manslaughter.

## MIDLAND COUNTY

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### *Iracema Diaz, 44*

**MAY 12, 2020 | MIDLAND**

Iracema Diaz died after her husband, Yasser Diaz, 38, stabbed and killed her at the elementary school where she worked. He returned to their home, set the house on fire, then stabbed and killed himself. Diaz had a history of violence towards Iracema. Iracema is survived by her two children.

### *Brandy Snider, 41*

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 | MIDLAND**

Brandy Snider died in her home after her ex-husband, Lonnie Burcham, 44, shot and killed her. When law enforcement responded, Burcham fired at officers before shooting and injuring himself. After emergency responders transported Burcham to a hospital, authorities arrested and charged Burcham with capital murder. Brandy is survived by her three daughters and three sons.

### *Sarah Tucker, 50*

**DECEMBER 30, 2020 | MIDLAND**

Sarah Tucker died at her home when her ex-boyfriend, Alejandro Ramirez, 66, shot and killed her. Ramirez then fled. Law enforcement found Sarah outside the home and another man injured sitting inside a vehicle. Emergency responders transported the injured man to the hospital. Authorities charged Ramirez with murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon causing serious bodily injury. He remained at large until January 2021 when authorities found him deceased. Sarah is survived by her daughter.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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### *Steve Randall Walker, 64*

**MARCH 25, 2020 | CLEVELAND**

Steve Walker died in his home when his ex-wife, Diane Walker, 56, shot and killed him. Law enforcement responded to a 911 call and found Steve deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Walker with murder. Steve is survived by his son.

### *Miranda Freshwater, 20*

**JUNE 19, 2020 | CONROE**

Miranda Freshwater died at a residence when her boyfriend, Hector Abiel Cantu, 30, shot and killed her. Cantu called 911 and reported that Miranda accidentally shot herself. After investigation, authorities arrested and charged Cantu with tampering with evidence and murder.

### *Thomas John Kenney, 71*

**NOVEMBER 12, 2020 | SPRING**

Thomas Kenney died at his home when his wife, Barbara Ann Kenney, 56, killed him. Officers conducted a welfare check and discovered Thomas deceased in the back yard of his home. Authorities initially arrested and charged Kenney with tampering with physical evidence and later charged Kenney with murder. Kenney had a history of violence toward Thomas, including an arrest for injury to an elderly individual in June 2019, but the charges were later dismissed. Kenney also had a prior arrest and conviction for resisting arrest in July 2019 and received deferred adjudication after pleading guilty in October 2019. In April 2021, Kenney was ruled incompetent to stand trial and will be transferred to a mental facility in an effort to rehabilitate so she can stand trial.

### *Elizabeth Garner Vance, 29*

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 | WILLIS**

Elizabeth Garner Vance died in her home when her ex-husband, Austin Vance, 28, shot and killed her. Vance then drove himself to a Constable's office, where he contacted 911 and turned himself in. Elizabeth and Vance had divorced in 2014 and then reconciled in 2018. Elizabeth had planned to end the relationship and informed Vance in the weeks prior to the murder. Authorities arrested and charged Vance with murder. Elizabeth is survived by her son, age 6.

## NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

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### *Alma Rocha Maldonado, 31*

**NOVEMBER 13, 2020 | SAN AUGUSTINE**

Alma Rocha Maldonado died when her ex-husband, Miguel Angel Gomez, 39, killed her and moved her to an undetermined location. Alma was last seen on November 13th, 2020. Her vehicle was found abandoned in the woods and evidence inside the vehicle, including blood, indicated that she had been murdered. Authorities located Gomez with his four children in a motel and arrested and charged him with murder. Gomez has a history of abuse towards Alma and had threatened to kill her if she left him. Alma had ended the relationship two months before her disappearance and had been issued a protective order due to past domestic violence. Alma is survived by her four young children.

## NEWTON COUNTY

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### *Ashley Lynn Carey, 32*

**JANUARY 18, 2020 | NEWTON**

Ashley Carey died in her home when her boyfriend, Daniel Jetton, 35, bound her mouth, feet, and hands, sexually assaulted and killed her. Jetton then moved Ashley to a storage shed behind the house. A few days later, law enforcement found Ashley. Authorities charged and arrested Jetton and a grand jury indicted him with manslaughter and tampering with physical evidence. Ashley is survived by her two young children.

