



Texas Women Killed by their Intimate Partner in 2003

The unveiling of 2003 Silent Witnesses will take place at the Capitol on September 28, 2004 at 10:30 AM. Texas First Lady Anita Perry will be there as we honor the memory of all the women who have become silent witnesses to the tragic consequences of domestic violence. Please make a note of this date and time on your calendar so you may join us in this annual event as we remember these victims and raise awareness about the devastating toll of family violence in our State.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) 2003 Uniform Crime Report-Supplemental Homicide Report statistics state that 132 women were killed as a result of domestic violence in 2003. TCFV research indicates 153 women were killed. DPS does not report women killed by their ex-boyfriends, but TCFV research reports do. The brief accounts of their deaths listed below are taken from news stories, law enforcement and court reports. The list below reflects the most accurate information available to TCFV researchers at the time of compilation.

Julieanna Armenta, 46

Residence: Lufkin

December 8, 2003 -- Angelina Co.

Julieanna died from head injuries suffered after an attack by her boyfriend, Luis Muniz, 26, left her brain dead. According to news reports, Muniz had a history of violence; police reported he had previously stabbed Julieanna's son.

Mary Ellen Aguilar, 36

Residence: Leming

November 28, 2003 -- Atascosa Co.

Mary Ellen was stabbed to death in her home by her common-law husband, William Adkin. Authorities believe it was a murder-suicide. Police had been called to the home for prior domestic disturbances. Mary Ellen is survived by her five children.

Rhonda Kitchens, 48

Residence: Muleshoe

October 10, 2003 -- Bailey Co.

Rhonda was shot and killed by her ex-husband, Larry Brent Kitchens, 51, during a social gathering in her home. Kitchens opened fire with an assault rifle, killing Rhonda and two others who were attending the gathering.

Brenda Archibald, 57

Residence: Bastrop

October 12, 2003 -- Bastrop Co.

Brenda was shot and killed by her husband, Gary Archibald, 56, whom police said then shot himself. Authorities found Brenda and her husband near the front door of their home.

Unknown Victim

Wife

Bell Co.

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

Martha Wilson, 41

Residence: San Antonio

November 17, 2003 -- Bexar Co.

Martha was found in her bedroom closet strangled to death with her hands and feet bound and her head covered. During a standoff with authorities in his car at their home, Martha's husband, Gary Wilson, 43, was shot to death by police. The Wilson children were in the backseat of the car at the time.

Michelle Webb, 28

Residence: San Antonio

November 2003 -- Bexar Co.

Michelle was strangled to death by her boyfriend, Jonathan Williams, 24. She is survived by an 8-month-old daughter.

Maria Moreno, 31

Residence: San Antonio

September 24, 2003 -- Bexar Co.

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

Monay Morris, 18

Residence: San Antonio

July 2003 -- Bexar Co.

Monay was killed after being pushed into a train by her ex-boyfriend, Shawn.

Maria G. Moreno, 55

Residence: San Antonio

March 30, 2003 -- Bexar Co.

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

Rolanda Cortinas, 24

Residence: San Antonio

February 24, 2003 -- Bexar Co.

Rolanda was shot and killed by her estranged husband, Roland Cortinas, 36. Rolanda was in the process of obtaining a protective order against Cortinas, who fatally shot himself after killing his wife. Rolanda is survived by her two children, Savannah, 3, and Roman, 2.

Emma Garza, 58

Residence: San Antonio

February 4, 2003 -- Bexar Co.

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

Melissa Jiminez, 30

Residence: San Antonio

January 29, 2003 -- Bexar Co.

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

Unknown Victim

Common-Law Wife

Bexar Co.

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

Linda Bates, 41

Residence: Bailey's Prairie

July 10, 2003 -- Brazoria Co.

Linda was stabbed to death in her home by her husband, John Bates, 40. Bates's brother witnessed the murder.

Unknown Victim

Wife

Brazoria Co.

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

Nodie Fennel, 39

Residence: McMahan

April 5, 2003 -- Caldwell Co.

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

Gabriela Jimenez

Residence: Harlingen

January 12, 2003 -- Cameron Co.

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

Nyainna Maxine Oliver, 24

Residence: Hughes Springs

December 21, 2003 -- Cass Co.

Nyainna and her 3-year-old son were found beaten to death in their apartment. Nyainna's boyfriend, Reginald Brown, 29, left a suicide note admitting to killing them before fatally shooting himself.

Faye Harris, 42

Residence: Jacksonville

August 3, 2003 -- Cherokee Co.

Faye was shot and killed in her driveway by her estranged husband Michael Harris, 43, after returning from church services. Harris hit her in the face and head with the butt of a gun until she fell to the ground. He then shot Faye in the back. Faye had a protective order against Harris, who was arrested and remains jailed. Police say Harris had allegedly burned Faye's house and vandalized her car months prior to the shooting.

