

2018 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 2018. 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 2018, 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 submit the case information at www.DDVCC.org/fatality-review. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, suggestions, etc. – 720-337-4470 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 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).

- 1/2/2018 **James Box Jr. (42)**, his wife **Jennifer Folsom-Box** and her cousin **Kevin Folsom (39)** had driven into the national forest north of Cortez, CO to use meth. During the drive Jennifer and her James became involved in a verbal and physical altercation. The couple had a significant history of domestic violence; both had been arrested at different points for DV against the other. Folsom, who was driving the vehicle stopped and claims Jennifer and James exited the vehicle and continued fighting. Folsom said he heard a gunshot, exited the vehicle and noticed James was shot. At that point, Folsom picked up the gun and shot James “to put him out of his misery,”. Folsom reported that he did not call 911 because he didn’t want to be arrested for drugs and the shooting, and he did not believe Box would live that long because he’d lost a lot of blood. Folsom plead guilty to Second Degree Murder in the case. Jennifer Box claimed she never shot her husband but. Jennifer Box confirmed the domestic violence has not been charged in this case, but the investigation continues as to her involvement in the shooting. Forest Service Land, Montezuma County (1) M.
- 1/14/2018 **Melissa Prettyman (37)** was shot and killed by her husband **Kaleb Prettyman (37)** in their home. Melissa had told Kaleb that morning that she intended to divorce him and then called her mother to inform her. After shooting Melissa, Kaleb called his mother-in-law to tell her he had killed Melissa before handing the phone to their 11-year-old son to confirm the information. Melissa’s mother was the first to call 911 from Utah. There had been prior reports of domestic violence involving a firearm. Kaleb did not have a criminal record but did have diagnosed mental health disorders and showed signs of intoxication when he was arrested. The couple’s 11-year-old son was present at the shooting. Kaleb Prettyman was charged with 2nd Degree Murder, 1st Degree Assault and Child Abuse. He was convicted at trial of all counts and received a prison sentence of 48 years. Grand Junction, Mesa County (1) M.
- 1/17/2018 **Jewarren Donterious Jackson (23)** was stabbed to death by **Tatyana King (22)** after he punched her in the face after he found out she was having relations with another man. Tatyana pled guilty to second-degree murder. Colorado Springs, El Paso County (1) M (Possibly self-defense).
- 1/21/2018 **Clarissa Wilkins (30)** was shot in the back of the head by her husband **Cain Wilkins (43)** in the early morning hours. Witnesses reported hearing doors slamming and a woman screaming, “No, no!” to which a man responded, “get back here!” Witnesses then heard a gunshot. Mr. Wilkins then ran to the property managers claiming his wife had shot herself. Police responded to a suicide call and found Mrs. Wilkins in the bedroom with a 9mm shell casing next to her body. The coroner concluded that the location of the entry wound was inconsistent with a suicide. Additionally, the gun used to kill Clarissa, a 9mm Smith and Weston, was found in the gun safe in the house. Cain Wilkins was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 48 years in DOC in early 2019. Denver, Denver County (1) M.
- 1/22/2018 **Issabel Iturraalde (31)** survived after being threatened by her ex **Joe Delira-Alires (35)**. Delira-Alires fired several shots from a handgun outside the home of his ex and the police were called. Police arrived and heard several shots fired in quick succession. The

defendant then got into an SUV and sped away. The police pursued him across the city's east side and onto the opposite side of the interstate where police forcibly stopped the vehicle. The defendant tried to make a run for it while firing shots at police. Police then opened fire and shot Delira-Alires more than thirty times. He was declared deceased at the hospital. Pueblo, Pueblo (1) Perpetrator killed by Law Enforcement.

02/24/2018 **Tania Arbaiza** (37) was killed by her ex-boyfriend **Kevin Torres** (18) before killing himself after their relationship ended publicly on social media. Torres had apparently broken into her home. Torres was scheduled to appear in court to be sentenced for felony trespassing charge in Jefferson County. Denver, Denver County. (2) M/S.

03/07/2018 **Destini Martinez** (22) was shot and killed by her partner **Ezekiel Garcia** (24). The two had been out celebrating her birthday earlier in the evening. They argued at the home, Destini went to bed. Destini may have been sleeping when he shot her. The couple had dated off and on since Destini was 14. She had recently moved back in with him. Friends reported a history of violence in this relationship, but no report made to law enforcement. Destini was 16 when their child was born. This case is still an active investigation and the suspect was arrested on 3/8/2018 and charged with Murder in the First Degree. Westminster, Jefferson County. (1) M.

