

The Three Elements of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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As we complete another Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and take a breath after the flurry of activity (see page 3 for a recap), I think it behooves us to re-reflect on the meanings of the month and figure out ways to incorporate them into our everyday work.

Mourn those who have died...let us never forget that the work we do is about saving lives, and remembering those who have died is often a difficult thing. They are our friends, our co-workers, people we work with and for whom we work. As you review the list of individuals who died in 2007 as a result of domestic violence (see pages 8-9), take a moment to notice—they live in rural and urban Nevada; some names we know, some we don't; in some cases their partners have been charged with murder, in others they took their own life as well.

We know that this is not an exhaustive list. We collect these names from newspaper clippings so only those deaths covered by the media are included and we know that some deaths never make it into the newspaper. We also know that Nevada ranks high on lists of domestic related homicides. We know that too many women, children and men are dying as a result of domestic violence.

The Office of the Attorney General in consultation with the Network has begun to explore the creation of a statewide domestic violence fatality review committee. Similar to the Committee that currently operates in Washoe and that used to operate in Clark County, the Statewide Committee will attempt to link local efforts and provide opportunities for communities throughout the State to participate in Fatality Review. The Committee is just in the formation stages and we will provide

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more information in the coming months.

Celebrate those who survive...and survival can mean many things. It may mean the day-to-day survival of many women: an existence that we don't always choose to acknowledge and rarely celebrate. Yet this is survival in its most elemental form. Our celebration can be about the strength and courage of women who survive for themselves and for their children. We can celebrate and help to make real the hope that someday the violence will end.

Survival can mean leaving the violence. This is the kind of survival we most often celebrate; believing that in the act

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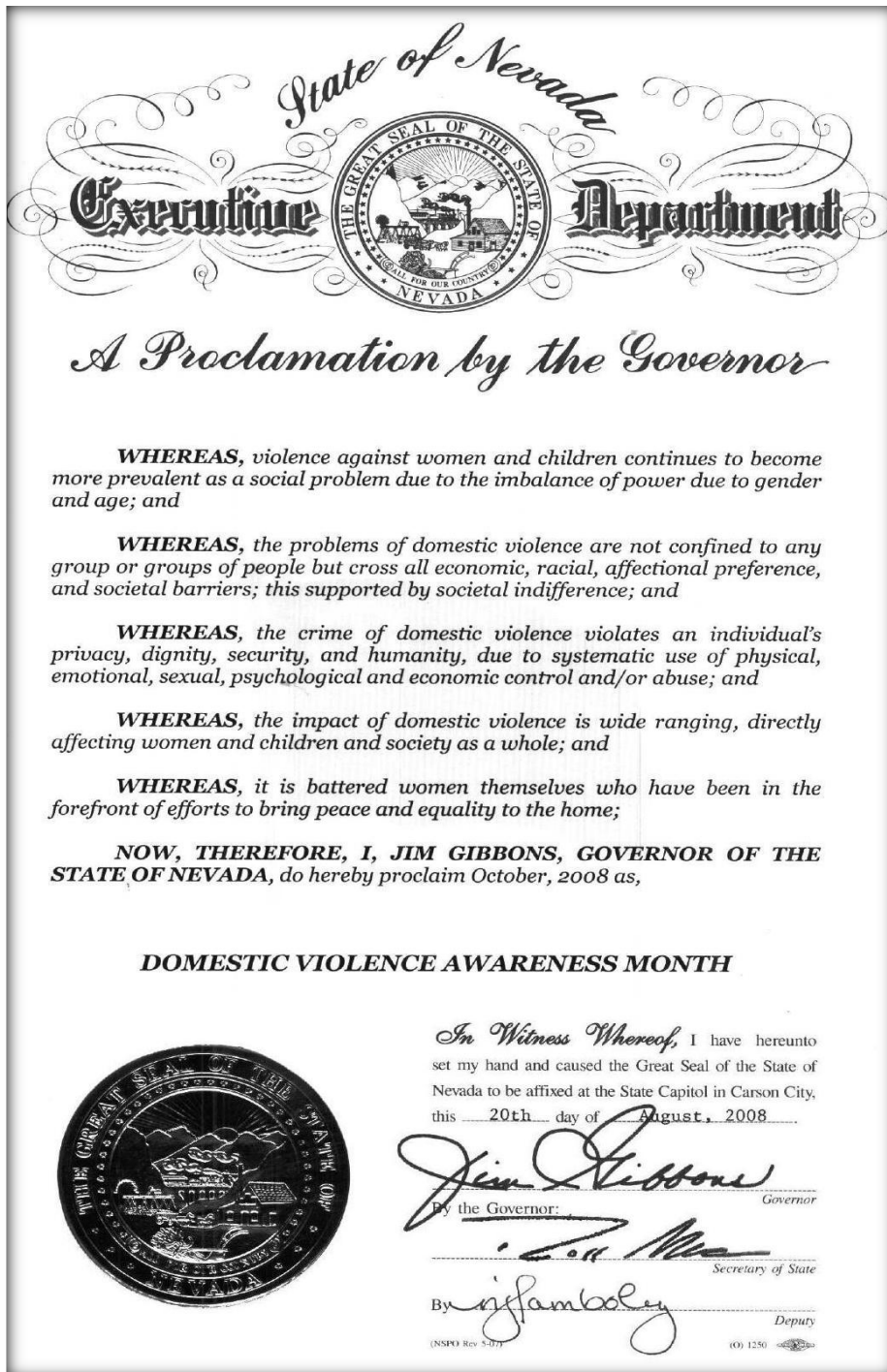
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of leaving good things will follow. Leaving takes great courage, great determination and requires a great deal of luck. We know that leaving