Tracye Moore, 41

Residence: Rusk

June 4, 2003 -- Cherokee Co.

Tracye was stabbed to death by her husband, Runny Session, 37. Session also killed the couple's 16-year-old son, Randy, before killing himself. Tracye's daughter, Laronda Moore, found their bodies in their home. Family members said Session had a history of violent behavior and mental illness.

Tracy Jean Littrell, 43

Residence: Anna

November 11, 2003 -- Collin Co.

Tracy was strangled to death by her boyfriend, Kevin Michael Jones, 40. Jones called police and informed them he had just strangled Tracy at their home. In January 2004, Jones was indicted by a grand jury and is currently awaiting trial. Tracy is survived by an 8-year-old son and 15-year-old daughter.

Debbie Dunn, 40

Residence: Anna

July 31, 2003 -- Collin Co.

Debbie was shot and killed by her husband, Reece Boyd Dunn, 42. Dunn told authorities he was tired of arguing with Debbie, so he shot her. The Dunn's 14-year-old son, Nathan, was in the house at the time of the shooting.

Carol "Renee" Taylor, 39

Residence: Allen

July 21, 2003 -- Collin Co.

Carol was shot and killed by her husband of 22 years, Mark Taylor, 42, who also killed himself, just hours after meeting with a marriage counselor. Newspaper accounts reported that Carol had filed for divorce and obtained a restraining order against Taylor six days prior to her death. They are survived by three daughters ages 16, 19, and 21.

Barbara Cantrell, 63

Residence: Allen

June 25, 2003 -- Collin Co.

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

Alene Leopard, 43

Residence: Allen

February 21, 2003 -- Collin Co.

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

Estelvinda Cardona, 42

Residence: Copperas Cove

July 14, 2003 -- Coryell Co.

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

Paraskevi Gomez Voutos, 40

Residence: Dallas

December 30, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

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

Mandy Parker, 19

Residence: Dallas

September 30, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

Mandy was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Eddie Correa. According to police, Correa shot her in her apartment, then left in Mandy's car.

Stephanie Renee Chapman, 34

Residence: Dallas

September 28, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

Stephanie and her boyfriend, Dorley Crockett, 21, were shot and killed by Stephanie's ex-boyfriend, Lester Deon Thomas. Thomas was arrested after a lengthy standoff with police. Stephanie's 13-year-old daughter witnessed the deaths. Police said that Thomas argued with the couple at their apartment and later returned and killed Stephanie and Dorley.

Maria T. Trevino, 42

Residence: Oak Cliff

September 17, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

Maria died from a single gunshot to her head. Police charged Maria's husband, Clifford Claiborne, 47, with her death.

Etherine McDowell, 41

Residence: Dallas

August 2003 – Dallas Co.

Etherine was shot and killed during an argument with John Grimble. A neighbor witnessed the shooting and police reported it as family violence. Grimble is currently out on bond and awaiting trial.

Marquita Williams, 18

Residence: Dallas

July 10, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

Marquita was shot and killed by Jabari Scott, 19, in what police report was a murder-suicide.

Mary Fangers, 45

Residence: Dallas

July 9, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

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

Teshibra Bell, 15

Residence: Dallas

June 25, 2003 --Dallas Co.

Teshibra was killed by her 25-year-old boyfriend, Shannon Meshack, who attempted to burn her body in his backyard. She was pregnant at the time of her death. Teshibra had complained to family members of Meshack's physical abuse. Police had been called to Meshack's residence previously in response to domestic disputes. In August 2004, Meshack was sentenced to life in prison.

Jennifer Ranee Scott, 30

Residence: Addison

May 30, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

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

Amy Amel Sabeh-Swift, 27

Residence: Irving

April 30, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

Amy was strangled and stabbed to death by her husband, Christopher Jay Swift, 28, who police later arrested and charged with capital murder. Amy was eight months pregnant at the time of her death. According to authorities, after killing Amy, Swift drove to Amy's mother's home and killed her. Swift had previously pled guilty to misdemeanor assault charges for shoving and choking his previous wife. Amy's 5-year-old son witnessed both deaths.

Huong Tao, 32

Residence: Garland

April 22, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

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

Celia Martinez, 39

Residence: Rowlett

April 20, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

Celia's body was pushed out of a car stopped at a Rowlett convenience store after witnesses reported hearing gunshots. An arrest warrant was issued for her boyfriend, Tomas Gutierrez, 48, of Garland. Police believe Gutierrez fled to Mexico; he has not been found.

Ann Marie Garrett

Residence: Garland

March 4, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

Ann Marie was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Anthony William Sims, 36, who then killed himself.

