DENVER METRO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

2014 SUMMARY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED FATALITIES IN COLORADO

This is a draft of the list of domestic violence related fatalities in Colorado in 2014. 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 (or suicides) in these categories. There is always the potential to add to the 2014 (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 2015 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

Thank you all for your support, patience and interest as well as your hard work.

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1/23/2014  Taunya Carlino (46) was shot and killed by her husband, Glenn Beveridge (55) who then killed himself. A neighbor called in a welfare check after hearing loud music playing all night. It appeared that Taunya was planning to leave when the incident happened. (Denver) (2) (M/S)

1/31/2014  T. K., 46 was shot and killed by her 16 year-old son, R. K. In a 911 call, a teenage female stated that her brother had a gun and had killed her mother. The caller had fallen off the roof trying to get away and her brother was still inside. Another minor female was in the house at the time and was trying to escape out the bathroom window when police arrived. When SWAT entered the home at 11:23pm, they found two deceased from gunshot wounds. (Highlands Ranch) (2) (M/S)

2/1/2014  Aurora PD finds woman dead in apartment. Aurora police are investigating an early Saturday morning shooting that left one woman dead. An eyewitness provided officers with a description of a vehicle that the shooting suspects were seen leaving the area in. Officers found a vehicle matching the description and saw two men running from the vehicle. After an extensive search, police arrested both men. Authorities are firm that this was a domestic violence related death but names are withheld as the case is still under investigation. (Aurora) (1) (M)

2/6/2014  Alisha Johns (36) and her mother Sherri Pachello (56) were shot to death by Alisha’s estranged husband, Cimmeron Johns (38). Cimmeron killed both women before killing himself. Rosann O’Donnell, a friend of Cimmeron, and her son Justin O’Donnell (24) have both pled guilty to accessory charges. (Weld) (3) (M/S)

2/8/2014  Maria Olivas (38) died from a gunshot wound to the head, and her death has been ruled a homicide. Her fiance, Hallie James Pringle (34), died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. (Larimer County) (2) (M/S)

2/24/2014  Lorie Jane Fletchall (42) and another woman, Yatzire Elizabeth Aguirre Olague, were murdered by John Michael Fletchall (43), who then killed himself. They all were found in the Fletchall’s townhome. Lorie and John had been married for 18 years. Investigators told family that John Fletchall was the shooter. Over the years the Fletchalls had faced financial problems according to court records. (Thornton) (3) (M/S)

3/5/2014  Police investigating a domestic violence incident, heard a gunshot coming from inside. After police rushed in, they found Robert Gonzales (23) holding a gun and two women. Officers confronted the man and ordered him to drop his gun. Instead of complying, the suspect pointed his gun at the officers and the suspect was shot and killed. The women in the house were not injured. (Pueblo) (1) (Killed by Police)

3/9/2014  Mandy Folsom (35) and her two children Marissa (9) and Mason (5) were stabbed to death by Jaacob Harding Van Winkle (31). Under a plea bargain, Jaacob Van Winkle agreed to plead guilty to more than two dozen charges in exchange for a life sentence. A third child, a 16-year-old girl, who was believed to have been sexually assaulted, managed to escape to a neighbors’ house when Van Winkle passed out. Van Winkle, a
sex offender from Indiana, and Mandy Folsom had dated and he was living with the family but they had broken up two weeks before the murders. (Canon City) (3) (M)

3/21/2014 Michele Elaine Lucero (34) was killed by her common-law husband, Michael Allen Sommerfield (33) and the Jeff Co DA filed first degree murder charges against Sommerfield. He lived at the residence with Lucero, and had left the scene prior to deputies’ arrival. He later called and turned himself in. Cause of death was strangulation. His next court appearance is scheduled for 10/05/2015. (Jeffco) (1) (M)

4/14/2014 Kristine Kirk (44) was shot and killed by her husband Richard Kirk (47). In a 12-minute 911 call, Kristine told dispatch that her husband had taken a gun from the safe and that her husband was hallucinating and talking about the end of the world and he wanted her to shoot him. She also said the hallucinations were scaring their three small children. Police said that as an officer placed Richard in the back of a patrol car he volunteered that he killed his wife. (Denver) (1) (M)