06/09/2018 **Kimberly Ambrose** (51) was killed in roll over car accident a result of **Jimmy Lee Cordova** (29) attempting to flee from police. Kimberly was held against her will and being beaten inside the vehicle. She attempted to call 911 and Cordova forcefully ended the call. Kimberly was ejected from the vehicle and was declared dead at the scene. Cordova was taken into custody off Highway 36 as he attempted to flee the crash. Cordova is facing a long list of charges including first-degree murder, second-degree kidnapping, false imprisonment, robbery, third-degree domestic violence assault, aggravated motor vehicle theft, driving under the influence of drugs, criminal attempt to commit class five or six felony, obstructing a police officer, resisting arrest, vehicular homicide/DUI resulting in death, vehicular eluding resulting in death to another, vehicular homicide/reckless driving resulting in death, obstruction of a telephone, drive vehicle under restraint - revoked, failed to remain at scene of an accident with death, failed to notify police of an accident, and, failed to remain/return to scene as directed. Westminster, Adams County (1) M.

06/13/2018 **Madeline Loh** (27) was killed by **Edgar Macias** (24) who then drove to Utah and disposed of the body. Hotchkiss, Delta County. (1) M.

06/18/2018 **Deborah Depinto** (44) was strangled to death by her husband **Scott Jones** (47) in the Ponderosa Mobile Home Park in Boulder. Deborah was found unresponsive and foaming at the mouth at the door of the main office. It is believed Jones murdered Deborah after an argument in the laundry room after she tried to end the relationship. She repeatedly told Jones to "get out of the way" and the property cameras caught part of the altercation before the pair disappeared, but a scuffle can be heard. Jones is being held without bond at Boulder County Jail and he faces first-degree murder charges. The pair have two children ages 11 and 13. Boulder, Boulder County (1) M.

- 06/23/2018 **Unknown Female** was threatened by her husband **Andrew Paine** (38) and police were called to the scene at 10:30 am. As four deputies tried to make contact, Paine fired a gun while backing out of his garage and deputies fired back. They struck the defendant and then tried to pull him from the car. He was transported to a local hospital where he was declared dead. Centennial, Arapahoe County. (1) Perpetrator killed by Law Enforcement.
- 07/13/2018 **Michelle Peters** (41) was shot through the front door of her home by her estranged husband **Mark Peters** (46). She had left him and filed a restraining order. Peters tracked her down and killed her. Peters is being held in El Paso County Jail without a bond. Colorado Springs, El Paso County (1) M.
- 07/23/2018 **Joshua Callison** (27) was shot and killed by **Brittany Lyons** (25), the mother of his four-year-old, in the parking lot of LaMar's Donuts. She then entered the donut shop with the child where an employee asked if she needed help. An employee called 911 and handed the phone to Lyons. The police found her and a 9mm handgun. She was taken to Denver Jail where she was held on a \$250,000 bond. The four-year-old child was nearby, possibly in the car at the time of the homicide. Lyons faces charges of second-degree murder and child abuse. Denver, Denver County. (1) M.
- 07/23/2018 **Darrion Denzmore** (39) was shot in the head by **Justin Mack** (27) over an altercation regarding a female they had both had a relationship with. Mack and a woman, who was reportedly the victim's ex-girlfriend, were in Mack's car as they prepared to pick up the woman's belongings from a house that she had shared with Denzmore. Denzmore then drove up in another vehicle and had what police called a "brief confrontation" with the woman. He then allegedly reached inside of the woman's vehicle and Mack shot him in the forehead. Denver, Denver County. (1) SD (Perpetrator killed).
- 07/28/2018 **Nichole Lindsey** (23) was stabbed to death by her boyfriend **Joshua Kane** (32). She died of a four-centimeter laceration to her throat. Nichole had been planning on leaving the relationship for a month and reported that Kane was acting "insane" and making her uncomfortable. Kane was taken to the hospital and claimed not to remember anything. He faces first-degree murder charges. Wheat Ridge, Jefferson (1) M.
- 07/29/2018 **Shawn Jones Jr.** (26) was stabbed to death by **Paige Jamison** (21) in the Park Hill neighborhood of Denver. Jamison is still wanted for questioning. There is a \$2000 reward for information. Denver, Denver County. (1) M.
- 08/02/2018 A **female known only as CJ** survived an altercation with her ex-husband **Anthony Angel Darby** (28) that left her friend, **Jacob Emerson** (25) dead from a gunshot wound. Darby showed up at CJ's home early in the morning with a tomahawk-style ax. Law enforcement responded to the report of an assault but could not locate Darby. He returned about 90 minutes after deputies left and shot CJ and Emerson, killing Emerson and injuring CJ. A roommate was at home at the time but was not injured. Darby fled the scene and was found deceased by a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head in an apartment in Denver. Shooting occurred in Unincorporated Arapahoe County, suicide occurred in Denver. (2) M/S (Collateral male victim, perpetrator suicide).

