

2017 SUMMARY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED FATALITIES IN COLORADO

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This is a **draft** of the list of domestic violence related fatalities in Colorado in 2017. This information is distributed and available to every person in our state that has an interest in domestic violence prevention. Location information is based on our knowledge of where the fatal incident occurred. We have given due diligence to compiling the most accurate information possible and we welcome feedback from law enforcement, prosecution, victim service and any other agencies, or individuals, statewide to help ensure our research is accurate and complete.

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 may 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 collateral deaths and suicides. Definitions of the types of fatalities we collect information on are listed below.

As is always the case, we continue to track domestic violence related fatalities that occurred in 2017, and prior years, in Colorado. If you have knowledge of any fatal incidents in your communities that appear to be in the context of domestic violence, please enter the case information at www.DDVCC.org/fatality-review. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, suggestions, etc. – 303-522-0932 or via email denverdvcouncil@gmail.com.

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

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Fatality: The death of any person resulting from an incident determined to be an act of, or in the context of domestic violence or intimate partner abuse.

Murder: The death of one person resulting from the deliberate actions of another person in the context of an intimate partner relationship.

Murder/Suicide: An event resulting in the death of a person from the deliberate actions of another person who subsequently takes their own life, in the context of a current or former intimate partner relationship.

Suicide: The death of a person who takes their own life in the context of intimate partner abuse/domestic violence (ex., abusive partner takes their own life in front of non-abusive partner during an argument or with the intention of the non-abusive partner discovering them. This could also include cases where a victim takes their own life to escape abuse).

Collateral Death: The death of a person, other than the person with whom the perpetrator was involved in an intimate relationship, which occurred in the context of domestic violence.

Near Death: An injury to a person at the hands of an intimate partner whereby that injury could likely result in the death of that person. A near-death case could also include any of the other types of fatalities listed above (ex., attempted murder/suicide or attempted murder/collateral death).

- 1/7/2017 **Aurora Coleman (23)** was strangled to death by **Sterling Dwayne Austin (58)**. Austin called 911 and said Coleman needed medical assistance. First responders found the woman dead in his car. He told police he thought she had taken drugs and passed out, and he was too afraid to call for help earlier because he did not want to get her in trouble, according to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. Twelve hours before Austin had called 911, police had received a call from a witness who said a man was punching and choking a woman in a car that matched Austin's vehicle. The witness said the man drove away before police arrived at the scene, according to the sheriff's office. A jury found Austin guilty of first-degree murder after deliberation on April 11, 2019 and he is scheduled to be sentenced June 6. Aurora, Arapahoe County. (1) M
- 1/10/2017 **Lucero Badillo' Castillo (27)** and her two children, **Laela Barcenas' Badillo (5)**, **Rodolfo Barcenas' Badillo, Jr. (8)** were shot and killed by **Rodolfo Barcenas Alcantra (30)**, who then shot and killed himself. Colorado Springs, El Paso County. (4) M/S
- 2/12/17 **Ashley Mead (24)** was killed by **Adam Densmore (31)**. Densmore was found guilty of first-degree murder, tampering with a corpse, abuse of a corpse and tampering with physical evidence in the death and dismemberment in April, 2018 and will be sentenced in May 2018. Boulder, Boulder County. (1) M
- 2/18/17 **Svetlana Igolkin (40)** was shot and killed by her husband, **Yuri Sadakov (42)**. Yuri shot her in the head and face, then went to the garage and shot himself in the chest, but he survived. Her 13-year-old son was at home and witnessed the shooting. He was found holding his mom's hand when police arrived. Centennial, Arapahoe. (1) M
- 3/16/17 **Nathan Dalton (20)** shot and killed **Joseph Lamoureaux, II (36)** with a shotgun by. Lamoureaux was Dalton's mother's boyfriend and Dalton discovered Lamoureaux assaulting his mother. No charges filed against Dalton as the DA's office ruled it self-defense. Lamoureaux had methamphetamines in his system. Colorado Springs, El Paso (1) SD
- 4/16/17 **Crystal Martinez-Perez (33)** was strangled by **Silvino Martinez-Perez (36)**. 3 children, under the age of 10, were in the home but police don't know if they witnessed the assault. He was charged w/1st degree murder. Durango, La Plata (1) M
- 4/30/17 **Jeremy Basamania (45)** was stabbed to death by **Jason Kover (36)** Kover was trying to climb into his ex-girlfriend's mobile home window when he was confronted by Basamania. Basamania went through the window with Kover and they fought outside the trailer resulting in the suspect stabbing the Basamania multiple times with a knife. He died on scene. Colorado Springs, El Paso (1) M
- 5/5/17 **Dominic Perez (20)** was shot and killed by **Alejandro Hernandez (33)** during a physical domestic related incident. Hernandez fired a handgun into the vehicle

driven by the female partner in the domestic relationship. The bullet struck the Perez, who was seated in the rear seat. Unincorporated Jefferson County (1) M

