



# HONORING TEXAS VICTIMS

*“She was an outstanding individual... very loving, very caring.*

*She was an awesome daughter and will never be forgotten.”*

## IN MEMORY OF THE TEXAS WOMEN & MEN KILLED BY THEIR INTIMATE PARTNERS IN 2019

Each year, domestic violence ends the lives of Texas women, men, and children. These losses, in turn, devastate families and distress communities. The Texas Council on Family Violence documents the narratives of victims of intimate partner violence homicides to honor those whose lives are lost to domestic violence and inform our work to close system gaps and change the culture that minimizes intimate partner abuse.

Historically, TCFV's report has documented women killed by their male intimate partners. Beginning with the 2018 Honoring Texas Victims Report, TCFV expanded the review to include cases of men killed by female partners, and men and women killed by same-sex partners. With these changes, we hope to further inform community conversations, interventions, and solutions to domestic violence. TCFV reports each victim of intimate partner homicides. Some victims may have histories of violence perpetration, recognizing that these homicides also represent the devastating impact of domestic violence. Additionally, the report documents intimate partner homicides with no known previous domestic violence and commonly categorized as mercy killings, believing that a violent death represents the ultimate act of domestic violence.

Each confirmed fatality represents a woman or man killed by an intimate partner or a stalking perpetrator between January 2019 and December 2019 and includes the date of the death, followed by a short description of the circumstances. This information highlights lethality risk factors and other information that informs our 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 will shine much-needed light on the issue of domestic violence that leads to improved prevention and intervention strategies.

On the following pages, the Texas Council on Family Violence lists with respect and care the names of each victim of intimate partner homicide in 2019. TCFV joins their families, friends, and communities in mourning the deaths of these individuals.

## BASTROP COUNTY

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### *Yuridia Anaya-Espinosa Nava, 32*

KYLE | FEBRUARY 22, 2019

Yuridia Anaya-Espinosa Nava died when the person she was dating, Thomas Sanchez-Solorzano, 34, stabbed and killed her. Yuridia's family reported her missing after she did not return home from work. A month after her disappearance, authorities arrested Sanchez-Solorzano on an unrelated charge, discovered Yuridia's remains in a grave on a county road, then charged Sanchez-Solorzano with murder. Yuridia is survived by her son, age 6 months.

## BELL COUNTY

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### *Jenna Scott, 28*

KILLEEN | JANUARY 3, 2019

Jenna Scott died in a home after her ex-boyfriend, Cedric Marks, 44, assaulted and killed her. Marks also strangled and killed Jenna's friend, Michael Swearingin, 32. Marks' current girlfriend, Maya Maxwell, 26, helped him move Jenna's and Michael's bodies to Oklahoma and then fled with him to Michigan. Authorities arrested and charged Marks with capital murder; he escaped a prison transport returning to Bell County. Authorities apprehended him after several hours and then returned him to Bell County. Authorities also arrested and charged Maxwell with tampering with evidence. Marks has an extensive history of violence against Jenna, including multiple strangulation assaults and threats to kill her and her family. Jenna had ended the relationship with Marks and sought a protective order in August 2018. She received an emergency protective order, but a judge denied her request for a two-year protective order. Jenna is survived by her daughter, age 9.

## BEXAR COUNTY

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### *Danny Kennedy, 53*

ELMENDORF | MAY 17, 2019

Danny Kennedy died in his home when his girlfriend, Venetta Oniell, 59, shot and killed him. Neighbors called police after hearing gunfire inside the home. Authorities arrested and charged Oniell with murder. Danny is survived by his son.

### *Lynda Karcher, 72*

SAN ANTONIO | JANUARY 28, 2019

Lynda Karcher died when her husband, Gary Karcher, 72, shot and killed her. Karcher then shot and killed himself. Lynda is survived by her three adult daughters.

### *Brittany Reardon, 21*

SAN ANTONIO | FEBRUARY 16, 2019

Brittany Reardon died in her home when her boyfriend, Jaime Guevara, 37, shot and killed her. Brittany was in the bathroom when Guevara loaded and then dropped a firearm outside the door, discharging the weapon and killing Brittany. Authorities arrested Guevara and charged him with manslaughter. Brittany is survived by her son, age 16 months.

## BEXAR COUNTY *continued*

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### *Andreen McDonald, 29*

SAN ANTONIO | FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Andreen McDonald was killed by her husband, Andre McDonald, 40. Andreen's friends were concerned when she did not meet them at the gym, as planned. They went to her home and called police after they saw evidence of Andre McDonald leaving the property. Andreen had previously told friends that if she ever went missing, it would have something to do with her husband. Four months after she was reported missing, Andreen's remains were discovered in a wooded area. McDonald was charged with tampering with evidence and with murder. Andreen is survived by her daughter, age 6.

### *Josephine Ramos, 36*

SAN ANTONIO | APRIL 1, 2019

Josephine Ramos died after her husband, Brian Ramos, 38, shot and killed her in a parking lot. Ramos has a history of family violence and had a pending case for sexual assault of a child. Josephine planned to end the relationship; Ramos killed her the day before divorce proceedings. Authorities arrested and charged Ramos with murder. Josephine is survived by her two sons and one daughter, ages 7, 14, and 19.

### *Alicia Wills, 62*

SAN ANTONIO | MAY 22, 2019

Alicia Wills died after her husband, Louis Benevento, 71, shot her while she was calling 911 to report Benevento had a gun. Emergency responders transported Alicia to the hospital, and authorities arrested and charged Benevento with murder. Alicia is survived by her adult son and daughter.

### *Janice Bazan, 16*

SAN ANTONIO | JUNE 3, 2019

Janice Bazen died in a hospital after her boyfriend, Bryant Gomez-Olvera, 19, shot her in a home. Gomez-Olvera transported Janice to a local hospital after the shooting, and authorities arrested him for tampering with evidence. He bonded out of jail, removed his GPS monitoring device, and absconded. Gomez-Olvera currently has an active warrant for tampering with evidence and murder. He remains at large.

### *Marissa Jernigan, 20*

SAN ANTONIO | JUNE 8, 2019

Marissa Jernigan died at a hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Brian Ontiveros, 21, broke into her home and shot and killed her. Ontiveros fled. Emergency responders transported her to the hospital. Ontiveros currently has an active warrant for murder and remains at large. Marissa is survived by her son.

### *Unnamed, 62*

SAN ANTONIO | JUNE 17, 2019

An unnamed victim died at home when the person he was dating, Ricardo Rodriguez, 45, assaulted and strangled him. Rodriguez hid the victim at the home. Neighbors called law enforcement to report a potential body on the property, and Rodriguez used the victim's truck to transport his body offsite before officers arrived. Police pursued Rodriguez on a chase, arrested him, and charged him with murder and evading arrest. Rodriguez has a history of violence and had a previous assault charge in 2015. The victim is survived by his two adult children.

## BEXAR COUNTY *continued*

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### *Mary Lou Rodriguez, 26*

SAN ANTONIO | JULY 30, 2019

Mary Lou Rodriguez died when her husband, Enrique Perez, 25, strangled and killed her in their home. Mary Lou's sister reported her missing. When law enforcement found evidence of a struggle and tampering with evidence, Perez confessed to murdering Mary Lou and disclosed her body's location in Lampasas County. Authorities arrested Perez and charged him with murder. Perez committed suicide in jail. Perez had a history of violence toward Mary Lou, including strangulation. Mary Lou is survived by her three children, all under the age of 10.

### *Brenda Toney, 69*

SAN ANTONIO | OCTOBER 19, 2019

Brenda Toney died in a hospital after her husband, Aaron Toney, 73, strangled her at their home. He then called the police and attempted to kill himself. Emergency responders transported Toney and Brenda to the hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Toney with murder.

### *Aidee Rueda, 33*

SAN ANTONIO | NOVEMBER 21, 2019

Aidee Rueda died in her home when her husband, Yasef Ruiz-Cortez, 36, shot and killed her. Ruiz-Cortez then shot and killed himself. Aidee had planned to end the relationship. The night prior to the murder, Aidee left with her children and returned the following day for their belongings. Aidee went inside the home while her four children and a co-worker waited in the car. Their son entered the home and discovered Aidee and Ruiz-Cortez deceased. Aidee is survived by her two sons, ages 12 and 5, and two daughters, ages 10 and 9.

### *Gabriella Rodriguez, 24*

SAN ANTONIO | DECEMBER 25, 2019

Gabriella Rodriguez died when her ex-boyfriend, William Bayles, 27, shot and killed her at his home. Bayles then shot himself. Gabriella had dropped off her two sons to spend Christmas with Bayles. Gabriela's boyfriend waited in the car; he called 911 when he heard gunshots. Emergency responders transported Bayles to the hospital, where he died a few days later. Gabriella had ended the relationship with Bayles one year prior. Bayles had a history of violence toward Gabriella, including threatening her with a firearm. He had prior arrests for unlawfully carrying a handgun, but the charges were dismissed. Gabriella was 8 months pregnant, expecting a daughter, Emilia. She is survived by her two sons, ages 6 and 2.

## BOWIE COUNTY

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### *Willis Sanders, 63*

TEXARKANA | MARCH 1, 2019

Willis Sanders died in his home after his girlfriend, Lamarya Bradley, 54, struck his head with a brick and killed him. Weeks later, the landlord requested a welfare check, and law enforcement officers discovered Willis deceased in the home. Bradley admitted to law enforcement to striking Willis. Authorities arrested and charged Bradley with murder. Bradley has a history of violence toward Willis, including an arrest for a family violence assault in December 2018. She pleaded not guilty to murder and later pled guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Willis is survived by his daughter and two sons.

## BRAZORIA COUNTY

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### *Jesika Taylor-Sullivan, 34*

ALVIN | MAY 1, 2019

Jesika Taylor-Sullivan died in her home after her husband, Brandon Garrett, 34, strangled her. Officers conducted a welfare check and found Jesika deceased in a bathroom. Two days prior, Garrett had assaulted and strangled Jesika; authorities issued a warrant for his arrest. Authorities then arrested Garrett and charged him with murder. Jesika is survived by her daughters, ages 5 and 9.

