



Indiana Domestic Violence Fatality Review Report

2011-2012



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Project Overview

During the 24-month period of 2011/2012, there were 100 deaths in 77 separate incidents related to intimate partner violence (IPV). Those killed were women and men, adults and children, victims and those who abused them, innocent bystanders and family or friends of those involved. There were deaths in 30 of Indiana's 92 counties. The majority of deaths (62 out of 100) were committed with a firearm, everything from a .22 caliber to an AK-47 assault weapon. These 77 incidents and 100 deaths are only those we can definitively link to intimate partner violence. It is highly possible, even likely, that other IPV-related deaths occurred during this period for which we cannot account. But this report focuses on those deaths which leave no doubt and which have a definitive cause; the ultimate measure of power and control of one intimate partner over the other.

The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Advisory Council reconvened in the winter of 2014, charged with the systematic evaluation of the circumstances around these deaths and drafting recommended actions intended to prevent future homicides. The Advisory Council drew on some members who participated in the previous report (issued in June 2013) and expanded to include other identified stakeholders from a range of professions who encounter those affected by intimate partner violence. They include the advocacy, law enforcement, judiciary, health care, public health and faith communities. The Advisory Council selected the time period of 2011/2012 both as a follow up to the initial report, and with the hope that the amount of time which has passed since the incidents allowed for the gathering of sufficient information with which to comprehensively evaluate the circumstances surrounding each incident.

At the outset the Advisory Council was aware that our ability to investigate and evaluate as thoroughly as we'd like was constrained by our ability to appropriately identify all cases, gather available data and access related helpful information. However, because preventing these types of deaths in the future was our primary motivation, the Advisory Council looked closely at the data we did have to create realistic and actionable recommendations to both prevent intimate partner violence in the first place, and to better respond to cases where the violence is already present.

The ultimate intent of this report is to use the information we gather to identify strategies to prevent future loss of life. To that end, the Advisory Council crafted recommendations based on our discussions of the factors and dynamics present in these cases. These recommendations will guide the work done by ICADV in the coming months and years. The Advisory Council's recommendations include strategies designed to prevent violence before it happens, to increase coordination between existing systems designed to help victims and survivors and hold perpetrators accountable, and to raise awareness about the systems and agencies which already exist to better allow those in need to access those services. In the end, it falls to all of us as stakeholders and especially as professionals who encounter survivors, perpetrators, families and friends every day to work to implement those actions which we know have the capability of saving lives.

Respectfully submitted,

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NO MORE was conceived to amplify the power of the domestic violence and sexual assault movement. This unifying symbol drives awareness and breaks down the barriers of stigma, silence and shame that keep people from talking about these issues and taking action to prevent them.

Definitions

In generating this report, we use the terms “domestic violence” or “intimate partner violence” to characterize forms of abuse perpetrated within the context of a current or former romantic relationship. ICADV defines domestic violence as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain and/or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. It includes emotional, psychological, economic, physical or sexual actions or threats of action used to influence the thoughts, feelings or actions of another person. This includes behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame or injure the target.

The Indiana Domestic Violence Fatality Review Advisory Council chose to limit the scope of our report to an examination of only those deaths perpetrated in the context of, resulting from, or motivated by domestic violence in a relationship between current or former intimate partners. Such domestic violence-related deaths include:

- Homicide; where one partner kills another in the context of an abusive relationship.
- Homicide / Suicide; where the aggressor kills the victim and then commits suicide.
- Primary Aggressor Death; these deaths were a consequence of defensive action undertaken by the victim, a bystander, or law enforcement in the course of a violent incident that resulted in the death of the primary aggressor.
- Suicide; where the aggressor or victim commits suicide in the context of an abusive relationship.
- Bystander Death; includes deaths of individuals other than the primary target occurring in the context of an intimate partner assault - such deaths reflected in this report include deaths of strangers, friends, and family members.
- Romantic Rivals; where the target either was, or was believed by the perpetrator to be, involved in a romantic relationship with the perpetrator’s current or former intimate partner.
- Children; where the perpetrator targets the victim’s child(ren) as a form of punishment in the context of an abusive relationship.

Methodology

The Indiana Domestic Violence Fatality Review Advisory Council was reconvened in February 2014 with the specific task of compiling, reviewing, evaluating and reporting on the domestic violence related deaths in Indiana for a specifically identified period of time. ICADV identified individuals from the original Advisory Council who were interested in continuing their collaboration and expanded the existing Advisory Council membership by approaching representatives of critical communities to provide expert opinions about their community’s work in intimate partner violence, to contribute to overarching recommendations for those communities, and to provide leadership within the communities they represent to implement the Advisory Council’s recommendations. A full list of the Advisory Council is included in the acknowledgements.

Deaths related to intimate partner violence occurring during 2011/2012 were identified via a combination of media research and stakeholder reports. ICADV regularly uses a number of media search services, receiving regular notifications of all web-based reports that include key words related to intimate partner or domestic violence. Additionally, community-based advocates working in domestic violence service provider agencies notify ICADV when deaths related to intimate partner violence are identified in their service areas. ICADV staff members compile a list of these deaths annually and submit the draft list to service providers statewide for review, correction and addition. This annual fatality list was reviewed and revised by ICADV staff and provided to the Advisory Council for final review and approval.

Using the final approved list of domestic violence related deaths, ICADV staff worked to collect data from official sources to validate media accounts of the dynamics and circumstances around each incident. ICADV staff conducted internet searches for public records, and solicited case information from key informants. Specific data sources used in the compilation of this report include coroner’s verdicts, law enforcement reports, court records, appellate records, community fatality review team records, and information provided by community domestic violence victim advocates.

The Advisory Council identified key variables common to each incident and/or death that it hoped to evaluate across all 77 incidents and 100 deaths. Information and data were compiled into a database for analysis. The Advisory Council reviewed this data in order to put forth recommendations for the improvement of the systemic response to intimate partner violence.

Evaluation Limitations

Despite the best efforts of ICADV staff and the Advisory Council, our ability to consistently and thoroughly evaluate all of the identified incidents and deaths was severely constrained by several factors. The first and most constraining factor was the lack of consistent access to data sources to identify, confirm and further investigate domestic violence fatalities. As Indiana does not currently have a statewide data collection system for death information, the most consistently available and comprehensive data sources were media reports. However, the Advisory Council sought to validate those reports using official data sources. Record requests from system agencies – law enforcement, shelters or advocacy agencies, coroner’s offices – netted only a 50% return rate. While the Indiana State Department of Health is in the pilot phase of implementing a statewide violent death reporting system, access to the limited information included in that system is restricted and data for deaths occurring in 2011/2012 is not currently included. As a participant in the advisory committee working with the Indiana State Department of Health on the implementation of this system statewide, our hope is that it will eventually become a useful tool in the domestic violence fatality review process. However, with the current sources available, the summary information provided about each incident is a compilation of all available sources.

The ambiguous nature of the circumstances surrounding the deaths accounted for a second factor affecting our ability to comprehensively identify all domestic violence-related deaths. The Advisory Council clearly recognizes and acknowledges that, while the 100 deaths addressed in this report are traumatic and 100 too many, not all of the deaths which occurred as a result of intimate partner violence during this time period are accounted for. Though ICADV works tirelessly to employ a comprehensive strategy to

identify all such deaths, it is highly likely that some were inadvertently missed. Specifically, we may have missed deaths where the original circumstances were suspicious but not identified by the media or law enforcement as related to domestic violence. Additionally, suicides related to intimate partner violence, particularly if not committed in the context of a homicide/suicide, are very difficult to identify and investigate.

The final limitation of note is the depth in which we can examine the dynamics of the relationship and the greater risk factors which may have been present in the time leading up to the fatal incident. There were several risk factors and indicators that the Advisory Council wished to examine across the 77 incidents noted in this report. A previous history of violence, previous incidents of strangulation, criminal history other than domestic battery between the parties, exposure to violence in either the perpetrator’s or victim’s family of origin, and history of gun ownership/access are just a few risk factors of interest. However, the lack of sufficient complete data prohibited the Advisory Council from examining those and other risk factors.

Domestic Violence Fatality Data and Analysis

of Incidents: 77

of Deaths: 100

Definition of Terms

- Victims; target of an act of violence either as the primary intimate partner or as a result of proximity to or association with the primary intimate partner.
- Bystanders; strangers, friends or family members of either the victim, the perpetrator or aggressor whose involvement in the violent incident leads to a death.
- Aggressor; the individual engaging in abusive behavior against a partner – actions may not be fatal but they are the precipitating behaviors that lead to the violent incident which ended in a death.
- Perpetrator; the individual who commits a violent act in the context of intimate partner violence that leads to a death

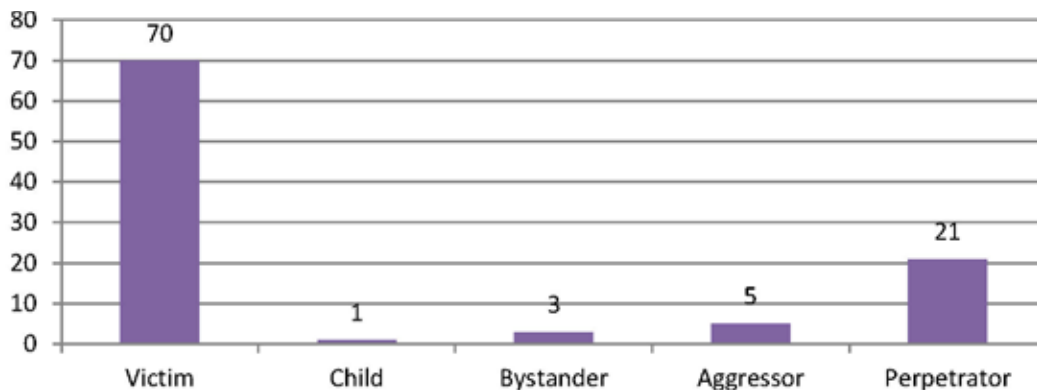
Additional Risk Factors

Based on longstanding research and the combined expertise of the Advisory Council, multiple additional risk factors for domestic violence-related homicide were identified in many of the 77 incidents during 2011 and 2012. These risk factors, when present within an already abusive relationship, can increase the likelihood of a fatal incident. The chart below is a summary of those risk factors.