- 5/13/17 **Heather Anable (31)** was shot and killed by **Aleksandr Kolpakov (29)**. They were in a polyamorous relationship with a woman in Australia and the three were video chatting throughout the day. The woman reported that Kolpakov became paranoid after he and Anable ingested psilocybin mushrooms. She said that he was "out of his mind" that day and thought that Anable was a terrorist. Kolpakov was charged with Murder in the Second Degree and prosecution is pending. Grand Junction, Mesa. (1) M
- 5/20/17 **Elizabeth "Stacy" Farrer (40) and Ian Connor Ferrer (5)** were killed by **John Farrer (48)**. John Farrer was separated from his wife. He returned to the residence to spend the weekend. He stabbed his wife and son to death and then killed himself with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Erie, Boulder. (3) M/S
- 6/21/17 **Guadalupe "Julian" DeLaRosa (32)** was shot and killed by **Caesar (unknown last name and age)**. DeLaRosa confronted Caesar, his mom's boyfriend, for hitting his mom with a beer bottle. They both pulled guns and shot at each other. Lakewood, Jefferson. (1) M
- 7/2/17 **Ally Raber (18)** was strangled by **Arturo Garcia (20)**. The two had checked into a motel in the evening, and she was found by house-keeping the next morning on the bathroom floor. Raber had recently obtained a protection order against Garcia, who has a long criminal history. Garcia fled to Mexico, but was arrested there in Feb., 2019 and extradited. Charges include strangulation, domestic violence, kidnapping and false imprisonment, stalking, violation of a protection order, retaliation, harassment and assault. Aurora, Arapahoe. (1) M
- 7/5/17 **Tyrone Peabody (53)** was shot when police responded to a call of a domestic violence incident. The victim of the DV incident was not identified. Peabody shot at police when they arrived and they shot and killed him. Pleasant View, Montezuma. (1) Killed by LE
- 7/7/17 **Karrie Bales (33)** was killed by blunt force trauma by **Robert Main (35)** when he struck her with his fist. Main was sentenced to 30 years in prison for beating his wife to death. He struck a deal and pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. Federal Heights, Adams. (1) M
- 7/31/17 **Amanda Patti (43)** was shot and killed by **Madrino Chang (38)**. Chang killed Patti, then enters neighbor's residence at and shoots two others, who survived. Chang then shoots at arriving officers (no injuries to police) before taking his own life. Colorado Springs, El Paso. (2) M/S
- 9/5/17 **Melisa Ehrmann (37)** was beaten to death by **Derek Johnson (38)**. Officers were called to residence for a medical emergency, unresponsive female. Johnson said he had tried to wake up his wife and she wouldn't wake up, had been

asleep since the night before. Officers arrived before medical and immediately noticed-something-suspicious. Medical arrived, took Ehrmann to hospital where she died 39 days later, never regaining consciousness. Melissa had been badly beaten all over her body, head and appeared to have been sexually assaulted. Johnson was retained for questioning and remanded to custody and charged. Witnessed by 18-month-old son. Commerce City, Adams (1) M

10/3/17

Danielle Calvert (26) was shot and killed by her ex-girlfriend, **Ramona Benevidez (28)** years old. Witness stated that the two were fighting about money at Calvert's when Benevidez pulled out a gun and shot her. Pueblo, Pueblo (1) M

10/6/17

Anne Fisher-Tooley (53) was strangled to death by **Perry Drake (60)** who then killed himself. Victim was believed to be dead since October 3rd of strangulation. Police were called to scene for a well check and offender took his own life by a single gunshot to the head. Aurora, Arapahoe. (2) M/S

10/19/17

Savannah McNealy (22) was shot and killed by **Michael Zamora (30)** who then killed himself. Zamora and McNealy were in a relationship. They had been out that evening with friends and got in an argument. When they got home, Zamora got a gun and shot the McNealy and the two friends. McNealy died, along with one of the friends, **Tristian Kemp (26)**. The other friend was shot and wounded, but not killed. Fort Collins, Larimer (3) M/S

11/9/17

Morgan Dumas (21) was killed from blunt force trauma by **Oscar Rodriguez (24)**. Both were intoxicated and had been arguing throughout the evening. Rodriguez stated Dumas had come in the bedroom and bothered him. He struck her, knocking her out. He placed her on the sofa in the living room and went back to sleep. Rodriguez stated victim bothered him a second time and he struck her again causing her to become unconscious. He then let victim lay where she landed. A few hours later, he tried to wake her and could not. He called 911. Investigation later showed the blunt trauma was the cause of death for the victim. Dumas was on life support but died from her injuries on 11/13/17. The couple had previous DV history. Grand Junction, Mesa (1) M