### *Catrina Charles, 39*

LAKE JACKSON | JANUARY 16, 2019

Catrina Charles died in her home after her husband, Schubert Charles, 53, shot and killed her. Charles then shot and killed himself. An individual called 911 regarding a possible assault. Authorities found Katrina and Charles deceased. Katrina is survived by her four children.

### *Trisha Rodriguez, 39*

LAKE JACKSON | FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Trisha Rodriguez died in her home after her ex-boyfriend, Darrell Adell Jr., 30, assaulted and killed her. Trisha's son was in the home at the time of the murder. Trisha's mother found her deceased in a bathtub. The day before, Adell killed Trisha, a motion had been filed for Adell to increase his child support. Authorities arrested Adell; a grand jury indicted Adell for murder. Trisha is survived by her son, age 2.

### *Anita Scott, 43*

PEARLAND | FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Anita Scott died in her home when her husband, Kirk Jones, 51, shot and killed her. Jones also shot and killed Roman Cuellar, 40, before shooting and killing himself. Anita is survived by her son.

### *Belinda Hernandez, 52*

PEARLAND | MARCH 23, 2019

Belinda Hernandez died in her home after her husband, Hilario Hernandez, 56, shot and killed her. Hernandez fled. Belinda's adult daughter became concerned when her mother did not respond to text messages and went to the house. She found Belinda deceased. Law enforcement located Hernandez headed to Mexico, arrested him, and charged him with murder. Hernandez has a history of controlling and abusive behavior. Belinda is survived by her two children.

## BRAZOS COUNTY

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### *Theia Flakes, 39*

COLLEGE STATION | JANUARY 7, 2019

Theia Flakes died in her home after her boyfriend, Terry Ratliff, 54, stabbed and killed her. Ratliff then fled to Midland County and later turned himself into authorities. One of Theia's daughters found Theia's body after returning from school. Authorities arrested Ratliff and a grand jury indicted him for murder and tampering with evidence. Ratliff has a history of abusive behavior toward Theia. Theia is survived by her three daughters.

## CALLAHAN COUNTY

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### *Alia Hutchinson, 22*

**BAIRD | OCTOBER 12, 2019**

Alia Hutchison died on a county road when her boyfriend, Cody Dixon, 34, stabbed and killed her. Dixon also stabbed and killed their nine-month-old daughter, Aria. Dixon then fled. A rancher found Alia's and Aria's bodies outside his property and alerted authorities. Dixon assaulted a County Marshall and tried to escape. Authorities arrested and charged Dixon with various crimes, including assault on a police officer, attempted escape, and two counts of capital murder. Alia had recently moved to Abilene from Wisconsin.

## CASTRO COUNTY

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### *Raquel Salinas, 42*

**DIMMITT | AUGUST 27, 2019**

Raquel Salinas died after her boyfriend, Francisco Martinez, 37, killed her. Raquel's body was found in a vehicle on private property. A few weeks later, authorities charged him with murder and tampering with evidence. Raquel is survived by her three adult children.

## CLAY COUNTY

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### *James Baker, 52*

**CHARLIE | NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

James Baker died at his home when his wife, Cindi Baker, 61, stabbed him. Authorities arrested and charged Baker with aggravated assault causing death; a grand jury indicted her on murder charges. James is survived by his daughter and son.

## COLLIN COUNTY

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### *Jimmy Farris, 72*

**PLANO | NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

Jimmy Farris died in his home when Carmen Moreno, 23, a friend of Jimmy's ex-girlfriend, Cynthia Wingate, 29, stabbed and killed him. Moreno stabbed and killed Jimmy's current girlfriend Theresa Coomes, 71. Wingate fled with Moreno. Wingate and Moreno were stopped by law enforcement officers for traffic violations in McLennan County. Officers found a weapon in the vehicle and alerted authorities in Plano that the women had Jimmy's vehicle. Authorities arrested Wingate and Moreno and later charged each with capital murder. Moreno confessed to stabbing Jimmy and Theresa.

## DALLAS COUNTY

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### *Deanna Keahey, 51*

**CEDAR HILL | FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

Deanna Keahey died in her home when her husband, Eugene Keahey, 52, set the home on fire and killed her. Keahey shot and killed himself as the home burned. Deanna's two daughters were trapped inside; Camryn, 15, died inside the home, and Darryn, 17, died from injuries sustained in the fire several weeks later. Emergency responders rescued two additional family members from the home. Deanna is survived by her son and daughter.

### *Y'vonne Perkins, 37*

**CEDAR HILL | AUGUST 8, 2019**

Y'vonne Perkins died in her home when her husband, Curtis Bullock, 44, stabbed and killed her. Bullock then attempted suicide. Y'vonne's three children were present. When law enforcement arrived, they found Y'vonne deceased and Bullock injured in a locked room. Emergency responders transported Bullock to a hospital. Authorities arrested and charged Bullock with murder. Y'vonne is survived by her three children.

### *Miles Rogers, 93*

**COPPELL | SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

Miles Rogers died in his home after his wife, Alberta Rogers, 84, shot and killed him. Rogers then shot and killed herself. Rogers had confided in her neighbor and family members about the stress of caretaking while the couple's health deteriorated.

### *Weltzin Garcia Mireles, 26*

**DALLAS | FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

Weltzin Garcia Mireles died in her home in Grand Prairie when her boyfriend, Alfonso Hernandez, 28, strangled and killed her. Hernandez moved Weltzin's body to a lake in Dallas. He then committed suicide by drowning himself. Weltzin had attempted to end the relationship; she filed a police report against Hernandez. He had a history of being violent; he assaulted Weltzin two weeks prior to the murder. Law enforcement issued a warrant for Hernandez the day Weltzin and Hernandez went missing. Authorities located Hernandez's body a few days later. An individual found Weltzin's body two months after she was reported missing. Weltzin is survived by her daughter, age 6, and her son, age 3.

### *Sheila Prater, 45*

**DALLAS | MARCH 3, 2019**

Sheila Prater died in her home when her ex-boyfriend, Victor Williams, 49, shot and killed her. Sheila's son called 911 when he became worried that his mother stopped responding to his text messages and became suspicious of Williams's responses. Sheila's son found her deceased. Williams has a history of abusive behavior toward Sheila, and she had told friends she believed Williams might kill her. Authorities arrested and charged Williams with murder. Sheila is survived by her son and daughter.

***Kristen Cary, 43***

**DALLAS | MARCH 14, 2019**

Kristen Cary died after her ex-boyfriend, Edward Gaines, 57, stabbed her at an apartment complex. Gaines then fled. Emergency responders transported Kristen to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Gaines has a history of assaults, aggravated assault, family violence assaults enhanced. Gaines later turned himself in. Authorities arrested and charged him with capital murder. He accepted a plea deal for a reduced charge of murder and received a sentence of life in prison.

***Sagunda Glosson, 31***

**DALLAS | MARCH 14, 2019**

Sagunda Glosson died in her apartment when her husband, Aaron Glosson, 27, shot and killed her. Glosson then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement responded to a welfare check and discovered Sagunda and Glosson deceased.

***Rona Dahlgren, 58***

**DALLAS | MARCH 17, 2019**

Rona Dahlgren died in her home when her husband, Dennis Schmedt, 67, shot and killed her. Neighbors called 911 after hearing gunshots. Law enforcement responded, also heard gunshots, and located Schmedt. Schmedt told investigators he had shot his wife several weeks prior to the call. Authorities arrested and charged Schmedt with murder.

***Jennifer Choice, 32***

**DALLAS | APRIL 5, 2019**

Jennifer Choice died when her husband, Julius Gipson, Jr., 51, shot and killed her. Gipson then shot and killed himself. Jennifer is survived by her daughter and her two sons.

***Gina Elder, 40***

**DALLAS | MAY 7, 2019**

Gina Elder died in a hotel parking lot when her boyfriend, Jerome Sowell, 36, assaulted and killed her. Sowell then fled. Security footage shows Sowell assaulting Gina. Authorities apprehended him three months after Gina's death and arrested and charged him with murder. Sowell has a history of abuse and violence toward Gina. Gina is survived by her two daughters and two sons.

***Kendryck Steward, 19***

**DALLAS | MAY 21, 2019**

Kendryck Steward died when his girlfriend, Ashley Hughes, 27, shot and killed him. Emergency responders transported Kendryck to the hospital where he died. Authorities arrested and charged Hughes with murder. Kendryck is survived by his son.

***Andy Longoria, 47***

**DALLAS | JUNE 17, 2019**

Andy Longoria died in his home when his ex-boyfriend, Dennis Jimenez-Hernandez, 22, killed him. Jimenez-Hernandez fled to Mexico, Mexican authorities turned him over to U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents. Authorities charged Jimenez-Hernandez with capital murder.

## DALLAS COUNTY *continued*

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### *Urania De Jesus Flores, 34*

DALLAS | JUNE 21, 2019

Urania De Jesus Flores died in her home when her husband, Leo Pintor, 40, shot and killed her. Pintor also shot and killed Fredi Mercado, 31. Pintor then fled and later called family members to confess. Authorities arrested and charged Pintor with capital murder. Pintor has a history of abusive behavior toward Urania. She had filed for divorce and had a protective order against Pintor. Urania is survived by her son and daughter.

### *Gretchen Easton, 45*

DALLAS | JULY 8, 2019

Gretchen Easton died in her home when her boyfriend, Donald Henderson, 34, shot and killed her. Henderson called 911 to request police and an ambulance. He then told police he murdered Gretchen, gave the police the address and keys to the apartment. When police arrived at the home, they found Gretchen deceased. Authorities arrested and charged Henderson with murder.

### *Diana Garcia, 22*

DALLAS | JULY 13, 2019

Diana Garcia died in her car after her husband, Marcos Flores-Rodriguez, 25, assaulted, shot, and killed her. Diana had dropped her children off at a babysitter's home and stopped at an intersection when Flores-Rodriguez approached her car and began to assault her. After shooting Diana, he fled. Authorities arrested and charged Flores-Rodriguez with murder after DNA evidence linked him to the murder. Diana is survived by her two children, ages 2 and 4.