Risk Factor	# of Victims Affected
Pregnancy	3
History of Strangulation	4
Perpetrator History of Violence Against Previous Partners	6
Chronic Health Diagnosis	2
History of Addiction (Perpetrator or Victim)	3

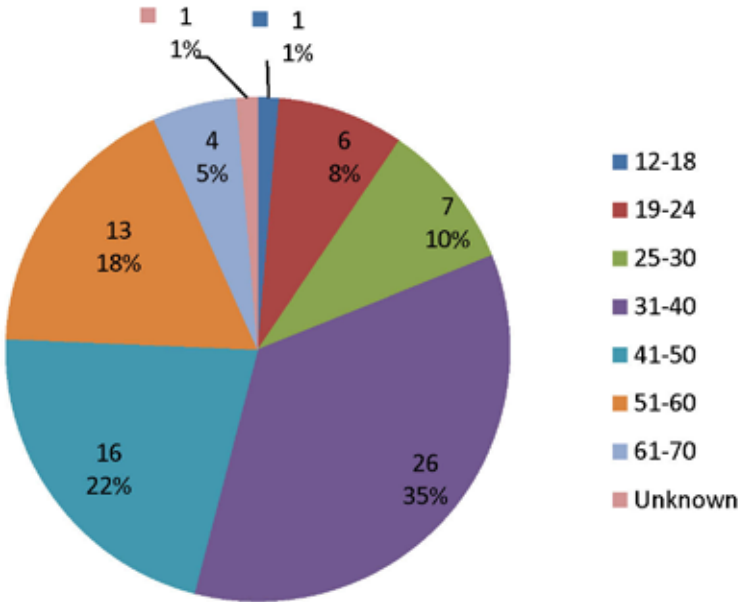
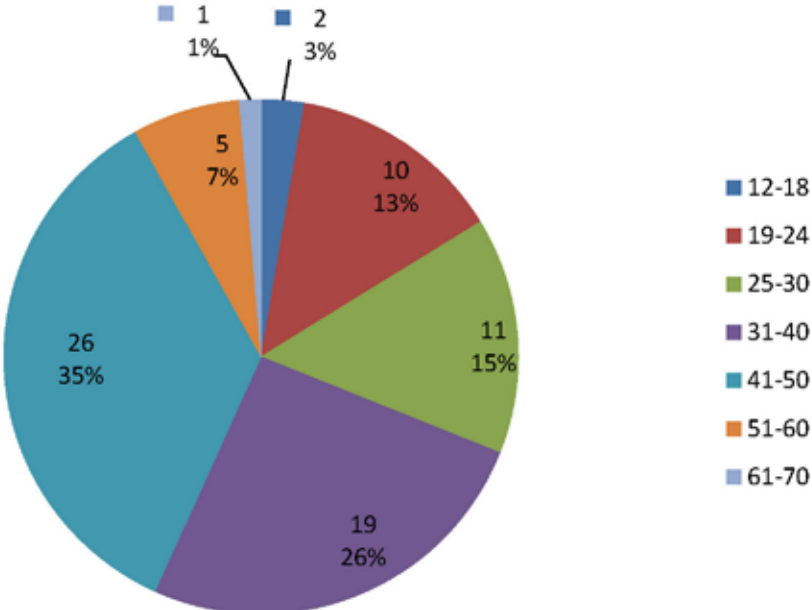
Decedents

This chart illustrates the general identity of those killed as a result of domestic violence in 2011-12. There were 71 victims (including one child), three bystanders, 21 perpetrators, and five aggressors who were killed.



Age of the Victims

This chart illustrates the age of all primary victims. It does not include perpetrators or aggressors.



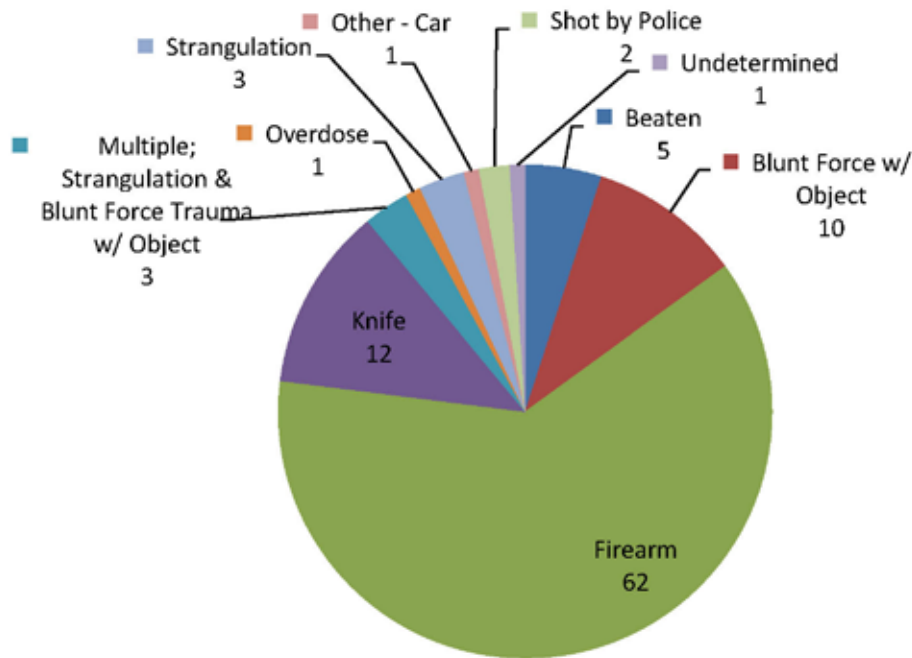
Age of Perpetrators

This chart illustrates the age of those identified as the perpetrators or aggressors. It includes data for one aggressor whose biographical data is unknown and one incident where there were three perpetrators.

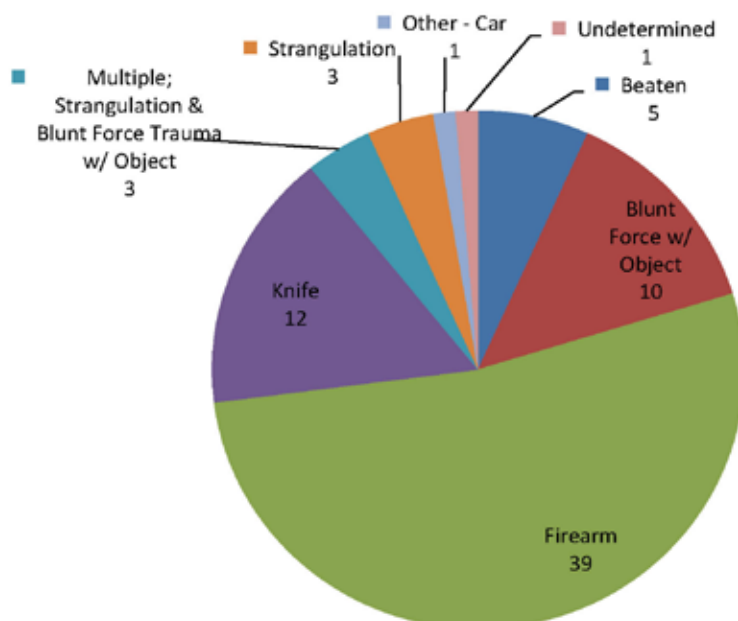
Manner of Death

The data on the manner of death is presented three separate ways. The first chart illustrates the agent of injury for all 100 deaths due to intimate partner violence in 2011/12. The second chart reflects the agent of injury only for those who are identified as victims or bystanders. The third chart illustrates the agent of death only for those identified as perpetrators or aggressors.