is the most dangerous time. We know that leaving can often place the individual into new and dangerous situations that may have everything or nothing to do with their abuser. We also know that leaving can be the first step towards a new and better life and we can celebrate this survival by ensuring that real options are available when survivors make the choice to leave.

Finally, survival can mean that process of healing—physically and emotionally—that moves a person from surviving to thriving. This kind of survival is often done quietly and privately, and again we don't always acknowledge the time and energy that goes into healing from the visible and invisible wounds of domestic violence. We can celebrate this survival by supporting each survivor to find their own path to healing.

Redicate ourselves to the work to end violence...and to do that we need to remind ourselves to breathe deep and laugh often; this is hard work but full of joy. We need to remind ourselves to forgive (and sometimes to forget), but never to give up. Remember always, that one person can make a difference and together we can (and have) changed the world!





Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Nevada

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During the month of October, domestic violence advocates across the state dedicated their efforts to a shared goal of raising community awareness, celebrating survivors, and commemorating the ones who lost their lives due to domestic violence. In the following article, we have highlighted some of the many DVAM '08 events in Nevada.

To kick off the DVAM events, the **Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force** organized their *Annual Safe & Healthy Homes* awareness event and 5K River Run/Walk on Sunday, September 28th at the Idlewild Park in Reno.

Advocates to End Domestic Violence of Carson sponsored a visual remembrance of domestic violence by handing out DV information and purple ribbons to the local community at various sites, as well as hanging purple bows on the fence around the capital building and across Carson Street. AEDV also organized a display of local DV incidences at the county's public library, in conjunction with the Carson City Art's Initiative. AEDV's second annual *Fill a Can, Feed a Family CAN* campaign also took place in October.

S.A.F.E. House of Henderson and a partnership committee of local volunteers invited community members to help break the silence by attending an evening of salon pampering, complete with food, entertainment, etc. as well as information on local domestic violence resources. The *Girls Night Out* on Thursday,

October 2nd helped raise awareness and funds for S.A.F.E. House.

Lander County **Committee Against Domestic Violence** organized their third *Annual Fun Run/Walk* on Saturday, October 4th in Battle Mountain.