### *Jamie Thigpen, 72*

DALLAS | JULY 28, 2019

Jamie Thigpen died in her home after her husband, Wayne Thigpen, 73, shot and killed her. Thigpen then shot and killed himself. Jamie is survived by her two daughters.

### *Jacqueline-Rose Nicholas, 32*

DALLAS | JULY 29, 2019

Jacqueline-Rose Nicholas died in a hotel room when her husband, Peter Nicholas, 30, shot and killed her. Hotel staff and residents contacted 911 after hearing a disturbance in the hotel room. Hotel security attempted to gain access to the room, but no one answered the door. Emergency responders arrived but were unable to enter the room until law enforcement officers arrived. Law enforcement officers were dispatched over an hour later and after Nicholas shot Jacqueline-Rose. Authorities arrested and charged Nicholas with murder. Jacqueline-Rose is survived by her two sons, ages 2 and 8.

### *Latoya Johnson, 31*

DALLAS | AUGUST 9, 2019

Latoya Johnson died after her ex-boyfriend, Marshal Winston, crashed his vehicle into hers. Authorities arrested and charged Winston with manslaughter, endangerment of a child, and violation of probation. Latoya is survived by her two sons.

## DALLAS COUNTY *continued*

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### *Layla McDaniel, 38*

DALLAS | NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Layla McDaniel died when her ex-boyfriend, Gary Geter, 28, shot her before shooting himself. The police responded to a welfare check and Fire and Rescue forced entry into the apartment. They found Layla and Geter deceased. Authorities ruled the deaths as a murder-suicide.

### *Mason Varela, 21*

DESOTO | DECEMBER 3, 2019

Mason Varela died at a hospital from injuries sustained when her ex-boyfriend, Matthew Gonzalez, 20, stabbed her outside of her home. Gonzalez has a history of controlling and abusive behaviors, and Mason had ended the relationship with him six weeks prior to the murder. Gonzalez hid outside Mason's home and attacked her as she returned from walking her dog. Mason's step-father witnessed Gonzalez fleeing. Authorities arrested Gonzalez and charged him with murder.

### *Jessica Velazquez, 36*

GRAND PRAIRIE | FEBRUARY 2, 2019

Jessica Velazquez died in her home when her husband, George Velazquez Viera, 38, shot and killed her. Jessica had ended the relationship and returned to their home with two additional family members to retrieve her belongings. While they were packing up her belongings, Viera shot and injured Jessica's family members. He then shot and killed himself.

### *Charanjit Kaur, 52*

IRVING | NOVEMBER 7, 2019

Charanjit Kaur died in her home when her husband, Devinder Singh Binepal, 67, shot and killed her. Binepal then shot and killed himself. Charanjit is survived by her son and daughter.

### *Stephanie Smith, 52*

MESQUITE | OCTOBER 3, 2019

Stephanie Ann Smith died after her boyfriend, Melvin Craddock, age 55, shot her in their car before shooting and killing himself. Officers arrived and removed Stephanie from the vehicle to perform CPR. She was pronounced dead when the fire department arrived.

### *Ladonna Garcia, 48*

RICHARDSON | APRIL 14, 2019

LaDonna Garcia died at a hospital after her boyfriend, Jefferey Patterson, 47, stabbed her in her home. Authorities arrested and charged Patterson with murder, who received a sentence of 70 years in prison. Patterson has a history of violence against LaDonna. LaDonna is survived by her four children.

## DAWSON COUNTY

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### *Champagne Woods, 28*

LAMESA | OCTOBER 19, 2019

Champagne Woods died when her ex-boyfriend, Demarcus Bufford, 30, shot several times through the window of her home. Their son, age 6, was also in the home. Emergency responders transported Champagne to a local hospital, where she died from the injuries. Champagne was seven months pregnant at the time. Authorities arrested and charged Bufford with capital murder. Champagne is survived by her son.

## DENTON COUNTY

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### *Bridgette Forte, 39*

DENTON | SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Bridgette Forte died at her home when her fiancé, Anton Thorp, 39, shot and killed her. Thorp's ex-wife called 911 to report that Thorp had shot Bridgette; Thorp then called and confessed. Thorp has a history of violence, including prior family violence charges in 2006 and 2008. Authorities arrested and charged Thorp with murder. Bridgette is survived by her two sons.

### *Jade Harris, 20*

PONDER | NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Jade Harris died in Ponder, Texas, after her ex-boyfriend, Tanner Brock, 21, and his girlfriend, Krystin Ross, 27, stabbed her multiple times. Jade's family reported her missing. Witnesses discovered her body in a creek bank. Jade had ended the relationship with Brock and was married to another person. Brock has a history of violence toward Jade, including arrests three years prior for assault and strangulation. Jade is survived by her daughter, age 2, and her son, age 1.

## DUVAL COUNTY

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### *Jessica Cantu, 36*

SAN DIEGO | JANUARY 4, 2019

Jessica Cantu, 36, died in her home after her husband, Abel Cantu, 41, cut her throat. Cantu fled. Jessica's son discovered Jessica's body. Law enforcement officers located Cantu with a self-inflicted knife wound to his neck; emergency responders transported him to a hospital. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder and violation of a protective order. Cantu has a history of violence against Jessica, including kidnapping her from her home at knifepoint. Two weeks prior to the murder, authorities arrested Cantu for assault and charged him with, among other charges, aggravated kidnapping and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Jessica had a protective order against Cantu at the time of her death. Cantu accepted a plea bargain and received a sentence of 15 years for Jessica's murder. Jessica is survived by her five children.

## ECTOR COUNTY

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### *Jose Melendez Hernandez, 48*

ODESSA | APRIL 2, 2019

Jose Melendez Hernandez died when his girlfriend, Courtney Rice, 34, shot him in his home. Emergency responders transported Jose to a hospital where he died. Authorities arrested and charged Rice with murder. Jose was in the process of ending his relationship with Rice and was attempting to remove her from the home at the time of the shooting.

### *Tiffany Polvon, 35*

ODESSA | NOVEMBER 26, 2019

Tiffany Polvon died in her vehicle when her husband, Fabian Polvon, 36, shot and killed her. Polvon crashed his vehicle into Tiffany's vehicle, then shot and killed the passenger in the car, Joseph Granado, 36. He then shot Tiffany and fled. A witness reported seeing the murders. The next day, Polvon confessed to his father, who then contacted police and stated Polvon would turn himself in. Authorities arrested and charged Polvon with capital murder. Polvon has a history of violence toward Tiffany; in 2005, Polvon was charged with assaulting Champagne. Several months prior to the murder, Tiffany had filed for divorce, and Polvon threatened to kill Tiffany and stalked her with tracking devices. Tiffany is survived by her son and daughter.

## EL PASO COUNTY

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### *Lea Grijalva, 26*

EL PASO | JUNE 9, 2019

Lea Grijalva died in her home when her boyfriend, Daniel Valles, 23, strangled and killed her. Valles informed witnesses that he had killed Lea and the witnesses contacted police. Authorities arrested and charged Valles with murder. Valles has a history of controlling behavior toward Lea.

### *Jasmine Marie Castro, 18*

EL PASO | JULY 13, 2019

Jasmine Castro died in her home when her boyfriend, Jose Casas, 19, shot and killed her. Jasmine's brother discovered her body and called 911. Casas has a history of abusive and controlling behavior toward Jasmine, including controlling her access to technology, social media, and pointing a gun at her. Jasmine had planned to end the relationship with Casas. Although Casas fled to Mexico, authorities apprehended, arrested, and charged with Casas with murder.

### *Erika Gaytan, 29*

EL PASO | JULY 13, 2019

Erika Gaytan died when a person she dated, Ricardo Marquez, 28, killed her in his home. Family members reported Erika missing on July 16, 2019. After conducting several search warrants, interviews, and surveillance, authorities arrested Marquez and charged him with murder in December 2019. Erika's remains have not yet been recovered. Erika is survived by her son, age 7.

## EL PASO COUNTY *continued*

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### *Monica Carazo, 24*

EL PASO | DECEMBER 4, 2019

Monica Carazo died at a hospital after her wife, Carmen Gonzalez Avendez, 32, shot her. Monica had ended the relationship and moved out of their home. Gonzalez invited Monica back to the home to discuss their relationship. Gonzalez shot Monica as she was entering the home and then shot and killed herself. Monica was transported to the hospital, where she later died.

### *Amy Contreras Colbert, 27*

FORT BLISS | APRIL 6, 2019

Amy Colbert died in Fort Bliss when her husband, Lance Colbert, 29, killed her. Amy had returned from an eight-month combat deployment in Kuwait with the United States Army a week prior to her murder. Military authorities arrested and charged Colbert with murder, threatening, stalking, and using indecent language under military code. Amy is survived by her two daughters.

## FORT BEND COUNTY

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### *Brandy Cano, 22*

RICHMOND | MARCH 11, 2019

Brandy Cano died in their home after her boyfriend, Santana Losoya, 24, shot and killed her. Brandy's grandmother, who also lived in the home, called 911 after hearing a gunshot. Authorities arrested and charged Lasoya with murder. Brandy is survived by her daughter, age 3.

### *Jeni-Hongan Nguyen, 35*

RICHMOND | APRIL 9, 2019

Jeni-Hongan Nguyen died after her husband, Quang Do, 37, shot her. Do then fled to Louisiana with the couple's two children. An individual called 911 and reported that a family member stated Do confessed to killing Jeni-Hongan and requested a welfare check. Authorities found Jeni-Hongan deceased; arrested Do near the city of Breaux Bridge, recovered a weapon, and charged him with murder. Jeni-Hongan is survived by her two children, ages 1 and 3.

### *Shanti Nakirekanti, 46*

SUGAR LAND | FEBRUARY 18, 2019

Shanti Nakirekanti died in the driveway of her home after her husband, Sreenivas Nakirekanti, 51, shot and killed her. Nakirekanti called 911, provided the address, and then shot and killed himself. Shanti's daughter, age 16, was at the home. Shanti is survived by her daughter and adult son.

