

## DENVER METRO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

### 2013 SUMMARY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED FATALITIES IN COLORADO

This is a **draft** of the list of domestic violence related fatalities in Colorado in 2013. This information is distributed and available to every person in our state that has an interest in domestic violence prevention. We have given due diligence to compiling the most accurate information possible and in that spirit we welcome feedback from law enforcement, prosecution, victim service and any other agencies, or individual professionals, statewide to help ensure our research is accurate and complete.

Thanks to you diligent professionals who assist us in keeping this tally accurate. Again, please forward this document to any and all that may have information or knowledge of a domestic violence related death that we have not listed. As in past years, our numbers will differ from those released by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation due to the fact that we count *all fatalities in the context of domestic violence*, including those that occur in same-sex relationships, collateral deaths and suicides. It is our understanding that CBI does not include domestic violence related deaths (including suicides) in these categories. There is always the potential to add to the 2013 (or any) list. We will alert you as soon as we garner new information.

As is always the case, we are currently tracking domestic violence related fatalities that have occurred in 2014 in Colorado. If you have knowledge of any fatal incidents in your communities that appear to be in the context of domestic violence, please alert us as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, suggestions, etc. – 303-522-0932 or via email [dvfrc@hotmail.com](mailto:dvfrc@hotmail.com)

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- 1/2/2013 Donna Kaiser-Anderson (57) shot and killed her husband William Coffey (52) in the home they shared with her mother who was also found dead of natural causes. Kaiser-Anderson shot her husband **19** times. Kaiser-Anderson said she shot her husband in self-defense but in 2014 a jury convicted her on all charges, including first degree murder. (Colorado Springs) (1) (M)
- 1/3/2013 Carla Bencomo (35) was arrested for attempting to influence a public official and tampering with physical evidence. Bencomo, who had been dating Edgar Olivas (37), reported that he was showing her a gun when he said, “how far are you willing to go to pay for my death?” then pulled to his chest, causing it to fire. Bencomo then reportedly panicked, wiped the scene down, put the gun in Olivas’ hand and attempted to flee to Mexico before eventually turning herself in. She reported that they had been dating and he wanted to start a serious relationship but she wanted to move out of state. The coroner ruled the manner of death undetermined. Bencomo eventually pled guilty to tampering with physical evidence. (Boulder) (1)
- 1/5/2013 Sonny Archuleta (33) killed his wife’s stepfather, Anthony Ticali (56), wife’s sister Stacie Philbrook (29) and Stacie’s boyfriend Chris Ratliffe (33). The wife, Stephanie Philbrook Archuleta, escaped the home by jumping from the second floor window. Sonny Archuleta was shot by police after a 6 hour standoff. (Aurora) (4) (M/Killed by Police)
- 1/11/2013 Clifford Dee Fordyce (40) shot and killed Heather Hurd (44). Police reported that Fordyce and Hurd were acquaintances but it is not certain that the victim was his girlfriend. (Denver) (1) (M)
- 1/16/2013 A Denver police officer was shot and John Montoya was shot and killed by police. Michael Valdez (38), Chuck Montoya (34), Jude Montoya (21), and Alyssa Morales (21) are under investigation for four counts each of attempted murder of a peace officer and a count each of assault. A “mini crime spree” began in Thornton when John Montoya tried to kill the mother of his child after learning of his infant daughter’s death but the gun didn’t go off and he fled the scene. (Thornton, Denver) (1) (Killed by Police)
- 2/13/2013 Ethan Courrau (22) stabbed and killed Scarlett Gallagher (1) and Ryan Willhite (3), the children of his girlfriend. Courrau then committed suicide. (El Paso) (3) (M/S)
- 2/13/2013 Miguel Barajas (47) was found fatally shot. His wife, stepdaughter and an acquaintance of the two women are being held on suspicion of murder, conspiracy to commit murder and solicitation of murder. His wife Sandra Barajas (52) was found guilty of first degree murder in his death. Tommy Wright (34), the acquaintance, pled guilty to second degree murder. Stepdaughter Dawn Richburg is awaiting trial. (Colorado Springs) (1) (M)
- 2/17/2013 Kimberly Walker (28) was found dead of strangulation in a hotel room. Her boyfriend Army Sgt. Montrell Lamar Anderson Mayo (24) surrendered to North Carolina authorities. Mayo’s supervisor reported that Walker was Mayo’s girlfriend and she came to see him. Mayo told other soldiers that he and Walker had fought and on Valentine’s Day she had threatened his career. (Colorado Springs) (1) (M)