## NUECES COUNTY

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### *Kristale Pena, 28*

**MARCH 17, 2020 | CORPUS CHRISTI**

Kristale Pena died in a public venue when her ex-boyfriend, Roberto Fuentes, 28, shot and killed her. Fuentes also shot and injured Kristale's mother, who was with her at the time. Fuentes fled on foot and was pursued by law enforcement until he was taken into custody. Fuentes has a history of violence and Kristale had recently ended the relationship. Authorities charged Fuentes and a grand jury indicted him for murder and aggravated assault. Kristale is survived by her two sons and daughter.

### *Erin Dunn, 28*

**NOVEMBER 30, 2020 | CORPUS CHRISTI**

Erin Dunn died in her apartment when her boyfriend, Moses Sandoval, 31, strangled and killed her. Sandoval then called a friend and admitted to strangling Erin and said she was not breathing. The friend called 911. Sandoval told law enforcement that he killed Erin. Authorities arrested Sandoval, and a grand jury indicted him for murder.

### *Sarah Martinez, 30*

**OCTOBER 30, 2020 | CORPUS CHRISTI**

Sarah Martinez died in her apartment when her ex-boyfriend, Rodrigo Garza Jr., 40, stabbed and killed her. Garza called 911 and stated that he stabbed his girlfriend. When law enforcement arrived, Sarah was found dead in her bedroom. Authorities arrested and charged Garza with murder. Garza has a history of assaulting Sarah and had been stalking her and one of her children. Sarah is survived by her four children.

### *Beatrice Nieto, 14*

**OCTOBER 30, 2020 | CORPUS CHRISTI**

Beatrice Nieto died in her apartment when her boyfriend, Jose Garcia, 17, shot and killed her. Law enforcement responded and Garcia fled with Beatrice's cellphone. Garcia was arrested the same day and charged with capital murder, but has since been indicted on manslaughter and is pending trial. Garcia was on probation through juvenile court when he killed Beatrice and was prohibited from firearm access. Beatrice was in the 8th grade.

## PARKER COUNTY

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### *Rhonda Renee Sears, 56*

**MAY 10, 2020 | WEATHERFORD**

Rhonda Sears died in the front yard of her home when her ex-husband, John Sears, 60, shot and killed her. Sears then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement responded to a call regarding a shooting and found Rhonda and Sears outside of their home. Rhonda is survived by her adult son and daughter.

## PECOS COUNTY

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### *Tara Sue Brown, 44*

**NOVEMBER 1, 2020 | FORT STOCKTON**

Tara Brown died when her husband, Craig Gage, 28, assaulted and killed her. Gage assaulted and injured Tara's son. Authorities arrested and charged Gage with murder and injury to a child. Tara had planned to end the relationship with Gage. Tara is survived by her three sons and daughter.

## POTTER COUNTY

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### *Kara Barrow, 36*

**OCTOBER 31, 2020 | AMARILLO**

Kara Barrow died in a hospital after her husband, Joseph Barrow, 34, shot her. Emergency responders transported Kara to a local hospital. Barrow fled. Witnesses identified him to law enforcement. A SWAT apprehended and arrested Barrow at a hotel. A grand jury indicted Barrow for murder. Kara is survived by her two daughters.

## RED RIVER COUNTY

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### *Georgianna Stroman-Landrum, 54*

**JULY 2, 2020 | CLARKSVILLE**

Georgianna Stroman-Landrum died in her home when her husband, Kyle Landrum, age 35, killed her. Law enforcement officers responded to a report of a medical emergency. Authorities arrested Landrum several days later and charged him with murder. Georgianna is survived by her two daughters and her son.

## ROBERTSON COUNTY

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### *Ruth Ann Thurman, 90*

**APRIL 12, 2020 | FRANKLIN**

Ruth Ann Thurman died at her home when her husband, Kenneth Ray Thurman, 92, shot and killed her. Thurman then shot and killed himself. Ruth Ann is survived by her children.