NNADV in collaboration with the **Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada, City of Reno, Junior League of Reno, Nevada Office of the Attorney General, and Nevada Domestic Violence Prevention Council** launched the *Peace Begins at Home* Domestic Violence Council Patch on Saturday, October 4th in Reno. The inauguration event included speeches from the Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto, Reno Mayor Bob Cashell, and NNADV's Sue Meuschke.

Tahoe Women's Services invited community members to take part to a gallery benefit at Ethos Gallery from October 4th through November 1st. Five percent of the proceeds from sales of the work of Italian artist Clara Brasca were directed to benefit TWS.

On Sunday, October 5th the **Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.**, in conjunction with a local business, Partners in Wine, hosted a candlelight vigil, dinner and auction.

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month '08, **Safe Nest** of Las Vegas organized various community events: the *Paper the Town* campaign, which provided area businesses with domestic violence posters, brochures and other informa-

tional materials; *Candidate Information Night* with Congressional District 3, Judicial, State Senate and Assembly Candidates on October 8th; and, an interfaith candlelight vigil on October 16th. Safe Nest also hosted its *25th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Luncheon* on Friday, October 24th, recognizing sponsors as well as presenting service, volunteer and philanthropy awards.

The Cow County Ball offered entertainment and live music by Red Dugan's Ramblers, a dinner and a silent auction on Friday, October 24th in Carson City. Proceeds from this event benefitted **Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans** (VARN) and the **Domestic Violence Victim's Assistance Project** (DVVAP).

The *Day of Unity* on Saturday, October 25th in Winnemucca was sponsored by the **Humboldt County District Attorney's Office**, offering participants live entertainment, speakers, and a BBQ.

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Victim Services sponsored a candlelight vigil on October 30th, paying tribute, silent witness, prayer, and song to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

These events are included in the calendar of DVAM events that is posted on NNADV's web site. If your event is not on this list, it is simply because we didn't know about it. It is our goal to provide information of *all* DVAM events, so please let us know about your event, and we will gladly add it on the calendar.



Advocate's Corner: The Family Pet and Domestic Violence

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According to the Humane Society of the United States (2007), “one way to further traumatize the human target of domestic violence is to injure or kill the person’s beloved pet. When domestic violence erupts, family pets are often the first target because abusers understand and exploit the deep bond between pets and family members. Threatening the pet often causes the victim to stay for fear of what might happen to the animal if they leave.”

This is not new information to advocates of domestic violence, but knowing the facts around this issue may be helpful to victims as they include the family pet in their safety plan and in their Order of Protection.

THE FACTS:

Independent surveys report that between 18 percent and 48 percent of battered women have delayed their decision to leave their batterer, or have returned to their batterer, out of fear for the welfare of their pets or livestock. A concern for the safety of livestock may introduce economic issues when livestock are raised to support the family.

Studies show that up to 71% of battered women report their pet

was threatened, harmed, or killed by their partners.

A national survey found that 71-85% of women’s shelters indicated that women seeking safety described incidents of pet abuse in their families.

(These facts were compiled from the Humane Society of the United States, 2007; sources cited in Zorza, 2008; and Phillips, 2008)

When educating victims about the abusive relationship, advocates may include the reasons for abusing family pets. Batterers threaten, abuse, or kill animals to demonstrate and confirm power and control over the family, to isolate the victim and children, and to prevent the victim from leaving or coerce her/him to return. Share the following strategies when safety planning with victims to help protect not only them and their children, but their pets as well.

WHAT CAN VICTIMS DO TO PROTECT THEIR PETS?

- Develop an emergency plan for sheltering their pets and/or livestock, themselves, and their children.
- Establish ownership of the pets (obtain an animal license, proof of vaccinations or veterinary receipts in victim’s name to



help prove they own the pet).