Unknown Victim

Residence: Mesquite

February 11, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

An unknown Mesquite woman was shot and killed by her ex-husband in her apartment. The ex-husband then killed himself.

Lucia Zamudio, 26

Residence: Dallas

January 21, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

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

Cumia Mitchell, 30

Residence: Dallas

January 10, 2003 -- Dallas Co.

Cumia was shot and killed during an argument with her boyfriend, Michael Duane Hill, 23. Hill was charged with her death and given a 15-year sentence.

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**Vilma Rios, 19
Residence: Denton
December 28, 2003 -- Denton Co.**

Vilma was shot and killed by Jose Nogues, 23. Nogues then shot himself and the couple's daughter at Vilma's apartment. Nogues died at a hospital; their daughter survived. Vilma had applied for a protective order against Nogues prior to the shooting.

**Denise Ann Johnson, 23
Residence: Lake Dallas
May 31, 2003 -- Denton Co.**

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

Maria Victoria Martinez, 24

**Residence: El Paso
December 15, 2003 -- El Paso Co.**

Maria was shot and killed by her common-law husband, Rodolfo Candelaria Jr., who committed suicide after killing her. They are survived by two sons.

**Judith Hernandez, 30
Residence: El Paso
September 28, 2003 -- El Paso Co.**

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

**Rebeca Greene, 30
Residence: El Paso
August 6, 2003 -- El Paso Co.**

Rebeca was shot and killed by her husband of less than one month, Rodolfo A. Greene, 56, a U.S. Border Patrol agent. Greene then shot himself. Rebeca's 6-year-old daughter and 10-year-old cousin were awakened by the shooting and ran outside the home until police arrived.

**Debra Harmon-Frakes, 43
Residence: El Paso
July 7, 2003 -- El Paso Co.**

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

Brenda Smith, 46

Residence: Stephenville

July 3, 2003 -- Erath Co.

Brenda was kidnapped and beaten by her boyfriend, Juan Moreno, 26. After being thrown from a car and taken to a hospital for treatment, police had placed Brenda in a hotel for her safety. Brenda later died from her injuries. Moreno was arrested in connection with the kidnapping and later charged with Brenda's death due to the injuries he inflicted during the kidnapping.

Unknown Victim

Wife

Erath Co.

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Maria Sylvia Hernandez, 41

Residence: Richmond

December 25, 2003 -- Fort Bend Co.

Maria was stabbed to death during an altercation with her husband, Luis Cuchilla, 37, on Christmas Day. After killing Maria, Cuchilla stabbed himself in a failed suicide attempt. Later, while indicted on murder charges and released on bond, Cuchilla committed suicide. Maria had obtained an emergency protective order prior to her death.

Sandra K. Goodrich, 48

Residence: Mission Bend

September 13, 2003 -- Fort Bend

Sandra was fatally shot by her husband, Kevin Goodrich, 44. Goodrich claimed he accidentally shot Sandra, but was later arrested and awaits trial.

Kelly Murphey, 34

Residence: Kendleton

January 16, 2003 -- Fort Bend Co.

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

Erica Muro, 18

Residence: Seminole

January 26, 2003 -- Gaines Co.

Erica was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Daniel Lee Flores, 27. After killing Erica, Flores wounded a police officer and engaged other officers in a three-hour standoff before surrendering. Flores was charged with attempted capital murder and murder. Erica was three months pregnant at the time of her death.

Unknown Victim

Wife

Galveston Co.

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

Ethel Jean Goldsmith, 31

Residence: Pampa

May 27, 2003 -- Gray Co.

Ethel's severely beaten and stabbed body was found in a rural area. Police report her husband Jeffrey Goldsmith, 42, confessed to killing Ethel at home, then dumping her body. Ethel is survived by an 8-month-old daughter.

Evarene "Eva" Fritz, 42

Residence: Pampa

July 15, 2003 -- Gray Co.

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

Lori Ruth Long, 31

Residence: Longview

June 9, 2003 -- Gregg Co.

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

Mijoy Sierra, 22

Residence: Plainview

August 28, 2003 -- Hale Co.

Mijoy was shot and killed by her common-law husband, Christopher Lee Salinas, 24, who has been charged with her death. In the five weeks before she was killed, Mijoy had filed two protective orders against Salinas. Salinas was indicted by a grand jury and is currently awaiting trial.

Paula Mansanarez, 25

Residence: Houston

October 20, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Paula was shot and killed by her husband, Jose Rubio, 28. Police said Rubio had moved out of the couple's home. A week later witnesses said he sat in his parked car across the street from their home and as Paula and their children walked outside, Rubio chased Paula into a neighbor's yard and shot her several times. After killing Paula, Rubio committed suicide. Three of their four children, ages 3 to 6, witnessed the murder-suicide. Family members say Rubio had threatened violence many times in the past.