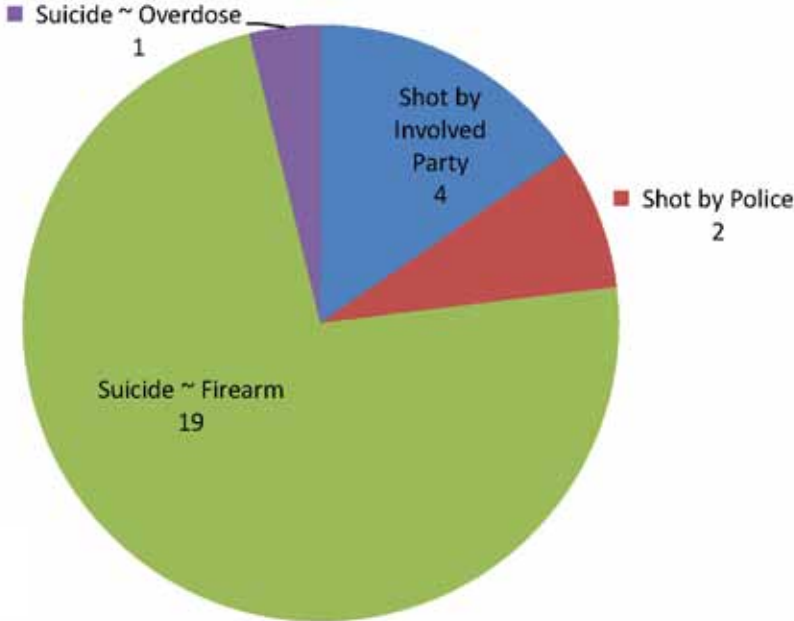
Manner of Death - All Decedents



Manner of Death - Victims and Bystanders



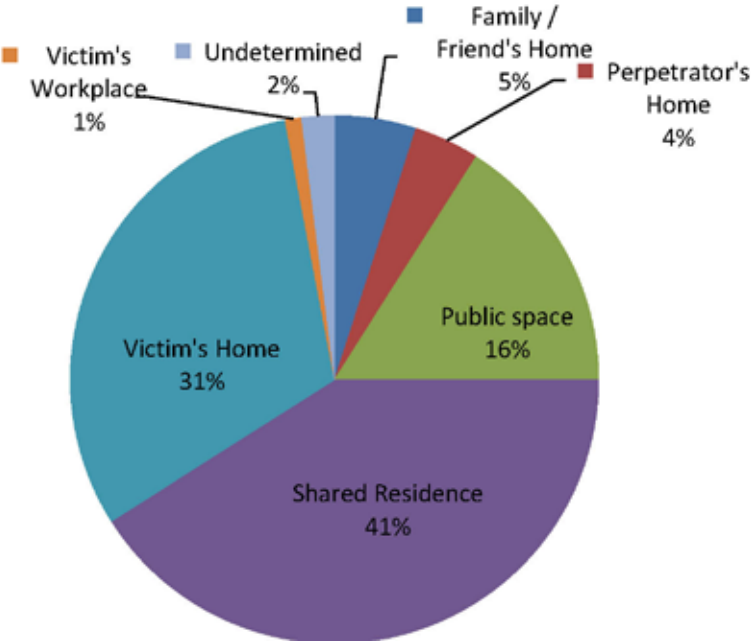
Manner of Death - Aggressors and Perpetrators



Location of Fatality

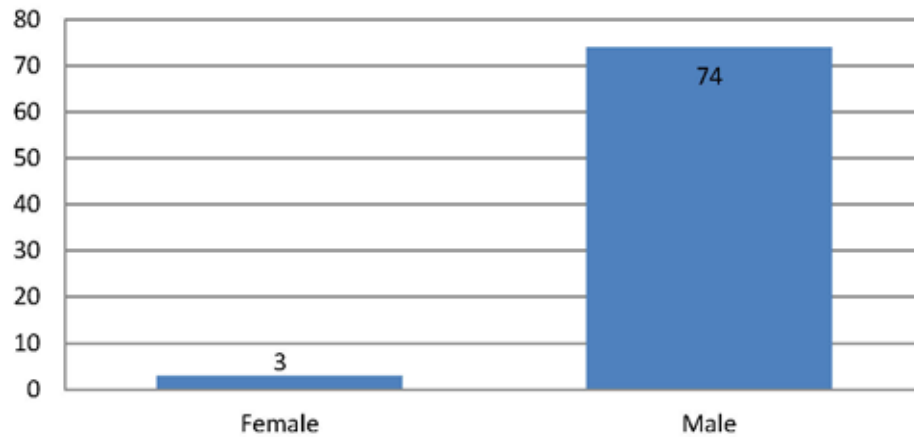
This chart reflects the type of location in which the fatal incident occurred.

In two incidents, the location of the death is unknown because the victim was last seen in one location but their remains were found in another.



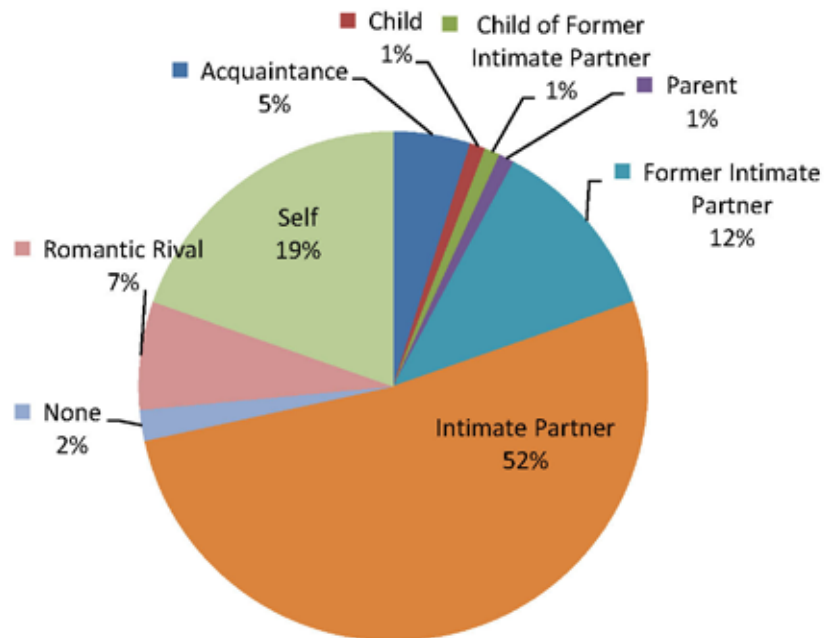
Perpetrators by Sex

This chart illustrates the sex of the 77 perpetrators identified for 2011/2012. It does not reflect those individuals who used defensive action to protect self or others, but does reflect one incident where there were three perpetrators.



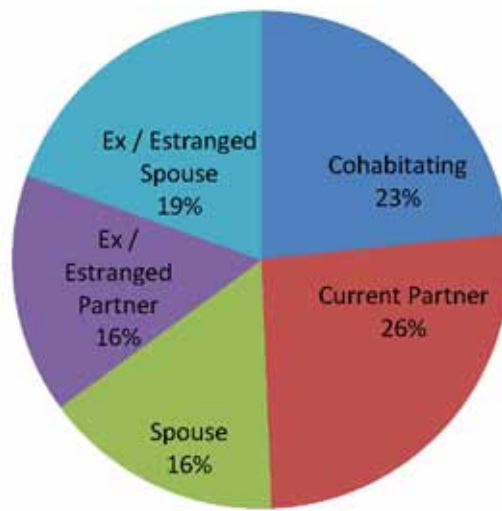
Decedents Relationship to the Perpetrator or Aggressor

This chart reflects decedents' relationships to the identified perpetrators or aggressors, and includes cases where the perpetrator or aggressor either killed themselves or was killed by another party. There are 102 relationships accounted for, reflecting an incident with three perpetrators.



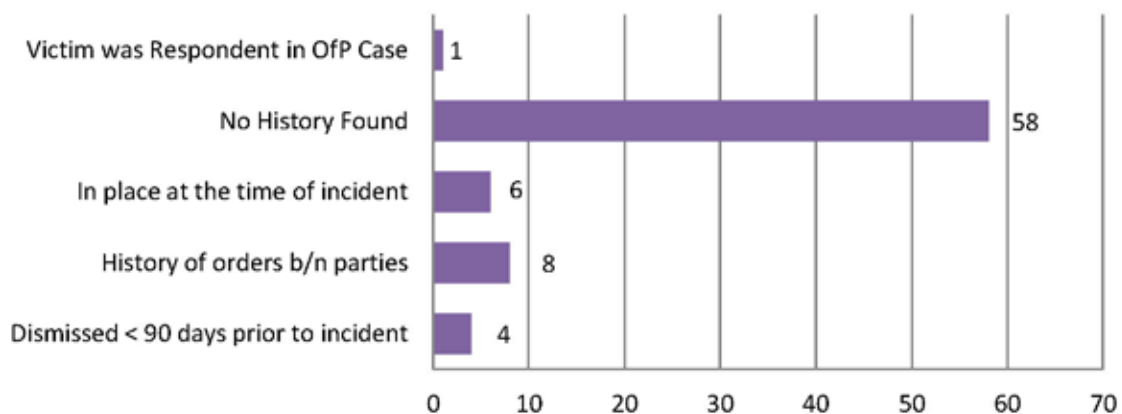
Intimate Partner Relationship Status

This chart illustrates the status of the intimate relationship that precipitated the deadly incident, which can be different from the relationship between the decedent and the perpetrator. For example, if the decedent was identified as an acquaintance, the relationship referenced is between the perpetrator and their partner who is the target of the abusive behavior. It is worth noting that when the decedent was a bystander, (i.e., someone only tangentially involved in the incident), the violence always took the form of what is referred to as 'separation violence,' or violence for which separation or an end to the relationship is a precipitating factor.



