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Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts

January 1, 2026, to Present (as of September 22, 2026)

January 1, 2026: Euridiana Ramirez Sanz, 30, of Lawrence was on a phone call with her mother and 11-year-old daughter who were parked outside her apartment when she was shot and killed by her husband Edgar D. Torres, 32, in an apparent murder-suicide. Euridiana was a health care worker who was preparing to leave Edgar, according to her mother. There had been a history of domestic violence in the relationship, including several incidences leading to Euridiana's hospitalization. These incidences included one in 2018 after which Edgar served an 18-month sentence and Euridiana was placed on probation, and an incident in 2025 that included allegations of strangulation. Euridiana is described as loving her new job at Lawrence Hospital and being devoted to her two children.

January 30, 2026: Elizabeth "Liz" Almeida, 54, and her son Nicholas "Nick" Almeida, 25, both of Fall River were found at Liz's home, having both died from gunshot wounds allegedly inflicted by Arlington Cole, 54, with whom Liz is described as being in a dating relationship. Remembered by her family as having "an unmatched sense of love, kindness, and a zest for life", Liz was a home aide assistant who cared deeply for her family, especially her children and dogs. Nick had inherited his mother's love for the outdoors: he loved biking and fishing. His family shared in his obituary: "We will miss everything about him but especially his lisp, his laugh, the little gap between his teeth and his ability to make everyone laugh."

March 27, 2026: Diane "Di Di" Opper, 56, was shot in her home in **Belchertown**. Her husband Mark Opper, 56, called 911 to say that his gun had gone off and he had shot his wife. Di Di dedicated her career to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, where she worked for 33 years as Chief of the Division of Operations & Support. She was looking forward to retiring later in the year and beginning her next chapter in Florida. Her family recalls that she was known for "adding her own "zhuzh" to life, bringing energy, humor, and a little extra sparkle to everyday moments".

April 22, 2026: Emma MacDonald, 31, was allegedly beaten to death by her husband Jeffrey MacDonald, 36, in a room at the Hotel UMass in **Amherst**. Earlier in the evening, bystanders on the UMass campus had seen Jeffrey jumping into a pond on campus and had called 911 to report concerns about his behavior. Jeffrey has prior allegations of abuse against his two children, which emerged during custody proceedings with his previous partner. Emma was a dining supervisor at UMass Amherst, where Jeffrey also worked as a chef. Emma was an accomplished baker who loved ladybugs and is described by those who knew her as a loving mother, friend, and colleague and a "ball of light".

May 24, 2026: Jacklyn "Jackie" Berry, 47, was shot in her apartment in **Winthrop**, allegedly by her husband Sean Brewer, 58, who claims to have found the gun while cleaning and accidentally discharged it. The couple was newly married. The accused also has a pending case out of Boston Municipal Court for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer and resisting arrest. Jackie was a compassionate and skilled medical assistant. She was also a gifted writer and poet and is remembered for her "warmth, kindness, and dedication to her community" which "left a lasting



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impact on everyone she met".

July 18, 2026: Yoseliani Marte, 18, was found dead from gunshot wounds in an apartment (not hers) in **Mattapan**. At time of reporting, no suspect has been publicly named in connection with her murder, but her family has gone on record saying that she was in a violent relationship that led to her murder. Also known as "Liani" and "Mookie", Yoseliani loved Hello Kitty, leopard print, and the color pink. She worked at Shea Butter Smoothies and loved spending time with her friends.

August 18, 2026: Kurt Solomon, 57, was found inside his home in **Worcester** and appeared to have been killed with a sharp object. A police search for Kurt's wife, Karen Solomon, 58, ensued and her body was found a week later near Coes Pond. It appears she killed herself with a gun. Kurt was a 31-year veteran of the Worcester Police Department. He loved fishing and was an accomplished gardener who often donated extra crops to the Worcester County Food Bank. He was an avid golfer and beloved son, father, and brother.

August 27, 2026: Brianna Connolly, 33, was strangled in her home in **Framingham**. Flavio Alcantra Dias, 43, has confessed to the killing, saying he had wanted to have sex with Brianna, she refused, and he strangled her. He alleges the killing was accidental.

September 3, 2026: Rachel Frislid, 62, was stabbed to death at her home on Long Island, New York. While she did not have ties to Massachusetts, JDI is including this homicide in our data collection because the alleged perpetrator of the homicide, Rachel's ex-boyfriend Brandon William Hampson, 55, was shot and killed by state troopers on September 9 in Erving, MA. According to Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr., members of law enforcement in New York State were looking for Hampson and coordinating with MA state police who tracked him to the French King Motel & Restaurant. Brandon approached police with the knife in hand and was shot. He was transported to Baystate Medical Center where he died. Rachel is remembered as a beloved mother and grandmother, small business owner, and active community member.

September 8, 2026: Patricia "Trish" Donaldson, 42, was found dead in her home in **Salem**. Her ex-husband Paul Morey, 50, was found fleeing by foot between New Hampshire and Maine, and has been arraigned for her murder. Details are still forthcoming, including the confirmed date of Trish's death. It is being reported that the alleged perpetrator took out a restraining order on the victim a week prior to the homicide, citing concerns for his child's safety. In a GoFundMe, Trish's friends and family describe her as, "fiercely herself, wonderfully unconventional, and always moving to the beat of her own drum".

September 17, 2026: Shannon Smith, 37, was found in the home of her boyfriend Matthew Cruz, 37, in **Taunton**. She was transported to Morton Hospital where she was pronounced dead. Police maintain that the pair was arguing over cheating accusations when he allegedly strangled her. Authorities have released that Matthew's ex-wife and mother have both taken out restraining orders against him, and that he has an ongoing case relative to an assault against his elderly father. Shannon is remembered as being "incredibly kind". She loved butterflies and fun colored eyeshadow.