Priscilla Jenifer Viehland, 22

Residence: Houston

October 20, 2003

Priscilla was strangled to death by her ex-boyfriend, Anthony Jackson. After strangling her, he set her body on fire. According to police reports, she had recently ended their relationships.

Dominique Fix, 30

Residence: Katy

October 14, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Dominique's husband, Kyle Richard Fix, 36, shot and killed her in their home. The following day, Fix admitted killing his wife to a police officer working a traffic accident. He had just dropped off their children to stay with relatives. Police speculate that Fix's motive may have been related to the couple's financial woes.

Lesly Lourdes Moran, 24

Residence: Houston

October 9, 2003 -- Harris Co.

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

Marquita Gipson, 19

Residence: Unknown

September 29, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Marquita was killed execution-style by her estranged boyfriend, Andre Washington, 28. Washington was charged with her death, but after an autopsy revealed Marquita was pregnant, the charges were upgraded to capital murder.

Lisa Lee, 55

Residence: Houston

September 11, 2003 -- Harris Co.

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

Rocio Vasquez Cruz, 24

Residence: Houston

September 9, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Rocio was found stabbed to death in a ditch in southeast Houston. The remains of her 15-year-old half sister, Magaly Vilchis Mendoza, were found in Montgomery County along the highway. Police suspect Rocio's husband, Freddy Jaime Cruz, 27, killed both women and fled to Mexico with their two children. He has not been found.

Erica Veronica Zepeda, 24

Residence: Houston

September 5, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Erika was stabbed to death by her common-law husband, Daniel Martinez, 26, who has been formally charged with her death. Adults in the southeast Houston home, where Zepeda and Martinez were guests, tried to intervene when the couple started to argue, but relented when Martinez pulled out a butcher knife and stabbed Zepeda.

Amanda Lorena Garza, 19

Residence: Houston

September 1, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Amanda was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend, Angel Resendez, 21. Amanda was found by a passer-by on the street near Resendez's home. Officials said Amanda died of gunshot to the neck and head. She is survived by a 2-year-old daughter.

Heidi Simone, 37

Residence: Houston

August 10, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Heidi was beaten to death by her common-law husband, David Paul Chabolla, 39. Medical examiners ruled her death a homicide due to blunt force trauma. Chabolla has been charged with her death.

Ruby Clemons, 22

Residence: Houston

August 4, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Ruby was killed after her boyfriend Romelle Watts, 27, became enraged during an argument. Watts slammed Ruby's head against the pavement and stabbed her. Watts then drove Ruby's vehicle over her body and abandoned her in her car in southwest Harris County. Watts pled guilty to killing Ruby and received a 40-year prison sentence.

Maria Villatoro, 20

Residence: Houston

August 1, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Maria was found shot and killed in her car. Her ex-husband Luis Gonzalez, 21, was arrested two days later at a Santa Barbara, California bus station with their daughters, 3-year-old Michele and 18-month-old Ashley. Police report Maria had picked them up from daycare Thursday afternoon, but never made it home.

Lucinda Coca Martinez, 45

Residence: Houston

July 6, 2003 -- Harris Co.

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

Norma Jean Gonzalez, 29

Residence: Houston

June 15, 2003 -- Harris Co.

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

Enjoli Taylor, 23

Residence: Houston

June 14, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Enjoli and Aaron Rayme, 27, were seen arguing in a car when she jumped out to seek help at a nearby house. Rayme followed her and stabbed her to death. He then cut himself, was treated at a hospital and jailed for killing Enjoli.

Laura Grant Chamblin, 52

Residence: Houston

June 13, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Laura was shot and killed by her husband, William Michael Chamblin, 49, as she tended plants in the backyard of their home. Laura's 22-year-old daughter, Marie Nicole, was also shot as she stood near the kitchen sink. Chamblin dragged his wife's body into the kitchen and shot both

Laura and Marie a second time. Police said the family's two dogs were also found dead in the house, apparently from gunshot wounds. Chamblin was sentenced to life in prison.

Justine Maxwell, 24

Residence: Houston

June 10, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Justine and her boyfriend Daniel Armantrout, 28, were shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend Robert Saulter, 25, after arriving home from a grocery store. During an investigation, family members told detectives that Saulter had instigated previous incidents with Justine after their break up, including Saulter's holding her hostage at gunpoint for a week. Saulter had been charged with capital murder in their deaths, however, police believe Saulter's body was that of an unidentified man found with a self inflicted wound in Brazoria County. Justine's truck was also found near the body. Justine was pregnant at the time of her death.