## FOR BEND COUNTY *continued*

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### *Kiva Herrera, 38*

**SUGAR LAND | AUGUST 11, 2019**

Kiva Herrera died in a hotel parking lot after her ex-boyfriend, Sheldon Magee, 44, shot and killed her. Kiva had recently ended the relationship with Magee and checked into a hotel. Three days after Kiva checked in, Magee found the hotel and confronted Kiva in the parking lot. Magee assaulted her and shot Kiva. Magee exchanged gunfire with police when they arrived, but neither he nor officers were injured. Authorities arrested and charged Magee with murder and attempted murder of a police officer. Kiva is survived by her son.

## GAINES COUNTY

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### *Susana Neufeld, 40*

**SEMINOLE | FEBRUARY 23, 2019**

Susana Neufeld died when her husband, Jacob Neufeld, 41, shot and killed her in their home. Authorities arrested and charged Neufeld with murder. Susana is survived by her three daughters and four sons, ages 5 to 19.

## GALVESTON COUNTY

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### *April Murdoch, 33*

**LEAGUE CITY | APRIL 12, 2019**

April Murdoch died in her home when her boyfriend, Julio Villareal, 26, shot and killed her. Villareal then shot and killed himself. April's children were inside the home. April is survived by her four children.

### *Chauntelle Bernard, 42*

**LEAGUE CITY | NOVEMBER 28, 2019**

Chauntelle Bernard died in her home after her husband, Dudley Bernard, 40, shot and killed her. After saying goodbye to guests, Bernard went to his car to retrieve a gun. Chauntelle had locked the door and retrieved a gun, but Bernard forced open the door and shot Chauntelle multiple times while their two sons were in the home. Authorities arrested and charged Bernard with murder. Chauntelle is survived by her two sons.

## GREGG COUNTY

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### *Timothy Joe Stoudt, 65*

**KILGORE | DECEMBER 2, 2019**

Timothy Stoudt died at his home when his wife Penelope Stoudt, 56, shot and killed him. Stoudt called 911 to report that she shot Timothy. When authorities responded, they arrested and charged her with murder. Stoudt received a sentence of 35 years in prison.

## GREGG COUNTY *continued*

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### *Kristy Nicole Perez, 38*

LONGVIEW | FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Kristy Perez died in her home when her ex-boyfriend, Troy Rider II, 43, shot and killed her. Rider also shot and killed Kristy's mother, Lori Perez, 58. Kristy's sons were in the home at the time of the shootings and called 911 for assistance. Authorities arrested Rider and charged him with capital murder. Two weeks before the shootings, Kristy had petitioned for a court order for Rider to return her vehicle and house keys. A judge issued an order for Rider to stay away and not communicate with Kristy. Kristy is survived by her two sons.

### *Kimberly Wallace-Medford, 39*

LONGVIEW | JULY 28, 2019

Kimberly Wallace-Medford died in front of her home when her ex-boyfriend, Kenneth Earl Thomas Jr., 41, shot and killed her. When police officers found Thomas at a nearby park, he fired a gun at the officers and fled. The officers returned fire. Authorities arrested and charged Thomas with murder. Thomas has a history of violence and threatening behavior toward Kimberly, including stalking her prior to her murder. Additionally, Thomas had a firearm prohibition. Kimberly is survived by her son, two daughters, and step-daughter.

## GUADALUPE COUNTY

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### *Brihana Landrum, 24*

SAN MARCOS | FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Brihana Landrum died when her ex-boyfriend, Adrian Diaz, 28, shot her. Diaz then fled, shot and killed himself in Guadalupe County. Brihana's family transported her to the hospital, but she died on the way.

### *Jesusita Loreda, 46*

SAN MARCOS | APRIL 24, 2019

Jesusita Loreda died when her husband, Martin Coca-Maldonado, 53, shot her outside of the home. Emergency responders transported Jesuita to the hospital, where she died a week later. Authorities arrested and charged Coca-Maldonado for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon/family violence. A grand jury indicted Coca-Maldonado for murder and aggravated assault. Jesusita is survived by her two sons and daughter.

## HARRIS COUNTY

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### *Dale Blake, 65*

ATASCOCITA | OCTOBER 8, 2019

Dale Blake died after his girlfriend, Latonya Jones, 30, shot him at his home. Dale called 911. Law enforcement found Jones outside a neighbor's house. Emergency responders transported Blake to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. Authorities arrested and charged Jones with murder. Dale is survived by his son.

## HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

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### *Graciela Torres, 66*

**CYPRESS | JANUARY 17, 2019**

Graciela Torres died when her husband, Arthur Edigin, 62, shot and killed her in her vehicle. Graciela's daughter, Penny Zapata, 31, and granddaughter were in the vehicle when Edigin began shooting. Edigin shot and injured Penny. Edigin then fled and barricaded himself in a motel room. Edigin shot and killed himself. Edigin had a history of threatening Graciela. She had ended the relationship and separated from him. Graciela is survived by her daughters.

### *Rochelle Salazar, 34*

**HIGHLANDS | AUGUST 6, 2019**

Rochelle Salazar died in her home after her husband, Billy Warford, 39, shot and killed her. Rochelle's daughter was in the home. Authorities arrested and charged Warford with murder. Rochelle is survived by her daughter, age 2.

### *Diane Schneider, 58*

**HOCKLEY | DECEMBER 4, 2019**

Diane Schneider died after her husband, Gilbert Schneider, 60, shot and killed her in her home. Days later, Schneider confessed to law enforcement that he killed Diane and planned to kill himself. As law enforcement arrived at the home, Schneider shot and killed himself. Law enforcement responded to the couple's home multiple times prior to Diane's murder for mental health calls.

### *Oscar Reyes-Alvarado, 17*

**HOUSTON | JANUARY 21, 2019**

Oscar Reyes-Alvarado died in his home after his girlfriend, Anabel Lopez, 17, shot and killed him. Authorities arrested and charged Lopez with manslaughter.

### *Jeremy Ray, 21*

**HOUSTON | JANUARY 23, 2019**

Jeremy Ray died when his girlfriend, Curnitra Winzer, 26, shot him in a hotel room. Jeremy's father witnessed the shooting and called the police. Emergency responders transported Jeremy to a hospital, where he died days later. Authorities arrested and charged Winzer with murder.

### *Maricela Davila, 35*

**HOUSTON | FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

Maricela Davila died in her home after her husband, Luis Alfredo Portillo Gonzalez, 35, shot her. Maricela's mother and two children were present during the shooting. Gonzalez shot and injured Maricela's mother before shooting and killing himself. Maricela is survived by her two daughters, ages 5 and 11.

## HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

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### *Cindi Romero Fajardo, 32*

HOUSTON | FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Cindi Romero Fajardo died when her boyfriend, Wilson Rivera-Madrid, 27, shot her. Rivera-Madrid followed Cindi to a nightclub and began arguing with Cindi. The nightclub employees asked Rivera-Madrid and Cindi to leave. Rivera-Madrid shot Cindi in his vehicle, moved her body to the side of the road, and fled. Emergency responders transported Cindi to a hospital, where she died several days later. Authorities charged Rivera-Madrid with murder; he remains at large.

### *Michael Thomas, 56*

HOUSTON | FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Michael Thomas died in his home when his wife, Cynthia Johnson, 57, stabbed him. Authorities arrested and charged Johnson with murder. Michael is survived by his daughter.

### *Melina Lopez, 23*

HOUSTON | FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Melina Lopez died at her workplace after her husband, Elmer Rodriguez, 24, shot and killed her. Rodriguez then shot and killed himself. Rodriguez had a history of abuse and violence toward Melina. The day before the murder, Melina filed for a protective order. Melina is survived by her daughters, ages 3 and 6.

### *Walter Oliver, 64*

HOUSTON | FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Walter Oliver died in his home when his girlfriend, Sherry Stevens, 58, shot him. Stevens was on parole for aggravated robbery at the time of the murder. Stevens confessed to a law enforcement officer that she killed Walter. Authorities arrested and charged Stevens with murder. Stevens pled guilty and received a sentence of 30 years in prison.

### *Adaelna Diaz, 34*

HOUSTON | MARCH 3, 2019

Adaelna Diaz died in her home when her husband, Auner Rebolledo, 41, shot and killed her. Rebolledo had sent concerning text messages to family members, who then contacted law enforcement to request a welfare check. Authorities charged Rebolledo with murder; he remains at large.

### *Carrie Nebgen, 40*

HOUSTON | APRIL 26, 2019

Carrie Nebgen died at her home when her husband, Aaron Nebgen, 39, shot and killed her. He then shot and killed himself. Carrie's child, age 18 months, was in the home. Carrie is survived by her two children.

### *Tiffany Uzor, 40*

HOUSTON | MAY 14, 2019

Tiffany Uzor died in her home when her ex-boyfriend, Frederick Lewis, 45, stabbed and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Lewis with murder. Tiffany is survived by her four children.

## HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

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### *Shamala Burks, 34*

HOUSTON | MAY 20, 2019

Shamala Burks died in her home when her husband, Donald Burks, 40, shot her. Burks then shot and killed himself. Law enforcement officers responded to a call and discovered Shamala and Burks deceased in the bedroom of their home.

### *Adam Robles, 31*

HOUSTON | MAY 27, 2019

Adam Robles died when his girlfriend, Amy Gonzales, 29, shot him. Gonzalez had aimed her gun at two of Adam's friends in front of their home and told them to leave. She shot Adam as she was entering the home. Emergency responders transported Adam to a hospital, where he died five days after the shooting. Authorities arrested and charged Gonzales with manslaughter. Adam is survived by his son, age 8.

### *Phuong Thuy Vuong, 35*

HOUSTON | JUNE 29, 2019

Phuong Thuy Vuong died in her home when her husband, Thang Duc Nguyen, 51, shot and killed her. Phuong Thuy's children were in the home. Nguyen had filed for divorce in January 2019, and the divorce case was dismissed the day before he killed Phuong Thuy. Nguyen confessed to law enforcement that he shot and killed Phuong Thuy. Authorities arrested and charged Nguyen with murder. Phuong Thuy is survived by her two daughters, ages 11 and 12.

