



Domestic Violence Homicide List Narratives

January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

Beginning in 2005 Jane Doe Inc. reconsidered its definition of domestic violence homicide and used the new definition in identifying all incidents that occurred in 2003 and subsequent years. The definition was modified in order to capture the full picture and context of domestic violence homicides. Homicides were considered domestic violence related if

- *the homicide victim and perpetrator were current or former spouses or intimate partners, adults or teens with a child in common, or adults or teens in a current or former dating relationship*
- *the homicide victim was a bystander or intervened in an attempted domestic violence homicide and was killed (including friends, family members, new intimate partners, law enforcement officers or other professionals attempting to assist the victim of domestic violence, roommates and co-workers)*
- *the motive for the murder was reported to have included jealousy, in the context of an intimate partner or dating relationship, or*
- *a relationship existed between the homicide perpetrator and adult or teen victim that could be defined as exhibiting a pattern of power and control (including family or household members and caregivers).*

Furthermore, in order to meet our goal of capturing the full picture of deaths due to domestic violence, we have also included the suicides of perpetrators.

To the extent that information is available, we also we add to this list domestic violence homicides that have a Massachusetts connection (e.g. perpetrator suicide and out of state). This list may be edited over time to reflect any new information that comes to light about these domestic violence homicides.

January 9, 2010: Karen Leduc, 43, of Westford, was shot by her husband, Frederick Leduc, 45, in their home. She died the next day at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester. After shooting his wife, Leduc turned the gun on himself but survived. Leduc was charged with murder. Karen Leduc is survived by three sons.

January 14, 2010: Joyce Khoury, 66, of Spencer, was shot and killed by her husband, Michael Khoury, 69, in their home. Khoury set fire to the home and to his truck and then turned the gun on himself. He was declared dead at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. A horse found on the property was also shot several times but survived. According to medic accounts Joyce Khoury was terminally ill with cancer.

January 16, 2010: Ashley Purdy, 20, of Attleboro, was shot and killed by her boyfriend Jose Vidal, 23, of Seekonk, at the Pineapple Inn in North Attleboro. Vidal then turned the gun on himself. He was declared brain-dead at Rhode Island Hospital. According to

media reports, Vidal was wanted on a superior court warrant for failing to make a court appearance in a 2007 rape case in Seekonk.

January 23, 2010: Allison Myrick, 19, of Groton, was found stabbed to death inside a home in Shirley. Her former boyfriend, Robert Gulla, 19, was charged with first-degree murder, violation of a restraining order and three counts of assault and battery. Gulla was treated for self-inflicted gunshot and stab wounds. Myrick's mother, Susan Sleeper, issued a statement that read, in part, "Please take this as an example that this can happen to anyone. If you are in a situation that is in any way abusive, no matter how small it may seem at first, please ask for help. You cannot fix this yourself, and no matter how many times your abuser says that he has changed, you cannot trust that."

February 1, 2010: Olivia Marchand, 17, of Westford, was shot and killed by her father, Brian Marchand, 59, before killing himself in their home. Marchand also attempted to kill his wife Jody, 50, whom he shot and severely injured. Jody Marchand was taken to the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester and survived the attack. Olivia Marchand was a senior at Westford Academy.

February 3, 2010: Alice Connors, 51, of Westfield, was found strangled to death in the home she shared with James Kenyon, 51. According to media reports, Kenyon called 911 at 11:30 pm and told the dispatcher he had killed his girlfriend. When police arrived on the scene Kenyon reportedly said, "I strangled her." Kenyon was charged with murder.

February 4, 2010: Maureen Rosiello, 44, of Shrewsbury, was killed by her husband, Keith Rosiello, 44, in their home. Rosiello reportedly called police around 1pm to report that his wife had stopped breathing after a fight. Rosiello was arrested and charged with murder. Rosiello's sister Lisa Ricardo stated to authorities that her brother had called her to the house the night before and when she arrived, she found Maureen lying on the couch with a bloody head injury. She claims they performed CPR and was later awoken by Mr. Rosiello and told that Maureen had died. Ricardo was also charged with being an accessory to the murder after the fact and two counts of reckless endangerment of a child. Maureen Rosiello is survived by two children, ages 6 and 12.