5/2/2014 Jordan Taylor Sprouse (18) was killed in a hit and run car crash. Alton Kirkland (23) was driving with his girlfriend and their two children when he crashed into two other vehicles. Kirkland fled the crash on foot but was soon captured. Passengers in Kirkland’s car were treated at a hospital for injuries and released. Kirkland’s girlfriend Lanisha Walker, reported that she and Kirkland were fighting in the car. (Wheat Ridge) (1) (M)

5/27/2014 Isabel Pineda (47) was stabbed to death by her husband, David Pineda (59). He was arrested and has since pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. He was sentenced to 48 years in prison. Investigators believe Isabel was planning on leaving David as he had been abusive to her during their 30+ year relationship. (Thornton) (1) (M)

7/13/2014 Nicholas Potts (27) was was stabbed to death by Lee McDonald (24) after an argument. The two had been drinking together that evening, along with McDonald’s girlfriend, Samantha. Whe they returned from the bar, Potts and Samantha stayed in the car to smoke marijuana and McDonald came out and initiated a fight with Potts. Potts told McDonald he didn’t want to fight, then McDonald stabbed him to death. A butcher knife and steak knife were found at the scene. McDonald was found guilty of first degree murder in July of 2015 and is serving life without parole. (Grand Junction, Mesa) (1) (M)

8/5/2014 Keith Kilker (14), was shot and killed by his father, Shawn David Kilker (42) who then committed suicide. The Friday prior to the murder/suicide Kilker’s wife of 18 years obtained a protection order against him. In the request she cited that he had kidnapped her, dragged her across a field, grabbed her by the ears and banged her head on the ground. In 2006, Shawn Kilker held a gun to his mother’s head, strangled her with a lamp cord, and twisted her fingers threatening to break them. (Keensburg) (2) (M/S)

8/11/2014 Nancy Jo Arias (38) was convicted of manslaughter, vehicular homicide and DUI in her husband’s death and was sentenced to 6 years in prison. Arias used her car to run over Phillip Anthony Lobato (38). Arias told police that during an argument, Lobato struck her three times in the face and then struck her several more times through the driver’s
window. Arias threatened to hit Lobato with the car and he taunted her, saying she wouldn’t do it. Arias reported she contemplated and then hit him. Lobato and Arias had been together since they were 14 years old. (Westminster) (1) (M)

8/14/2014  James Robert Barnes (55) was shot and killed by Joshua Hoppe (32) who was arrested. Family said that the two were fighting over Hoppe’s ex-girlfriend at the time. Neighbors reported that Hoppe dated the daughter where the shooting occurred for about 10 years. Barnes had moved into the house in May and was a good friend of the daughter. The confrontation had occurred when Hoppe approached the home and Barnes stepped outside with a machete and a chain. Hoppe had a gun, shot Barnes once, and then ran off. (Littleton) (1) (M)

8/20/2014  Dannielle Lee Desiree Leichtle’s (35) body was found shot to death in the family home. Denver Police arrested Robert Perez (40), her estranged husband, a month after she was discovered. Perez was held without bond for investigation of first degree murder. Family members say that she had gone to the house to tell Perez that their marriage was over. Family said Perez was a jealous and controlling husband. (Denver) (1) (M)

9/16/2014  Danielle Griego (24) was found dead in an apartment and police say Elmo Johnson (44) shot Griego on Sept. 16, 2014 at the apartment. Johnson was later found unconscious near Griego’s body after an apparent drug overdose. He was hospitalized for several days before being charged with first-degree murder and felony menacing. According to an arrest affidavit, Johnson’s sister told police the ex-convict regularly beat Griego and verbally abused her. People who knew Johnson and Danielle Griego, told police they knew Johnson was abusive, but they didn’t intervene. Johnson had a history of assaults, including domestic violence. He had access to a gun, and brass knuckles. Police say he had tried to strangle Griego the night before her slaying. He was hospitalized before being charged with first-degree murder and felony menacing. A friend also told police that Johnson was violently jealous about Griego talking to other men. (Aurora) (1) (M)

10/12/2014  Officers found two people, Diana Garrison (55) and Monte Dolezal, both in their fifties, dead from gunshot wounds. Commerce City Police stated that what took place was an apparent murder-suicide. A juvenile female said to be related to the deceased female was inside the residence and reported the shooting. The couple did not have any record of domestic violence according to police. Police believe there was a violent incident leading up to the deaths and the man shot the woman and then turned the gun on himself. (Commerce City) (2) (M/S)