## RUNNELS COUNTY

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### *Mercedes Rangel Torres, 62*

**MARCH 10, 2020 | WINTERS**

Mercedes Rangel Torres died in her home when her boyfriend, Ricardo Sanchez, 53, shot, stabbed, and killed her. Sanchez contacted his daughter to confess and attempted to kill himself by drinking antifreeze. Sanchez's daughter called 911 and emergency responders transported Sanchez to a hospital. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Sanchez has a history of violence against prior partners. Mercedes is survived by her adult daughter.

## RUSK COUNTY

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### *Haley Johnson, 20*

**APRIL 9, 2020 | HENDERSON**

Haley Johnson died in her home when her husband, Keshawn Anderson, 22, shot and killed her. Anderson then shot himself. The couple's two young daughters were in the home. Law enforcement responded to a call of shots fired and found Haley deceased. Emergency responders transported Anderson to the hospital, where he later died. Haley is survived by her two young children.

## SABINE COUNTY

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### *Livye Heathyr Lewis, 19*

**OCTOBER 31, 2020 | HEMPHILL**

Livye Lewis died in a car when her boyfriend, Matthew Hoy Edgar, 24, beat, shot, and killed her. Law enforcement officers responded to a call regarding a car accident and discovered Livye's body. Authorities arrested Edgar and charged him with first-degree murder. He was later released on bond. On the same day Edgar killed Livye, he also assaulted and strangled another woman he was dating; authorities arrested Edgar again and held him without bond. A grand jury indicted Edgar for felony assault, family violence and felony criminal mischief for the assault to the other woman and a grand jury also indicted him for Livye's murder.

### *Douglas Janis, 64*

**DECEMBER 13, 2020 | HEMPHILL**

Douglas Janis died in his houseboat when his wife, April Janis, 30, shot and killed him. She then set the boat on fire and fled. Law enforcement initially thought the fire and the cause of Douglas's death were an accident, but forensic analysis determined that Douglas was killed by two gunshots. Authorities arrested and charged Janis with murder. Douglas is survived by his adult daughter.

## SMITH COUNTY

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### *Shelby Duarte, 23*

**DECEMBER 9, 2020 | LINDALE**

Shelby Duarte died in a hospital after her ex-boyfriend, David Reed, 40, drove his truck into the camper trailer where she lived. Reed also killed Shelby's boyfriend, Timothy Nelson, 43, who was in the camper with her. Emergency responders transported Shelby to a hospital via life-flight where she later died. Reed has a history of violence against Shelby and had been stalking her and sending her threatening text and voice messages. Reed intended on killing himself with the crash and loaded his truck with propane tanks; however, when he was unsuccessful, he fled. Authorities arrested and charged Reed with capital murder. Shelby was pregnant at the time of the murder.

### *Leslie Gamino, 42*

**JANUARY 4, 2020 | TYLER**

Leslie Gamino died when her boyfriend, Johnny Orsburn, 39, stabbed and killed her. Law enforcement found Leslie in her vehicle after her daughter reported to the police that she was concerned about text messages she received from her mother. Authorities arrested and charged Orsburn with murder. Orsburn pled guilty and was sentenced to 50 years in prison. Leslie is survived by her daughter and son.

### *Allen Ferguson, 58*

**FEBRUARY 5, 2020 | TYLER**

Allen Ferguson died in a hospital after his wife, Debbie Bryant, 55, shot him. After shooting Allen, Bryant ran to a neighbor's house for help. Emergency responders transported Allen to a hospital where he later died. Allen and Bryant had separated and recently reconciled. Bryant admitted to shooting Allen. Authorities arrested and charged her with murder; a grand jury indicted Bryant for murder.

### *Nathaniel Charles Snell, 32*

**JULY 20, 2020 | TYLER**

Nathaniel Charles Snell died at a gas station when his boyfriend, Robert Price, 51, shot and killed him. Price shot Nathaniel as he exited the vehicle after driving him to a gas station. Price then fled. Law enforcement responded, discovered Nathaniel unresponsive, and rendered aid, but pronounced him dead. Authorities arrested and charged Price with murder. A grand jury indicted Price for murder.

### *Diamond Samantha Cruz, 21*

**AUGUST 9, 2020 | TYLER**

Diamond Cruz died in her home when her boyfriend, Catalino Castillo Marin Jr., 21, shot and killed her. Law enforcement responded after gunshots were reported and found Diamond inside the home. Marin fled in his vehicle with their two young children and later turned himself in to the police. Authorities arrested and charged Marin with first-degree murder. Marin has a history of abusive behavior towards Diamond. Diamond is survived by her son, age 2, and her daughter, age 3.