Giuseppina M. Estrada, 58

Residence: Houston

May 18, 2003 -- Harris Co.

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

Paula Jones Richard, 38

Residence: Houston

April 23, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Paula was found shot and killed in her burning home along with her husband, Preston Richard, 38. Harris County sheriff's detectives believe Richard ignited the blaze, then killed himself. The sheriff's office reported being called to the home the night before the deaths for a domestic dispute. The couple's two children were at school at the time of their parents' deaths.

Estella Jimenez Ortiz, 20

Residence: Houston

April 10, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Estella was found stabbed and beaten to death by her husband Jesse Jason Ortiz, 24. Their 3-year-old daughter was home at the time of her death. Estella had separated from Ortiz three days before her death. Police report she told friends she feared for her safety because Ortiz was jealous and violent. After killing Estella, Jesse jumped from a highway overpass, killing himself.

Gina Jones, 19

Residence: Houston

March, 21, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Gina was at her apartment with a friend when her ex-boyfriend, Deion Dewane Sergent, 20, shot and killed her. Gina and Sergent had gone into the bathroom and began to argue. Sergent emerged minutes later and left the apartment. Sergent was arrested and charged with Gina's death.

Helen Marie Kirklin, 22

Residence: Houston

March 9, 2003 -- Harris Co.

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

Carolyn Cleveland, 47

Residence: Houston

March 6, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Carolyn was stabbed more than 20 times after asking her husband, Andre Cleveland, for a divorce. The couple's children witnessed Carolyn's death. Although Carolyn's husband claimed he stabbed his wife in self-defense, he was found guilty of her death and faces up to life in prison.

Marta Vilma Amaya, 22

Residence: Houston

February 16, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Marta had recently separated from her husband, Teodoro Sanchez, 41, when he shot and killed her at a local dance hall. Witnesses reported seeing Sanchez argue with Marta, then shoot and kill her and Gerraldo Chavez, 36.

Guillermina "Gidget" Cauley, 43

Residence: Houston

February 10, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Guillermina was found dead in her home after her husband, Purnell Cauley, 35, shot her and the couple's three daughters. When detectives investigating a missing person's report for Cauley's girlfriend, Flor Roque, 28, entered Guillermina's home, Cauley shot and wounded Detective Michael Bozeman in a standoff, before killing himself. Roque was also found dead in the home.

Flor Roque, 28

Residence: Houston

February 10, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Flor was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Purnell Cauley, 35, after she tried to end their relationship. Cauley killed Flor, as well as his wife and their three daughters. Cauley then killed himself after a standoff with police.

Tocarro Leane Swanson-Sanders, 20

Residence: Spring

January 22, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Tocarro was stabbed to death in her apartment by her boyfriend, Andre Fitzgerald Pierre, 30. Pierre asked neighbors to call police because he had killed Tocarro, but fled the scene. He later admitted to police he had killed Tocarro.

Linda Garrison, 51

Residence: Houston

January 16, 2003 -- Harris Co.

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

Susan Rene Tull, 29

Residence: Houston

January 2, 2003 -- Harris Co.

Susan was found shot and killed in the home she shared with Paul Wade Hilligiest, 32, who also killed himself, police said. According to authorities, the couple was found after concerned relatives entered the home. Police reported the couple had recently discussed ending their relationship.

Gertrude Tyler, 40

Residence: Hallsville

March 5, 2003 -- Harrison Co.

Gertrude and her son John Rodgers, 17, were shot and killed in their Hallsville home by Gertrude's husband, George Tyler, 43. Tyler reported finding their bodies when he came home; however, authorities later charged him with their deaths.

Neshia Nunn, 35

Residence: San Marcos

September 27, 2003 -- Hays Co.

Neshia was shot and killed by her estranged husband, Ricky Nunn, 29. Just prior to the shooting that also injured Neshia's cousin, Alishia Batiste, police had been at the apartment, but left because they could not find Nunn. After returning to the scene, police discovered Nunn had shot himself, Neshia and Alishia. Nunn later died at a local hospital. Neshia's mother said Nunn had abused Neshia throughout their marriage, and that police had previously been called to the apartment.

Celeste Murray, 43

Residence: Henderson County near Seven Points

August 3, 2003 -- Henderson Co.

Celeste was shot and killed by her husband, Wesley Wayne Murray, 40. Celeste was the mother of four daughters, ages 5 to 15. Murray was indicted by a grand jury and currently awaits trial.

Olga Lydia Garcia, 19

Residence: Donna

December 27, 2003 -- Hidalgo Co.

Olga's body was found a week after her family reported her missing. Olga's boyfriend, Rosendo DeLeon, 20, has been charged with her death.

Maria del Carman Vasquez, 34

Residence: San Juan

November 21, 2003 -- Hidalgo Co.