- 8/13/2018 **Shanann Watts** (34) returned home from a business trip and was strangled to death by her husband, **Chris Watts** (33). He also smothered their two daughters, **Bella** (4) and **Celeste** (3), then buried Shanann, who was pregnant, in a shallow grave and submerged Bella and Celeste in an oil tank on the property of Anadarko, where he worked. Chris Watts was having an affair and it is believed that Shanann may have confronted him about this prior to the murders. He accepted a plea deal to avoid the death penalty and was sentenced to three consecutive terms of life in prison without the possibility of parole. Charges included three counts of first-degree murder after deliberation, two counts of first-degree murder – victim under 12/position of trust, one count of first-degree unlawful termination of a pregnancy and three counts of tampering with a deceased human body. Frederick, Weld County (3) M.
- 8/31/2018 **Wayne Carter** (19) and **Anthoni Readus** (25) were shot and killed by **Demarcus Brown-Jones** (28). Brown-Jones' 8-year old stepson and a responding law enforcement officer were also injured. The shooting occurred as a result of a verbal domestic incident which lead to child abuse. Aurora police said officers responded to the area near E. 19th Street & Peoria Street after receiving a report about a disturbance. Officers heard gunfire when they arrived and ran to the scene, where they saw three victims lying on the ground and an armed suspect, whom they confronted. Police said gunfire was exchanged and an officer and the suspect were injured. Brown-Jones faces 22 separate counts, including first-degree murder and the attempted murder of a police officer. Aurora, Adams (2) M (Collateral male victims)
- 09/07/2018 **Briseidy "Brezy" Camila Jimenez-Ortega** (20) was killed by **Elijah Lucero** (19). The couple had gotten into an argument in front of Lucero's house. Witnesses say Lucero drew a gun and shoot Briseidy at 8:00 pm. She was declared dead at Denver Health. The Denver Police offered a \$2000 reward for information regarding Lucero. He was arrested on September 26 and booked into Denver County Jail on first-degree murder charges. Denver, Denver County. (1) M.
- 9/18/2018 At around 4:30am, **Danielle Harding** (32) woke up to find that her boyfriend, **Ryan Johnson** (33), had begun to cut her face with a knife. Danielle ran to her father's room to tell him that she had been cut on her face and neck. Danielle's father went out to the kitchen to confront Johnson. Upon confrontation, Johnson raised a shotgun and told them he would kill both of them. Danielle was standing behind her father. Her father turned around and told Danielle to run. Johnson came behind him and put the shotgun over the father's shoulder and shot Danielle, striking her in the neck as she tried to run away. The shot killed Danielle instantly and the father ran to his room to get away from Johnson. Johnson left the home and ran away and his body was found the next morning, in a field across the street from the trailer park. Johnson died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The 3-year-old daughter had been lying in the bed with Danielle when she was being cut. Brighton, Adams County. (2) M/S
- 9/25/2018 **Andrew Gallegos** (56) was killed in self-defense after attacking his intimate partner, an unnamed 54-year-old woman. The woman and her 29-year-old son were attempting to leave the residence where they all lived after an argument occurred. Gallegos cornered

the woman in a room and, when she tried to leave, began stabbing her. She called out for help and when her son entered the room, he fought Gallegos, turning the knife toward him and ultimately, stabbing him in the chest. He then drove his mom to the hospital. Police responded to the hospital and the residence where Gallegos was and found him bleeding severely. He was transported to the hospital where he died shortly thereafter. The woman suffered 4 stab wounds, but she survived her injuries. It was determined that Gallegos was killed by her son in self-defense and no charges were filed. Longmont, Boulder County. (1) SD (Perpetrator killed).