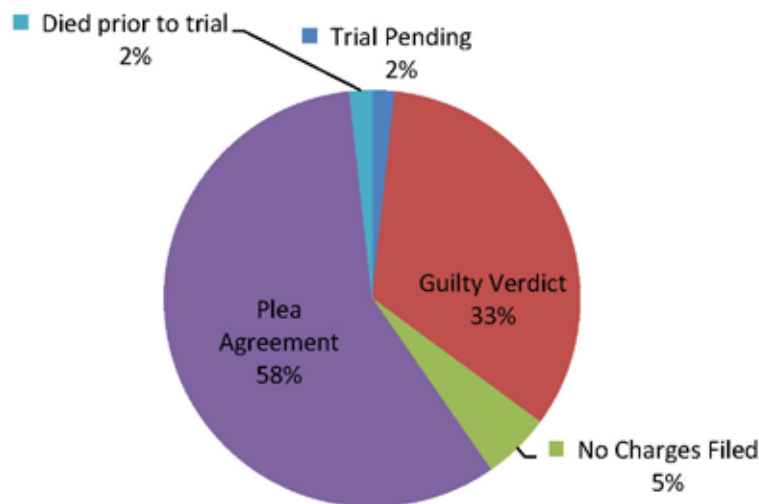
Orders for Protection

Similar to illustrating the status of the intimate relationship between the primary parties, this chart reflects the history or status of civil Orders for Protection between the parties involved in the intimate relationship at the time of the incident. *Author's Note: To clarify, where it indicates a "History of orders b/n parties," that means that there is a record of an order for protection between the involved parties but it expired or was vacated more than 90 days prior to the incident that ended in death.



Disposition of Criminal Legal Case

In 17 of the incidents, there was no criminal investigation or criminal charge filed due to the death of the perpetrator. In one incident there were no charges filed as the death, while directly due to the violence suffered at the hands of their intimate partner, did not occur as a direct result of a single violent incident. There were two incidents where charges were not filed due to a determination during the investigation that the death occurred in the course of protecting self or others from imminent harm. Also, there was one incident where there were two separate trials for two separate perpetrators (a 3rd perpetrator involved died prior to final judgement).



A Note on Dispositions

When a fatality resulted in the filing of a criminal case, we have included some information on the disposition of that case – generally, whether the case concluded with a conviction, an acquittal, or a dismissal. We have not delved into details concerning what charges a prosecutor did (or did not) file, or any detail beyond the basic fact of whether a conviction was the result of a plea agreement or a trial. We have also chosen not to critically examine the sentences given in these cases, but to report on the sentencing information without comment. There are a number of reasons for this approach: first, we did not want to engage in speculation about processes and decisions to which we were not parties. Second, our jurisprudential system affords prosecutors broad discretion concerning whether, and what, to charge in any given case. Third, the overwhelming majority of convictions in felony criminal cases involve a guilty plea by the accused, so it is impossible to fairly draw any meaningful conclusions by comparing plea agreements with trials. Finally, we believe that engaging in a deep consideration of the workings of the criminal justice system would distract us – and the reader- from our true focus in presenting this report, which is prevention. The tragic stories of the families in this report have much to teach us about prevention, and we have chosen to try to salvage some good from their pain in concentrating our efforts on that task.

Special Focus: Child-Involved Domestic Violence Fatalities

For one specific point of interest, the Advisory Council determined that a deeper look at the dynamics and circumstances involved in domestic violence fatalities was critical. Twenty-six of the 77 incidents in this report involve children. While only one child was killed as a direct result of intimate partner violence (which is one too many) during the period in question, we also saw incidents where a child killed one parent in defense of the other, where children directly witnessed the death of one parent at the hands of the other, and where children were taken hostage during acts of violence against their parents. We know from the original research findings regarding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) performed in the mid 1990s as well as the plethora of follow up research specifically examining the effects of secondary victimization of children living in homes where intimate partner violence occurs, that the combined effects of trauma, parental loss, domestic violence and the myriad of other ACEs experienced by these children will have drastic and long-lasting effects. A sudden change in environment, separation from siblings, and separation from familiar support systems all compound the trauma and its effects.

Overall, the 77 incidents and 100 fatalities impacted a total of 44 children. Of the 44 children affected by the deaths, 11 witnessed the killing and two discovered the crime. Eighteen children were displaced by the combination of the death of one parent and the arrest or death of the other. One child killed his father to protect his mother, himself and his siblings from ongoing abuse. And one child was killed. There was also an incident where the adult child of a victim was murdered as a form of retribution for ending the relationship. Additionally, 3 victims were confirmed to be pregnant at the time of death.

The Advisory Council selected four incidents from the 26 where children were involved to complete a more in-depth review of the circumstances surrounding the deaths. Unfortunately, in two of those cases, we were unable to obtain the additional information necessary to sufficiently evaluate more in-depth. However, we were able to find additional records and information on

2 cases. In one case, the Advisory Council was able to speak with a family member of a victim to gain insight into the after-effects of the violence on the children left behind. Additional information regarding those two cases follows.

Sparkles Majors

Died 4/18/2011 – Age 21 – Marion County

Both children were present when Christopher Woods, the father of Sparkles' children, shot and killed Sparkles. According to the police report, their 4-year old son, known as Lil' Chris, witnessed the shooting and even told police what happened. The younger child, an infant daughter, was also in the room.

Sparkles and Chris were together from their early teens. Both came from large extended families but broken homes with absentee parents. Sparkles was in and out of the foster care system, and both were in and out of the alternative education system. According to the family member, it was a case of "like attracted to like." Both Sparkles and Chris sought out a social circle of young adults who were all experiencing the same thing. Despite having extended family who would support them and offered solid guidance, they both gravitated toward a riskier crowd, and that included each other. Sparkles did not reveal much of the abuse she suffered at Chris' hands, though she did acknowledge it was happening. In the family member's words, "she didn't care how it looked, it was something that was hers." After the death of their mother and subsequent conviction of their father, both children went to live with Sparkles' sister out of state. The family member indicated he didn't keep in great touch with Sparkles' sister but he did not believe that they received any special follow up or services from any system-based agency. He did know that Lil' Chris suffered from asthma and other breathing problems. He also revealed that Lil' Chris died in the late fall of 2015 from what he described as an 'accidental hanging.'

Thomas Mallory, Sr

Died 12/19/2012 – Age 39 – Lake County

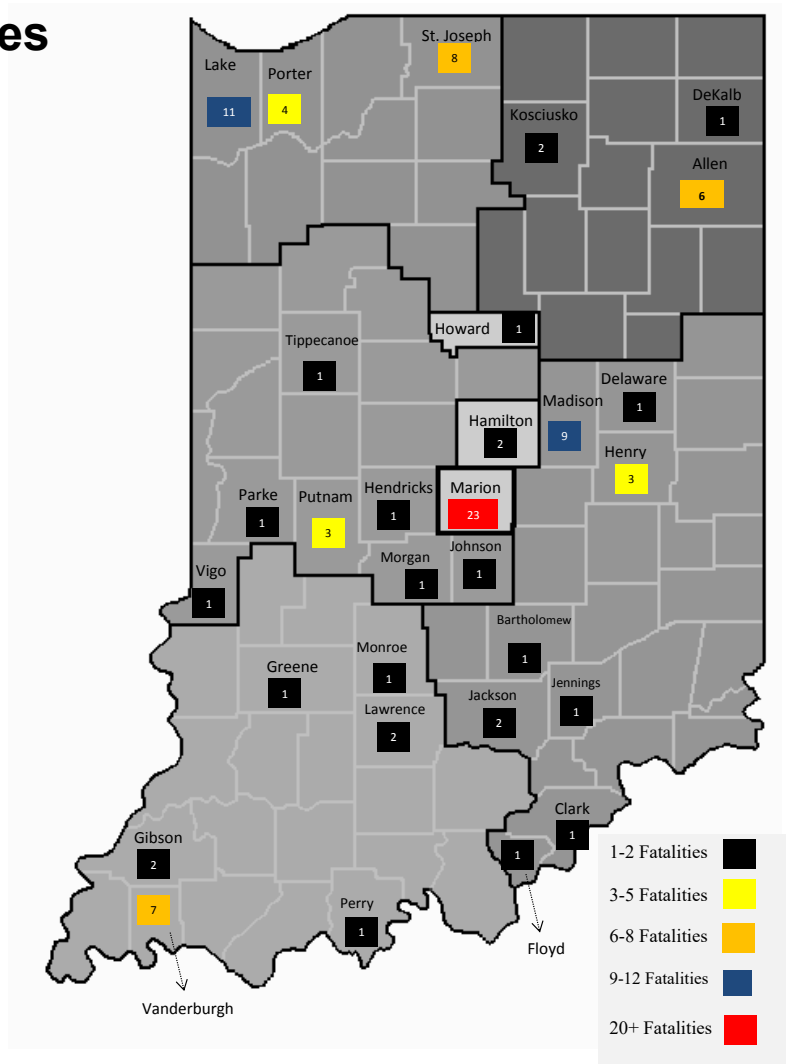
Thomas Mallory, Sr. (“Senior”) was shot and killed by his son, Thomas Mallory, Jr. (“Junior”) Prior to the shooting, Junior was known as a good student and a generally good person with no history of trouble in school or the community. The shooting was the end result of years of abuse by Senior, directed at his wife and children. Senior had an extensive history of violence towards not only Junior’s mother, but his first wife and their children as well.

