



Domestic Violence Homicide List Narratives 2011 YTD (*January 1, 2011 – December 23, 2011*)

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 are 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 deaths of perpetrators, whether by suicide, police or self-defense by the victim.

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 15, 2011: Aderito Cardoso, 22, of Brockton, was allegedly shot and killed by Tyerell Charles, 20, of Attleboro, in the Mansfield apartment of Charles' girlfriend. According to his attorney, Charles arrived at the apartment, saw his girlfriend with Cardoso and another man, and believed she was being sexually assaulted. According to media reports it was unclear who introduced the gun in the fight between Cardoso and Charles. Charles was shot in the hip and hand. Cardoso was shot in the temple and pronounced dead at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. He had an 8-month old daughter. The Bristol County Grand Jury indicted Charles for manslaughter in March.

January 16, 2011: Joseph Scott, 45, of Worcester, was allegedly stabbed to death by his longtime girlfriend Shirley Sanabria, 44, in their home during a birthday party. During a verbal argument, Sanabria allegedly grabbed a knife and stabbed Scott in the chest. She claiming it was self defense. The family did not call the paramedics. Sanabria was charged with murder and aggravated assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. She was held without bail as she violated probation from a previous charge of breaking and entering and malicious destruction of property.

January 30, 2011: Troy Burston, 34, of Medford, was allegedly stabbed to death by Shawntina Burston, 39, his wife. Their two daughters, both under the age of five, were in the

home during the incident. Neighbors often heard them argue. Shawntina Burston was arrested. The investigation is ongoing.

February 14, 2011: Maria Avelina Palaguachi-Cela, 25, of Brockton, and her son **Brian Palaquachi, 2**, were murdered from blows to the head. They were stuffed in duffel bags and thrown in the dumpster. Police received a chilling 911 call from a passerby about there being a body in the dumpster. Brian's body was discovered hours later when police sifted through the trash. According to reports, neighbors heard Palaguachi-Cela, an immigrant Ecuador, arguing with one of her roommates, Luis Guaman, saying she did not love him. While police sought Guaman for questioning, he flew back to Ecuador less than 3 hours after the bodies were discovered. There is also an arrest warrant issued for him for an assault and battery case in 2007. Ecuador does not extradite its citizens, so authorities are working with the Ecuadorian government to bring Guaman back to face trial here in Massachusetts. Palaguachi-Cela leaves behind a husband and two children in Ecuador.

February 19, 2011: Joel Echols, 45, of Springfield, was allegedly stabbed by his wife Beverly Caldwell, 41, in their home. Police responded to a domestic call and found Echols with a stab wound to his chest. He was taken to Baystate Medical Center where he died. Caldwell was arrested and charged with murder. She was held without bail after pleading not guilty.

February 25, 2011: Lancelot Reid, 23, of Dorchester, was pronounced dead at the scene when police responded to an emergency call. Police arrested his girlfriend, Cherry Clinton, 29, who admitted she stabbed Reid. She was charged with murder and held without bail at arraignment. Later she stated that Reid attacked her earlier in the day so she grabbed a knife and he "ran into" it. Neighbors stated that they often heard Clinton and her boyfriend argue.

March 9, 2011: Brian Bergeron, 55, of Malden, was allegedly fatally stabbed by his husband Michael Losee, 41. His body was found wrapped in a blue tarp. Losee called a friend in Florida and confessed to the murder. The friend called the police and Losee agreed to turn himself in. The couple had been together for over 20 years. Losee was arraigned in Malden District Court and denied bail.

March 22, 2011: Jennifer Freudenthal, 50, of Webster, was allegedly murdered by her husband, William Freudenthal, 50, less than an hour after the IRS came to seize one of their cars for nonpayment of taxes. Police had to stand between William Freudenthal and the IRS agents so they could take the car. Afterwards police received two hang-up calls from a fax machine inside the home. When they arrived police found Jennifer on the bathroom floor with injuries to her face and neck. She was pronounced dead at Harrington Healthcare Hubbard Regional Hospital. Freudenthal stated to police that he and his wife argued, he pushed her, causing her to fall, and she hit her head. An autopsy was scheduled to determine cause of death. Police have responded to domestic violence calls to that address in the past. William was charged with second-degree murder and domestic assault and battery. He was held without bail.