- Prepare the pet for departure: collect vaccination and medical records, collar and identification, medication, bowls, bedding, etc.
- Ask for assistance from law enforcement or animal care and control officers to reclaim the pets, if left behind.

WHAT CAN ADVOCATES DO?

Advocates can take steps to learn more about the abusive relationship with the family pets by adding some of these suggested intake questions:

- Do you now have a pet? If you do, how many and what kinds?
- Has your partner ever hurt or killed a family pet? If yes, please describe.
- Has your partner ever threatened

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STATEWIDE STATISTICS*

FOURTH QUARTER FY 2007-08

TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTACTS: 15,823

♦ First Time:	9,522	♦ Telephone:	6,594
♦ Repeat:	3,981	♦ Face to Face:	<u>9,229</u>
♦ Follow Up:	<u>2,320</u>		15,823
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BEDNIGHTS:

	Adults	Bdnts.	Children	Bdnts.	Total Adults & Children	Total Bdnts.
♦ Shelter	291	5,246	289	5,884	580	11,130
♦ Shelter Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
♦ Safe Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0
♦ Em. Motel	28	53	17	66	45	119
♦ Carry Over	0	0	0	0	0	0
♦ T. Housing	4	364	3	273	7	637
TOTAL:	323	5,663	309	6,223	632	11,886

TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIMARY VICTIMS: 9,522

<u>Age:</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Race:</u>	
0-12	13	7	Caucasian	3,280
13-17	253	4	African-American	818
18-29	2,220	153	Hispanic	2,256
30-44	2,488	277	Native American	97
45-64	1,114	177	Asian/Pacific Islander	245
65+	185	38	Unknown	2,638
Unknown	2,570	23	Mixed	188
TOTAL	8,843	679	TOTAL	9,522

LOCATION:

Carson	460	Lyon	34
Churchill	47	Mineral	59
Clark	6,563	Nye	42
Douglas	96	Pershing	0
Elko	23	Storey	2
Esmeralda	0	Washoe	1,911
Eureka	0	White Pine	1
Humboldt	0	Unknown	188
Lander	1	Out of State	89
Lincoln	6	TOTAL	9,522

*The Statewide Statistics were compiled from quarterly reports submitted by domestic violence programs in Nevada.

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Traci Dory	Rick Haney	Charles Peck
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TO John McGroarty and Joan Winkler **WHO GAVE TO OUR BIRTHDAY APPEAL**

Resource Center Update

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Another month of October has passed, and the purple ribbons reminding Nevadans of Domestic Violence Awareness Month have been taken down and stored for next year. Yet advocates around the state continue to reach out to their local communities, while at the same time providing shelter, support, referrals, and chances for healing and recovery. In our resource library we have some new resources I would like to spotlight this fall.

Coercive Control: How Men Entrap Women in Personal Life, by Evan Stark, 2007

The author discusses a provocative argument based on research, showing that interventions have failed to improve women's long-term safety

in relationships and hold perpetrators accountable. Stark argues that in millions of abusive relationships, men use a largely unidentified form of subjugation that more closely resembles kidnapping or indentured servitude than assault. He calls this pattern coercive control.

Walking Together: Working with Women from Diverse Religious and Spiritual Traditions, edited by Jean Anton, 2005

This is a long awaited resource that provides much needed tools for domestic violence programs and advocates, enabling them to work sensitively and effectively with women from a variety of religious, spiritual, and cultural backgrounds.

When Battered Women Stay... Advocacy Beyond Leaving, by Jill Davies, 2008

This manual raises key issues and questions about strategies for leaving: exploring the fear and reality of a survivor injured or murdered, the doubts about changing violent behavior, or the dilemma of children emotionally connected to fathers who are violent. It examines some new steps toward expanding our advocacy.

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to hurt or kill the family pet? If yes, describe.

- Have you or anyone else in the family abused the family pet? If yes, describe.
- Did your concern for the pet's welfare keep you from coming to a shelter sooner than now?
- Did you leave the abusive partner because of the abuse of a pet? If yes, describe.