## TARRANT COUNTY

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### *Antonio Merle, 30*

**JANUARY 11, 2020 | ARLINGTON**

Antonio Merle died when his girlfriend, Leah Franklin, 31, stabbed him. Franklin then fled to Louisiana. United States Marshal's Service in Shreveport arrested Franklin for murder. Franklin has a history of violence; weeks prior to killing Antonio, she had struck him with a metal object. A grand jury indicted Franklin with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for that charge. Antonio is survived by his two children.

### *Larry Behnke, 49*

**MARCH 16, 2020 | ARLINGTON**

Larry Behnke died in a hospital after his wife, Wendy Behnke, 45, shot him in their home. Behnke called the police and admitted to shooting Larry. Authorities arrested and charged Behnke with murder. Larry is survived by his three children.

### *Sue Sudduth, 65*

**APRIL 23, 2020 | ARLINGTON**

Sue Sudduth died at her home when her husband, Joseph Sudduth, 62, strangled and killed her. Law enforcement received a tip to look for Sue in the home and found her deceased in the bedroom. About two weeks later, Sudduth fled to Temple, attempted suicide, and was taken to the hospital. Sudduth has a history of family violence and law enforcement had responded to the home for a domestic violence investigation the day of the murder. Authorities arrested and charged Sudduth with murder. Sue is survived by her adult daughter.

### *Alejandra Martinez, 59*

**MAY 30, 2020 | ARLINGTON**

Alejandra Martinez died in her home when her husband, Olivero Martinez, 61, stabbed and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Martinez with murder. Alejandra is survived by her six adult children.

### *Vanessa Fretz, 42*

**APRIL 18, 2020 | AZLE**

Vanessa Fretz died when her boyfriend, Larry Hendershot, 43, struck her with his vehicle. Vanessa had tried to get out of the vehicle and Hendershot ran over her. He then fled. Law enforcement found Vanessa and arrested and charged Hendershot with murder. Vanessa is survived by her son.

### *Maurita Ducker, 53*

**APRIL 18, 2020 | FORT WORTH**

Maurita Ducker died when her boyfriend, L.K. Williams, 60, assaulted and killed her. Williams fled, then returned and called 911 to report he had found Maurita unresponsive. Williams confessed to assaulting and killing Maurita. Authorities arrested and charged Williams with murder. Maurita is survived by her two children and her grandchildren.

***Somi Burk, 33***

**MAY 31, 2020 | FORT WORTH**

Somi Burk died after being struck by a car while running away from her husband, Restin Burk, 40. Nine days before Somi was murdered, Burk was arrested for assaulting Somi. An emergency protective order was issued. The day after his release, Somi reported Burk had violated the emergency protective order when she saw him driving by her home. On the night of the murder, Burk kidnapped, bound, and assaulted Somi. She was able to escape and was seen jumping a fence with something tied around her wrist. Her body was found with cloth in a knot that appeared to be a type of restraint. Authorities arrested Burk for violation of protective order and family violence and later charged him with murder.

***Jasmine Cordero, 21***

**AUGUST 3, 2020 | FORT WORTH**

Jasmine Cordero died after her ex-boyfriend, Isiah Rodgers, 21, shot and killed her in his home. Rodgers then shot himself. Jasmine's mother heard gunshots and called 911. Rodgers had a history of abusive behavior towards Jasmine. Jasmine had ended the relationship and moved out of the home in the weeks prior to the shooting. Rodgers had asked Jasmine to bring their daughter for a visit; Jasmine agreed and had a safety plan in case Rodgers became violent. Jasmine's mother became concerned about Jasmine's safety and went to check on her. Emergency responders transported Rodgers to the hospital where he died the next day. Jasmine is survived by her daughter, age 2.

***Keiundra Williams, 36***

**AUGUST 30, 2020 | FORT WORTH**

Keiundra Williams died in a hospital after her boyfriend, Christopher Belcher, 29, shot her in her home. Belcher called 911 and falsely reported that she had attempted suicide. Emergency responders transported Keiundra to the hospital. Authorities determined Belcher had shot Keiundra and arrested him for aggravated assault. The charges were updated to murder after Keiundra's death. Belcher had recently moved in with Keiundra.