### *Pamela Pratt, 37*

HOUSTON | JULY 12, 2019

Pamela Pratt died in a vehicle when her boyfriend, Kenneth Howard, 61, stabbed and killed her. Howard drove back to Pamela's home, called 911, and confessed to killing Pamela. Authorities arrested and charged Howard with murder. Pamela is survived by her three children.

### *Patricia Spivey, 52*

HOUSTON | JULY 28, 2019

Patricia Spivey died in her home when her husband, Renard Spivey, 63, shot and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Patricia is survived by her adult daughter.

### *Tracy Williams, 22*

HOUSTON | JULY 30, 2019

Tracy Williams died after her boyfriend, Joshua Bourgeois, 25, stabbed and killed her. Tracy's body was found in the parking lot of a gas station. Authorities arrested and charged Bourgeois with murder. Bourgeois has a history of abusive behavior toward Tracy, and she had told him she wanted to end their relationship.

## HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

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### *Tierney Anderson, 34*

HOUSTON | AUGUST 4, 2019

Tierney Anderson died in her home when her husband, Mark Anderson, 33, shot her multiple times and killed her. Tierney also shot Anderson in the attack. Emergency responders transported him to the hospital. Anderson has a history of abusive and violent behavior toward Tierney and other women. He had injured Tierney in previous family violence assaults, threatened to kill her, and fired his firearm frequently in the home. Tierney went to her mother's home to escape from Anderson prior to the murder. Authorities arrested and charged Anderson with murder in April 2020; at that time, he was also charged with another family violence assault against a woman he was dating after threatening to kill her.

### *Emily Contreras, 20*

HOUSTON | AUGUST 4, 2019

Emily Contreras died when her boyfriend, Gerson Pena, 22, shot and killed her. Emergency responders transported Emily to a hospital, where she died from the injuries. Authorities arrested and charged Pena with murder.

### *Patra Perkins, 18*

HOUSTON | AUGUST 4, 2019

Patra Perkins died in a hotel when her boyfriend, Justin Herron, 31, shot and killed her. Patra was 8 months pregnant. Herron had forced Patra to perform sex work until she became pregnant with his child. Herron absconded. Authorities arrested and charged Herron with capital murder.

### *Maria Jimenez-Rodriguez, 29*

HOUSTON | AUGUST 20, 2019

Maria Jimenez-Rodriguez was killed by her boyfriend Erik Arceneaux, 47, in June 2018. Maria's family reported her missing after she dropped her daughter off at daycare on June 21, 2018, and did not arrive at work. In 2019, evidence led authorities to presume Maria was dead. Arceneaux has an extensive history of violence, including aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, threatening a former partner with a gun. Maria had planned to end the relationship with Arceneaux before he killed her. Authorities charged Arceneaux with murder; he remains at large. Maria is survived by her daughter, age 4.

### *Estefina Arrambide, 37*

HOUSTON | AUGUST 30, 2019

Estefina Arrambide died in her home when her husband, Jesse Medina, 36, shot and killed her. Medina killed the couple's daughter, Dafne Medina, age 5. He then shot and killed himself. Family members requested a welfare check. When law enforcement arrived, they found Estefina, Medina, and their daughter deceased.

### *Antoinette Sloan, 28*

HOUSTON | SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

Antoinette Sloan, 28, died when her ex-boyfriend, Johnny Green, 40, shot and killed her outside her parent's house. He fled and then called his family to confess to the murder and inform them that he planned to commit suicide. Green then shot and killed himself. Two months prior to the murder, Antoinette had ended the relationship with Green and moved in with her parents. Green rented a car that Antoinette would not recognize and parked outside her parent's home waiting for her. Antoinette is survived by her daughter, age 4 months.

## HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

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### *Piper Jones, 20*

HOUSTON | SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

Piper Jones died when her ex-boyfriend, Logan Losoya, 24, shot and killed her near a reservoir. A passerby located Piper's body on a walking trail and contacted 911. One month prior to killing Piper, Losoya broke into a home and stole three firearms. Losoya was charged with burglary of a habitation five days before he shot Piper but was not arrested at that time. Authorities arrested and charged Losoya with murder. Piper is survived by her two daughters.

### *Tiesha Robinson, 38*

HOUSTON | OCTOBER 28, 2019

Tiesha Robinson died when her boyfriend, Gerald McNeil, 50, shot and killed her at their home. McNeil then shot and killed himself. Family members were concerned that they had not heard from McNeil. When they arrived at the home, they found Tiesha and McNeil deceased. Tiesha is survived by her two children.

### *Roberta Beaver, 39*

HOUSTON | DECEMBER 23, 2019

Roberta Beaver died at a hotel when her boyfriend, Leopoldo Martinez, 39, stabbed her multiple times and shot her. Martinez then shot and killed himself. A hotel employee found Roberta and Martinez deceased in the room. Roberta is survived by her five children.

### *Carolee Taylor, 46*

HOUSTON | DECEMBER 24, 2019

Carolee "CT" Taylor died in front of her uncle's home after her ex-boyfriend, Albert Simon, 52, shot and killed her. Carolee was celebrating her birthday and Christmas Eve with her family when Simon forced his way into the home by pointing a gun at Carolee's uncle. Simon then forced Carolee out of the home before shooting her. Earlier that day, Simon sent threatening texts to Carolee. After the shooting, Simon went to his friend and confessed to killing Carolee. He then absconded but was located by law enforcement four days later. After a confrontation, law enforcement shot and killed Simon. Carolee is survived by her daughter, 19.

### *Mara Vestal, 29*

KATY | MARCH 22, 2019

Mara Vestal died after her boyfriend, Jay Hammersley, 43, strangled and killed her. Hammersley confessed to a friend that he killed Mara and asked his friend for help covering up the murder. His friend advised him to call 911. Instead, Hammersley destroyed Mara's remains by burning them. Authorities arrested and charged Hammersley with murder. Mara is survived by her daughter and son.

## HARRIS COUNTY *continued*

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### *Caitlynne Guajardo, 20*

PASADENA | AUGUST 3, 2019

Caitlynne Guajardo died in her home when her husband, Alex Guajardo, 22, stabbed and killed her. Guajardo has a history of violence toward Caitlynne. Caitlynne had ended the relationship. Three days before the murder, Guajardo assaulted Caitlynne, who was four months pregnant and killed the family pet. Authorities arrested Guajardo; he was released the next day on a personal recognizance bond. After the killing Caitlynee, authorities arrested and charged Guajardo with murder. Caitlynne is survived by her daughter, age 8 months.

### *Makaila Simmons, 15*

SPRING | JANUARY 27, 2019

Makaila Simmons died in a hospital after her boyfriend, Javon Martin, 17, shot her. Witnesses in the home reported that Martin waived the gun, then pointed the gun at Makaila and shot her in the bedroom of a home. A video shows Makaila telling Martin to stop pointing the gun at her. Authorities arrested and charged Martin with criminally negligent homicide; he was indicted for manslaughter.

### *Tyesha Williams, 31*

SPRING | MARCH 16, 2019

Tyesha Williams died after her husband, Andre Holmes, 41, shot and killed her in their home. Holmes' roommate heard the gunshots and told Holmes to call 911. Authorities arrested and charged Holmes with murder.

### *Brooke Muhlenkort, 34*

SPRING | APRIL 5, 2019

Brooke Muhlenkort died in her home after her husband, Cory Muhlenkort, 35, assaulted and killed her. Muhlenkort then killed himself. The couple had begun divorce proceedings in the weeks prior to their deaths. Brooke is survived by her son, age 15, and her daughter, age 12.

## HARRISON COUNTY

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### *Key'oceca Pickron-Marsh, 40*

LONGVIEW | MARCH 29, 2019

Key'oceca Pickron Marsh died in her home when her husband, Billy Marsh, 45, physically assaulted her with a weapon and killed her. Key'oceca's children were at home and called 911. Law enforcement responded and found Key'oceca's body. Marsh confessed to authorities, who arrested him and charged him with murder. Key'oceca is survived by her four children.

## HENDERSON COUNTY

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### *Tabatha Cashion, 34*

LARUE | FEBRUARY 20, 2019

Tabatha Cashion died at her boyfriend's home after her boyfriend Charlie Cervantes, 25, shot and killed her. Tabitha was in the process of moving in with Cervantes. Tabitha's mother reported her missing when she was unable to contact her. Sheriff deputies found Tabitha's body in Cervantes' home; he was arrested. A grand jury indicted him for murder. Tabatha is survived by her four children.

### *Belinda Sue Foster, 66*

MABANK | DECEMBER 28, 2019

Belinda Sue Foster died at her home when her boyfriend, Michael Cernock, 58, assaulted and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Cernock with murder. The judge set bond at \$1 million. Belinda is survived by her son and daughter.

## HIDALGO COUNTY

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### *Samantha Marie Cantu, 27*

EDINBURG | FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Samantha Cantu died in a home after her boyfriend, Isidro Mancilla Jr., 39, stabbed and killed her. Mancilla then fled to Mexico. Mancilla has a history of violence against Samantha and extensive previous history of violence against former partners, including a felony conviction for aggravated assault for which he received a sentence of five years in prison in 2012. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder when he re-entered the U.S. at the Hidalgo port of entry.

### *Hector De Leon, 48*

EDINBURG | DECEMBER 8, 2019

Hector De Leon died in his home when his wife, Karla Marlen De Leon, 47, shot and killed him. De Leon confessed to her son and to officers responding to the 911 call that she shot Hector. Authorities arrested and charged De Leon with murder. Hector is survived by his two children.

### *Magdalena Cantu, 48*

EDINBURG | DECEMBER 19, 2019

Magdalena Cantu died in her home when her boyfriend, Saul Avila, 58, stabbed, shot, and killed her. Avila also stabbed, shot, and killed two more people, Magdalena's daughter, Rebecca Cantu, 19, and Aaron Cortez, 30, a home healthcare provider who cared for Rebecca's son, age 2. Avila then shot and killed himself. Authorities responded to the 911 call and found the three victims and Avila deceased in the home. They found Rebecca's son in the home. Four days prior, Rebecca had reported to authorities that Avila had sexually assaulted her for the past five years. Authorities were investigating the extensive child sexual abuse charges against Avila and had contacted Child Protective Services.