- 2/18/2013 LeAnn "Annie" Meyer (51) went missing from Lakewood. On July 4, 2013 her remains were found in Park County. Her roommate and former girlfriend Melissa Miller (54) eventually pled guilty to 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder in November 2013. (Park County) (1) (M)
- 2/19/2013 Adeline Whitehead (34) was stabbed to death in front of her three children. Her husband Roy Whitehead (35) reportedly told the children he was going to kill himself. He left the scene and crashed his Harley, killing himself. The oldest child ran to the neighbors for help. Three cell phones were found in the oven, apparently hidden so no one could call. Two months prior the police investigated a domestic violence call at the home. (Pueblo) (2) (M/S)
- 3/25/2013 David Reathman (65) strangled and killed his wife Barbara Reathman (70). Reathman reportedly stayed outside for three days in an attempt to suicide by freezing to death. He eventually turned himself in and pled guilty to second degree murder. He is serving a 48 year prison sentence. (Golden) (1) (M)
- 5/5/2013 Genaro Rodela (37) shot and killed his estranged wife, Maria Rodela (34), at a family gathering. Genaro then shot a bullet into his own chest, but survived. The Rodelas married in 1996 and filed for divorce in February 2013. (Denver) (1) (M)
- 5/13/2013 Michael Schreiber (69) staggered out of his home and collapsed on the front lawn. His wife Sandra Lee Schreiber (69) was found inside suffering from a stab wound. Investigation suspects that Sandra fatally stabbed her husband before stabbing herself. (Jefferson County) (1) (M)
- 5/29/2013 Lisa Lesyshen shot and killed her son Asher Lesyshen-Kirlan (9) and then shot herself and survived. Lesyshen's husband admitted he was having an affair the day prior. He reported she hit him several times and threatened to break the computer. (Routt County) (1) (M)
- 7/1/2013 Kathy Fortner (49) was found dead of head injuries at the base of the Colorado National Monument. David James Norman, her live in boyfriend, reported her missing the next day, saying she had left without her cell phone the night before after they had an argument. Kathy's autopsy ruled her death a homicide and cause of death was multiple blunt force injuries, primarily of the head. David was charged with murder in the second degree, tampering with physical evidence, and false reporting. Surveillance footage put David near the scene of the crime and at a car wash after leaving the Monument and he pled to murder in the second degree and was given a maximum sentence of 48 years in prison. (Fruita) (1) (M)
- 7/2/2013 Amber Moore (28) was found beaten to death in her Denver home. An Amber Alert was issued for three children, two who were later found with family and the third was located elsewhere. Her husband, Dominic Moore, was found with a self-inflicted gunshot the next day in Franktown as law enforcement attempted to pull him over. (Denver/Franktown) (2) (M/S)