***Castanika Guy, 31***

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 | FORT WORTH**

Castanika Guy died after her boyfriend, Jacob Johnson, 37, shot and killed her in a vehicle. Johnson followed Castanika from the parking lot of a hotel onto the interstate. He fired into her car, shooting and injuring another passenger. Authorities charged Johnson with murder and later arrested him in Florida. Johnson has a history of violence and had made previous threats to kill Castanika and himself and had previously threatened her with a gun. Castanika stayed with a friend for protection from Johnson. Castanika is survived by her young daughter, age 4.

***Jasmine Page, 24***

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 | FORT WORTH**

Jasmine Page died in her home when her boyfriend, Jamarl Hollman, 35, shot and killed her. Several days later, he set fire to the home. Firefighters responded and discovered Jasmine's body. Hollman had an active no bond parole violation warrant. U.S. Marshals took Hollman into custody. Authorities charged him with murder and arson.

***Blanca Rodriguez, 41***

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 | FORT WORTH**

Blanca Rodriguez died after her boyfriend, Cory James, 41, shot and killed her in the home they shared. James shot and injured Blanca's daughter when she attempted to intervene. James then shot himself. Emergency responders transported James and Blanca's daughter to the hospital, where James died from his injuries. Blanca is survived by her two daughters and two sons.

***Mark Elmore, 53***

**NOVEMBER 30, 2020 | FORT WORTH**

Mark Elmore died in his home after his boyfriend, Orlando Gilbert, 27, shot and killed him. Law enforcement officers found Gilbert at a nearby gas station, then entered Mark's home to find him deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Gilbert with murder.

***Karen Ellsworth, 56***

**DECEMBER 23, 2020 | FORT WORTH**

Karen Ellsworth died at the hospital after her boyfriend, Louis Lopez Jr., 54, stabbed her in a tent they shared. Lopez called law enforcement after he stabbed Karen and stated she had fallen, but later confessed to stabbing her. Karen died in the hospital two days after the assault. Lopez was arrested and charged with murder.

***Portia Williams-Edwards, 46***

**MAY 3, 2020 | GRAND PRAIRIE**

Portia Williams-Edwards died in her home after her husband, Ricky Edwards, 50, shot and killed her. Edwards also shot and killed one of her sons, Kameion Kitchen, 28. Edwards called 911 and then confessed to killing Portia and Kemeion. Authorities arrested and charged Edwards with capital murder. Portia is survived by her son.

***Betty Jean Nickell, 86***

**MAY 29, 2020 | HALTOM CITY**

Betty Nickell died in her home when her husband, William Nickell, 87, shot and killed her. Nickell contacted law enforcement and confessed to killing Betty. Authorities arrested and charged Nickell with murder. Betty is survived by her two adult sons.

***Atiyeh Symone Chatmon, 23***

**MARCH 3, 2020 | HASLET**

Atiyeh Chatmon died at the hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Michael Walker Jr., 23, shot and killed her outside her place of work. Walker initially fled, and later turned himself in to the authorities. Authorities arrested and charged Walker with murder.

## TARRANT COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Teresa Pascoe-Salyer, 58***

**JUNE 17, 2020 | KELLER**

Teresa Pascoe-Salyer died when her ex-husband, Mark Stanush, 59, shot her in the garage of her home. Stanush fled and was located by law enforcement four days later, deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Stanush had a history of violence toward Teresa as well as other former partners. In August 2019, Stanush assaulted and strangled Teresa and was awaiting trial for the assault. Teresa separated from Stanush and reported the assault in an affidavit filed with the divorce proceedings. Teresa is survived by her son and daughter.

### ***Darionne Cherelle Burley, 26***

**JUNE 29, 2020 | MANSFIELD**

Darionne Burley died in her car when her boyfriend, Maurice Smith, 28, shot and killed her. Smith had attempted to purchase a firearm the day before killing Darionne but was denied due to a background check. Smith then attended a gun show with a friend who purchased a gun and later sold it to Smith. After killing Darionne, Smith threatened another woman at gunpoint and stole her car. Authorities arrested and charged Smith with capital murder, aggravated robbery, and violation of parole. Darionne was pregnant with twins at the time of the murder.