Following a violent beating against his mother the night before, Junior waited until his mother left for the store and then shot his father as he slept. He was unable

to plead self -defense because the case did not meet Indiana’s legal requirements. However, the deputy prosecutor assigned to the case was extremely sympathetic to the situation and recommended that Junior be allowed to plead to a significantly reduced charge and his sentence be suspended. He pled guilty to reckless homicide and had the majority of his sentence suspended with the remainder to be served on probation.

At the time of the shooting, Junior’s four younger siblings were at home. The Department of Child Services became involved in the case, assisting with counseling and other services for the younger children. However, because he was incarcerated at the time, Junior did not participate in those services.

Intimate Partner Fatalities by County



2011-2012 Fatality Review Advisory Council Recommendations

The recommendations put forth by the Advisory Council focus on three key areas; the prevention of intimate partner violence, the improvement of systemic intervention when violence does occur, and the enhancement of public policies addressing related issues. Each recommendation and the related strategy or strategies are rooted in the trends and undercurrents illustrated by thorough evaluation of the data on the deaths which occurred. However, they are also rooted in what we believe is achievable change.

Goal 1: Prevention of Intimate Partner Violence

To collaborate with key state-level systems to implement comprehensive strategies across the lifespan to promote healthy relationships and to prevent intimate partner violence.

Recommendation	Strategy
<p>1.1 Indiana schools should expand efforts to create safe, supportive and nurturing environments that reinforce the messaging of anti-bullying and healthy relationships education.</p>	<p>1.1a The Indiana Department of Education drafts model policies and protocols for all schools to adopt addressing administration and staff training on Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma-informed work with children and adolescents.</p> <p>1.1b The Indiana Department of Education and the General Assembly collaborate to extend evidence-informed healthy relationships education to include all grades, Kindergarten through 12th; specifically drafting developmentally appropriate grade-level standards, recommendations, curricula and supports to facilitate schools' implementation of best practice initiatives.</p> <p>1.1c The Indiana Association of School Principals, the Indiana State Teachers Association, and the Indiana PTA collaborate to provide guidance to school staff and administrators on outreach to parents / guardians to engage parents / guardians in reinforcing healthy relationships education in the home.</p>
<p>1.2 State-funded alternative schools, juvenile detention centers and job training programs should include comprehensive, trauma-informed and evidence-based intervention for students / participants.</p>	<p>1.2a The Indiana Department of Corrections and the Indiana Department of Child Services collaborate to train, prepare, and support alternative school, juvenile justice center and job training program staff working in state funded facilities to identify and appropriately attend to students / participants who have experienced adverse childhood experiences.</p> <p>1.2b The Indiana Department of Corrections and the Indiana Department of Child Services collaborate to implement inclusion of healthy relationships and violence intervention education for all students / participants.</p>
<p>1.3 Prenatal parent education, birthing classes and foster parent education classes in Indiana should address Safe, Stable, and Nurturing Relationships and Environments & healthy relationships.</p>	<p>1.3a The Indiana Perinatal Network and advocates collaborate to develop, disseminate and support community educators in implementing a primary prevention module in prenatal education classes.</p> <p>1.3b The Indiana Department of Child Services develop and implement primary prevention education programming for certified foster parents.</p>

Goal 2: Improvement of Intervention Systems

To increase the utilization of best practice intervention strategies among agencies serving in the context of intimate partner violence.

Recommendations

2.1 A strangulation response protocol should be a standard part of every community's collaborative response to intimate partner violence.

2.2 Members of law enforcement will collaborate with domestic violence advocacy agencies to conduct evidence-based lethality risk assessment in all domestic violence cases using established criteria and facilitate an appropriate intervention to enhance the victim's safety.

2.3 Where possible, Indiana judges will consider lethality assessment information in determining pretrial release decisions for individuals arrested for domestic violence offenses.

2.4 The Indiana Department of Child Services collaborates with domestic violence advocacy agencies and local grief support resources to provide non-coercive intervention and support for victim parents AND their children in cases of domestic violence.

Strategy

2.1a ICADV collaborates with communities with existing strangulation protocols to draft a model protocol for dissemination to statewide leadership organizations.
2.1b Law enforcement, emergency departments, prosecutor's offices and advocates collaborate to implement evidence-informed strangulation response protocols in their own jurisdictions.

2.2 ICADV collaborates with jurisdictions and partner dv advocacy agencies to provide training and technical assistance on implementation and participation in the lethality assessment protocol.

2.3 ICADV collaborates with Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council and the DV Advisory Committee of the Indiana Judicial Center to provide judicial training on lethality assessment and its applications in judicial decision-making.

2.4a The Indiana Department of Child Services collaborates with ICADV to draft model response protocols to cases involving domestic violence.
2.4b In cases where a fatality due to domestic violence has occurred, the IDCS will collaborate with local domestic violence advocacy agencies and grief support programs to provide ongoing and extended follow up support to the children affected by the fatality.

Goal 3: Public Policy

To encourage proactive and victim-centered policies that facilitate best-practice response to intimate partner violence in Indiana.

Recommendations	Strategy
3.1 The Indiana General Assembly should increase funding for community domestic violence programs.	3.1 The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence advocates with the Indiana General Assembly for an increase in funding for community domestic violence programs.
3.2 All 92 Indiana counties should participate in the Indiana Violent Death Reporting System.	3.2 The Indiana State Department of Health collaborates with state and community partners to implement a strategy for increasing participation in the INVDRS system.
3.3 The current state statute addressing domestic violence fatality review should be revised to expand access to documentation for review and allowable cases for full review.	3.3 ICADV and the Advisory Council will consult with other fatality review states and draft revised legislation for submission to the state legislative bodies.

VICTIMS

Joseph Burton

Died 1/16/2011 – Age 28 – Lake County

Joseph was run over by Alfred Vela while he walked in the street with his long-time girlfriend and mother of his children, Sheena Tomlinson. Sheena had been in a relationship with Alfred but had recently ended it. Sheena was also injured but survived. Alfred Vela was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter and leaving the scene of an accident which resulted in death. He was sentenced to 45 years in prison.

Michael Gensinger

Died 1/23/2011 – Age 33 – St Joseph County

Michael was stabbed to death by David Lubelski, the ex-husband of his girlfriend, Jacqueline, who was also stabbed but survived her injuries. David stated that, even though he and Jacqueline had been divorced for several years, he did not like her seeing other men. David Lubelski pled guilty to murder and attempted murder and was sentenced to 85 years in prison.

Jerry Fantasia Brown

Died 2/3/2011 – Age 36 – Marion County

Jerry was stabbed to death by his boyfriend, Earl Speller, who rolled him up in a carpet and kept him in a closet until he moved him to a dumpster on February 14. Earl Speller pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to 55 years in prison.

Karen Terew

Died 2/12/2011 – Age 56 – Marion County

Karen was severely beaten by her boyfriend of 20 years, Michael Williams. He confessed to the crime, saying he 'got into it' with Karen all the time. While she survived the initial assault, she died in the hospital 2 weeks later of bleeding to the brain. Michael Williams pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter and is serving an 8-year sentence.

Megan Rider

Died 2/13/2011 – Age 25 – Madison County

Aaron Wagers

Died 2/13/2011 – Age 36 – Madison County

Megan Rider was shot by her live-in boyfriend, Aaron Wagers, who then shot himself. Wagers had recently been released from jail pending charges related to child molestation.

Brian Vizuet

Died 2/13/2011 – Age 17 – Marion County

Brian was shot and killed by Brad Davis, the former boyfriend of Brian's girlfriend. Brian was shot while visiting his girlfriend. When Brad saw Brian at his former girlfriend's home, he left and retrieved a gun, then returned and shot Brian multiple times. Brad Davis was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Emmeria Ellis

Died 2/22/2011 – Age 46 – Johnson County

Emmeria was found dead in her home of multiple gunshots after coworkers became concerned over her prolonged absence from work and called the police. Joseph Simpson, Emmeria's ex-boyfriend, later confessed to the killing. Joseph Simpson pled guilty to murder and is serving a 45-year sentence.

Kim Stout

Died 3/23/2011 – Age 38 – St Joseph County

Kim was strangled by her live-in boyfriend, Jorge Huerta Cardenas. Just prior to her disappearance, Kim had told Jorge to pack his belongings and move out of the apartment they shared. Kim was missing for several days and her body was later located in a rural area in Cass Co, Michigan. Jorge Huerta Cardenas pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Dawnita Gibson

Died 3/31/2011 – Age 35 – Marion County

Dawnita was stabbed to death by her live-in boyfriend, Stephen Davis. Police were called to the scene by neighbors, who overheard an argument. Stephen Davis was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 45 years in prison.

Lavenna Shorter

Died 4/9/2011 – Age 42 – Marion County

Lavenna was shot by her boyfriend, Oscar Hall, when she attempted to end their relationship. Friends and family report that he was stalking her. The night of her murder, he broke into her home and, despite attempts to deescalate the situation, he shot her. At least one of her adult children was present. Oscar Hall pled guilty to murder and was given a 60-year sentence.

Sparkles Majors

Died 4/18/2011 – Age 21 – Marion County

Sparkles was shot by her longtime boyfriend and father of her children, Christopher Woods. The relationship between the two was always contentious and there were conflicting reports that Sparkles may have shot at Christopher first. The couple's two small children were in the apartment at the time of the shooting, and their young son witnessed the incident. Christopher Woods pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and possession of an unlicensed handgun. He was sentenced to 33 years in prison.