- 7/31/2013 Fredy Argueta Cabrera (39) shot his stepdaughter, Leydy Trejo, and his stepdaughter's boyfriend, Douglas Menjivar. Trejo survived but Menjivar was killed. Cabrera reportedly wanted a relationship with his stepdaughter. (Glenwood Springs) (1) (M)
- 8/7/2013 Arthur William Price (28) was booked on 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder, violation of protection order, obstructing government operations, and harassment for the murder of Katrina Pacheco (39). Pacheco obtained a protection order against Price, her on-again, off-again boyfriend four days prior to her murder. Price's mother called 911 to report that her son "sliced up a lady." Price was found with a blood-alcohol content of .450 in Pacheco's apartment. (Centennial) (1) (M)
- 8/16/2013 Daniel Abeyta (31) shot his wife who survived. He then shot and killed his neighbor Sandra Roskilly (47). Abeyta fired a gunshot at one of several propane tanks that he placed in the street. In 2007, Abeyta was arrested on charges of felony menacing with a deadly weapon and felony child abuse. Court documents cited state that Abeyta's wife took out a restraining order against him and the couple filed for divorce, but it was never finalized. Abeyta is charged with first-degree murder after deliberation, using an incendiary device during a murder, first-degree assault and child abuse. There was a child in the home when Abeyta shot his wife. (Denver) (1) (M)
- 8/17/2013 James Clifford Fernandez (34) was found dead of strangulation. His friend Matthew P. Burnett (32) and Burnett's wife Carissa Koch (26) have been charged in his death. Burnett told police he became angry after he found Koch and Fernandez in "a compromising position." Burnett pled guilty and was sentenced to 32 years for second degree murder. Koch pled not guilty to charges of accessory to a crime and tampering with physical evidence. (Broomfield) (1) (M)
- 8/28/2013 Wallace Weigum (83) was found murdered; he was repeatedly hit in the head with a hammer. His wife Carol Weigum was arrested for his death. She reportedly told patrol officers there was no prior domestic violence, she was just tired of him. (Lakewood) (1) (M)
- 9/5/2013 Longmont Emergency Communications received a call from Raymond Ecker (80) who said he had just shot his wife, Judith Ecker (72), and planned to shoot himself. Law enforcement found Judith dead of a gunshot and Raymond died the next day from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. (Longmont) (2) (M/S)
- 9/9/2013 Andre Jones (32) was arrested on suspicion of 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder of his wife Lakeisha Jones (32). The two were in the process of getting a divorce and a hearing was scheduled for that day at 2:00. Victim was in her third trimester of pregnancy, the infant was last listed in critical condition. Police said Lakeisha told others that Andre was stalking her and he had admitted to putting spyware on her phone and hacking her email. Andre was not the father of the baby and had been threatening to hurt Lakeisha, the baby, and the baby's father. (Colorado Springs) (1) (M)
- 10/12/2013 Billy Kissner died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He had admitted to killing his wife during an argument in 2010 and was scheduled to be sentenced that week after he pled guilty to manslaughter in August 2013. (Cedaredge) (1) (S)

- 10/14/2013 Norzell Badger Jr. (34) was stabbed to death. Badger's girlfriend's sons, ages 14 and 17, have been charged. 17 year old Avery James Jackson was charged as an adult with 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder. The 14 year old was charged as a juvenile with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault. (Colorado Springs) (1) (M)
- 11/8/2013 Shannon Dodson (42) was arrested and charged in the murder of her son Jade Murray-Gomez (5). Dodson was granted visitation rights and was supposed to keep Jude for just a few days. She had refused to return the boy to his father and grandmother. (Colorado Springs) (1) (M)
- 11/18/2013 Kimphone Phanthavongsa (21) called police and said when she woke up her ex-boyfriend, Merrick McKoy (22) was standing over her with a handgun. She was able to flee her apartment. When officers arrived they heard gunshots. They found a child, Mia McKoy-Phanthavongsa (19 months) and McKoy with gunshot wounds. McKoy had an active restraining order prohibiting him from being at the apartment from September 30, 2013. McKoy was arrested September 27, 2013 for assault, burglary, trespassing, and telephone harassment with Phanthavongsa as the listed victim. (Westminster) (2) (M/S)
- 11/24/2013 Michael Habay, 42, was killed by police. The day he was shot, Habay's girlfriend's mother called 911 to report domestic violence and concern for her daughter's welfare. Officers talked to the girlfriend who stated nothing had happened. Police did determine that Habay had violated a protection order and tried to reach him at his apartment. At about 12:30 p.m., a neighbor called 911 to report Habay was using a large knife to stab a wooden post outside his apartment unit and had been yelling and throwing things out of his apartment. The neighbor was concerned Habay's girlfriend could be in the apartment and she might be in danger, police said. (Boulder) (1) (Killed by Police)
- 11/?/2013 Terry Lankford, and 51-year-old Carol Fowler were shot and killed by 47-year-old Kenneth Lankford who has pleaded guilty to several charges, including first-degree murder, second-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder and burglary stemming from a deadly shooting rampage in Black Forest northeast of Colorado Springs. In the November deaths of his wife, Terry he told investigators that he fatally shot his wife as a mercy killing after a gun accidentally went off and injured her. He then lashed out and shot the Fowlers, who he said were random victims. Lankford was sentenced to life in prison without parole, plus 104 years. (El Paso County) (2) (M)
- 12/8/2013 Eddie White (67) shot his wife Betty White (81) in the torso before turning the gun on himself. There was speculation that it was related to her health issues but no note was left at the scene of the murder suicide. (Montrose) (2) (M/S)
- 12/18/2013 Christina Anjoleen Gray (42) was found showing signs of blunt force trauma and strangulation. Leroy Arlen Wallace (47) was charged with first-degree murder and stalking. Police described Wallace as a known associate of Gray and had a prior relationship with her. (Loveland) (1) (M)