10/22/2014  Jennifer Lembke (40) and Michael King (30) were found dead, and their roommate uninjured in Gunnison. It is believed that King murdered Lembke, then turned the gun on himself. King was suspected of theft and was scheduled to appear in court the day after he was found dead. Jennifer Lembke was also due in court the following day on an assault charge stemming from a fight with King one month ago. (Gunnison) (2) (M/S)

10/25/2014  A SWAT team found the bodies of Kacey Kay Heberlein (23) and Donald Christopher Bankert (26) on the morning of 10/26/14 in a home in The Meadows Neighborhood. SWAT was called after family requested a welfare check on Heberlein, who had missed a
meeting with a family member on 10/25/14. Autopsies determined Heberlein’s cause of death to be murder and Bankert’s to be suicide. (Castle Rock) (2) (M/S)

11/4/2014  Jayme Hosier (29) was killed by Joshua Bohl (34) who self-reported her death two days after it happened — time he allegedly spent with a former girlfriend. His claim: Hosier had been killed by accident after a television set fell on her face. Her body was found at the Crestline Motel, 7330 Brighton Road, on November 4, 2014. The cause of death was blunt force trauma to the neck, causing her to asphyxiate. Two days later, he called the cops, telling them the story about the TV. Investigators didn’t buy it, and neither did the jury, which found him guilty of first-degree murder in his November 2015 trial after deliberating for less than two hours. Bohl was sentenced to life without parole. (Commerce City) (1) (M)

11/13/2014  Danika Perrin (17) was found dead by Evans police who responded to a request for a welfare check on Richard Perrin (61) after his boss reported he had missed work and was having personal issues. Natalya Perrin (47) answered the door with a gunshot wound to the head. Upon entering the home, the bodies of Richard Perrin and daughter, were found with gunshot wounds to the head. An autopsy determined that the father’s wounds were self-inflicted. (Weld County) (2) (M/S) (1 near death survivor)

11/16/2014  Eugenio Solorio-Gomez Jr. was shot and killed by Patrick James Orozco (21) who was arrested in Colorado Springs days after the murder. Orozco’s girlfriend broke up with him and told him to move out 2 days before the murder. Solorio-Gomez had dated Orozco’s girlfriend more than 5 years prior. Orozco came back to the apartment several times on Sunday while [she] was watching football with friends. He left sometime after Solorio-Gomez arrived, then returned and shot him after being told to leave by his ex. (Colorado Springs) (1) (M)

11/27/2014  Aaron McDaniel (40) shot his ex-girlfriend during a fight on Thanksgiving night. McDaniel called 911 at 9:20 p.m. and said he shot his ex-girlfriend, Diana Daughtry (18), while she was attacking him with a weapon. When deputies responded to the home on the 25000 block of Highway 50 East, Daughtry was lying on the bedroom floor unconscious and the man had minor injuries. McDaniel was treated for his injuries at the scene. Daughtry died at the hospital the following morning. (Pueblo) (1) (M, self-defense?)

Follow up/Other Category:

1/3/2014  Raelynn Gonzales and her grandson Fabian were found dead inside an apartment. Investigators are calling their deaths a homicide, adding there are no suspects or person of interest. (Adams County) (2) (M)

2/16/2014  Woman dies in custody, family wants answers: Ann Marie Salazar (32) died in the custody of Adams County sheriff’s deputies. Ann’s mother reported that Ann was disabled and suffered from bipolar disorder. About six months ago Ann moved into her new boyfriend’s home. They fought on Feb. 16. Ann reportedly ripped a necklace from his neck and scratched his chest in the process. Deputies responded, photographed the
scratches and arrested Ann for domestic violence. As deputies were driving Ann to jail, she became unresponsive in the patrol car back seat. (Adams County) (1) (unknown)

4/13/2014 Missing Longmont woman found dead in field: Jessica Lynn Shackelford (31) was found in an alfalfa field three days after she was reported missing. There was no obvious cause of death. Shackelford left her home around 8pm on Saturday after she and her husband had an argument. The death appeared to be due to exposure and that alcohol may have been a factor. (Longmont) (1) (unknown)