February 9, 2010: Christina Mulgrave, 45, of Haverhill, was stabbed to death by her husband, Craig Mulgrave, 33, in their home. Police arrived on the scene and found Mulgrave inside her apartment with multiple stab wounds. Craig Mulgrave was arrested and charged with murder. Police say they found him holding a blood covered knife. He reportedly told them, "I just killed my wife." The couple had been married for eight months. Christina had two adult children, a son and a daughter.

March 1, 2010: David Arruda, 42, of Westport, was shot and killed by his brother, Alfred Arruda in front of the home both shared with their parents and aunt, Barbara Platt, 71. Platt was shot by Arruda and taken to Rhode Island Hospital where she was treated for a gunshot wound. David Arruda was taken to St. Anne's Hospital where he was pronounced dead. After allegedly shooting his brother and aunt, Alfred Arruda drove to Westport where he shot and killed himself inside his vehicle. Less than an hour before the

murder, Arruda's father brother and sister had jointly filed a restraining order to have him removed from their home based on fear of violence as well as refusal of care-giving needs including access to medication for Alfred Arruda Sr. Arruda's license to carry a gun had expired in 1998.

March 14, 2010: Corey Melvin, 35, was stabbed to death by his girlfriend, Rosa Ramsey, 44, in her home in Springfield. Ramsey was charged with murder. According to media reports, the relationship was known by neighbors and friends to be abusive. Ramsey's attorney was quoted as saying, "This was a very difficult and violent domestic relationship that she was in. According to her report and other reports that I reviewed in the discovery there was a history of violence on the part of this gentleman against Ms. Ramsey." JDI will continue to monitor whether or not this is a case of self-defense.

April 3, 2010: Jose Mendoza Villalta, 40, of Brighton was stabbed to death by Julio Mariscal, 40. Villalta and others were at Mariscal's home drinking and socializing. Villalta asked Mariscal's wife to toast and Mariscal objected angrily. He began to call his wife horrible names and threw a beer bottle at her. Villalta objected to this kind of behavior and got into an altercation with Mariscal. They went outside to fight and Mariscal grabbed a knife. Mariscal stabbed Villalta in the chest. Mariscal is being held without bail on the charge of murder.

May 26, 2010: Abinadad Rivera-Cintrón, 18, of New Britain, CT, was stabbed to death by Eduardo Colon-Martinez, 35 of Holyoke. Colon-Martinez was charged with a single count of murder. Rivera-Cintrón had moved to Holyoke and started working at a neighborhood barbershop one month earlier. According to media reports, Rivera-Cintrón was romantically involved with Colon-Martinez's ex-girlfriend.

June 14, 2010 [date of last contact]: Laura Stone Mortimer, 41, Ragna Ellen Stone, 64, Charlotte Mortimer, 2, and Thomas "Finn" Mortimer, 4, of Winchester, were killed by Thomas Mortimer IV. In a letter, Mortimer confessed to killing his wife, mother-in-law, and two children. Mortimer was arrested in Bernardston, MA after the bodies of his family members were found in their Winchester home. Mortimer was arraigned on four counts of first-degree murder.

July 7, 2010: Karneetha Sanders, 28, of Randolph, was stabbed to death, dismembered and stuffed into a barrel by her ex-boyfriend, Edward Aduayi, 56, of Abington. The murder took place at Flora's Braiding and Beauty in Randolph; a shop owned by Aduayi and his wife. He was held without bail on murder charges. Sanders was nine weeks pregnant and engaged to be married to another man she had been dating for six years. Aduayi had been arrested on domestic violence charges in 2004.

July 18, 2010: Sarin Chan, 25, of Fitchburg, was stabbed to death in her home by her former boyfriend, William A. Brown, 29. Chan was the mother of two children, a four-year old son and a six-year old daughter. According to media reports, both children were present when the attack took place but were physically unharmed. The district attorney

called it a “savage attack.” Brown was found with self-inflicted stab wounds in an apparent suicide attempt; he has been charged with murder.

July 30, 2010: Valarie Girouard, 47, of Hampden, was stabbed to death by her daughter’s ex-boyfriend Jesus G. Garcia, 19 of Springfield. Garcia also stabbed Girouard’s boyfriend, Kurt Haarmann several times. Haarmann survived the attack. According to family members, Girouard’s sixteen-year-old daughter had broken up with Garcia a month earlier. The week before the murder, the teenage girl awoke to find a gloved hand over her mouth and knife to her throat; when confronted by Girouard, Garcia removed the mask and fled. According to police records, Garcia admitted the prior incident to police. He has been charged with murder, rape, armed assault, home invasion, assault with attempt to murder, and assault in a dwelling while armed.