WHAT CAN ADVOCATES DO TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THIS ISSUE?

- Take animal abuse seriously.
- Contact your counterparts in other agencies.
- Develop cross-training among animal welfare, domestic violence, child abuse and other related agencies.
- Work with local animal shelters and/or boarding kennels to develop emergency housing programs for pets.
- Explore the possibility of creating "safe haven" programs in your local community so victims will no longer have to choose between their safety and their pets.

Currently, numerous programs provide procedures for housing family pets off-site at animal shelters or with animal rescue

groups and many shelters are following such a plan.

According to the *National Coalition Against Domestic Violence's 2004 National Directory of Domestic Violence Programs*, more than 700 shelters across the country provide assistance or referrals for placement of pets; however, only four shelters actually provide on-site housing for pets.

As advocates, we all envision a time when no family members, including pets, will be harmed. Until that time comes, please review the resources listed below.

RESOURCES:

Humane Society of the United States (2004). *Making the Connection: Protecting Your Pet from Domestic Violence*, access online by clicking [here](#).

[The Humane Society of the United States](#) is the nation's largest animal protection organization. For more than a half-century, the HSUS has been fighting for the protection of all animals through advocacy, education, and hands-on programs. The First Strike® campaign assists advocates with outreach efforts, provides advice, support, and technical assistance, and assists with legislative efforts. This two-page brochure is designed to assist

victims of domestic violence with safety planning for their pet.

Phillips, A. (2008). *The Pets and Women's Shelters (PAWS™) Startup Guide*. American Humane Office of Public Policy, access online by clicking [here](#).

[American Humane](#) offers free guidance and technical assistance to support shelters starting a PAWS™ Program. (Tel. 703.836.7387)

NNADV's brochure on *Pets & Domestic Violence* can be downloaded [here](#). It addresses some of the common questions and provides solutions for situations where pets are involved in family violence.

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Zorza, J. (2008). Dealing with Animal Abuse to Alleviate Family Violence. *Domestic Violence Report*, 13(5), 65-80.

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Domestic Violence-Related Deaths in Nevada: Year 2007

This information is compiled from newspaper articles from around the state of Nevada; therefore, it may not be an all-inclusive list and is not intended for use as a definitive source of information.

Unidentified Woman, Las Vegas

DOD: January 15, 2007

Age: unknown

A Las Vegas man killed his wife of more than 40 years in a casino parking lot on January 15th. A casino employee heard a man in the parking lot, "I heard him yelling, then two shots," said the witness. The alleged shooter was arrested at the scene; the names of the victim and the perpetrator were withheld by police.

Ashley Denise Turner, Las Vegas

DOD: January 17, 2007

Age: 20

19 year-old Donnese Day told police that his girlfriend, Ashley Denise Turner, 20, was shot by a gunman wearing a hooded sweatshirt who walked into the residence while he and the victim were playing cards. The story never sat well with investigators because it contradicted other witness accounts, and because the shot was fired from a low angle. Day was booked into the Clark County Detention Center on one count of murder with a deadly weapon.

Unidentified Woman, Las Vegas

DOD: February 9, 2007

Age: unknown

Authorities reported an explosion at an apartment complex in Las Vegas on February 9, 2007. The explosion was allegedly triggered by a man carrying out a murder-suicide. The man is suspected of killing his wheelchair-bound wife who also appeared to have suffered wounds to her head prior to being caught in the explosion.

Regina Clements, Carson City

DOD: April 13, 2007

Age: 37

A 12-year-old Dayton girl was orphaned after her father killed her mother before shooting himself in a Carson City parking lot. Just before 11 a.m. on April 13, 2007, officers were called to the site of the shooting. Once there, they discovered the bodies of Regina Clements, 37, and her ex-husband, Richard Clements, 51, in the parking lot. A witness reported that he saw Richard Clements shoot Regina in the back, then commit suicide.