Vicky Wade

Died 4/21/2011 – Age 54 – Jackson County

Vicky was found dead in her home by her sister. Police were called to do a welfare check and, upon entering the home, they found Vicky beaten with what was later identified as a baseball bat. Her husband, Terry Wade, was found unresponsive as well. It was later determined that he attempted to commit suicide by overdose. He was taken to the hospital and recovered. Terry Wade pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

Cynthia Cashner

Died 4/24/2011 – Age 50 – Porter County

Cynthia was shot to death in the herbal shop that she owned and operated. It appeared she was staying temporarily at the shop. Her husband, Fredrick Cashner, fired at least eight rounds into Cynthia with an AK-47 assault rifle, at least three of which while she was calling for help. A call from Frederick to Cynthia's adult son led to a brief stand-off with police before he surrendered. Fredrick Cashner pled guilty to murder and received a 45-year sentence.

Bobbie Schaefer

Died 5/1/2011 – Age 41 – Marion County

Bobbie and her husband Kenneth Schaefer had decided to divorce after 23 years. On a Sunday afternoon after attending church, the couple returned home with their two adolescent daughters where Kenneth attacked Bobbie with two knives as she lay napping. He stabbed her 51 times. He also stabbed one of their daughters as she attempted to stop his attack on Bobbie. Kenneth Schaeffer was found guilty of battery and murder. He was sentenced to 68 years in prison.

Rosemary Comanse

Died 5/15/2011 – Age 47 – Lake County

Rosemary was shot in the head by her estranged husband, James Comanse. The two had been separated for approximately a year when he visited her at her home with some friends and family members. After shooting Rosemary, James assaulted another family member who attempted to take the gun from him. James Comanse pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 38 years in prison.

Cheryl Miller

Died 5/31/2011 – Age 52 – Porter County

Frederick Miller

Died 5/31/2011 – Age 59 – Porter County

Cheryl was shot multiple times with a high velocity fire-arm after escaping a makeshift Molotov Cocktail thrown into her home by her estranged husband, Frederick Miller. The Miller's adult son was also in the home when his father set it ablaze but escaped unharmed. Frederick Miller was found after a search of the property dead from a self-inflicted gunshot.

Lisa Annette 'Nettie' Hankins

Died 6/3/2011 – Age 32 – Delaware County

Nettie was shot by her husband, Benjamin Hankins, who was a reserve police officer and guard with the Department of Corrections. Nettie was dropping off the couple's three children at Benjamin's home when she confronted him about explicit and threatening text messages he was sending her. During the argument, Benjamin pulled his service weapon and shot Nettie multiple times at close range. Benjamin Hankins was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 65 years in prison.

Angela Holder

Died 6/7/2011 – Age 39 – Monroe County

Angela was stabbed multiple times in the chest and extremities by her ex-boyfriend, Bruce Foster. She died of blood loss after he left her for dead. A neighbor witnessed him attempting to break in and later forcing his way into Angela's apartment when she came home. After assaulting her, he stole her car and drove away. She was found by her 16 year-old daughter in a pool of blood. Bruce turned himself in to police in Indianapolis. Bruce Foster was found guilty of murder as a habitual offender and sentenced to 95 years in prison.

Eric Bell

Died 6/10/2011 – Age 23 – Marion County

Eric was shot by Kendall Johnson after he attempted to intervene in an altercation between Johnson and his girlfriend. In an effort to deescalate the argument, Eric convinced the two to move outside of the friend's home they were in. Once outside, Kendall shot Eric eleven times, several of the shots in the back. Kendall Johnson was found guilty of battery and murder. He received a 60-year sentence.

Marsha Cocot

Died 6/13/2011 – Age 38 – St Joseph County

Marsha was murdered by her husband, Brian Cocot, following a prolonged argument. During the course of the altercation, Brian hit Marsha in the head with a hammer. Once she was unconscious, he strangled her until she stopped breathing. Brian then dumped gasoline throughout their home and caused a gas leak in an attempt to cause an explosion to cover up Marsha's murder. Brian fled the scene and attempted to overdose on a combination of pills and alcohol but was found by authorities and hospitalized. Brian Cocot was found guilty of murder and was sentenced to 55 years in prison.

Christine Freeman

Died 7/4/2011 – Age 48 – Tippecanoe County

Christine was beaten and strangled by her boyfriend, Harlan Praul, following an argument. He strangled her to the point that he thought she was dead, but when she started to come to, he began hitting and kicking her. When he again thought she had died, he walked to a nearby church and phoned 911. He told them he had killed her and left her in the street. Police responded and medical treatment was provided, at which time they discovered Christine was still alive. She was hospitalized and received round-the-clock care but she did not survive. Harlan Praul pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to 65 years.

Jeremy Gibson

Died 7/6/2011 – Age 26 – Tippecanoe County

Jeremy was attacked, beaten first with fists then with a pickaxe and a shovel, and then buried in a shallow grave in Tippecanoe County. The three perpetrators were his girlfriend Carolann Clear; Darren Englert with whom Carolann was also having a sexual relationship; another friend, Antonio Williams. The perpetrators also tried to cover up their crime by later pouring acid on Jeremy's body. Carolann Clear pled guilty to murder and conspiracy to commit murder and was sentenced to 44 years. Darren Englert was found guilty of murder, battery, conspiracy to commit criminal confinement, and possession of marijuana. Guilty verdicts on 3 other charges were vacated upon appeal. He is serving an 80-year sentence. Antonio Williams died during the pendency of his trial.

Kelly Armstrong

Died 7/8/2011 – Age 27 – Howard County

Kelly was killed by her boyfriend and father of her young child, Travis Funke. During his trial, Travis admitted to beating Kelly with a hammer but claimed that he thought he killed her in a dream. He reported that he disposed of her body in a trash bin. Travis Funke pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter under an agreement that mandated he provide the last location of Kelly's remains. He is serving 35 years in prison. To date, Kelly Armstrong's remains have not been recovered.

Joseph Snow

Died 8/13/2011 – Age 30 – Parke County

Joseph was beaten, strangled and stabbed to death by his live-in girlfriend's ex-boyfriend, Jeremy Musall. After an assault that lasted an entire night, during which Jeremy also assaulted Joseph's girlfriend and threatened their child, Jeremy left the scene intending to dispose of Joseph's body. He took the child with him and told Joseph's girlfriend that he would kill the child if she did not follow. Joseph's girlfriend was able to call the police from the car. Jeremy evaded police briefly but was eventually apprehended. Jeremy Musall was found guilty of multiple crimes including murder, rape and kidnapping. He is serving a sentence of a total of 165 years.

Mayumi Hashimoto

Died 9/9/2011 – Age 44 – Lake County

David Henry

Died 9/9/2011 – Age 45 – Lake County

Mayumi was shot in the head by her live-in boyfriend, David Henry. David then shot and killed himself. Though there was no formal action to do so, there had been discussion of ending the relationship.

Amanda Bach

Died 9/16/2011 – Age 19 – Porter County

Amanda was shot in the neck by her long-time boyfriend, Dustin McCowan. According to Amanda's family, Dustin had a long history of mistreating Amanda. Amanda had made recent attempts to end the relationship and move on. Despite making in-depth attempts to cover up the crime, Dustin McCowan was found guilty of murder and is serving 60 years in prison.

Tonya Starkey

Died 9/30/2011 – Age 42 – Vanderburgh County

Tonya was beaten to death by her boyfriend, William Hines. They had been out late the previous evening and when they returned to Tonya's home, they were overheard arguing by Tonya's mother. Tonya was found dead the next day when her mother called the police. William Hines admitted to beating her and leaving her unconscious on the floor. He pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and is serving a 20 year sentence.

Gary J Brown

Died 10/7/2011 – Age 50 – Bartholomew County

Gary was shot in the abdomen by Clifton Cook, the ex-boyfriend of his girlfriend, while he was visiting her home. He was transported to the hospital but later died of his injuries. Clifton Cook was apprehended attempting to flee the country. He pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 26 years.

Tina Williams Daniels

Died 10/9/2011 – Age 50 – Marion County

Tina was shot multiple times in the chest and arms by her husband, Kenneth Daniels. She was pronounced dead at the scene, where her husband was found holding a gun. Kenneth Daniels was found guilty of murder and is serving a 55-year sentence.

Suzanne Saunders

Died 10/11/2011 – Age 50 – Hamilton County

Aaron Saunders

Died 10/11/2011 – Age 46 – Hamilton County

Suzanne was shot and killed by her estranged husband, Aaron Saunders. Aaron travelled from his new home in Virginia and forced his way into the home Suzanne shared with her three children from a previous relationship. The children, ages 16, 12 & 11, were upstairs when Aaron shot Suzanne and then killed himself. The oldest child was one of several individuals to call police.

Grady Edwards

Died 10/26/2011 – Age 56 – Allen County

Tanya Armour

Died 10/26/2011 – Age 54 – Allen County

Grady was shot and killed by his live-in girlfriend, Tanya Armour, who then shot and killed herself. There is no documented history of violence between the two, but Tanya called a family member just prior to the incident and said that she intended to kill herself. Police were called to the scene after shots were heard and found both Grady Edwards and Tanya Armour dead.

Marcus Motley

Died 10/28/2011 – Age 29 – Marion County

Marcus Motley was found unresponsive in his home. His girlfriend called the police and later allegedly admitted strangling him with a rope due to an argument. Her trial is set for late summer 2016.