March 28, 2011: Elaine McCall, 69, of Wakefield, was fatally shot in the chest by her husband, David McCall, 72. Police reported that a fight took place before the incident. According to investigation reports, McCall first shot at her from the top of the stairs but missed. The second shot hit her in the chest. McCall called the police to report a murder and a suicide. He attempted to shoot himself. Police responded and found McCall sitting in a kitchen chair. He said he shot his wife and the gun was on the floor. His wife was found lying face up next to the front door. McCall plead not guilty and was held without bail pending a competency hearing.

April 3, 2011: David Walton, 41, of Taunton, was allegedly killed by his boyfriend, James Costello, 45, while doing what he loved most, camping. An officer found the couple on a routine patrol of the campground. He noticed the broken glass door of the campground office and saw the two men in blankets on the porch. They both appeared bruised and cut, however, Walton did not move. He was later pronounced dead by rescuers. Costello later admitted to police that he assaulted and beat Walton with a shoe. Costello has a long criminal record including an assault conviction against Walton in 2006. A restraining order was also issued in 2006 for Costello to stay away from Walton. The autopsy revealed strangulation was the cause of death. Costello was charged with murder, assault and battery and battery with a dangerous weapon. He was held on \$100,000 cash bail.

April 25, 2011: Jettie Lincoln, 49, of Plymouth, was bludgeoned to death in an apparent murder-suicide by her husband Keith Lincoln, 49. Police were called for a well-being check at the request of family members. When the officers arrived, they saw Lincoln sitting in the front room. He picked up a power saw and cut his femoral artery. He was rushed to the hospital where he died. When police searched the house they found her dead in a bed, along with their two dogs. She had been deceased for several days.

April 28, 2011: Son Tran, 60, of Lowell, was allegedly beaten to death with a mallet by her husband, The Tran, 62. Police received reports of an injured woman at the residence. When they arrived Son was already dead. Tran was charged with first degree murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. He was held without bail while he undergoes a psychiatric evaluation. Son Tran leaves behind four children.

May 4, 2011: Beth Spartichino, 42, of Easton, was shot and buried in a shallow grave in her backyard allegedly by her son, Mathew Worster, 17. Worster left a voicemail for his father and told his brother that he shot his mother. He said he "had to do it. I had no choice" and that he needed to do it to save his brothers. Worster became bitter and verbally abusive towards his mother a year ago when his parents were getting a divorce. During that time Spartichino's ex-husband threatened to kill her and bury her in the backyard. Initially, Worster was charged with armed assault with intent to murder and was held on \$500,000 cash bail. Subsequently, Worster was charged with murder.

June 8, 2011: Janice Santos, 39, of Worcester, was allegedly killed by her husband Natalio Felix, 39, in their home. Felix walked into the police station and said he killed his wife. Police and EMTs found Santos in a bedroom on the second floor. She was taken to UMass Medical Center where she was pronounced dead. An autopsy is scheduled to determine cause

of death. Felix has been charged with murder. Santos was the supervisor of support staff in the Worcester Superior Court Probation Department and mother of three children.

June 14, 2011: Michael Trusty, 45, of Edgartown was allegedly stabbed to death by his ex-wife's current partner, Ovando Eghill, 32. Trusty, Eghill and his wife were at a friend's house picking up their children. An argument between Trusty and Eghill began outside of the house. According to police reports, Trusty grabbed a machete from his truck. A witness reports Eghill pushing Trusty away with both his hands, one containing a knife. Police responded to a 911 call. Trusty was taken to Beth Israel Hospital where he later died. Eghill, originally arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, now faces murder charges. His bail was set at \$10,000.

July 3, 2001: Lauren Astley, 18, of Wayland was allegedly killed by her former boyfriend, Nathaniel Fujita, 18. They had dated for three years before Astley broke it off in the spring. According to reports, Astley and Fujita exchanged phone calls and she was going to meet him after work. Fujita said she left after they had a short, awkward conversation. Astley's body was found in a marshy area on Monday morning by a bicyclist. She was strangled with a bungee cord and had a significant wound to her neck. Police found bloody objects in Fujita's home. He was indicted on murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

July 24, 2011: Alessa Castellon, 21, of Roslindale was allegedly shot to death by her boyfriend, Junior Fernandes, 22, of Dorchester. She was found dead in front of her friend's home from multiple gunshot wounds. Fernandes was arrested and charged with murder and firearm offenses. He has been held without bail. Castellon leaves behind a three year old son.