Maria's burned remains, found on Thanksgiving Day in Sullivan City, were identified through dental records. Her husband, David Vasquez, 33, was arrested and charged with her death. Maria is survived by their 7-year-old-son.

Michelle Peralez, 34

Residence: Weslaco

August 27, 2003 -- Hidalgo Co.

Michelle was shot and killed by her estranged husband, Santiago Gallegos, 33. Gallegos shot Michelle in the parking lot of the daycare center where Michelle had just dropped off the couple's twins. Gallegos then shot himself. The couple was in the process of divorcing.

Isabel Kaiser, 58

Residence: Mission

July 2003 -- Hidalgo Co.

Isabel's husband, Howard Maines, 67, shot and killed her as she slept. Isabel had attempted to leave their turbulent relationship. Maines pled guilty to her death and was sentenced to 58 years. Isabel is survived by her son, three grandchildren and a loving extended family.

Alma Booth, 86

Residence: Edinburg

July 4, 2003 -- Hidalgo Co.

Alma was found shot and killed on her living room sofa by her husband, Donald Ray Booth, 85. Booth was charged with Alma's death, and has pled innocent. As of late July 2004, Booth's lawyer filed for a continuance.

Virginia Huddleston, 34

Residence: McAllen

May 26, 2003 -- Hidalgo Co.

Virginia was killed by her ex-boyfriend, Jeffery Ryan Hill, 32, in her apartment. Hill strangled Virginia, stuffed her body into a suitcase, and dumped her near a rural road. Hill pled guilty to Virginia's death and was sentenced to a 60-year prison term.

Juana Cerda, 44

Residence: Donna

May 1, 2003 -- Hidalgo Co.

Juana was shot and killed by Jose Manuel Cerda, 55, who then shot himself. Sheriff's investigators reported their deaths may have been the result of a domestic dispute.

Pamela Reed, 40

Residence: Port Arthur

May 1, 2003 -- Jefferson Co.

Pamela was shot and killed by her estranged husband, Willis Joseph Reed, 50, while visiting a friend's house. The couple argued before Reed shot Pamela and two of her friends. Reed then returned home and confessed to police that he killed Pamela and shot her friends. Reed's trial began August 18, 2004.

Marilyn Viltz Procter, Age Unknown

Residence: Port Arthur

March 28, 2003 -- Jefferson Co.

Marilyn was shot and killed outside her home by her ex-boyfriend, Nhikima Hager, after ending their relationship. Hager's trial is set for September 27, 2004.

**Unknown Victim
Girlfriend
Johnson Co.**

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**Unknown Victim
Wife
Johnson Co.**

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**Meagan McFarlin, 22
Residence: Unknown
April 2003 -- Kleberg Co.**

Meagan was beaten to death with a sledgehammer by her boyfriend, David Wammack, 26. Wammack confessed to killing Meagan; her skeletal remains were discovered on a beach one month after her death. Police reported Meagan and Wammack had a troubled relationship. Wammack was indicted on June 14, 2003.

**Maria Hernandez, 32
Residence: Liberty
October 19, 2003 -- Liberty Co.**

Maria was stabbed to death after a struggle with her estranged husband, Martin Rivera, 40. He then attempted suicide.

**Martha Sheets, 49
Residence: Hull
November 22, 2003 -- Liberty Co.**

Martha's body was found in June 2004, beaten and burned to death near a heavily wooded rural road. After Martha's family reported her missing in March 2004 to authorities, evidence led police to allege that Martha's husband, Edward Sheets, 53, killed his wife shortly before Thanksgiving. Sheets had a long history of domestic violence, and was in jail on family violence charges when police found Martha's body. He is currently in jail.

**Unknown Victim
Common-Law Wife
Lubbock Co.**

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

**Leah Nicole Rumbaugh, 18
Residence: Lubbock
December 26, 2003 -- Lubbock Co.**

Leah died of a single gunshot wound to the head. Leah's boyfriend, Robert Hudson, 26, called police to investigate a possible suicide because he had found Leah's body. Her death was ruled a homicide. Detectives have charged Hudson with her death.

Michelle King, 23

Residence: Lubbock

November 21, 2003 -- Lubbock Co.

Michelle suffered multiple gunshot wounds and died on the way to a hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Jason Flowers, 24, perpetrated a murder-suicide. He held Michelle hostage and police at bay for 15 hours before killing Michelle and himself. Michelle had obtained a protective order against Flowers two weeks prior to her death.

Christina Moreno, 26

Residence: Lubbock

March 17, 2003 -- Lubbock Co.