- 9/27/2018 **Keleshia Nash (22)** was shot and killed by **Andrew O'John (19)** in an apartment the two shared. Neighbors told police they heard a gunshot and screaming and saw O'John dragging Nash out of the apartment, picking her up and "trying to get her awake," the affidavit said. The two had an argument because Nash had shown O'John a picture of her ex-boyfriend and he got angry. She was shot in the neck during a struggle over the gun, according to O'John. He has been charged with first-degree murder and two sentence enhancements of "crimes of violence" including one with a deadly weapon. Littleton, Arapahoe County (1) M
- 10/02/2018 **Greg G. Baker (60)** was shot in the chest by his wife **Nancy Baker (65)**. Nancy Baker was arrested and faces first degree murder charges. Fort Collins, Larimar County. 1 (M).
- 10/07/2018 **Julene Isaacson (61)** was shot in the head by **Gerald Cross (64)** in the house they shared. Cross met the sheriff's deputies at the door and brought them into the residence. Gerald Cross was charged with first degree murder. Morrison, Jefferson County. 1 (M)
- 10/10/2018 **Parvez Daruwala (64)** was strangled by **Lupe Carmen Flores (37)**. After Daruwala did not show up for work, friends requested a check the welfare and he was discovered deceased with an electric cord wrapped around his neck. It was later discovered his vehicle had been taken, several pieces of property and his credit card had been used. Flores was later identified as a suspect after a witness informed police that Flores had stayed with Daruwala in exchange for sex. Daruwala was made lewd gestures while naked and masturbating which upset Flores. Flores hit Daruwala over the head with a fan and then she strangled him with a cord. Pueblo, Pueblo County. (M) 1.
- 10/17/2018 **Jennifer Garrus (45)** was stabbed to death by her husband of fifteen years **Michael Ellison (46)**. They had attended divorce proceedings the day before and had been reported be arguing the morning of the murder. Ellison attempted to kill himself after stabbing his wife to death by jumping out of their second story window. He survived but broke his leg. Thornton, Adams County. M (1).
- 11/7/2018 **Olivia Hector (22)** was strangled to death in a hotel room in Lakewood. On Nov. 8, around 12:45 p.m., officers with the Lakewood Police Department responded to a death investigation call from the hotel manager of the Motel 6 on Wadsworth Boulevard. The manager said the cleaning staff had found a deceased woman in the bathroom of one of the rooms, according to an affidavit. When officers arrived, they found a woman naked in the bathroom. Officers did not see any obvious signs of injury, but noticed what appeared to be a blemish mark on the right side of her neck. **Matthew Williams (27)**

was arrested and charged with first-degree murder in late April, 2019. He had met Hector in 2015 after graduating from college. They dated and still had a sexual relationship afterward, he said. He claimed that he had been in the hotel room with her earlier in the day when she was found dead, but that she was clothed and alive when he left, according to the affidavit. Lakewood, Jefferson County. (1) M

- 11/17/2019 **Shakir Cook-Troynel (23)** was shot and killed by **Isaiah Towns (20)** after Towns found Cook-Troynel in bed with his wife, Ashley Charmain Mary Pace (27). Pace had a child with Cook-Troynel from a previous relationship and had informed Towns that she wanted a divorce the day prior to the incident. Both Cook-Troynel and Towns were active in the Army. Colorado Springs, El Paso County. (1) M (Collateral male victim).
- 11/22/2018 **Kelsey Berreth (29)** is believed to have been killed by **Patrick Frazee (32)**, her fiancée and the father of her one-year old daughter. Kelsey's body has not been found but her cell phone last pinged in Idaho on Nov. 25. Authorities believe Kelsey is no longer alive and murder and solicitation charges have been filed. **Krystal Lee Kenney**, Frazee's alleged mistress from Twin Falls, Idaho, has pleaded guilty to felony tampering for her role in assisting Frazee. She told authorities she cleaned Berreth's condo after the murder and accompanied the body which was later burned, as well as transporting Berreth's cell phone to Idaho and sending text messages from there to mislead investigators. Woodland Park, Teller County (1) M.
- 11/27/2018 **Autumn Rivera (21)** was killed by her boyfriend **Jonathan Atkin (22)**. Atkin then placed Autumn's body in his car and drove to Wyoming where his mother lived. He told his mother what he had done and turned himself in telling officers he had killed his girlfriend. Police found Autumn's body in Atkin's car. He has been charged with first-degree murder and mutilation of a body. Thornton, Adams County (1) M.
- 12/15/2018 **Ticoa 'Coco' Brown (43)** was shot in the stomach by **Randy Bourgeois (52)** while the two were arguing at work at a residential care facility. Police arrived at the scene around 10 a.m. and arrested Bourgeois for investigation of first-degree murder. According to law enforcement, the suspect and victim were in an intimate relationship. The victim wanted to end the relationship and the suspect did not. The suspect shot the victim and has since been charged with Murder 1 and Possession of a Weapon by Previous Offender. Bourgeois evidently made 911 calls to police after the shooting, according to a redacted police affidavit. Denver, Denver (1) M
- 12/19/2018 **Amy Garcia (41)** was killed by her boyfriend **Heith Gleason (35)** and his 12-year-old son. She was shot and then burned beyond recognition in her car. Gleason and his son then fled to New Mexico. Both were later caught and are facing first degree murder charges. Near Walsenburg, Huerfano County. (1) M.
- 12/21-24/2018 **LeBrea Jackson (23, Female)** was strangled to death by her boyfriend, **Andrew Condon (26, Male)**. Her body was found Jan. 6, 2019 inside of a storage container along Interstate 25, near the town of Aguilar. Jackson's adoptive mother told police that her daughter had texted her on Dec. 23, saying she was going to pick Condon up and they were coming to her home in Westcliffe, but never arrived and she was reported missing

