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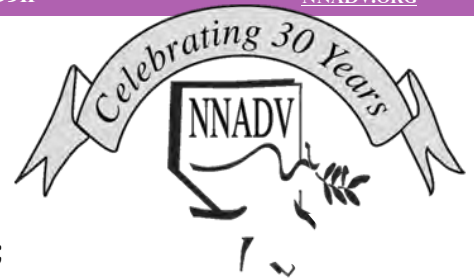
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Nevada Statistics Underscore Urgency of DV Awareness



In 2008, Nevada Tops National List for Women Killed by Men; 83 Percent Knew Their Perpetrators

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) in October, experts and those who work with victims of domestic violence held events to educate the public, inspire action, and inform victims of the help and services that are available as they seek violence-free lives.

These activities were particularly important in Nevada, where in 2008 the state had the highest rate of females being murdered by males, with 2.96 murders per 100,000, according to the study *When Men Murder Women*, recently released by the [Violence Policy Center](#) in Washington, D.C. That is almost double the national rate and also reflects that a majority of victims were wives, girlfriends, ex-wives, and common-law partners of the perpetrators.

The statistics are staggering. With 38 females murdered by males during 2008, Nevada continues among the top five states with the highest per capita number of females murdered by males in single victim/single offender incidents. Nationally, on an average day, three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends, according to statistics by the [Family Violence Prevention Fund](#).

“These findings are a grim reminder that domestic violence can escalate to homicide. More resources need to be made available to protect women and prevent such tragedies,” says Sue Meuschke, Executive

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Director of the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NNADV). “This October, domestic violence experts and service providers across our state came together to help end abuse and to speak out against domestic and sexual violence.”

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Although October is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, committing to end domestic and sexual violence to keep women and children safe must be an ongoing effort. Whether you contribute to a local shelter, volunteer time to a program that aids victims of abuse, talk to a child about what constitutes a healthy relationship and how to treat others with respect, offer support to a victim of violence, or post awareness materials in public places, you **can** make a difference throughout the year.



DVAM in Nevada, continued from page 1

While the activities were varied, the goals were the same: to raise awareness about the prevalence and cost of domestic and sexual violence, the need for prevention, and the available services for victims and their families. The following are events submitted to the statewide DVAM calendar compiled and published by the Network at www.nnadv.org.

On Oct. 1, the NV Attorney General's Office hosted the all-day Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Summit in Las Vegas where experts in law, victim advocacy, and state government discussed the best use of state/federal resources to fight domestic violence and service victims. NNADV's Sue Meuschke was a featured speaker.

Oct. 4 through mid-October, Advocates to End Domestic Violence in Carson City placed purple bows on the historical areas of downtown and also placed a DVAM banner across Main Street.

On Oct. 4, Domestic Violence Intervention in Fallon hosted a Candlelight Vigil at a local park, focusing on survival, hope, and living a violence-free life.

On Oct. 7, Family Support Council of Gardnerville hosted a benefit dinner/concert hosted by Women Entrepreneurs of Carson Valley. There was also a texting donation campaign executed through the month of November.

On Oct. 9, S.A.F.E. House of Las Vegas hosted a Run for Shelter 5k & 1-mile Fun Run. On the same day, Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter (WDVS) hosted the "Providing a Light" Banquet and Candlelight Vigil to remember those who died from domestic violence and to raise funds for vital services.

On Oct. 13, Safe Nest and UnitedHealthcare in Las Vegas invited the public to join community leaders to learn about domestic violence issues in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