## Follow up

- 4/22/1999 Abel Lujan (46) is being held for the first-degree murder of Bernadette Frost (30). Lujan reported he met Frost in January 1990 and they dated and began to live together the next month. Lujan also admitted to restraining Frost about two weeks before her death, the affidavit says. She bit him during that incident and he showed the scars to the detectives. The affidavit said those "bite marks were consistent with defensive wounds a strangulation victim would inflict if being strangled from behind." Years later, in October 2002, investigators interviewed a woman who worked at the bar where Frost and Lujan met. She told officers she witnessed Lujan's abuse of Frost, including an incident about two weeks before the murder where she saw Lujan hit and choke Frost. DNA testing and dozens of interviews led to an arrest in November 2013. (Longmont)
- 2/5/2013 Kelsie Jean Schelling (21) of Denver was visiting her boyfriend in Pueblo when she disappeared. Schelling was 8 weeks pregnant when she went missing. (Pueblo)
- 3/3/2013 Yajaira Zamarippa (23) was shot and killed. Miguel Angel Gonzalez (25) is wanted on a first-degree murder warrant. Relationship unknown. (Adams County) (1) (M)
- 7/9/2013 Andrew Aguilar (24) was found shot to death. Monica Marilyn Mayes (28) was charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder. Relationship unknown. (Colorado Springs) (1) (M)
- 11/26/2013 Investigators believe that a man and his female guest were in the front room of his home when two male suspects entered the house. One deceased suspect was identified Tuesday evening by the coroner as Gregory McCoy (46). The cause of death was a single gunshot wound to the chest. Detectives are still trying to determine what caused the shooting. "It's too early to say what the motive was," Carlson said. Police do suspect both groups knew each other and said the shooting was "not a random act of violence." (Aurora) (2) (M)

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**Total Incidents: 30**

**Total Deaths: 42 (at least)**

Women Killed by Male Partner	14
Women Killed by Female Partner	1
Women Killed by Other Men	3
Women Killed by Other Women	0
Suicides by Women	0
Women Killed by Law Enforcement	0

Men Killed by Female Partner	5
Men Killed by Male Partner	0
Men Killed by Other Women	0
Men Killed by Other Men	5
Suicides by Men	6*
Men Killed by Law Enforcement	3

Children Killed by Men	3
Children Killed by Women	2

\*2 causes of death were undetermined with an assumption of suicide

**Murder Only: 21**

**Murder/Attempted Suicide: 4**

**Murder/Suicide: 6**

**Suicide Only: 2**

**Children present during the incident or referenced in context: 15**

**Animal Deaths: 0**

**Locations of Incidents**

Adams County: 1

Arapahoe County: 2

Boulder County: 3

Broomfield County: 1

Delta County: 1  
Denver County: 5  
Douglas County: 1  
El Paso County: 9  
Garfield County: 1  
Jefferson County: 3  
Larimer County: 1  
Mesa County: 1  
Montrose County: 1  
Park County: 1  
Pueblo County: 1  
Routt County: 1

<b>Year</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>