on Dec. 26. Jackson was last seen in the early-morning hours of Dec. 21 and investigators believe she was strangled at her apartment in the 12700 block of East Mississippi Avenue in Aurora, sometime between Dec. 21 and Dec. 24. Investigators found two prior cases involving Condon, both related to domestic violence. Jackson reported to Aurora police in November and December that Condon had placed his hands around her throat. Police filed charges against Condon in the December incident and have charged him with first-degree murder in connection with her death. Aurora, Arapahoe. (M) 1

SUICIDE

- 2/4/2018 **Angelica Milan (28)** and **James Cerda (2)** were at a party with friends and drinking. James informed Angelica that he wanted to drink that night and wanted her to remain sober to take care of him. James also insisted on bringing a gun to the party with him on this evening, and Angelica described his behavior as "acting paranoid. Angelica drank at the party, which angered James. Later in the night the couple went to the upstairs bathroom to fight privately and, for the second time in their 12-year relationship, James punched Angelica in the face. As she turned to leave the bathroom, he closed door behind her and she heard the gunshot. She had a hard time pushing the door and saw that James had shot himself in the head. She started yelling for the other people in the house to come. Westminster, Adams. (1) S
- 04/06/2018 **Heather Garcia (27)** survived an altercation with her partner **Gerald Johnson (40)**. There had been numerous reported occasions of domestic violence in the relationship and the victim had kicked the defendant out multiple times. Johnson was allowed to come back home Garcia shared with their three children, a fourteen-year-old who witnessed the event, an eight-year-old and an infant. There was an altercation about the Garcia cheating on Johnson and Johnson produced a gun. They struggled over the gun and eventually Johnson got the gun raised it to his head and pulled the trigger. Cañon City, Fremont (1) S
- 07/15/2018 **Abigail Eichorn (28)** survived a domestic violence altercation with her partner **Dale Bush (48)**. Bush showed up to the Eichorn's home and jumped on her with a gun. Neighbors heard and interfered so that the victim could run out of the house and call for help. Police called SWAT as Bush had barricaded himself in the apartment. Police were able to make contact and continued speaking to the man through the night. However, they lost contact and sent in the SWAT robots after gun shots has been fired and found the defendant deceased from a self-inflicted injury on the victim's bed. Lakewood, Jefferson County. (1) S
- 07/15/2018 **Celinda Vasquez** was stabbed in the neck by her husband, **Josè Velasquez**, but she survived. When police arrived, they found Josè hanging by the neck in the garage, and he died from his injuries. Greeley, Weld County. (1) S