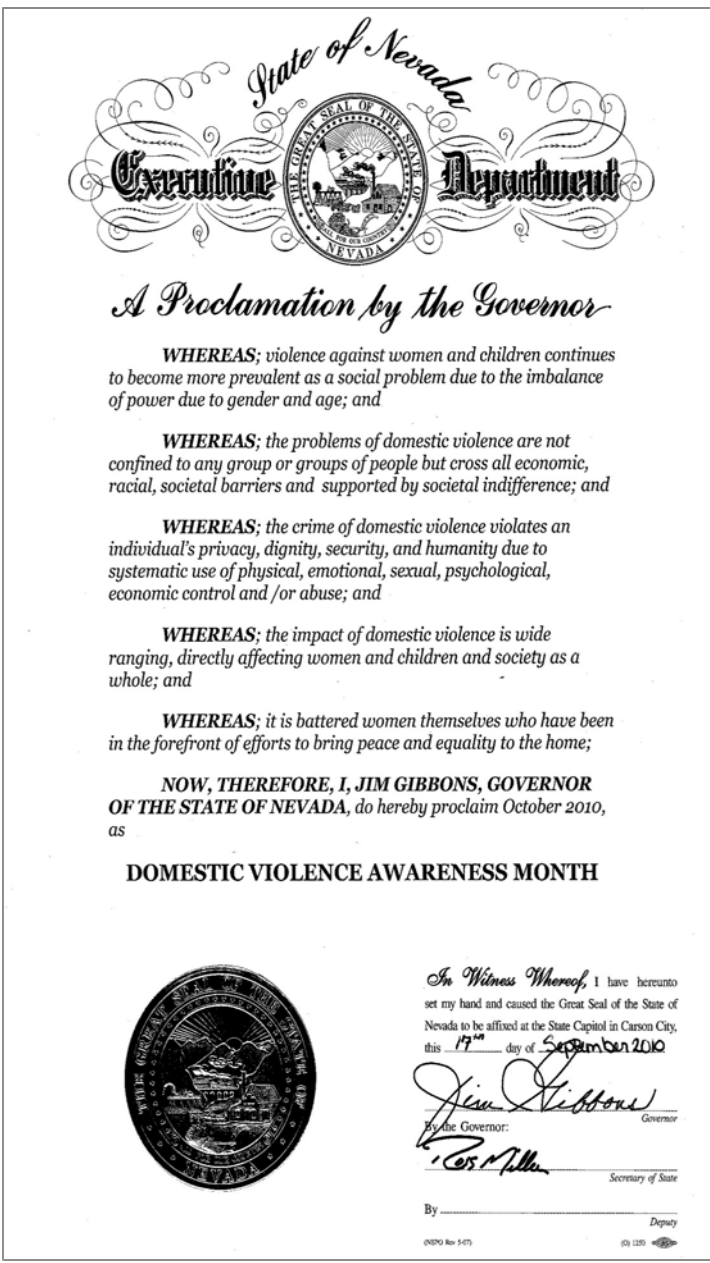
On Oct. 14, WDVS hosted "Game Against the Violence" at Great Basin College to get the word out about domestic violence by encouraging participation in board and Wii games to win prizes.

On Oct. 16, Tahoe Women's Services hosted a *Walk a Mile in her Shoes* event at Village Center.

On Oct. 22, Safe Nest, along with UnitedHealthcare, hosted the 27th Annual DV Awareness Luncheon & Silent Auction.

On Oct. 23, Lander County Committee Against Domestic Violence hosted the 5th annual Fun Run and Walk to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The same day, the WDVS hosted a training for local clergy/counselors to build awareness about the basics of Nevada's Victims of Crime program.

On Oct. 25, the WDVS hosted a fundraiser at a local Mexican restaurant to raise money for vital services for domestic violence survivors.





Advocates to End Domestic Violence Honorees: Ken Ramsey, Sheriff Ed Smith & Clydell Wert

Advocates to End Domestic Violence (AEDV)-Mineral County: Established in 1984 and incorporated in 1990, the AEDV is dedicated to assist the victims of domestic violence to lead more productive and peaceful lives. This is accomplished through a number of vital services, including a 24-hour crisis line, and weekly counseling and group sessions for both victims and abusers. The shelter also provides information and referrals to individuals seeking or inquiring about a protection and related orders, social service referrals, community education, and job assistance. The AEDV encourages clients to become self-sufficient community members while providing them a safe haven to get back on their feet.

KEN RAMSEY

Ken Ramsey is one of Mineral County AEDV's longest-serving Board members. He has worked with AEDV since day one, and was instrumental in its incorporation in 1990. Formerly the director of security for the Hawthorne Army Depot, he is retired but continues to volunteer as an advocate against domestic violence.

As a former member of the Consolidated Agencies for Human Services (CAHS) Board, Ken became interested in the area of domestic violence. CAHS later donated office space to AEDV.

Ken continues to support AEDV in fundraising efforts, and remains active in the local community helping neighbors with projects and volunteering for causes such as Armed Forces Day Celebration.

Ken and his wife reside in Hawthorne, along with his daughter, son-in-law, and 16-month-old granddaughter Ramsey.

SHERIFF ED SMITH

Currently serving as the Sheriff of Mineral County, Ed (Smitty) Smith was an original Board member when Mineral Co. AEDV was founded. To this day, Sheriff Smith remains on the organization's Board, showing his continued commitment to ending domestic violence in Mineral County, and advocating for victims.

Smitty made Hawthorne his home back in 1977, after an honorable discharge and numerous military awards from the U.S. Marine Corps. He later joined the Mineral County Sheriff's Department and advanced through the ranks attaining the rank of captain/assistant sheriff.

Smitty eventually transferred to the Nevada Highway Patrol assigned to Hawthorne and then retired to run for sheriff. In 2007 he was sworn in as sheriff, but will retire at the end of this term and move to Florida to enjoy the sunny climate with his wife, Nina.

CLYDELL WERT

Clydell has been with the AEDV for 20 years as Executive Director. She incorporated the agency in 1990 and by 1995 had obtained a shelter to provide housing for women and children affected by domestic violence.

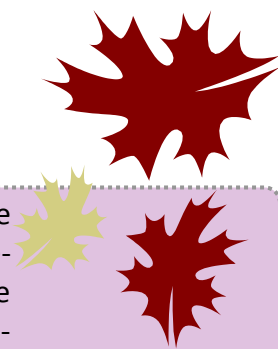
The AEDV collaborates with the Consolidated Agency of Human Services, which is housed in the same building. This agency assists clients with rent and nutritional needs while AEDV provides counseling, including batterer intervention strategies.