## HIDALGO COUNTY *continued*

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### *Jane Fillmore, 87*

MISSION | FEBRUARY 25, 2019

Jane Fillmore died in her home when her husband, Clyde Fillmore, 85, shot and killed her. A family member asked for a welfare check. Authorities discovered both Jane and Fillmore deceased when they responded. Jane is survived by three daughters.

## HOCKLEY COUNTY

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### *Ethel Florine Edwards, 79*

LEVELLAND | NOVEMBER 18, 2019

Ethel Florine Edwards died in her home when her husband, Raymond Edwards, 79, shot and killed her. Edwards then called 911, admitted to killing Ethel, and hung up. Edwards then shot and killed himself. Ethel is survived by her two adult daughters.

## HOOD COUNTY

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### *Jennifer Pautenis, 29*

GRANBURY | OCTOBER 20, 2019

Jennifer Pautenis died after her husband, Ed Pautenis, shot and killed her in her home. Jennifer's children were in the home. Pautenis moved Jennifer to a field. She was reported missing. After a week-long search, Pautenis confessed to the murder. Jennifer is survived by her son, age 7, and her daughter, age 5.

## HUNT COUNTY

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### *Nicole Kennedy-Pride, 34*

GREENVILLE | FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Nicole Kennedy-Pride died at her home when her husband, Matthew Pride, 37, strangled and killed her. Nicole's co-workers asked for a welfare check; law enforcement found Pride at the home, and Nicole deceased. Authorities arrested Pride for violation of a protective order and later arrested and charged him with murder. Pride has a history of violence and made multiple threats to kill Nicole. Nicole filed for divorce and received an order of protection two weeks before her death. Nicole is survived by her son, age 14.

## JASPER COUNTY

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### *Judy McKinney Arnold, 60*

JASPER | SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Judy McKinney Arnold died in her vehicle in the parking lot of a motel when her boyfriend, Royce Larkin, 53, stabbed her to death. Larkin called 911. When law enforcement arrived, they found Judy's body in the passenger seat and Larkin outside of a motel room. Authorities arrested Larkin; he was indicted on murder charges. Judy had informed family members that she planned to end her relationship with Larkin. Judy is survived by her adult daughters.

## JASPER COUNTY *continued*

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### *Candi McKee, 43*

**KIRBYVILLE | MARCH 4, 2019**

Candi Mckee died when her ex-boyfriend Kevin Byerly, 55, stabbed and killed her. Byerly set fire to Candi's vehicle and placed her body in a river. Family members reported Candi missing when she did not arrive at work. Law enforcement found Candi's vehicle and questioned Byerly, who confessed to killing Candi. Authorities arrested and charged Byerly with murder. Candi had ended the relationship with Byerly, and he had been stalking her. Byerly had previous charges, including indecency with a child in 2018. Candi is survived by her five children.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

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### *Olivia Jones, 38*

**BEAUMONT | FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

Olivia Jones died in her home after her husband, Christopher Jones, 40, shot and killed her. Jones has a history of violence toward Olivia. Authorities arrested and charged Jones with murder. Olivia is survived by her two daughters.

### *Aletha Gonzalez, 34*

**PORT ARTHUR | FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

Aletha Gonzalez died in her home when her boyfriend, Daniel Shackelford, 34, assaulted and killed her. Shackelford called 911 to state he found Aletha injured. Shackelford has a history of physical violence toward Aletha. Authorities arrested and charged Shackelford with murder. Aletha is survived by her child.

### *Gerald Taylor, 24*

**PORT ARTHUR | OCTOBER 12, 2019**

Gerald Taylor died outside his home after his girlfriend, Amesty Smith, 23, stabbed and killed him. Smith stabbed Gerald once in the chest and forced him into the trunk of the car. As Smith started driving, Gerald fell out of the trunk, collapsed, and died. Authorities arrested and charged Smith with murder.

## JIM WELLS COUNTY

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### *Iris Ramirez, 28*

**ORANGE GROVE | JULY 3, 2019**

Iris Ramirez died at a hospital after her husband, Eric Berber, 33, stabbed her in a hotel. Iris had separated from Berber. Berber attacked Iris when their friends left the hotel room and he then fled. When the friends returned, they found Iris and called 911. Emergency responders transported Iris to the hospital. Authorities arrested Eric at his mother's house and charged him with murder. Iris is survived by her two daughters and her two sons.

## KARNES COUNTY

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### *Randal Walden, 48*

**KENEDY | JANUARY 3, 2019**

Randal Walden died in a hospital after his girlfriend, Marina Fifield, 38, shot him in his home. Fifield fled on an ATV and met authorities responding to a disturbance call. Fifield confessed to shooting Randal. Emergency responders transported Randall to a hospital in San Antonio, where he died two days later. Authorities arrested and charged Fifield with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and updated the charges to murder after Randal's death.

## KAUFMAN COUNTY

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### *Rita Hargrove May, 65*

**ABNER | FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

Rita Hargrove May died at her home when her husband, Ronald May, 64, shot and killed her. Authorities arrested May, and the grand jury indicted him for murder. Rita is survived by her daughter, two sons, stepdaughter, and four stepsons.

## KERR COUNTY

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### *Melissa Villagrana, 38*

**KERRVILLE | NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

Melissa Villagrana died outside of her work when her boyfriend, Fernando Rolon Jr., 45, shot and killed her. Rolon then fled and barricaded himself in a movie theater where he shot himself. Authorities transported him to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Melissa is survived by her two children.

## LAMB COUNTY

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### *Latisha Smith, 39*

**LITTLEFIELD | APRIL 12, 2019**

Latisha Smith died at a hospital in Lubbock after her boyfriend, Alonzo Caldwell, assaulted and injured her. Authorities arrested Caldwell. A grand jury indicted Caldwell for manslaughter. Caldwell has a history of family violence against Latisha. In 2016, he served 90 days in jail for assaulting her.

## LAVACA COUNTY

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### *Jada Lillight, 24*

**HALLETTSVILLE | MARCH 20, 2019**

Jada Lillight died in her home when her dating partner, Keith Lee, 27, stabbed and killed her. Lee then set Jada's home on fire and fled. After several months of investigation, law enforcement arrested and charged Lee. A grand jury indicted Lee for first-degree felony murder and arson causing bodily injury or death as well as second-degree felony tampering or fabricating physical evidence, a human corpse, with intent to impair an investigation.

## LUBBOCK COUNTY

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### *Maria Isabel Cervantes, 19*

LUBBOCK | JUNE 7, 2019

Maria Isabel Cervantes died at her home when her boyfriend, Detren Ward, 17, shot and killed her. Maria Isabel tried to end the relationship prior to the murder. Ward has a history of abusive behavior. Authorities arrested and charged Ward with manslaughter and tampering with evidence. Maria is survived by her daughter, age 2.

## McLENNAN COUNTY

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### *James Olson, 38*

HEWETT | NOVEMBER 18, 2019

James Olson died in his home when his wife, Shawn Olson, 37, cut his wrists and killed him. Olson then cut her own wrists. Authorities responded to the home when James did not appear for a court hearing for a felony offense. Olson was transported to a hospital and treated for her injuries. She confessed to killing James. Authorities arrested and charged her with murder.

### *Sherrell Carter, 26*

WACO | FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Sherrell Carter, 26, died when her husband, Quest Aljabaughn Jones, 28, shot and killed her in their home. Sherrell's three children were in the home. Authorities arrested and charged Jones with murder. A grand jury indicted Jones for murder. Jones has a history of violence toward Sherrell, including threats to kill her. Sherrell had made attempts to end her relationship. Sherrell is survived by her daughters, ages 5 and 4, and her son, age 3.

### *Samantha Dragoo, 30*

WACO | NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Samantha Dragoo died when her boyfriend, Taylor McKibben, 20, shot and killed her in his home. McKibben called 911. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Samantha is survived by her son.

## MEDINA COUNTY

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### *Jessica Sanchez, 37*

DEVINE | JULY 9, 2019

Jessica Sanchez died after her ex-boyfriend, Jorge Jaramillo, 48, shot and killed her. He then committed suicide. Jaramillo broke into Jessica's home, locked Jessica's three daughters in a room, and kidnapped Jessica at gunpoint. Jaramillo's ex-wife contacted 911 when she noticed the family gun was missing. Nine days later, a landowner discovered Jessica and Jaramillo's bodies on a ranch in Pearson, Texas. Jaramillo had a history of controlling, jealous and violent behavior. A month prior to the murder, Jessica ended the relationship after Jarmaillo held a knife to her throat; authorities arrested Jaramillo and provided Jessica with an emergency protective order. Jessica is survived by her three young daughters.

## MIDLAND COUNTY

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### *Patricia Ruedas, 45*

MIDLAND | DECEMBER 8, 2019

Patricia Ruedas died at her workplace after her husband, Juan Ruedas, 49, stabbed and killed her. Ruedas fled. He has a history of abusive behavior toward Patricia. She had ended the relationship, moved into an apartment, and told family members she was concerned for her safety. Authorities charged Ruedas with murder; he remains at large. Patricia is survived by her three sons.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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### *Cassandra Benitez, 20*

CONROE | MARCH 20, 2019

Cassandra Benitez died when her boyfriend, Lirio Maldonado Jr., 23, stabbed and killed her. He then fled and confessed to his family. Maldonado's family called 911. Cassandra's two young children were in the home during the murder, but were not there when the police arrived. Authorities arrested and charged Maldonado with murder. Cassandra is survived by her two children.

### *Daria Khoussinov, 27*

LAKE CONROE | DECEMBER 31, 2019

Daria Khoussinov died when her boyfriend, Mark Anthony Briseno, 28, shot and killed her in her bedroom. A neighbor called 911 to report they had retrieved the weapon, and that Briseno was at the home. Authorities arrested and charged Briseno with murder.

### *Tina Cappa, 52*

NEW CANEY | MARCH 8, 2019

Tina Cappa died at her home when her boyfriend, Jimmy Lane, 55, shot and killed her. When authorities responded to the call regarding a shooting, they were initially unable to gain entry. They returned to the home and found Lane there. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Lane has a history of violence, including previous assault charges. Tina is survived by her three sons.