## TAYLOR COUNTY

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### ***Michelle Rowley, 49***

**FEBRUARY 19, 2020 | ABILENE**

Michelle Rowley died at a motel when her boyfriend, Gene McCarter, 50, asphyxiated and killed her. McCarter then called 911 to report that Michelle was unresponsive. McCarter attempted to stage Michelle's death to look like an overdose and then told police it was an accidental drowning. A medical examiner determined that Michelle died as a result of strangulation. Authorities arrested and charged McCarter with murder.

## TOM GREEN COUNTY

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### ***Antonio Fletcher, 53***

**JUNE 6, 2020 | SAN ANGELO**

Antonio Fletcher died when his wife, Lisa Clemons, 38, shot and killed him. Antonio's daughter contacted police and stated Clemons had been shooting her gun inside the house for several days. Clemons has a history of violence against Antonio and had threatened to kill him and his daughter. She also was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in September 2019 when she struck Antonio in the head with a firearm. Antonio had a history of violence against Clemons and in May he was indicted for strangling Clemons during an assault that occurred in March of 2020. Authorities arrested and charged Clemons with murder. Antonio is survived by his adult daughter.

## TOM GREEN COUNTY *continued*

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### *Selena Bradley, 23*

**OCTOBER 16, 2020 | SAN ANGELO**

Selena Bradley died in her home when her boyfriend, William Hernandez, 39, assaulted and killed her. Selena was pregnant at the time of the murder. Hernandez logged into Selena's social media accounts after her death to keep her family from looking for her. In February 2020, Hernandez had been arrested for indictments from 2017 for multiple counts of child sexual abuse, and was released on bond. In November of 2020, Hernandez pled guilty to two murder charges for Selena and her unborn child and received two life sentences. He also pled guilty to continuous sexual abuse of a child younger than 14 years old and received 25 years in jail and to tampering with evidence and received 20 years in jail. Selena is survived by her daughter, age 4, and her son, age 3.

## TRAVIS COUNTY

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### *Nicklas Wayne Kinslow, 32*

**AUGUST 17, 2020 | AUSTIN**

Nicklas Wayne Kinslow died at a home when his ex-girlfriend, Kristie Cardenas, 36, shot and killed him. Walker Ray Kaatz, 22, assisted Cardenas in the murder of Nicklas. Nicklas had a history of physical violence toward Cardenas, including strangulation. Cardenas told a friend that she had bailed Nicklas out of jail and then he assaulted her before she shot him and buried him in her backyard. The witness called 911, and law enforcement responded and discovered Nicklas deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Cardenas and Kaatz with tampering with physical evidence and later charged Cardenas with murder.

### *Alex Arce, 25*

**NOVEMBER 8, 2020 | AUSTIN**

Alex Arce died at his home when his boyfriend, Jason Hardison, 38, shot and killed him. Law enforcement responded to a report of a shooting and discovered Alex shot. Hardison told officers he attempted to keep Alex from leaving the house with the gun and that it fired accidentally in the struggle. Authorities arrested and charged Hardison with manslaughter.

### *Ahlame Qourzal, 26*

**NOVEMBER 25, 2020 | AUSTIN**

Ahlame Qourzal died when her boyfriend, Justin Sands, 26, shot and killed her at his home before killing himself. Sands' family requested a welfare check the day prior to the murder, but law enforcement was unable to make contact with Ahlame or Sands. The following day, Ahlame's family members requested another welfare check. When officers received no response at the door, they contacted apartment management and requested a key to make entry. The officers entered the apartment and found a locked interior bedroom door. Officers forced entry and found Ahlame and Sands deceased.

### *Timothy Niles, 53*

**FEBRUARY 1, 2020 | PFLUGERVILLE**

Timothy Niles died in a hospital after his wife, Patricia Niles, 56, shot him in their home. Timothy returned fire, shot, and killed Patricia, and then went to get help from a neighbor. Their neighbor, an off-duty nurse, performed first aid until emergency responders transported Timothy to the hospital, where he later died. Timothy is survived by his daughter.