Christina was stabbed to death by her common-law husband, Armando Sandoval Jr., 29, after an all night argument became violent. After a second failed suicide attempt, Sandoval confessed to killing Christina. Christina is survived by a 4-year-old son. Sandoval's trial began in August 2004.

Allison Felkner (Estes), 26

Residence: Waco

May 15, 2003 -- McLennan

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

Shirley Joyce Johnson, 64

Residence: Palacios

January 17, 2003 -- Matagorda Co.

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

Bettie Jo Smith, 56

Residence: Cameron

December 21, 2003 -- Milam Co.

Bettie was stabbed to death by Jerry Lewis Wooden, 36, who has been charged with her death. In March 2004, Wooden was indicted by a grand jury, and he awaits trial.

Unknown Victim

Girlfriend

Montgomery Co.

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

Tammy Rene Benson, 39

Residence: Cactus

February 17, 2003 -- Moore Co.

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

Betty Jernigan, 40

Residence: Chireno

February 17, 2003 -- Nacogdoches Co.

Betty had just arrived home with her children when her ex-husband, Dan Hardy Jernigan, 37, shot and killed her. Their children had run inside the home to call 911 when they heard the shot. Jernigan accepted a plea bargain to serve a 30-year sentence.

Unknown Victim

Wife

Nacogdoches Co.

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Unknown Victim, 23

Residence: Corpus Christi

November 1, 2003 -- Nueces Co.

An unknown Corpus Christi woman was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend, 45, after an argument escalated. He later turned himself in to police.

Wendy Roque, 23

Residence: Pine Forest

December 21, 2003 -- Orange Co.

Wendy was shot and killed by her husband, Alvaro Gabino Roque, 33, who she was divorcing. Roque also killed Wendy's acquaintance, Lance Benjamin Pearson, 35, before fatally shooting himself during a police standoff. Wendy had recently graduated from the police academy and had been commissioned as a police officer when she was killed.

Unknown Victim

Ex-Wife

Orange Co.

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

Vickey Bowen, 44

Residence: Livingston

October 16, 2003 -- Polk Co.

Vickey's body was found in her home by a co-worker who was concerned that she did not show up to work. Authorities allege that Vickey's boyfriend, Donnie Lee Roberts Jr., killed her. As police pursued Roberts, he tried to escape arrest by jumping out of the car he was driving. Eventually, Roberts surrendered and was taken into police custody; his pre-trial is set for September 2004.

Linda Arnold, 34

Residence: Unknown

September 17, 2003 -- Polk Co.

Linda drowned after her common-law husband, Ronnie Boyd Barnet, 43, beat her at a local lake when a heated argument became physical in the water. Barnet was convicted in her death and is serving a 25-year sentence.

**Unknown Victim
Girlfriend
Polk Co.**

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**Kathy Sue Snelson, 51
Residence: Amarillo
June 19, 2003 -- Potter Co.**

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

**Luz Martina Alfonso, 35
Residence: Amarillo
November 19, 2003 -- Potter Co.**

Luz was shot and killed by her husband, Juan Alfonso, 47, who then fatally shot himself. Luz had filed for divorce two months prior to her death, and the couple were to attend the final court hearing the day of the shooting. Family reported they were having domestic problems. Luz is survived by two daughters, 11 and 16.

**Tracie Lee Harmon Rogers, 35
Residence: Unknown
May 28, 2003 --Rains Co.**

Tracie was shot and killed in her home by her husband, Floyd Edward Rogers Jr., 40. Deputies had been called to their home previously for reports of domestic violence. Tracie is survived by a 14-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son. Rogers was sentenced to life in prison for her death.

**Trisha Leigh Hovorak, 28
Residence: Ballinger
September 5, 2003 -- Runnels Co.**

Trisha's body was found by her father in her home. Trisha's husband, David Wayne Franklin, 26, has been charged with her death. The couple had begun divorce proceedings and were trying to reconcile.

**Brenda Lee Monjares, 16
Residence: Alto Bonito
December 7, 2003 -- Starr Co.**

Brenda was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Jairo Garza, 13. The two lived together in Garza's parent's home after Brenda told her mother she was pregnant. Brenda's family members suspected that Garza was battering Brenda. Brenda had recently completed her freshman year of high school when she was killed.

**Jeannie I. Gonzalez, 37
Residence: Ft. Worth
December 31, 2003 -- Tarrant Co.**

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

Elena Sain, 41**Residence: Fort Worth****November 15, 2003 -- Tarrant Co.**

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

Ana Cantu, 23**Residence: Ft. Worth****June 22, 2003 -- Tarrant Co.**

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

Yarra Martinez, 20**Residence: Hurst****June 3, 2003 -- Tarrant Co.**

Yarra was fatally shot in the back as she approached her car, just minutes after leaving her workplace. Yarra's 19-year-old ex-boyfriend had been waiting for her, armed with a .25-06 rifle, in an adjacent parking lot. After he sped away, police later found him dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Cynthia Miles, Age Unknown**Residence: Ft. Worth****May 12/13, 2003 (date unofficial) -- Tarrant Co.**

Cynthia was found beaten to death in her apartment by her boyfriend, Andre Robinson, 26, who was arrested for her death. The couple's two young daughters witnessed her death and police believe they were left alone with their mother's body for more than a day.