Kelly Bagshaw

Died 11/13/2011 – Age 30 – Clark County

Kelly was stabbed 57 times by her husband, Dale Bagshaw, as she attempted to pick up their two children from weekend visitation. Dale attacked Kelly while she was still in her car. The oldest child witnessed the murder from the window of Dale's apartment. Dale Bagshaw was found guilty of murder and was sentenced to 65 years in prison.

Erin Jehl

Died 12/12/2011 – Age 19 – Allen County

Ryann Tipton

Died 12/12/2011 – Age 19 – Allen County

Bart Heller

Died 12/12/2011 – Age 40 – Allen County

Erin and her friend, Ryann Tipton, were shot and killed by Erin's ex-boyfriend, Bart Heller, who then shot himself. Erin had ended her relationship with Bart and had asked her friend, Ryann, to accompany her to Bart's residence to retrieve some belongings. A post on Bart's Facebook page saying that he'd killed himself, Erin, and Ryann and giving his address led an out-of-state friend to call the police. When police responded they found all three dead of gunshot wounds.

Jennifer "Nicky" Peters

Died 12/19/2011 – Age 28 – Vanderburgh County

Steve Rickard

Died 12/19/2011 – Age 39 – Vanderburgh County

Nicky Peters was shot to death by her live-in boyfriend, Steve Rickard. Her shooting led to an hours-long standoff with police during which parts of the surrounding neighborhood were placed on lock-down. Police later breached the home and fatally shot Steve Rickard.

Barbara Sheppard

Died 12/22/2011 – Age 33 – St Joseph County

Barbara was stabbed to death by her ex-husband, Joseph Wayer, after leaving her job. Barbara had filed for divorce 10 months prior to her murder. During the pendency of the divorce, Joseph stalked, harassed and threatened Barbara in multiple ways. Joseph Wayer was identified as Barbara's killer using DNA evidence. He was found guilty of murder and other crimes and is serving a 60-year sentence.

Melinda Jones

Died 1/1/2012 – Age 34 – Allen County

George West

Died 1/1/2012 – Age 37 – DeKalb County

Melinda was shot and killed with a rifle during an argument with her boyfriend, George West. After fleeing the scene, George West drove to a rural part of the neighboring county and shot and killed himself.

Jacqueline Williams

Died 1/16/2012 – Age 28 – Lake County

Jacqueline was shot to death by her live-in boyfriend, Douglas Smith. She was found in her home after her co-workers contacted police when she did not show up for work. Douglas was later located in Florida and extradited to face charges. Douglas Smith was convicted of murder and is serving 55 years in prison.

Regina Roska

Died 1/18/2012 – Age 41 – Marion County

Regina was shot in the chest, neck and head by her live-in boyfriend, Challie Gray. The two had been in a prolonged heated argument preceding Regina's death. Challie Gray was convicted of murder and sentenced to 61 years in prison.

Deshone Caradine

Died 1/18/2012 – Age 42 – St Joseph County

Deshone was stabbed to death by her boyfriend, Manuel Clemon. Manuel fled to Chicago in Deshone's car and her body was found by her adult son. Clemon was located and returned to Indiana to face charges. Manuel Clemon pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 45 years in prison.

Melvin Strickland

Died 1/23/2012 – Age 25 – Marion County

Melvin was shot during an argument at the home of the mother of his children. A friend of his former partner witnessed Melvin attacking her and tried to break up the fight. The shooting was determined to be an act of self-defense and no charges were filed.

Sharmon Rodriguez

Died 1/23/2012 – Age 42 – Marion County

Sharmon was killed by her live-in boyfriend, Shaun Long. Sharmon was found unresponsive in her home by her brother. She had obvious cuts and bruises to her face and head. Shaun had an extensive history of violence against intimate partners and was investigated for the crime and eventually pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Derek Tully

Died 2/12/2012 – Age 50 – Marion County

John Caffrey

Died 2/12/2012 – Age 48 – Marion County

Derek was shot to death in his home by his longtime friend, John Caffrey. John then exited the home and shot and killed himself. It was later found that the murder-suicide was precipitated by an ongoing extra-marital affair between the wife of one of the men and the other man.

Judith Gater

Died 2/23/2012 – Age 36 – Lawrence County

Aaron Gater

Died 2/23/2012 – Age 36 – Lawrence County

Judith shot her husband, Aaron Gater, and then turned the gun on herself. Prior to the shooting, Aaron was charged with multiple crimes of domestic violence against Judith, including battery in front of a minor child, which he pled to a lesser battery charge, and invasion of privacy resulting from the violation of a protective order. The investigation into the shooting found indicators of a violent confrontation in the home.

Luselva Saavedra

Died 2/27/2012 – Age 35 – Kosciusko County

Ruben Saavedra

Died 2/27/2012 – Age 35 – Kosciusko County

Luselva was shot and killed by her ex-husband, Ruben Saavedra, who then shot and killed himself. Luselva fled into a local store during a confrontation with her ex-husband. He followed her into the store and fired at her. He then fled and was later found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Luselva Saavedra survived the initial bullet wound but died of blood loss.

Patricia Medina

Died 2/27/2012 – Age 42 – Marion County

Jose Casillas

Died 2/27/2012 – Age 46 – Marion County

Patricia was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Jose Casillas, who also shot and killed himself. Both were found dead in a vehicle behind a local business. There was a history of domestic violence between the two, and there was a workplace violence protective order against Jose at Patricia's place of employment at the time of the incident.

Susan Lombardi

Died 4/13/2012 – Age 42 – Allen County

Susan died of blunt force trauma to the head 8 days after she was beaten with a baseball bat wielded by her boyfriend, Anthony Ochs. He pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter. Anthony Ochs is currently serving a sentence of 50 years.

Tabitha Brock

Died 5/11/2012 – Age 23 – Jackson County

Tabitha was beaten to death by her live-in boyfriend, Gerald Combs. In an attempt to cover up his crime, Gerald placed Tabitha's body into a vehicle, drove it to a rural area and set it on fire in an attempt to hide her body. He left the couple's 4-year-old child alone at their home to do so. He pleading guilty to neglect of a dependent in addition to voluntary manslaughter and abuse of a corpse. He is serving a 26-year sentence.

Latonya McNary

Died 5/28/2012 – Age 49 – Vanderburgh County

Latonya was stabbed in the chest by her long-time boyfriend, Robert Krietemeyer. At the time of the incident, they were traveling in a car with Latonya's brother, who witnessed the entire incident. Robert Krietemeyer pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to 45 years in prison.

Michelle Andrews

Died 6/2/2012 – Age 44 – Johnson County

Michelle died as a result of blunt force trauma to her head inflicted by her boyfriend, Michael Richards. She hit her head on a cabinet in the bathroom when Michael shoved her during an argument and he then left her where she fell. There was a previous history of violence between the two. Michelle was pregnant at the time of her death. He pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 5 years on probation.

Rachel Lomax

Died 6/2/2012 – Age 24 – Vanderburgh County

Rachel was beaten to death by her live-in boyfriend, Racxon McDowell. Rachel was found with 21 separate injuries from the beating. Emergency personnel spent a half-hour trying to revive her. Racxon originally told investigators someone else had beaten Rachel before confessing to the murder. Racxon McDowell was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 65 years in prison.

Veronica Bailey

Died 6/5/2012 – Age 40 – Marion County

Jonathan Ogden

Died 6/5/2012 – Age 43 – Marion County

Veronica was shot to death by her live-in boyfriend, Jonathan Ogden, who then shot and killed himself. Veronica and Jonathan had lived together for more than 20 years, but it was reported that Veronica had begun taking steps towards ending the relationship. They fought the night of the incident before shots were fired. Their adult daughter found their bodies and called the police.

Amanda Wiles

Died 6/9/2012 – Age 31 – Madison County

Roy Parmley

Died 6/9/2012 – Age 53 – Madison County

Amanda was shot and killed by her mother's ex-boyfriend, Roy Parmley, before he fled the scene only to later shoot and kill himself. Roy broke into the home of Amanda's mother and lay in wait for the women to return. He then forced Amanda's mother to tie her to a chair and watch as he shot her, telling Amanda's mother, 'now you know how it feels to lose something you love.' He fled the home and his body was found roughly two months later with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Kathleen Goffinet

Died 6/9/2016 – Age 26 – Vanderburgh County

Kathleen was stabbed to death by her estranged husband, Anthony Goffinet. After separating from Kathleen, Anthony grew increasingly aggressive and began harassing and stalking her. He confronted her outside a restaurant she was attempting to take their young child to and stabbed Kathleen in the chest. She survived long enough to get away from Anthony but later died at the hospital. Kathleen was pregnant when she was killed. Anthony Goffinet was found guilty of murder, being an habitual offender, and causing death knowing the victim was pregnant. He was sentenced to 115 years in prison.

Emily Giles

Died 6/18/2012 – Age 26 – Hendricks County

Emily was shot and killed by her husband, Michael Giles, who then attempted to shoot himself but survived. Emily was arguing with her husband, Michael, over his use of prescription pain medication when he shot her multiple times. Neighbors who were at the Giles home called the police when they heard shots. Police then found Michael with severe injuries to his face from a gunshot, but he was airlifted to a hospital and survived. Michael Giles pled guilty to murder and is serving a 55-year sentence.

