



Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts

January 1, 2024 to Present (as of September 27, 2024)

January 24, 2024: Isabel Alcaide, 19, of Springfield, was shot in her car, allegedly by D’Angelo Aponte, 18, an ex-partner. A few hours later, D’Angelo took his own life. A graduate of Putnam Vocational High School, Isabel had a bright future ahead of her. In a GoFundMe, her mother shared that Isabel was a “ray of light in our lives, a compassionate soul with an infectious smile and a heart full of love. She was a selfless, humble, sweet young woman. She was a loving daughter, big sister and friend. She really enjoyed nature, music and art.”

February 14, 2024: Vesline Garnier, 24, of Worcester: according to police, Vesline was allegedly stabbed by her partner Sadrac Metellus, 47. Neighbors shared that Vesline had just come to Worcester – and to the country – for work, and that they had heard shouting from the apartment before.

February 26, 2024: Aanya Vinay, 25, of Brookline, was killed in a Boston hotel, allegedly by her boyfriend Keith Ashby, 43, who then killed himself. She had reported him to the police a month earlier for domestic violence and had been granted a restraining order, but the police were unable to locate him to serve the order. Keith had previously been incarcerated for assaulting and raping a former girlfriend. The couple had a seven-month-old son and, according to Aanya’s family, being a mother was Aanya’s “greatest passion and joy”. They also shared that she “had a blessed life surrounded by love and deep caring from each and every one who knew her or even briefly interacted with her. She was bubbly, full of life, and always saw the good in people.”

March 3, 2024: Loren Marino, 24, of East Providence, was killed at her home in Haverhill. Investigators believe she was killed by her boyfriend Austin Amaral, 24, before he took his own life. Though the couple had known each other for a while, they had been dating for only two months. Loren was a mental health professional who was training to be a nurse. Her friends and family shared that she was dedicated to her work, always lit up the room, was the life of the party, and loved to dance, sing, cook, and play with her two dogs Darla and Spanky.

April 2, 2024: Sheron Trowers, 56, of Brockton, was ambushed and killed in her driveway, allegedly by her husband Carlos Brown, 61, as she returned from a trip to Jamaica where she was attending a family member’s funeral. Carlos then killed himself. Their daughter was upstairs in the home at the time. Police records have shown that Sheron had taken a restraining order out on her husband 20 years prior, and the police had been called to the house a number of times in the intervening years. Sheron was a mental health professional and managed a group home run by the Department of Mental Health. She leaves behind two children.

April 5, 2024: Neveah/River Goddard, 17, of Rhode Island was killed in Stow, allegedly by their boyfriend Shane Curry, 20. Neveah went missing two years ago after the Rhode Island’s Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) requested she receive behavioral treatment at one of their facilities. Neveah, also known as River, was a nonbinary teen raised by their maternal grandfather in a home described by other family members as abusive. Prior to going missing, Neveah had reconnected with their birth mother and had lived with her for 6 months prior to DCYF’s order. It is not known how



Neveah met Shane, nor how they ended up in Stow. Neveah has been described as very creative and artistic, quick-witted, and goofy. She loved to write her own music.

April 14, 2024: Eileen Monaghan, 48, of Chicopee. According to prosecutors, Eileen was stabbed by her boyfriend Jason Chapdelaine, 52. Jason, a Chicopee firefighter, was found unconscious beside Eileen with what appeared to be self-inflicted wounds; he survived. Eileen was the daughter of Irish immigrants, had two adult daughters and had served as the chief of staff to former state representative Joseph Wagner before he retired last year. She was also the executive assistant to Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi, who shared: “Eileen was not only a loved and valued colleague but also a dedicated and generous person who meant so much to so many, especially her kids. Eileen was truly a rose in a world of thorns.”

April 28, 2024: Kaydion Dawson, 45, and her daughter Giselle Johns, 7, of Lowell, were reported dead in a 911 call by Kaydion’s husband, Giselle’s father, Steven Johns, 52, who allegedly then turned the gun on himself. Officers responding to the scene were warned that Steven had a license to own firearms and at least eight weapons. Kaydion came to Massachusetts from Jamaica to further her studies and graduated from UMass Boston with a dual degree in psychology and sociology, later earning her master’s degree. Giselle loved animals and drawing.

May 1, 2024: Jeffrey Carr, 53, of Leominster, was allegedly shot and killed by his girlfriend Jami Parker, 28, who called 911 requesting an ambulance. Jeffrey had been charged twice in 2023 for assaulting Jami – once for domestic assault and battery, and the second time for assault and battery on a pregnant victim. Both times Jami asked that charges be dropped. At the time of Jeffrey’s second arrest, Jami notified police that there were weapons in the house. Police advised her that they could seize the weapons, but Jami attested that because they were locked and stored properly and because she, as a sergeant in the National Guard with no criminal record and a license to carry – felt safe with them in the home until further arrangements could be made, they were not seized. The couple’s baby was at home at the time of the shooting but was not physically harmed.

May 31, 2024: Christina, 16, of Acton, was allegedly killed by her stepfather Juliano Santana, 49, in his car outside her home, shortly after he abducted her as she walked home from school. He then killed himself. In 2021, Juliano was charged with raping Christina. With the help of her mother, she had taken out a restraining order against him; he had been released on a GPS monitoring device. On a GoFundMe page in support of the family, family friends shared: “Christina was a bright, full of life 16-year-old girl who was really good at science and dreamed of going to college one day. She had just started driving and was excited to take another step towards independence. Christina’s loss leaves a void that can never be filled.”

June 14, 2024: Aliannah Dickey, 15, of Lowell, is believed by investigators to have been killed by her ex-boyfriend Trevor Bady, 21, just hours before her eighth grade graduation. Days before, Trevor had threatened the lives of both Aliannah and her grandmother. Aliannah loved to draw, go to the beach, and do hair and makeup. She had a passion for music.