August 4, 2010: Heather Alleyne, 19, of Framingham, was stabbed to death by her husband, Kyle Alleyne, 25, in the couple’s apartment. Heather’s body was not found until August 9. Heather was the mother of a 13-month old and had given birth to a daughter 10 days before the murder; she also was the primary income-earner. Mr. Alleyne fled to Mexico and was arrested when he tried to reenter the country. The burial was delayed for weeks because as the next of kin, Mr. Alleyne invoked his right to refuse to release the body from the state’s medical examiner office.

August 9, 2010: Lorraine Wachsman, 62, of Bridgewater, was stabbed to death at her home by Eunice Field, 54 of Brockton. Field blamed Wachsman for the break-up of her relationship with another woman who was sponsored by Wachsman in Alcoholics Anonymous. She has been charged with a single count of murder. Field’s attorney claims Field was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and had stopped taking her medication.

August 28, 2010: Brian Fahey, 28, of Cambridge, was beaten to death by his date’s ex-boyfriend, Christopher Toppi, 28. Police responded to Salem Street in Medford for reports of an unresponsive male. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Toppi turned himself in after a warrant for his arrest was issued. On October 5, 2011, Toppi pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 15-18 years in state prison.

September 4, 2010: Victoria Paron, 39, of Dorchester, was strangled to death by her husband, Roger Paron, Jr., 51, in their home. Police received an anonymous call and went to the home to do a well-being check. According to media reports, when asked about his wife, Paron told police, “She’s dead. I killed her.” Victoria Paron had a 20-year-old son and a 12-year-old daughter.

September 12, 2010: Joanne Johnson, 42, of Athol, was killed by strangulation in her home. Her estranged husband, Eric, 33, drove her car to Gill, MA, and committed suicide; his body was pulled from the Connecticut River in Erving on Sunday morning. The couple had separated over a year ago in what has been reported as a contentious divorce. Their two children, a son age 8 and daughter age 2, had gone to the home of their maternal grandmother the night before.

September 14, 2010: Kristi M. LeClair, 24, of Worcester, was found dead in her apartment; her live-in boyfriend, Jamaal Dottin, 29, has been charged with domestic assault and battery and assault with intent to murder in connection with her death. Prosecutors expect that additional charges will be brought after the autopsy results are complete.

November 9, 2010: Theresa Kenna Wilkes, 50, of Chelsea was found dead in the driveway of the home she shared with her husband, Frederick Wilkes, 54. While the death remains under investigation, the husband has been arrested for domestic assault and battery. Wilkes allegedly struck her head inside their home, dragged her outside and locked her out of the house. On September 16th, Kenna Wilkes filed a restraining order against her husband; according to court documents published in a media report, “Theresa Kenna Wilkes, ‘who had several bruises over her head,’ told cops her husband was punching walls before he kicked her violently in the ribs.” In both cases, alcohol appears to have been a contributing factor. The death has not yet been ruled a homicide pending the medical examiner’s determination of cause of death.

November 12, 2010: Cynthia Coutoumas, 48, of Waltham, was shot to death by her husband Michael Coutoumas, 48, before he fatally shot himself. It is unclear why neighbors called police on Friday afternoon. When police arrived at the house, they found both of them dead in the kitchen area. The couple had two sons, a 21 year-old student at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD and a 19 year-old student at Springfield College.

November 18, 2010: Rebecca Bibert, 41, of Westborough, died of “sharp force injuries to the neck” and “blunt force trauma to the head.” The manner of death was determined to be homicide. Investigators believe that Bibert was murdered by her husband, Richard Bibert, who then killed himself. A neighbor called the police after finding a note on the door of the couple’s home telling the couple’s six-year-old son, Joseph, and eight-year-old daughter, Meghan, not to enter the house and to go to a neighbor’s home. According to court records, Rebecca filed for divorce in September.