NEAR DEATH

- 1/19/2018 **Unknown Female Victim (45)** was held hostage and sexually assaulted by her ex-boyfriend **Anthony Griego (45)** for almost two months. Greely, Weld County
- 3/??/2018 **Unknown Female Victim (33)** was stabbed 15 times by her husband **Alan Scott Evans (31)**, but survived. Earlier that evening, Evans told his wife that he had relapsed on methamphetamine which resulted in an argument. He left the house for a time and returned to find the bedroom door locked, so he kicked open the door and began stabbing her. On October 24, 2019 Evans pled guilty to Attempted Murder (F2) and one violent crime count. He was sentenced to 40 years in prison. Lakewood, Jefferson.
- 4/1/2018 **Amanda Pittock (35)** was found lying in the parking lot of the Westin Hotel on Westminster Boulevard with a gunshot wound to the head, police said. **Eric Pospisil (40)**, who was dating Pittock, was arrested and ultimately convicted of attempted second-degree murder, first-degree assault, aggravated motor vehicle theft, tampering with evidence and a weapons possession charge in addition to two sentence enhancers for a violent crime, in January 2019. The two had been arguing in the parking about money earlier in the night, according to court testimony cited by the DA's office. Four hours after Pittock was discovered, Westminster police were notified that a stolen car been set on fire in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The car, which had been reported stolen in Lakewood two weeks earlier, fit the description of Pospisil's vehicle. The victim suffered severe brain injuries as a result of the shooting that will hamper her for the rest of her life, according to the district attorney's office. Westminster, Jefferson County
- 4/1/2018 **Humberto Morales Mares (35)** pleaded guilty to attempted first-degree murder on Aug. 27, 2019 and was sentenced on Oct. 11, 2019 to 40 years in prison. He shot his wife in the chest and throat during an argument, while their 3-year-old child was in the house. Prosecutors said that Mares had a history of domestic violence and told police that he shot his wife because she "made him mad." (Near-death)
- 4/09/2018 **Tyrell Jones** was a domestic violence suspect who had fired a gun at his wife. Aurora police had been following and investigating him after that incident and were trying to lure him to Crossroads Motel where they could apprehend him. Jones arrived in a taxi cab on April 9th. When he arrived the cabdriver leapt from the car after being threatened by Jones. Officer Michael Dieck, a six-year veteran of the Aurora Police Department fired his M4 rifle seven times at Jones. Jones' 9mm handgun was recovered from the back seat of the taxi. The single-round fired from the taxi went through the rear door and hit a pickup truck, which was driven by officers who were trailing Jones in the cab. Jones was taken to the hospital. He survived and was charged with seven counts of attempted murder, three counts of kidnapping, aggravated robbery, two counts of first-degree assault, second-degree assault, menacing and possession of a weapon by a previous offender. Adams County.
- 4/18/2018 **Lashawn Johnson (48)** survived being shot by her boyfriend, **Brett Nelson (47)**. Lashawn told police her and Brett were arguing when Brett began punching her in the stomach and her back with a closed fist. At one point during the argument Brett grabbed a gun and continued the argument. Lashawn attempted to leave at with point Brett shot her in the arm where the bullet was lodged near her spine. Brett then asked a neighbor to

call 911 because he had just shot his wife. Brett waited on the porch for police to arrive. Doctors told police that it was possible Lashawn would be paralyzed. Pueblo

- 6/19/2018 **Claudine Herrera (47)** survived a domestic altercation with her partner **Keith Medina (47)**. After a night of drinking with friends, Claudine went to bed. Keith then punched her in the face several times with his fist and knee. At one point, Keith covered her mouth and nose with one hand and choked her with the other, making statements of “you’re not going to be here tomorrow” and “I’m going to kill you”. Claudine’s friend intervened and called the police. Keith left the residence but was later arrested. Pueblo
- 7/19/2018 **Julia Vidar (27)** survived a domestic altercation with her partner **Daren Levar (28)**. Vidar and Levar were in a verbal argument when he punched her multiple times and pushed her down onto the ground. Levar walked away holding a knife he claimed he had for protection. Levar then stabbed Vidar from behind. Once Vidar fell to the ground, Levar began punching her again. Levar was arrested. Pueblo
- 06/18/2018 **Merita Cromer (49)** was shot in the shoulder by her husband, **Shannon Cromer (38)** at their home in the Navajo Mountain Mesa subdivision in Teller County. The couple’s 11-year-old child was at the home when the mother was shot but isn’t believed to have seen it happen. The child was still with the father at the scene when deputies showed up. Teller County.
- 11/15/2018 **Jessica Conway** was stabbed 21 times by her common-law husband, **Alexander Jasmine (27)**. Conway says Jasmine snapped after she told him she was seeing someone else. Police say he used a kitchen knife to stab her and was arrested for attempted murder and assault. Jasmine had reportedly hurt Conway once in October, but this time it was much more violent. Colorado Springs
- 12/12/2018 **Unknown Female (Unk)** was assaulted by **Alejandro Morales-Ibarra (21)** in the parking lot of the Grease Monkey on 28th Street. Morales-Ibarra hit the unknown female in the face before she fled into Grease Monkey for help. Morales-Ibarra then tried to run her over and crashed into the garage. Boulder police arrested Morales-Ibarra and he is being held in Boulder County Jail on attempted first-degree murder, first-degree kidnapping, second-degree assault, criminal mischief, criminal attempt, reckless endangerment and domestic violence charges. Boulder
- 12/16/2018 **Caroline Montoya (54)** survived a domestic altercation with her partner, **Fred Painter (31)**. Painter became upset with Montoya for attempting to leave. Painter then lit their vehicle on fire with Montoya in it. Painter extinguished the fire and Montoya was able to escape uninjured. Pueblo