June 19, 2024: Sima Pariseau, 56, and son Dylan Pariseau, 27, of Wilbraham, were found shot and killed at the family’s home. Investigators believe Sima’s domestic partner Peter Donaldson, 56, killed the mother and son before killing himself. Sima was in the process of ending their relationship at the time of her murder. Dylan had temporarily moved back home, and he and his mother had spent the day



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volunteering at the Father's Day picnic at St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church where Sima was an active member. Sima was a beloved mother and daughter, and volunteered as an aide to youth in the foster care system for the Hampden County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. Dylan was a lover of science and Boston sports teams.

June 27, 2024: Renato Chaves, 33, of Hyannis, was allegedly stabbed to death in his car by his ex-girlfriend Juscelene Guedes, 29. Police were called to the scene of a car crash, where they found Renato with a stab wound; he was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. According to Juscelene, the couple had a history of domestic violence. Allegedly, Renato had pulled the knife on her, and she had managed to get it away from him before stabbing him.

July 20, 2024: Brianna Welsh, 25, of Harwich, was found stabbed to death in her Lynn apartment after her family had requested a well-being check, in what appears to be a domestic violence related homicide. Investigators believe Brianna was killed by Zachary Vozzella, 26, her boyfriend's brother, while her boyfriend, Brendon Vozzella, was in police custody for assaulting Brianna. In the days before her murder, Brianna had shared with friends how excited she was to become a mom. A close friend said, "All she ever wanted was to be a mom. She took care of all her friends and was there when anyone needed her at the drop of a dime. She's always been there for me."

August 2, 2024: Zharia Wilcox-Ellis, 24, of Waltham, was shot and killed in a parking lot outside an apartment complex, allegedly by Kaire Holman, 31, in an apparent domestic violence-related homicide. Zharia's ex-partner, Melanie Williams, 30, was charged with assault and battery on a household or family member in connection with physically assaulting Zharia just prior to the shooting. According to police, there was an altercation involving a group of people, including Kaire and Melanie, outside the apartment building where Melanie resides, and Zharia as known to visit. Video surveillance of the incident allegedly shows Melanie striking Zharia in that earlier altercation. Family members say there was other violence between the Zharia and Melanie earlier this year.

August 24, 2024: Ana Maria Martinez, 58, and Sergia Acosta, 76, of Worcester: daughter and mother were found dead at a Worcester senior living apartment, apparently from stab wounds. Ana Maria's boyfriend, William Rodriguez, 59, was arrested in New York City on August 29. William previously served 15 years in prison for stabbing his wife, for which he plead guilty to manslaughter. Sergia worked as a tailor for many years and Ana worked as a personal care assistant for Tempus Unlimited and was recently taking care of her mother full-time. According to their obituary, "Sergia and Ana were not only mother and daughter, but they were best friends and were inseparable. In their spare time, Sergia enjoyed singing, dancing and walking and Ana enjoyed knitting and reading."

September 16, 2024: Maria Tereza Mayancela Loja, 32, of Milford: Police responded to a 911 call and found Maria, suffering from substantial stab wounds. She was rushed to the hospital in critical condition and underwent several surgeries but died later the following weekend. When they arrived on the scene, police also found Maria's husband Luis Osvaldo Guaman Loja, 34, in the basement of the same home, with stab wounds to the chest. Luis was declared dead on the scene. Officials have not released details about the incident but have indicated that Maria was the victim of domestic violence. Maria was a mother of four children who authorities said were placed in the custody of family members.

September 20, 2024: Kerri Fidalgo, 31, of New Bedford: Police responded to Kerri's home because her



boyfriend Tyler Dow Baglini, 31, had arrived at the hospital claiming his girlfriend had been stabbed by serial killers and that he was also in danger. Authorities allege Tyler killed Kerri after threatening to kill himself. Kerri had allegedly urged Tyler to seek medical and psychiatric help. According to her family, Kerri was “a trusted and respected staff member” at the New Bedford 3rd District Court and loved travel, tattoos, and the ocean, and considered herself a “foodie”.

November 7, 2024: Police responded to a home in **Worcester**, where they found a **woman, name not yet released**, with a gunshot wound. She was pronounced dead on the scene. A man was taken to the hospital, also suffering a gunshot wound, and authorities confirmed he died two days later. Though authorities have not released the name of either party, they indicated that they believe the incident to be an act of domestic violence.

November 26, 2024: Police responded to a home in **Chicopee**, where they found Guerby Marcelin, 28, suffering from a neck laceration. The **female victim, 21**, was pronounced dead at the scene from lacerations to her neck. Authorities have not released her name, citing the difficulty notifying her family. Police have indicated that both victim and defendant are Haitian, and that the incident is believed to be an act of domestic violence.

December 6, 2024: **Melissa Janvier Pablo, 32**, was shot in the crosswalk of a hotel in **Chelsea** by her estranged husband Luckenson King Pablo, 31. The couple had only recently separated. Friends and coworkers described Melissa in a recent GoFundMe drive as: “an incredible person who touched the lives of everyone around her with her kindness, dedication, and warmth.”

December 12, 2024: **Shantel Gillespie, 30**, formerly of Jamaica, was killed in Boston two days after finishing the coursework for her nursing degree at Labouré College of Healthcare in Milton. Authorities allege that she had been suffocated and had blunt-force injuries to her head, and suspect her former partner and the father of her children, Eric McPhaail, 37, of committing the homicide. According to Shantel’s family, the relationship had been violent and court documents show that Shantel had taken restraining orders out against her abuser. Shantel is survived by three young children and dedicated the last five years of her life to her work as a Clinical Assistant at Boston Children’s Hospital while she pursued her nursing degree.