## MOORE COUNTY

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### *Sergio Perez, 24*

SUNRAY | MARCH 25, 2019

Sergio Perez died in a vehicle after his girlfriend, Abigail Widener, 18, shot and killed him. Widener then shot and killed herself.

## NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

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### *Curtis Washington, 51*

NACOGDOCHES | OCTOBER 24, 2019

Curtis Washington died after his ex-girlfriend Milanikii Ybarra, 29, stabbed him. Authorities responded to 911 calls regarding an injured man lying in the road. Emergency responders transported Curtis to the hospital where he died. Authorities arrested Ybarra and charged her with murder. When Ybarra killed Curtis, she was awaiting trial for another stabbing death of her boyfriend in 2018.

## NAVARRO COUNTY

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### *Paula Watson, 56*

CORSICANA | SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Paula Watson died in front of her home after her husband, Joe Watson, 57, struck her with his vehicle and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Watson with manslaughter. He pleaded guilty and received a sentence of ten years of deferred adjudication.

## NUECES COUNTY

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### *Priscilla Davila, 32*

CORPUS CHRISTI | MARCH 7, 2019

Priscilla Davila, 32, died at her neighbor's home after her boyfriend, Larry Moore, 41, shot, stabbed, and killed her. Priscilla had fled to a neighbor's home to escape Moore's abuse. Moore followed her and killed Priscilla, then he shot, stabbed, and killed her neighbor, Sonia Quintanilla Trejo, 37. When law enforcement officers arrived, Moore opened fire on officers. Authorities arrested and charged Moore with two counts of capital murder and two counts of attempted capital murder and set his bond at \$3 million. Moore has a history of abuse toward Priscilla. Priscilla is survived by her daughter, age 12, and her son, age 9.

### *Dolores Salazar, 36*

CORPUS CHRISTI | OCTOBER 15, 2019

Dolores Salazar died in her home after her ex-boyfriend, Robert Rosales, 38, assaulted and killed her. Dolores had ended the relationship; however, he refused to leave the home and continued to be controlling. Family members requested a wellness check; law enforcement officers found Dolores's body in the bedroom. Authorities arrested and charged Rosales with murder. His bond was set at \$1 million; a grand jury indicted Rosales.

### *Eddy Soranaka, 48*

FLOUR BLUFF | SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Eddy Soranaka died in his home after his girlfriend, Tiffany Ogg, 28, shot and killed him. Authorities arrested and charged her; a grand jury indicted Ogg for murder.

## NUECES COUNTY *continued*

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### *Vanessa Pecina, 36*

PETRONILA | SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Vanessa Pecina died in her vehicle when her ex-boyfriend, Jose De Luna Jr., 46, strangled and killed her. Authorities had arrested De Luna for assaulting Vanessa three weeks prior to her murder, and she had received a protective order against him. De Luna killed Vanessa when she refused to drop the assault charges against him. De Luna left Vanessa's body on a roadside in a remote area. Authorities located Vanessa a week later and arrested and charged De Luna with murder. Vanessa is survived by her two daughters and her two sons.

### *Epimenio Cabrera, 50*

ROBSTOWN | MAY 5, 2019

Epimenio Cabrera died in the hospital after his wife, Maria Cabrera, 45, stabbed him. Cabrera's sister called 911 and stated that Epimenio was assaulting Cabrera and asked for assistance. Cabrera then called 911 and reported that she had stabbed Epimenio. Authorities arrested and charged Cabrera with murder.

## PARKER COUNTY

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### *Michelle Steinman-Davis, 24*

MILSAP | MARCH 26, 2019

Michelle Steinman-Davis died at a hospital after her boyfriend, Stephen Martinez, 32, shot her on the side of the road. Martinez called law enforcement to inform them that he had shot Michelle. Authorities responded and transported Michelle to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead. Authorities arrested Martinez, and he is indicted for first-degree felony murder.

### *Kenneth Walker, 61*

WEATHERFORD | OCTOBER 21, 2019

Kenneth Walker died in a hotel room after his wife, Catherine Walker, 64, shot and killed him. Walker then shot and killed herself. Kenneth is survived by his two sons.

## PARMER COUNTY

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### *Erica Sanchez, 30*

BOVINA | AUGUST 5, 2019

Erica Sanchez died at her home when her ex-boyfriend Michael Orozco, 39, stabbed and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Orozco with murder. Erica had relocated and received a protective order against Orozco about one month prior to the murder. Erica is survived by her son and her two daughters.

## POLK COUNTY

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### *Ashley Delaney, 27*

**BLANCHARD | FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

Ashley Delaney died in front of her grandparent's home when her husband, Randy Horn, 54, shot and killed her. Horn also shot and killed Ashley's daughter, Ranly Horn, 15 months, her grandmother, Linda Delaney, 72, and her grandfather Carlos Delaney, 74. He then shot and killed himself. Ashley's mother was in a bedroom of the home and called a family member for help, who then called 911. Ashley had filed for divorce in 2018 and then dismissed the case. She moved into her grandparent's home and planned to file for divorce again.

### *Barbara King, 71*

**SEGNO | FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

Barbara King died at her home when her husband, Willie King, 75, shot and killed her. Law enforcement arrested and charged King; a grand jury indicted King for murder.

## RANDALL COUNTY

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### *Aaron Carter, 27*

**AMARILLO | SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

Aaron Carter died in a hospital after his wife, Brittney Carter, 28, shot him at their home. Authorities arrested Carter, and a Grand Jury indicted her for murder. Aaron is survived by his son and daughter.

### *Richard Garza, 30*

**AMARILLO | DECEMBER 17, 2019**

Richard Garza died in his vehicle after his ex-girlfriend, Mollie Williams, 47, shot and killed him. Authorities arrested Williams after recovering the firearm she used and discarded in a lake. Williams has a history of violence against Richard and had threatened to kill him. Richard is survived by his daughter and two sons.

## REEVES COUNTY

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### *Isabel Hernandez, 44*

**PECOS | OCTOBER 24, 2019**

Isabel Hernandez died at her home when her boyfriend, Arthur Gallegos, 48, shot and killed her. Gallegos also shot and killed Reynaldo Ramirez, 79, in Isabel's home and then fled. Isabel's roommate discovered their bodies and called 911. Gallegos was later apprehended at the El Paso port of entry. Authorities arrested and charged Gallegos with capital murder. Isabel is survived by her son and daughter.

## RUSK COUNTY

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### *Holly Jones, 37*

HENDERSON | FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Holly Jones died at the hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Randy Winn, 62, shot her at her brother's home. Winn broke into the home during a family celebration and shot Holly's mother, Billie Peyers, 65, shot and killed Holly's brother, Justin Cord Smith, 31, and shot and injured Justin's girlfriend, Cassandra Shaffer, 26. Billie and Cassandra died later from the injuries. Holly's two children and Justin and Cassandra's child were in the home. Winn fled. Holly had ended the relationship with Winn and moved in with her mother and brother. Authorities detained him, arrested, and charged him with capital murder charges. Holly is survived by her two children, ages 4 and 6.

## SHELBY COUNTY

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### *Harold Glyne Glaze, 63*

TENAHA | SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

Harold Glynn Glaze died of blunt force trauma at his girlfriend's home when his girlfriend, Devail Renshaw, 51, killed him. Renshaw has been arrested and indicted on murder. Glaze is survived by his five adult children.

## SMITH COUNTY

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### *Karen Monteagudo, 47*

WINONA | MAY 6, 2019

Karen Monteagudo died in her home after her husband, Vicente Monteagudo, 55, shot and killed her. Monteagudo also shot and killed their daughter, Olivia, 14, and then shot and killed himself. Officials at Olivia's school became concerned when she did not arrive at school and contacted Karen's son, who requested a welfare check. Authorities discovered Karen, Olivia, and Monteagudo deceased. Karen is survived by adult children.

## TARRANT COUNTY

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### *Wasam Moussa, 23*

ARLINGTON | MAY 28, 2019

Wassam Moussa died when her husband Tareq Alkayyali, 36, asphyxiated her. Emergency responders transported Wasam to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Wasam recently traveled from Jordan to Texas. She had asked for a divorce in the past and had told her family about Alkayyali's violent behavior. Authorities arrested and charged Alkayyali with murder.

### ***Alyssa Rogers, 24***

**ARLINGTON | MAY 29, 2019**

Alyssa Maria Mejia Rogers died at her home when her husband, Edward Rogers, 66, assaulted and killed her. Rogers placed Alyssa in a freezer. He confessed to a friend, who reported the crime to the police. Rogers later shot and killed himself. Rogers had an extensive history of violence, including a prior conviction for a manslaughter charge in 2004 and previous charges for assault and assault with a deadly weapon. Rogers had an upcoming court hearing for a strangulation charge involving Alyssa and expected to serve sentence time for a guilty plea for assaulting Alyssa. She had filed for a protective order and planned to divorce Rogers. Alyssa had taken their child back to family in the Philippines for his safety. Alyssa is survived by her son, age 1.

### ***Karen Finney, 32***

**FORT WORTH | JANUARY 18, 2019**

Karen Finney died at her home when her boyfriend, Jarvis Franklin, 26, shot and killed her. Three of Karen's children were present and ran to the neighbor's house to get help and call 911. Authorities arrested Franklin and charged him with murder. Franklin had previously served seven years on a manslaughter conviction and had been convicted for aggravated assault. Karen is survived by her two daughters, ages 11 and 12, and her two sons, ages 7 and 14.

### ***Kathryn Kirk, 55***

**FORT WORTH | JANUARY 18, 2019**

Kathryn Kirk died in her home when her husband, Douglas Kirk, 58, shot and killed her. Kirk then shot and killed himself. He left a suicide note with his neighbor and staged Kathryn's death as a suicide. Investigators ruled her death a homicide.

### ***Sheila Rowland, 71***

**FORT WORTH | APRIL 30, 2019**

Sheila Rowland died at her home when her husband, Thomas Rowland, 79, shot and killed her. Rowland then shot himself. Emergency responders transported Rowland to the hospital, where he died the next day.