FURTHER CONSIDERATION

- 7/16/2018 **Brandon Watkins (33)** was stabbed to death by his fiancée **Jacqueline Souza (31)** after allegedly fighting over the invitation list. There may have been signs of strangulation

according to the coroner. There was not enough evidence to press charges and Souza will not be charged. Colorado Springs, El Paso County. (1) SD?.

10/9/2018

Courtney Jackson (42) was found dead in her home after law enforcement responded to a call from her husband, **Thomas Jackson** (45). Reports show deputies responded to the couple's home the day before the deadly shooting, when Thomas Jackson reported his wife was suicidal. When deputies arrived, Courtney Jackson said she was not. Deputies advised the couple to physically separate. They told deputies they were in the middle of a divorce and had been arguing. Deputies responded to the home again the next day; this time for a shooting. Thomas Jackson claimed his wife shot herself while he was on the phone with 911 dispatchers. Court documents stated no gunshots were heard on the recording. Investigators also noted Courtney Jackson was shot twice, and the coroner said both of the gunshots could have killed her. Thomas Jackson was initially arrested on a first-degree murder charge, but prosecutors dropped all charges based on "evidentiary and forensic developments". El Paso County records show that deputies responded to the home three times in the month leading up to the deadly shooting. Two of the calls were check welfare calls, and one was for domestic violence in progress. According to the reports, both Thomas and Courtney Jackson reported the other assaulted them. Deputies never had enough evidence to arrest either person. (1) M

12/9/2018

Trevor Stevens (30) died by suicide. It is believed that the suicide occurred in front of intimate partner, but we have no more information at this time. (1) S

Number of People Killed in DV-Related Incidents	
Women Killed by Male Partner/Ex-partner	21
Women Killed by Female Partner/Ex-partner	0
Women Killed by other women	
Collateral Women Killed	0
Suicides by Women	0
Men Killed by Female Partner/Ex-partner	5
Men Killed by Male Partner/Ex-partner	0
Men Killed by other men	1
Collateral Men Killed	4
Suicides by Men	7
Children Killed	2
Other (LE, self-defense, etc.)	4

Total Incidents: 38 Total Deaths: 44

Incident Types

Murder Only: 27
Murder/Suicide: 3
Suicide Only: 4
Killed by LE: 2
Self-defense: 2

County and City of Incidents

**1 murder suicide incident is counted twice, as the homicide occurred in Uninc. Arapahoe County and the subsequent suicide occurred in Denver*

Adams: 6	Denver: 8	Larimer: 1
Thornton: 2	Denver: 8*	Fort Collins: 1
Westminster: 2	El Paso: 3	Mesa: 1
Aurora: 1	Colorado Springs: 3	Grand Junction: 1
Brighton: 1	Fremont: 1	Montezuma: 1
Arapahoe: 3	Cañon City: 1	Forest Service Land: 1
Centennial: 1	Huerfano: 1	Pueblo: 2
Littleton: 1	Near Walsenburg: 1	Pueblo: 2
Aurora: 1	Jefferson: 5	Teller: 1
Unincorporated: 1*	Lakewood: 2	Woodland Park: 1
Boulder: 2	Morrison: 1	Weld: 2
Boulder: 1	Wheat Ridge: 1	Frederick: 1
Longmont: 1	Westminster: 1	Greeley: 1
Delta: 1		
Hotchkiss: 1		

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Deaths (at least)	38	37	58	40	44