William Gustafik, Las Vegas

DOD: April 18, 2007

Age: 44

The wife of a professional poker player was charged with murder in his stabbing death. William Gustafik, 44, was stabbed multiple times, and was found dead in his bedroom. A few days later, Gustafik's wife, Jill Rockcastle, 49, was found unconscious after a suicide attempt in California. Rockcastle is expected to face extradition to Nevada on a warrant charging her with murder with a deadly weapon. Rockcastle has later written an open letter arguing that she acted in self-defense.

Wendy Garcia, Las Vegas

DOD: April 22, 2007

Age: 19

Wendy Garcia was beaten to death in her home. Garcia's live-in boyfriend, Jorge Witrigo, 20, later told police that he had blacked out, and when he came to, he saw 19-year old Wendy Garcia taking her last breaths. According to his testimony, Jorge Witrigo then went to the kitchen, lit a rag on fire, and threw the flaming cloth into a corner of their bedroom, setting the house on fire. Jorge Witrigo has pleaded guilty to murder.

Shelby Joannette, Fernley

DOD: May 9, 2007

Age: 36

Investigators said Shelby Joannette left her parents home in Fernley just before 9 a.m. on May 9th to care for her horses. While she was en route, she called her father to say her truck had broken down; by the time the father arrived to assist her, she had been shot twice in the head. Joannette's estranged husband, Michael Christopher Newcastle (aka Michael Christopher Young), 35, has been charged in her murder. The couple had been living in Las Vegas until recently when Joannette had moved back to her parent's home in Fernley. The couple was in the process of divorcing.

Esther Fernandez, Las Vegas

DOD: May 15, 2007

Age: 26

Esther Fernandez was killed by Jose Castillo inside the couple's home in Las Vegas. Police found Esther's body on the living room floor. She had two black eyes and bruises over her entire body, as well as a large knife wound in her hand. Castillo had reportedly called some friends and told one of them "I think I killed Esther". Castillo fled the state, but turned himself in to California police the next day, where he was booked in the county jail on a charge of murder with a deadly weapon. Esther leaves behind a 2 ½ year old son.

Naira Villarreal-Gonzalez, Henderson

DOD: May 31, 2007

Age: 21

On the morning of May 31st, a 911 call was made by a woman reporting that shots had been fired inside her home. When police arrived on the scene and

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tried to kick in the locked door of a bedroom, shots were fired through the door. The daughter of the 911 caller died from multiple gunshots and stab wounds inflicted by her estranged husband, who then took his own life.

Joey Deom, Las Vegas

DOD: June 19, 2007

Age: 25

Bridgett Ann Cordova, 30, had a restraining order against the 25-year-old victim, Joey Deom. She reports being afraid for her safety the night of June 19th when Deom had left Clark County Detention Center (after being released on probation for unrelated charges), and was dropped off at Cordova's apartment by his mother. Matthew Goodner, an acquaintance of Cordova's, allegedly shot Deom as he entered the apartment through the front door. According to police reports, a witness said Deom was placed in the back seat of a car while he was still alive, and taken to a remote area where Goodner fired three more rounds at Deom, fatally wounding him. Bridgett Cordova is accused of helping to kill her ex-boyfriend.

Joseph Alan Robb, Reno

DOD: September 16, 2007

Age: 35

At 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 16th, Reno police responded to a domestic disturbance call at the victim's, Joseph Alan Robb's, apartment and found him lying on a second-floor landing, bleeding profusely. Neighbors said they had heard an argument in Robb's apartment between a man and a woman. Ana Padua, 19, told detectives she used her pocket knife against Robb, to defend herself during a violent fight on September 16th. Detectives said they found no signs of a struggle in Robb's apartment, and Padua

suffered no obvious injuries, though she told detectives she was choked, slammed into walls and had her head smashed into the floor. The autopsy report shows that Robb, 35, died after the blade of the knife entered his sternum and punctured the right side of his heart. A judge ruled that Padua remain in Washoe County Jail without bail on suspicion of murder with a deadly weapon.