November 22, 2010: Kimberly Nguyen, 35, and her sister, Lilly Nguyen, 29, of Lynnfield, were shot and killed by Kimberly’s boyfriend, Joseph Cummings, who then killed himself. According to media reports, the couple was arguing about the last name of their unborn child when Cummings shot her. Lilly, apparently hearing the gunfire, jumped from a second floor window. As she lay on the lawn, Cummings shot her from a window and then killed himself. Kimberly’s twelve-year-old daughter was in the house when the shootings occurred.

November 28, 2010: Karen Preston, 50, of Greenfield, was allegedly shot to death by her boyfriend, Anthony Wallace, who then killed himself. Preston was shot several times in the chest. Wallace had a single gunshot wound to the head. According to media reports, both bodies were found by Preston’s 17 year-old daughter. Neighbors reported that Wallace was an “avid hunter” who kept several rifles and at least one pistol in the house.

December 7, 2010: Patricia Spada, 51, of Dedham, was allegedly shot to death by her husband, William Spada, in their home. William Spada also reportedly shot their daughter, Deidre Spada, 26, before killing himself. She remains in the hospital in critical condition. Deidre Spada's boyfriend witnessed the shootings and gave authorities a "very detailed" description of events. Several hours after the shootings police removed several rifles from the home. According to media reports, in addition to working for the family's landscaping and plowing business, Patricia Spada was the treasurer for the non-profit Justin House. The couple also has a younger son attending college out of state.

December 24, 2010: Crystal Lynn Blanchard, 20, of Chelsea, died in a fire allegedly started by Melissa Pfeiffer. According to media reports, after arguing with her boyfriend, William Brewer, Pfeiffer set fire to a bag of Brewer's clothes after Brewer left the apartment he shared with Pfeiffer. The fire spread throughout Pfeiffer's five-unit apartment building, killing Blanchard, who lived upstairs from Pfeiffer and Brewer. Blanchard's boyfriend, Paul Pitts, jumped from the second story apartment he shared with Blanchard. Pitts was injured in the jump and sustained burns on his fingers and legs. Pfeiffer was charged with murder and arson.

December 28, 2010: Lydia Rodriguez, 49, of Mattapan, was allegedly killed by Jose Pinero, 47, who she had been dating for about a month. It appears that Pinero then committed suicide as he was found hanging by a belt from a doorway. Rodriguez was found after her sister went to house looking for her after not being able to reach her. Neighbors reported hearing loud fights regularly.

Perpetrator Death or Suicide

January 17, 2010: Paul Murphy, 64, of Fall River, entered a Fall River restaurant, the Oriental Pearl, and shot his estranged wife twice. He then shot and killed himself. Joan Murphy was taken to Charlton Memorial Hospital before being transferred to Rhode Island Hospital for treatment. According to media reports, the couple was in the process of getting a divorce. Paul Murphy was a retired MA correctional officer.

May 12, 2010: William Zobka, 64, killed himself with a gunshot to the head. Zobka's body was found in the woods near the Quabbin Reservoir. According to media reports, Zobka had arranged to meet a woman with whom he had had a relationship at Lookout Tower near the reservoir and pleaded with her to reconcile. Zobka threatened to kill both the woman and himself but the woman was able to talk Zobka into letting her walk away. Zobka retired from the Belchertown Police Department in 2002.

May 25, 2010: Franklin Medina, 42, stabbed his estranged wife several times before setting fire to an apartment and jumping to his death off a third-floor balcony at the Mary Ellen McCormack housing development in South Boston. The woman survived the attack. The couple's two children were home at the time of the attack. According to the

president of the Mary Ellen McCormack Tenants' Task Force, six families were displaced by the fire.

July 23, 2010: Carol Kingsley, 33, of Somerville, was shot and killed by a Somerville police officer. According to media reports, Kingsley had been taken to Cambridge Hospital for an evaluation hours before the shooting, but was allowed to check herself out. After she returned home she pulled a knife on her boyfriend and tried to set his clothes on fire. When police and firefighters responded to the fire alarm, Kingsley stabbed three officers before being killed.

Note that this chart does not include the September 9, 2010 death of Theresa Kenna Wilkes as no formal homicide charges have been brought.

Quick Stats Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts 2010			
# of Incidents	33	# of Attempted Perpetrator Suicides	4
# of Victims	33	# intimate partners murdered	21
# of Perpetrator Suicides or Deaths	15	Male killing Female partner (current/former)	20
Total Deaths	48	Male killing person associated with female partner	9