Veronica Romo, 29**Residence: Irving****February 15, 2003 -- Tarrant Co.**

Veronica was found stabbed to death at her workplace. Her estranged husband, Carlos Delreal Rojas, 35, was arrested for her death.

Deborah Wieringo, 47**Residence: Abilene****April 26, 2003 -- Taylor Co.**

Deborah was shot and killed by her boyfriend, who then killed himself. Deborah's boyfriend shot Deborah and her estranged husband after becoming enraged at seeing them together. The boyfriend shot Deborah, her husband and himself. The husband survived his injuries. Deborah is survived by two children.

Marivel Vargas, 18**Residence: Austin****December 11, 2003 -- Travis Co.**

Marivel was shot and killed in her car outside her workplace. Her former boyfriend, Alvaro Lee Contreras, 18, has been charged with her death. Marivel had recently ended their relationship after she suspected that Contreras had slashed her tires. Marivel's brother reported that Contreras had assaulted him on one occasion and that his sister had expressed fear of Contreras. In February 2004, Contreras turned himself in to authorities. He was indicted and his pretrial is set for August 19, 2004.

Robin Buckland, 47

Residence: Spicewood

November 9, 2003 -- Travis Co.

Robin was beaten to death with a hammer as she slept by her ex-husband of 18 years, Gary Jackson Buckland, 44. Police reported he dragged her body outside his home and struck her on the neck to ensure she was dead.

Ann-Marie Sibley, 43

Residence: Austin

August 25, 2003 -- Travis Co.

Ann-Marie was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Arthur James West Jr., 37. West also killed Ann Marie's brother, Michael Garvey, 45. In July 2004, West pled guilty to the charges and received two life sentences of 30 years each.

Otralla Mosley, 15

Residence: Austin

March 28, 2003 -- Travis Co.

Otralla was stabbed to death at school by her ex-boyfriend, Marcus McTear, 16. Otralla had broken up with McTear the day before her death to escape their violent relationship. McTear had a history of violent behavior. McTear pled guilty to Otralla's death and received a 3 to 40 year sentence.

Unknown Victim

Girlfriend

Travis Co.

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Bertha Paniagua, 46

Residence: Del Rio

June 12, 2003 -- Val Verde Co.

Authorities report Bertha's death as a murder-suicide in Del Rio, Texas.

Michelle Ann Plevnic, 35

Residence: Wills Point

November 8, 2003 -- Van Zandt Co.

Michelle was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Timothy Dewayne Hathcock, 32. Hathcock was arrested and charged with Michelle's death.

Gail Sternberg, 47

Residence: Unknown

October 31, 2003 -- Waller Co.

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

Acenette Belinda Huerta, 38

Residence: Laredo

August 22, 2003 -- Webb Co.

Acenette died 11 days after entering a hospital for a slash wound to her neck that police allege her common-law husband, Santiago Martinez Jr., 40, inflicted during a domestic dispute. Martinez had a history of beating Acenette and was found covered in blood and holding a box-cutter. After pleading guilty in February 2004, Martinez was given a 60-year sentence.

Kristina Gonzalez, 35

Residence: Laredo

June 16, 2003 -- Webb Co.

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

Senior Airman Shelby Orelup, 22

Residence: Wichita Falls

February 28, 2003 -- Wichita Co.

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

Samantha Lezark, 28

Residence: Wichita Falls

January 5, 2003 -- Wichita Co.

Samantha was beaten with a fire extinguisher and strangled to death by Kristopher Kyle Russell, 21, police allege. The couple had just started dating. A co-worker found her body. Russell has been charged with Samantha's death and is also a suspect in the death of his wife, Tara Russell, in Nebraska.

Kali Gianna Sansone, 27

Residence: Cedar Park

September 21, 2003 -- Williamson Co.

Kali was strangled to death by her husband, Gregory Michael Klapesky, 29. After killing her, Klapesky transported Kali in the trunk of his car to a friend's house to dispose of her body. Police arrived and found Kali's body after Klapesky's friend grew suspicious and notified authorities.

Shelia Stifflemire, 40

Residence: Leander

May 13, 2003 -- Williamson Co.

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

Hope Marie Moore, 37

Residence: Bridgeport

August 4, 2003 -- Wise Co.

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