Diane Silva, Sparks

DOD: September 24, 2007

Age: 39

Detectives reported Diane Silva and Jason Davis, 38, were arguing in the bedroom of their Sparks apartment. When Davis left abruptly, Silva's roommates entered the bedroom and found her unresponsive; medical and police personnel were called to the scene and pronounced her dead. Davis surrendered that afternoon at a Reno police station, telling police he had just committed a crime off Sullivan Lane. Detectives arrested him on suspicion of open murder and booked him into the Washoe County jail where he was held without bail.

Karissa Nailen, Henderson

DOD: October 16, 2007

Age: 23

24-year-old Raymond Rodriguez allegedly killed his wife, Karissa Nailen and then shot himself on Oct. 16th, in what authorities are classifying as a murder-suicide. The mother of the 23-year old Karissa Nailen called 911 around 3:30 a.m. after hearing gunshots in her home where the two were staying. Rodriguez reportedly had a history of domestic violence, and had recently been charged with making threatening phone calls to Nailen's mother.

Lawrence Jay Gormly, Henderson

DOD: November 3, 2007

Age: 43

41-year-old Julie Ann Flores dialed 911 November 3rd, and told the operator she had just shot her boyfriend, Lawrence Jay Gormly. Gormly had left home earlier that day following an argument; when he returned, the argument resumed. Gormly reportedly began revving the engine of Flores's car when she pulled out a gun and fired a shot into the air. Gormly subsequently got out of the car and hit Flores in the face, at which point she allegedly shot him—the coroner's office ruled Gormly died from a gunshot wound to the chest. Gormly had a long history of violence with his girlfriend—at the time of his death, he was awaiting a hearing for a previous domestic violence arrest.

Unidentified Woman, Las Vegas

DOD: December 21, 2007

Age: unknown

A woman died on December 21st in a domestic dispute. Police arrived at an apartment complex after receiving reports of a man bleeding in the common area. They found three victims on the ground: two women with head injuries, and a man with a severed arm. Police said the three victims were attacked with a machete or other type of large knife; one of the women had sustained blunt force trauma to her head and died at the hospital. The condition of the other woman and the man wasn't available; the suspect fled and is still at large.

Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund

The Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund provides direct emergency financial assistance grants of up to \$500 to battered women and their children who are fleeing abusive relationships or attempting to reestablish themselves after leaving such situations.

We need your help to continue providing the Jan Evans Fund's valuable resources to victims of domestic violence. Please consider donating to the Jan Evans Fund. All donations to the Jan Evans Fund are tax-deductible as allowed by law. No administrative costs are covered by Jan Evans Fund—100% of all donations go directly to meet the needs of victims. To make a financial contribution to the Jan Evans Fund, please fill out the donation form on page 5 of this newsletter, and mail it in with your cash or check donation. Thank you for your support.

Grant Awards: Nevada-based domestic violence programs can apply for funds on behalf of individual battered women and their children to cover the following costs:

- transportation costs (plane, train, or bus tickets; automobile repair; rental cars)
- relocation expenses (utilities, deposits, short term rental payments)
- personal supplies (eyeglasses, prescription drugs, medical supplies)
- any other type of emergency need directly related to leaving an abusive relationship

An applying organization must be a non-profit, tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code and must be a member program of the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence. If you would like more information about applying for a grant, please contact [NNADV](mailto:nnadv@nnadv.org) at 775.828.1115 / 800.230.1955.

In the second and third quarters of the calendar year, the fund was made available due to the generous support of the attendees of the Statewide Legal Advocacy Training in Henderson and the Eastern Regional Training in Winnemucca.

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In an effort to promote social change and empower women and all persons affected by domestic violence, NNADV is an inclusive network which supports member programs, communities, and individuals to work on the elimination of domestic violence and core issues of societal oppression.

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