## TRAVIS COUNTY *continued*

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### ***LeKita ReVette Hurd, 30***

**MARCH 22, 2020 | PFLUGERVILLE**

LeKita Hurd died at her home when her boyfriend, Demetrie Mann, 27, shot and killed her. A neighbor called 911 after LeKita's two children stated their mother had been shot by Mann. Law enforcement responded and emergency responders attempted to render aid to LeKita, but she was pronounced dead. Mann fled and later returned and surrendered himself to the police. Authorities arrested and charged Mann with murder, and a grand jury indicted him. Mann has a history of family violence, including a conviction for family violence assault in October 2013. LeKita is survived by her son and daughter.

## TRINITY COUNTY

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### ***Amber Pillows, 32***

**JUNE 7, 2020 | GROVETON**

Amber Pillows died in a hospital after her boyfriend S. E. Tullos II, 35, shot her. Tullos fled in a stolen vehicle and was involved in a car accident; he then stole another car. A witness who was at the home at the time of the murder heard the gunshot and located Amber on the ground. He attempted to give CPR to Amber and ran to a neighbor's home to call 911. Emergency responders transported Amber to a hospital, where she later died. Authorities arrested and charged Tullos with murder. Amber is survived by her three daughters.

## WALLER COUNTY

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### ***Israel Phillips, Age Not Released***

**OCTOBER 17, 2020 | PRAIRIE VIEW**

Israel Phillips died when his wife, Hermelinda Sanchez Phillips, stabbed and killed him. On the day of the murder, Israel had assaulted Phillips while she held their baby. Authorities arrested and charged Phillips with murder.

## WEBB COUNTY

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### ***Iliana Lizbeth Estrada, 29***

**MARCH 12, 2020 | LAREDO**

Iliana Estrada died after her husband, Ubaldo Guajardo Quiroz, 41, shot and killed her. Quiroz then shot and killed himself. Quiroz had a history of violence toward Iliana, including a pending case for family violence assault, strangulation, a prior conviction of a protective order violation, and a prior arrest for family violence assault, but the charges were dismissed. Iliana had a protective order against Quiroz at the time of her death. Iliana is survived by her three children.

## WEBB COUNTY *continued*

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### ***Lesly Hernandez, 18***

**APRIL 16, 2020 | LAREDO**

Lesly Hernandez died at her home when her ex-boyfriend, Samuel Enrique Lopez, 20, stabbed and killed her. Lopez also stabbed and killed Lesly's mother, Zayra Marlen Fuentes, 33, and her step-brother, Pedro Cruz, 12. He then took Lesly's step-brother, Julian Saracho, 2, to his home, sexually assaulted and killed him by suffocating him. Lesly's stepfather returned from a trip and was concerned about his family, and called the police to report his family as missing. Law enforcement responded and discovered the covered bodies of Lesly, Zayra, and Pedro in their backyard. Law enforcement later discovered the body of Julian at a different location. Authorities arrested and charged Lopez with capital murder of multiple persons, capital murder of a person under 10 years of age, injury to a child with intent to cause serious bodily injury, and aggravated sexual assault of a child. A grand jury indicted Lopez on all charges, and he faces the death penalty. He also had prior charges for assault and indecency with a child by sexual contact.

### ***Graciela Alexandra Espinoza, 19***

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 | LAREDO**

Graciela Alexandra Espinoza died when her boyfriend, Joel David Chavez III, 24, asphyxiated her. Witnesses found Graciela's body near a park. Emergency responders arrived and reported her deceased. After a year-long investigation, authorities arrested and charged Chavez with two counts of murder in September 2021. Graciela was two months pregnant.

### ***Maria Eugenia Muñoz, 31***

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 | LAREDO**

Maria Eugenia Muñoz died at her home when her husband, Joel Pellot, 42, killed her with a combination anesthetic drug. Pellot, who was a registered nurse anesthesiologist, called 911 and reported Maria had overdosed. Emergency responders arrived, found Maria unresponsive, and pronounced her dead. After several months of investigation, law enforcement arrested and charged Pellot with murder. He was later charged with tampering or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair an investigation. A grand jury indicted Pellot on both charges. Maria is survived by her two sons.

## WHEELER COUNTY

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### ***Sabrina Bowen, 20***

**AUGUST 21, 2020 | SHAMROCK**

Sabrina Bowen died when her boyfriend, Denver Page, 23, killed her. Law enforcement found Sabrina near an intersection and requested the assistance of the Department of Public Safety Texas Rangers for the murder investigation. Authorities arrested and charged Page with murder.