11/29/17

Charles Lucas (55) was stabbed to death by **Jennifer Calhoon (41)**. Lucas was attacked by Calhoon, his girlfriend/roommate, with a knife and suffered multiple stab wounds resulting in his death inside the home. Calhoon was arrested at the residence. Colorado Springs, El Paso (1) M

12/2/17

Erika Bryant (26) was shot and killed by **Tino Valle (28)**. Valle called 911, reporting his girlfriend shot him and told responders to hurry, then hung up. He was believed to be drunk at the time of the phone call. Officers responded and discovered Bryant deceased in the kitchen pantry with a gunshot wound. Valle was found deceased in the living room with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Westminster, Adams (2) M/S

12/21/17 **Zalynnda Kassogue (17)** was shot and killed by **Shamil Jefferson (25)**. Investigation disclosed that the victim was shot by the suspect in the victim's vehicle and the suspect fled the scene. Denver, Denver (1) M

Suicide Only Deaths

1/03/2017 **John O'Hara (43)** shot himself in the head while arguing with his wife after she told him she was going to leave him. They had been arguing for days in the small hotel room where they lived. While she packed, her husband went into the closet and got a gun. Glendale, Arapahoe County. (1) S

10/6/17 **Christie McGinnis (32)** shot and killed herself during an argument with a boyfriend. The victim placed a handgun to her head and pulled the trigger. Death was immediate. Gunnison, Gunnison (1) S

5/28/17 **Jamie Watson (24)** had a history of unreported DVs with his girlfriend. She was pregnant and they got in argument over her asking him to not have another beer. He pulled gun, told her it was her fault and shot himself in the head. Lakewood, Jefferson (1) S

7/23/17 **Richard Trott** had a history of unreported physical abuse against his girlfriend, as well as other women in his family. Trott and his girlfriend argued over phone about her using Facebook. She refused to meet him out of fear for her safety and he hanged himself in park. Lakewood, Jefferson (1) S

7/31/2017 **Rudolf K. Shoats (48)** shot and killed himself outside of Mercy Regional Medical Center in Durango. At the time, he was wanted for the murder of his wife, Khristie Rollins Shoats (45), in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It is unclear why Shoats drove all the way to Durango and then killed himself. Durango, La Plata. (1) S

9/24/17 **Chad Theis (42)** had an argument over the phone with his girlfriend about cooking dinner and she said that was it, they were breaking up. When she got home she found him hanging in the apartment. He had a prior DV arrest and said he would always threaten suicide if she discussed breaking up. Lakewood, Jefferson (1) S

12/4/17 **Dennis Henrichs** and his girlfriend argued over her smoking and he broke property in their apartment. They argued later over the broken property and Henrichs says "whatever Vicky" and shoots himself in the head. The couple had been together 11 years, lived together 3 yrs and there were no reports of prior DVs. Henrichs' mother recently died and he had attempted suicide/threatened suicide in past. Lakewood, Jefferson (1) S

Further Considerations

2/16/2017 **Christopher Stockwell (34)** was shot and killed by **Christopher Toney (37)**
Commerce City, Adams. (1) M

7/15/2017 **Kiera Quintana (17)** was shot and killed by Israel **Massingill (20)**. Another teen was also shot but survived and it was reported that Massingill had raped her and she owed him \$100. The three drove to an ATM to get the money and when they arrived, Massingill got out of the car, shot Quintana in the back of the head and then shot the other teen in the arm. It was reported that Massingill and Quintana had met in high school in 2016 but had only recently started to hang out (several weeks), but it is unclear what the nature of the relationship was. Court case is pending.

Total Incidents: 30 Total Deaths: 40 (26 victims/collaterals)

Number of People Killed in DV-Related Incidents	
Women Killed by Male Partner/Ex-partner	15
Women Killed by Female Partner/Ex-partner	1
Collateral Women Killed	0
Suicides by Women	1
Men Killed by Female Partner/Ex-partner	1
Men Killed by Male Partner/Ex-partner	0
Collateral Men Killed	4
Suicides by Men	12
Children Killed	4
Other (LE, self-defense, etc.)	2

Incident Types

Murder Only: 15
Murder/Suicide: 6
Suicide Only: 7
Killed by LE: 1
Self-defense: 1

County and City of Incidents

Adams: 3
 Federal Heights: 1, Commerce City: 1,
 Westminster: 1
 Arapahoe: 5
 Centennial: 1, Aurora: 3, Glendale: 1
 Boulder: 2

Boulder: 1, Erie: 1
 Denver: 1
 Denver: 1
 El Paso: 5
 Colorado Springs: 5
 Gunnison: 1
 Gunnison: 1

Jefferson: 6
 Unincorporated: 1, Lakewood: 5
 La Plata: 2
 Durango: 2
 Larimer: 1
 Fort Collins: 1

Mesa: 2
 Grand Junction: 2
 Montezuma: 1
 Pleasant View: 1
 Pueblo: 1
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Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Deaths (at least)	42	38	37	58	40