Jamie Stowe

Died 7/1/2012 – Age 31 – Perry County

Jamie was beaten to death by her live-in boyfriend, Henry Whistle. During an extremely violent altercation, Henry beat and kicked Jamie, causing fatal internal injuries to her head, neck, chest and abdomen. Henry Whistle pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 47 years in prison.

Anna Jochum

Died 7/2/2012 – Age 47 – Vanderburgh County

Anna was beaten to death by her live-in boyfriend, Robert Hicks. Following an argument, Robert hit Anna repeatedly with a large block of wood used to prop open a window. He hit her in the back of the neck, breaking her neck and severing her spine. When she stopped moving, he also stabbed her multiple times. He left her body in the bathroom of their shared apartment and fled to a homeless shelter in Kentucky. Anna's body was found 10 days later by her sister and niece. Robert Hicks was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 55 years in prison.

Michael Lane

Died 7/4/2012 – Age 25 – Greene County

Michael was shot by the police who were responding to the home due to a physical assault on both his girlfriend and mother. Michael was under the influence of Xanax when he began assaulting both his girlfriend and mother. When the police were called, efforts were made to deescalate the situation but they were unsuccessful. During the standoff, Michael fired on police, wounding 2 officers. Police were forced to return fire, killing Michael. The shooting was deemed justifiable force and no charges were filed.

Brian Lunn

Died 7/8/2012 – Age 27 – Lake County

Brian was shot by a bystander, Deron Moten, during a violent confrontation with his girlfriend. Brian had cornered his girlfriend in the bathroom of her home and Deron, the adult son of Brian's girlfriend, shot him in an attempt to protect his mother. Deron Moten pled guilty to a weapons charge and has been released from prison.

Melissa Moore

Died 7/9/2012 – Age 24 – Morgan County

Melissa was shot in the abdomen and head by her fiancée, Addam Foster, after she ended their relationship. Addam called the police and turned himself in but waited approximately 45 minutes after the shooting to do so. Their toddler-age child was in the apartment but was unharmed. Addam Foster pled guilty to murder and is serving 50 years in prison.

Amanda McAnelly

Died 7/20/2012 – Age 23 – Floyd County

Amanda was shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, Ivan Chambers. Family reported during the investigation that Amanda was planning on ending the relationship. The couple's young child was present in the home at the time of the shooting. Ivan Chambers pled guilty to murder and is serving a 50-year sentence.

John Shull, Jr.

Died 7/26/2012 – Age 48 – Madison County

Kenneth Bailey Jr

Died 7/26/2012 – Age 59 – Madison County

John was shot and killed as he waited in his car during a blockade resulting from the actions of Kenneth Bailey Jr, who had gone to the home of his estranged wife to confront her. Kenneth's estranged wife had filed for a protective order in the days leading up to the incident due to the escalating threats she was getting from him. During the resulting standoff, John was struck by a stray bullet, two officers were wounded, and a police K-9 was also killed. After a 6-hour manhunt, Kenneth Bailey Jr's body was found in a nearby neighborhood with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Kimberly Danielewicz

Died 7/27/2012 – Age 40 – Lake County

James Bailey

Died 7/28/2012 – Age 42 – Lake County

Kimberly was stabbed to death by her live-in boyfriend, James Bailey, who later killed himself. Kimberley, a veteran of Desert Storm, was stabbed multiple times in the neck and back. Her body was found by law enforcement who were performing a welfare check requested by Kimberly's family. The family reported a history of violence between Kimberly and James. James Bailey was found dead in a Chicago hotel room a day later surrounded by prescription bottles. Police concluded that James stabbed and killed Kimberly and then fled to Chicago where he took his own life by overdose.

Rhonda Neher

Died 7/28/2012 – Age 45 – Lake County

Larry Neher

Died 7/28/2012 – Age 58 – Lake County

Rhonda was stabbed multiple times in the chest by her husband, Larry Neher, who then shot and killed himself. Rhonda was found in her home by the police, who were asked to do a welfare check by family when Rhonda did not show up for work. It was concluded that Larry stabbed Rhonda and then shot himself in the head. There was known discussion of separation between the two but no legal steps had yet been taken.

Nicole Boillat

Died 7/29/2012 – Age 23 – Hendricks County

Nicole was a victim of domestic violence for many years. The prolonged violence which she endured led to ongoing health issues, including a seizure disorder which ended up killing her.

Candice Sowder

Died 7/29/2012 – Age 62 – Jennings County

Candice was shot to death by her ex-husband, James Sowder, from whom she'd been divorced nearly 10 years. Following a violent confrontation with Candice's daughter and her boyfriend, James shot Candice at point-blank range in the head in front of her adult grandson. He then went back into Candice's home and shot her daughter. James attempted to flee the scene but was caught. James Sowder was found guilty of multiple crimes including voluntary manslaughter and is serving a 70-year sentence.

Trina Winston

Died 8/16/2012 – Age 45 – St Joseph County

Trina was murdered by her husband, Tarrence Lee. Trina filed for an Order of Protection and divorce two months prior. The day before her death, Trina left the home of a friend with whom she was staying with Tarrence after he called and asked to speak with her. She returned to the friend's home briefly late that night, leaving again with Terrence. That was the last time she was seen alive. Her body was found three months later in an abandoned lot in Chicago. Friends of Lee's indicated that they helped him dispose of the body. Terrence Lee was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 65 years.

Jeremy Boatright

Died 8/29/2012 – Age 14 – Putnam County

Kevin Boatright

Died 8/29/2012 – Age 40 – Putnam County

Jeremy was shot and killed by his father, Kevin Boatright, who also shot and killed himself. Both Jeremy and Kevin were found by a family member. At the time of the deaths, Kevin was under investigation for possible crimes involving 2 underage girls, and was also going through a divorce which he was not dealing well with.

Youngsook Shin

Died 9/22/2012 – Age 57 – Marion County

Youngsook was strangled and bludgeoned to death by her husband, Chun Shin. Six weeks prior, Youngsook told her pastor that she was afraid for her safety and that she thought her husband might kill her. Chun Shin turned himself in to police after killing his wife. He pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and is serving a 35-year sentence.

Ruth Webb

Died 10/9/2012 – Age 38 – Henry County

Robert Morrow

Died 10/9/2012 – Age 42 – Henry County

Johnny Webb

Died 10/9/2012 – Age 39 – Henry County

Ruth had been divorced from Johnny for approximately six months when he went to her home and shot both her and her boyfriend, Robert, multiple times. The call to 911 was made from inside Ruth's home. Law enforcement responded and found both dead. Johnny Webb's body was found in his van on a rural road a few miles from the home by a passerby several hours later; he had shot and killed himself.

Lee Ann Stampfli

Died 10/17/2012 – Age 43 – Gibson County

Randall Smith

Died 10/16/2012 – Age 51 – Gibson County

Lee Ann was shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, Randall Smith, who then shot and killed himself. Lee Ann initially survived the shooting but succumbed to her injuries the next day.

Jessica Syvinski

Died 10/23/2012

Jessica was stabbed to death by her ex-boyfriend, Brian Murphy. Following the recent break-up of the relationship, Jessica had reported to her boss that she was afraid of going home because of Brian. Her boss offered her a temporary place to stay but she declined. Brian reported that he believed she was talking with a new boyfriend so he stabbed her, after which he called the police and told them he didn't know if she was alive or dead but he was 'hoping it's the latter.' Brian Murphy pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to 55 years in prison.

Clint Anderson

Died 10/26/2012 – Age 31 – Marion County

Clint was shot and killed as he attempted to break into the home of his ex-girlfriend. There was a history of domestic violence between the two and an Order for Protection was in place at the time of the incident. No charges were filed as an investigation determined that the shooting was an act of self-defense.

Allyson Elmi-Lewis

Died 11/3/2012 – Age 39 – Vigo County

Allyson was beaten to death by her husband, Enzert Lewis. Allyson was last seen in early October of 2012. In the intervening time, Enzert told multiple individuals that Allyson was 'no more' and that someone who was dead could not go to court. Allyson's body was found in a rural area on November 3rd. Enzert Lewis was found guilty of murder and other charges related to attempting to destroy evidence. He was sentenced to 60 years in prison.

Bessey Martinez-Flores

Died 11/4/2012 – Age 31 – Marion County

Bessey was strangled and beaten by her estranged boyfriend, Edeer Avila. Friends and family reported that she was attempting to end the relationship. Edeer Avila pled guilty but mentally ill to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Thomas Mallory, Sr

Died 12/19/2012 – Age 39 – Lake County

Thomas was shot and killed by his son, Thomas Mallory Jr. The shooting was the end result of years of abuse by Mallory Sr directed at his wife and children. Thomas Mallory Jr shot his father as he slept in an attempt to free himself, his siblings and his mother from Mallory Sr's control and violence. Thomas Mallory Jr was unable to plead self-defense because the case did not meet Indiana's legal definition. He pled guilty to reckless homicide and was given a suspended sentence.

Susan Kidd

Died 12/21/2012 – Age 46 – Madison County

Mark Hope

Died 12/21/2012 – Age 45 – Madison County

Susan was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend, Mark Hope, who then shot and killed himself. Mark Hope crashed his car through the front door of Susan's home and then shot her in the head. He then shot himself. There was a history of violence against Susan and she had recently asked for an Order of Protection but later dismissed it.

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