July 31 (TBD), 2011: Casey Taylor, 36, was allegedly stabbed to death by his boyfriend John Lacoy, 29, of Winthrop. Police have charged Lacoy with murder; he is being held without bail. Prosecutors believe that after an argument Lacoy stabbed Taylor and then stuffed his body underneath the back porch of his home. According to the investigation, on July 31, Lacoy told a friend that Taylor had drowned and, on August 3, claimed his body had been discovered and sent a text message reading "He won't be able to leech off me anymore." Taylor's body was discovered after neighbors complained to police about a foul smell. While Lacoy originally denied knowing Taylor, he later acknowledged their relationship.

August 16, 2011: Nazish Noorani, 27, of East Boston and Boonton, New Jersey, was murdered in a plot arranged by her husband, Kashif Parvaiz, 26, and Antoinette Stephen, 26. While visiting with family in NJ, Noorani was walking to a relative's house with her 3 year old son and husband. Noorani was shot, Parvaiz was wounded, and the child was physically unharmed. Parvaiz originally told police that he and his wife were attacked by a group of men shouting ethnic slurs and calling them terrorists. Inconsistencies in the account of the attack raised suspicions among investigators. Parvaiz later admitted he played a role in the death of his wife. Police reports and family comments suggest that Noorani did not feel safe in the relationship. Noorani had sent a text message to her brother stating Parvaiz wants to kill her. Parvaiz and Stephen have been charged with murder, conspiracy, and weapons charges. Parvaiz is also charged with child endangerment. He is being held on \$1 million bail. Stephen

is awaiting extradition and being held on \$5 million bail. Noorani also leaves behind a 5 year old son.

September 6, 2011: Milka Rivera, 39, of Lawrence, along with her children, **Maxariel Montanez, 16, and Sachary Montanez, 19**, were murdered by Rivera's long-term boyfriend, Jose Luis Tejada, 40, in their home. Tejada was not the father of the children, but had a long-term relationship with Rivera. Cell phone records suggest that a fight preceded the shooting. According to Essex District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett, Tejada told a man, who called the police, outside the crime scene "I may have committed a crime." The reports also indicate that Tejada attempted suicide but failed because he had used all the bullets. Tejada had no criminal record or restraining orders issued against him.

September (TBD), 2011: Edinalva (Silva) Viera, 28 (or 30), of Brighton, was found dead in the apartment she shared with her husband, Paulo Viera. The autopsy determined that Viera was killed by blunt force trauma to the head. An emigrant from Brazil, Viera worked as a house cleaner. When Viera did not show up for work after two weeks, they contacted the Boston Police to do a well-being check. Neighbors reported that no lights had been on in the apartment for a couple of weeks. According to media reports, Viera's husband flew back to Brazil two weeks prior to her being found, raising suspicions about his role in her death.

September 26, 2011: Patricia Frois, 24, of Marshfield, was allegedly stabbed to death by her long-time boyfriend, Marcello Almeida, 41. Frois and Almeida started their relationship in Brazil before emigrating here. Their five year old son is living in Brazil. Frois worked at both a cleaning service and fast food restaurant. Police responded to reports of an assault and found Frois in the stairwell; she was transported to the local hospital and pronounced dead. After a three hour search which included a lock-down of area schools, police found Almeida hiding in a shed. While law enforcement did not share any information about prior history of domestic violence, relatives and co-workers reported that Frois had been trying to leave the relationship for about six months because it was abusive.

Perpetrator Death or Suicide

June 14, 2011: Tyrone Cummings, 25, of Boston, was killed by police who were responding to a domestic violence call. Police arrived within minutes of receiving a call that a woman's boyfriend had assaulted her and threatened to kill her. According to reports, Tyrone Cummings was outside the apartment with the domestic violence victim's sister. The police shot Cummings after he allegedly shot at the police, injuring one in the leg. The sister was also shot in the leg.

October 22, 2011: Alberto Pagan, 22, of Dracut, was killed by police who responded to a domestic violence call in Lowell and then pursued him in car to Pelham, New Hampshire. Details of the domestic violence incident are not yet available.