4/29/2014 Inmate’s death investigated in Arapahoe County: Eric Terrell Hasley was arrested for second degree assault, violation of a protection order, and obstructing government operations. Hasley was found breathing but could not be woken up during a routine bed check. He was rushed to a hospital and was pronounced dead. (Centennial)

5/9/2014 Lookout Mountain body ruled a homicide: Sandra Mercado’s (38) body was found on Lookout Mountain. Mercado lived and worked in Aurora. Her death was ruled a homicide. (Jefferson County) (1) (M)

6/30/2014 Jessy Jo Barnes (19) is charged with first degree murder in the death of 20-year-old Daniel Cressey. Howard Box (48) is suspected of helping Barnes dump the body and faces accessory charges. Barnes told investigators that Cressey’s behavior prompted her to grab a handgun and shoot him twice in the chest. (El Paso County) (1) (M)

7/24/2014 Authorities are investigating a murder-suicide after Gene Kapperman (73) and Brandon Kapperman (26) were found shot and killed. Gene’s wife claimed that her husband shot a family member and then himself but those details have not been confirmed. (Fort Collins) (2) (M/S)

10/29/2014 Amanda Anders (19) and Nancy Worrell (22) were shot and killed by Jose King (23), in the French Quarter apartment complex. He told police that he argued with his roommate, then went to his room and got a .45 caliber gun and shot both women. He then visited his father in Castle Rock, telling him he had done something bad. His father requested a welfare check after King left and officer’s stopped him. He surrendered himself to police and admitted to the murders. (Denver) (2) (M) DV?

11/21/2014 Skeletal remains found in Larimer County were identified as Andrea Batmess (28). Five people have since been arrested on charges of first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder and second-degree kidnapping, according to the Larimer County Sheriff’s Office. The investigation is ongoing. (Larimer County) (1) (M)

11/22/14 The bodies of Page Stockdale (59) and Mark Schiebel (59) were found in a pickup truck by hunters in Steamboat Springs on 11/22/14. All of the truck windows were closed and there was a charcoal grilled in the bed under a topper. Carbon monoxide poisoning was suspected to be the cause of death. Stockdale had been reported missing on 11/18/14 after she failed to show up for a dinner date. (Steamboat Springs) (2) (unknown)

Animal Fatalities:
Robert Heckmann (25) was arrested and eventually sentenced to 27 months for killing a kitten and sending a video of the slaying to his estranged girlfriend.

Harrison Lee Williams (24) is accused of hurling his fiancée’s dog to its death off a third floor balcony after Williams strangled the woman and pulled out her hair. Williams was charged with felony aggravated animal cruelty and misdemeanor assault. Williams’s fiancée reported she had been out all night with friends and she just returned home. She went to get a blanket of her bed and Williams woke up. Williams became upset about her being out all night, accused her of being unfaithful, flew into a rage and starting breaking things according to the affidavit.

During an argument with his girlfriend, Andres Sanchez-Luevano (23), grabbed her kitten and slammed it into the floor, killing it. He turned himself in several days later and has been charged with aggravated animal cruelty.

FOLLOW UP ON OLD LISTS: 2008

Nozolino convicted of killing ex wife’s lover:

Arvada- Abdu Latif Kazembe Abunantambu-el 53 was found guilty of both first degree murder and second degree murder and burglary, assault, kidnapping, tampering with physical evidence, and false imprisonment. Levi Johnson had been beaten and repeatedly stabbed. Johnson and his wife were at the home of Christine Kernan who had known def. less than a week. Def was fixated upon Kernan and called her repeatedly that evening before he appeared at her door. After the fatally wounded Levi Johnson escaped from the house, def held Kernan captive inside the house and forced her to clean up the blood and evidence from the assault.
2014 SUMMARY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED FATALITIES IN COLORADO

Total Incidents: 24
Total Deaths: 38 (at least)
(+3 animals)

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Murder Only: 13
Murder/Suicide: 10
Suicide Only: 0
Killed by officer: 1

Children present during the incident or referenced in context: 9
Animal Deaths: 3
**Locations of Incidents**

Adams County: III
Arapahoe County: III
Boulder County:
Denver County: IIII
Douglas County: II
El Paso County: III
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