## WILSON COUNTY

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### *Ashley Davis, 27*

**FEBRUARY 18, 2020 | STOCKDALE**

Ashley Davis died when her husband, Anthony Davis, 35, shot and killed her in front of their house. Their four children were playing outside nearby. Davis drove to a local emergency medical services department and requested assistance because Ashley was not responsive. Emergency responders arrived at the home and realized that she had been shot and had died. Authorities arrested and charged Davis with murder and possession of methamphetamine. Ashley is survived by her two daughters and two sons, ages 3 weeks to 8 years.

## YOUNG COUNTY

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### *Klowie Moore, 19*

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2020 | GRAHAM**

Klowie Moore died at the hospital after her fiancé, Gage Gillentine, 18, shot and killed her at a hotel. A few weeks prior to shooting Klowie, Gillentine had purchased the gun from a convicted felon. Authorities arrested and charged Gillentine with murder. Gillentine pled guilty to murder and received a sentence of 40 years in prison. Klowie was pregnant at the time of the murder.



## FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND BYSTANDERS KILLED & INJURED

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In addition to the 228 Texans killed by their intimate partners, domestic violence homicide perpetrators also killed 31 and injured 17 family members, friends, co-workers, and bystanders.

With care and respect, TCFV acknowledges the immense loss of each of these lives:

*Hayes Brown, 13*  
SON OF LYNETTE BROWN

*Sam Brown, 16*  
SON OF LYNETTE BROWN

*Zq'Quon Bunton, 14*  
SON OF VICTORIA BUNTON

*Isaac Bunton, 16*  
SON OF VICTORIA BUNTON

*Timothy Nelson, 43*  
BOYFRIEND OF  
SHELBY DUARTE

*Michael Rivera, 33*  
BOYFRIEND OF  
RACHEL ESCAMILLA

*Peggy Bailey, 56*  
MOTHER OF  
RACHEL ESCAMILLA

*Maria Reyes Martinez, 58*  
MOTHER OF OLGA GUEVARA

*Julian Saracho, 2*  
STEPBROTHER OF  
LESLY HERNANDEZ

*Pedro Cruz, 12*  
STEPBROTHER OF  
LESLY HERNANDEZ

*Zayra Marlen Fuentes, 33*  
MOTHER OF  
LESLY HERNANDEZ

*Richard Lamm, 56*  
FATHER OF MISTY HERNDON

*Bruce Mercer, 59*  
NEIGHBOR OF  
MISTY HERNDON

*Noah Schoenfeld, 9*  
STEPSON OF  
BRITTANY HOWARD

*Charlie Schoenfeld, 12*  
STEPSON OF  
BRITTANY HOWARD

*Aaron Logan, 11*  
SON OF DIANA LOGAN

*Joselynn Chairez, 17*  
DAUGHTER OF  
NORMA MARTINEZ

*Daniel Sieger, 45*  
BYSTANDER KILLED BY  
SACRAMENTO MARTINEZ

*Deja Matts, 19*  
SISTER OF ABBANEY MATTS

*Felix Garcia, 37*  
KILLED BY  
MICHAEL MORALES

*Destini Smith, 20*  
DAUGHTER OF  
VICKI PENNINGTON

*Cameron Smith, 21*  
SON OF VICKI PENNINGTON

*Ernesto Vásquez, 32*  
BOYFRIEND OF  
ILUMINADA PERDOMA

*Donavan Fielder, 18*  
SON OF APRIL ROBINSON

*Sicilian Williams, 18*  
DAUGHTER OF  
BRANDY SAPP

*Patti Stephens, 62*  
GRANDMOTHER OF  
ASHLYN SMITH

*Earl Stephens, 63*  
GRANDFATHER OF  
ASHLYN SMITH

*Crystal Villareal, 41*  
DAUGHTER OF  
MARIA VILLAREAL

*Kori Richardson, 3*  
DAUGHTER OF KIERA WARE

*Brayden Richardson, 4*  
SON OF KIERA WARE

*Kameion Kitchen, 28*  
SON OF PORTIA  
WILLIAMS-EDWARDS

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