### ***Vanessa Mayfield, 31***

**FORT WORTH | AUGUST 17, 2019**

Vanessa Mayfield died outside of a church after her boyfriend, Jared Seavey, 21, assaulted and killed her. Authorities arrested and charged Seavey with Vanessa's murder. Seavey has a history of violence. In 2018, Seavey was charged with assault when he held another girlfriend captive and held his hand over her nose and mouth to keep her from breathing. Vanessa planned to end the relationship with Seavey. Vanessa is survived by her five children, ranging in age from 6 months to 9 years.

### ***Vincent Smith, 54***

**FORT WORTH | AUGUST 21, 2019**

Vincent Smith died in the hospital after his girlfriend, Tameka Packnett, 41, shot him. Authorities arrested and charged Packnett with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Vincent is survived by his three children.

## TARRANT COUNTY *continued*

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### *Elizabeth Moore, 60*

GRAND PRAIRIE | FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Elizabeth Moore died in her home when her husband, Gary Moore, 47, shot and killed her. Moore turned himself in at a police station. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Moore threatened to hire someone to kill Elizabeth's son and a girl who accused him of sexual abuse and was charged with solicitation of capital murder. Moore shot and killed himself in December 2019 while he was released on bond. Elizabeth is survived by her two daughters and her son.

### *Mary Baxter, 40*

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS | MARCH 11, 2019

Mary Baxter died at her home when her husband, Victor Baxter, 58, strangled and killed her. Authorities arrested Baxter on unrelated charges and was later charged with murder.

### *Emily "Susan" Teeter Law, 40*

WATAUGA | APRIL 22, 2019

Emily Susan Teeter Law died in her home when her ex-boyfriend, James Freeman, 40, shot and killed her. Freeman had a history of violence; he had strangled Emily leading to an emergency protective order five days prior to killing her. The day he shot Emily, her son called 911 to report that Freeman was violating the protective order. When officers arrived, Freeman pointed a gun at them. They shot and killed Freeman. She is survived by her adult son.

### *Dianne Marie Cole, 63*

WATAUGA | JULY 20, 2019

Dianne Marie Cole died at her home when her husband, Mark Thorley, 56, shot and killed her. Thorley then shot and killed himself. Police received a call from a man believed to be Thorley, which led them to dispatch a SWAT team to enter the home. Upon entry, officers located Dianne and Thorley deceased inside a bedroom in the home.

## TITUS COUNTY

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### *Roberto Espinoza, 26*

MOUNT PLEASANT | MARCH 8, 2019

Roberto Espinoza died after his wife, Araceli Espinoza, 23, stabbed him. Authorities responded to a 911 call; emergency responders transported Roberto to the hospital where he died. Authorities arrested and charged Araceli with murder. Roberto is survived by his son, age 3.

### *Michelle Lee Bragg, 50*

MOUNT PLEASANT | JUNE 28, 2019

Michelle Lee Bragg died at her workplace when her husband, Mark Southerland, 51, shot her multiple times and killed her. Southerland then shot and killed himself. Southerland had a history of threatening Michelle. Michelle sought services to increase her safety, including seeking a safe place to stay and requesting a protective order. A judge granted a protective order, but Southerland had not yet been served. Michelle is survived by her two daughters and her son.

## TRAVIS COUNTY

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### *Juan Angel Zapata, 38*

AUSTIN | MARCH 17, 2019

Juan Angel Zapata died when his boyfriend, Juan Eduardo Rendon, 20, shot and killed him in a park. Friends and colleagues contacted authorities when Juan did not arrive at work. Rendon has a history of abuse, including threatening to kill Juan if he ended the relationship. Juan had planned to end his relationship and tried to keep Rendon out of the house. Authorities charged Rendon with homicide. He fled to Mexico and remains at large.

### *San Juana Macias, 40*

AUSTIN | JULY 7, 2019

San Juana Macias died when her ex-boyfriend, Jamie Wingwood, 40, killed her in a hotel. San Juana's family reported her missing. Wingwood confessed to his sister that he killed San Juana. Law enforcement pursued Wingwood from Jefferson County into Louisiana. When Wingwood was detained, he confessed to killing San Juana and told them where to find her body. Authorities arrested and charged him with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and tampering with evidence, and later updated the charge to murder. Wingwood has a history of violence against San Juana. San Juana is survived by her six children.

### *Francy Martinez, 41*

AUSTIN | AUGUST 4, 2019

Francy Martinez died in her home after her boyfriend, Sergio Gomez-Herrada, stabbed and killed her. Francy's daughter found her body and called 911. Gomez-Herrada fled and remained at large for four days before surrendering. Authorities arrested and charged him with murder. Francy is survived by her daughter and her two sons.

### *Robin Hatcher, 52*

AUSTIN | AUGUST 13, 2019

Robin Hatcher died in her home when her boyfriend, Paul Adams, 37, strangled, suffocated, and killed her. Robin's daughter reported her missing after not hearing from her. In April 2020, Adams contacted law enforcement and admitted to killing Robin and placing her body in a dumpster. Authorities arrested Adams and charged him with murder and tampering with a corpse. Adams has a history of violence against Robin and of violence against previous partners, including strangulation. Robin is survived by her adult daughter.

### *Amira Mahler, 23*

AUSTIN | NOVEMBER 4, 2019

Amira Mahler died in her home after her boyfriend, Travis Ford, 28, shot and killed her. Ford had positioned his head next to Amira's, then shot and killed himself. The bullet exited his body, killing Amira. After failing to report to work, family members requested a welfare check; family members and law enforcement found their bodies inside the home.

## TRAVIS COUNTY *continued*

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### *Veneranda Gutierrez, 36*

AUSTIN | DECEMBER 6, 2019

Veneranda Martinez-Gutierrez died after her husband Florencio Barron shot and killed her in her vehicle at the gas station where she sold tamales. Barron then shot and killed himself. Veneranda's children were in the vehicle. Veneranda had separated from Barron. He had a history of violence, had stalked Veneranda for several months prior to her death. Veneranda is survived by her two daughters and her son.

### *Diamond Bridgeman, 29*

AUSTIN | DECEMBER 21, 2019

Diamond Bridgeman died at a hospital after her husband, Jaunya Touchstone, 29, assaulted her in their home. Diamond had ended the relationship and was packing when Touchstone began assaulting her. Touchstone's mother was also at the home. When she called the police, he also assaulted and injured her. Touchstone has a history of violence toward Diamond and had been charged with multiple family violence cases against Diamond. Authorities arrested and charged Touchstone with murder and third-degree injury to an elderly person.

## UPSHUR COUNTY

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### *Cara Cardinal, 42*

ORE CITY | DECEMBER 15, 2019

Cara Cardinal died outside her home when her boyfriend, Bernard Furstonberg, 60, shot and killed her. Furstonberg then shot and injured Cara's mother, Gay Wagner, 68. Gay was able to call 911. When law enforcement officers arrived, Furstonberg shot and killed himself. Cara was attempting to end the relationship due to his emotional and verbal abuse and was placing his belongings in his vehicle when he shot her. Cara is survived by her son and her two daughters.

## VAL VERDE COUNTY

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### *Amanda Riojas, 27*

DEL RIO | APRIL 26, 2019

Amanda Riojas died when her boyfriend, Robert Evans Jr., 26, shot her in a vehicle parked at a convenience store. Evans fled. Authorities arrested and charged Evans with murder and tampering with evidence. Evans has a history of abusive behavior toward Amanda. Amanda is survived by her three daughters and two sons.

## VICTORIA COUNTY

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### *Tracy Lovell, 44*

VICTORIA | JANUARY 9, 2019

Tracy Lovell died in her home when her boyfriend, Charles Bailey, 60, shot and killed her. Bailey then shot and killed himself. Tracy had moved from England to live with Bailey. When her son did not hear from her, he requested a welfare check. Authorities found Tracy and Bailey deceased. Tracy is survived by her two sons.

## VICTORIA COUNTY *continued*

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### *Mario Garcia Sr., 59*

VICTORIA | JUNE 18, 2019

Mario Garcia Sr. died near his home when his wife, Rose Marie Garcia, 56, shot and killed him. Garcia moved Mario's body to a ravine behind their home and reported Mario missing. Mario's son discovered his remains and alerted authorities. Garcia confessed to killing Mario, and authorities arrested and charged her with murder. While released on bond, Garcia fled the state and remains at large. Mario is survived by his six adult children.

## WILLIAMSON COUNTY

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### *Amanda Gordon, 30*

CEDAR PARK | DECEMBER 10, 2019

Amanda Gordon died in her home when her husband, Samuel Byrd, 32, shot and killed her. Byrd moved Amanda's body to a ranch in Dale, Texas, and burned her remains. He asked his brother to help him cover up the crime. Amanda's mother requested a welfare check when she had not heard from Amanda. When law enforcement contacted Byrd, he refused to allow them to enter the property. Byrd has a history of abusive and controlling behavior toward Amanda. She told coworkers he threatened to kill her if she left. Authorities arrested and charged Byrd with murder, tampering with physical evidence, and two different counts of possession of a controlled substance. Amanda is survived by her son, age 2, and her daughter, age 8.

### *Justin Silas, 43*

ROUND ROCK | JUNE 26, 2019

Justin Silas died at a hospital after his wife, Tyesha Tanner-Silas, 37, shot him in front of their home. Authorities arrested and charged Tanner-Silas with murder. Justin had planned to end his relationship with Tanner-Silas. Justin is survived by his son, age 19.

## WINKLER COUNTY

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### *Leonard Rios, 43*

KERMIT | FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Leonard Rios died at his home when his girlfriend, Precilla Banuelos, 47, shot and killed him. Authorities arrested and charged Banuelos with murder. Leonard is survived by his three daughters and three sons.

## WISE COUNTY

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### *Brandy Wallen, 45*

DECATUR | JANUARY 7, 2019

Brandy Wallen died at a hospital after her ex-boyfriend, Ronnie Brezina, 63, stabbed her at a tanning salon. Brezina fled. Emergency responders transported Brandy to the hospital. Brezina crashed his vehicle ending a police pursuit; he was flown to a hospital. Authorities arrested him, and a grand jury indicted him for capital murder. Brandy had ended the relationship a few months prior to the murder. Brandy is survived by her daughter and son.

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