The shelter offers an onsite manager to keep operations running smoothly and ensure that victim needs are continuously being met. The AEDV also is active in the local community doing speaking engagements at local schools as well as the Soroptimist Club, which donated a fence and other supplies for the shelter. Mineral County also donates to AEDV.

During 2010, the NNADV celebrates its 30th birthday by honoring 30 people who make a difference in our community.



NNADV Honorees: Barbara Buckley, Valerie Cooney, Nancy Hart, Wendy Kameda, & Judge Ken Proctor



Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence: The NNADV was founded in 1980 to serve as the statewide coalition of community-based domestic violence programs in Nevada. The Network’s purpose is to help Nevada’s communities respond effectively to the needs of domestic violence victims. NNADV provides a resource library, advocacy training, and technical assistance to Nevada’s domestic violence programs. NNADV also coordinates networking meetings, assists in the provision of community and professional education, and is active in educating legislators on issues of concern to Nevada families.

BARBARA BUCKLEY

Barbara has represented District 8 in the Nevada State Assembly since 1994. During her tenure in the legislature, Speaker Buckley has chaired the Assembly Commerce Committee, the Nevada Legislative Commission and the Committee on Children, Youth and Families. She is well known for her advocacy for consumers, children and the elderly. Barbara sponsored landmark legislation enacting a Patient’s Bill of Rights that was featured in *Vanity Fair*.

Barbara also created Legal Aid’s Domestic Violence Project to provide a critical lifeline to help victims litigate divorce actions, secure custody and support orders, and enforce protective orders. The Project also serves as the lead agency for the Department of Justice Legal Assistance to Victims grant, which provides funding to Washoe Legal Services and Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans (VARN).

WENDY KAMEDA

With a varied background in medical technology, law, and teaching, Wendy has retired twice but is now a committed volunteer at Legal Aid Center of Clark County (LACSN), formerly Clark County Legal Services.

Wendy established the domestic violence program at LACSN and has worked for Speaker Barbara Buckley in the 2007 and 2009 legislative sessions, a well-known advocate for consumers, youth, and the elderly.

VALERIE COONEY

Valerie is the Executive Director of VARN. In 2001, she left a private law firm in Carson City to join VARN and assist to develop the Domestic Violence Victim’s Assistance Project, which provides direct legal services to victims and survivors of domestic violence in 15 of Nevada’s 17 counties.

As part of her work at VARN, Valerie was the first attorney ever to appear in a Nevada rural court on behalf of a victim of domestic violence. Since that time she has represented hundreds of victims in every judicial district in the 15 counties. Valerie is committed to empower victims of family violence to regain their independence and self worth, as well as value to society.



Wendy earned her law degree from the University of Southern California.

Wendy later worked at a Los Angeles law firm, and then taught at UCLA Law School. Additionally, she worked for The Walt Disney Company and The Disney Stores in the Consumer Products Divisions and in International Administration, putting her legal and analytical skills to work. She also worked for a software company setting up its international licensing business.

NANCY HART

Nancy has been involved in domestic violence work for almost 20 years – as director of a volunteer lawyers program in Reno, as chair of the legal advocacy committee of the local task force on domestic violence, as a deputy attorney general involved in federal grant projects, legislative efforts and other statewide policy development, and most recently as a policy consultant for the NNADV. Nancy is a graduate of Stanford University and of King Hall School of Law at the University of California at Davis, and has been a licensed attorney since 1989. She views her DV work as part of her larger commitment to universal human rights and helping others. Nancy is also a long-term member and human rights activist with Amnesty International, having served in various volunteer leadership positions.

JUDGE KEN PROCTOR

Now retired, Ken was appointed Henderson municipal judge pro-tem in 1990. In 1994, he co-founded S.A.F.E. House and was recognized as Henderson’s Citizen of the Year. In 1997, he joined the Nevada Domestic Violence Prevention Council, working with Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa; he was re-elected to the Council in 2001. Ken also served on the Clark County Domestic Violence Prevention Council. In 2003, he was elected president of the Nevada Judges Association; was selected Judge of the Year in 2004 and in 2007 the Nevada Supreme Court appointed him as Senior Judge.



STATEWIDE STATISTICS
FOURTH QUARTER FY 2009-2010

TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTACTS: **16,719**

First Time:	8,290	Telephone:	6,267
Repeat:	5,352	Face to Face:	<u>10,452</u>
Follow Up:	<u>3,077</u>		16,719
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BEDNIGHTS:

	Adults	Bdnts	Children	Bdnts	Total Adult & Children	Total Bdnts.
Shelter	279	5,818	326	6,878	605	12,696
Shelter Services	3	0	0	0	3	0
Safe Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Em. Motel	22	56	10	26	32	82
Carry Over	0	0	0	0	0	0
T. Housing	12	955	18	1,499	30	2,454
TOTAL:	316	6,829	354	8,403	670	15,232

TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIMARY VICTIMS: 8,290

Age	Female	Male	Race:	
00-12	43	11	Caucasian	3,527
13-17	182	36	African American	937
18-29	2,308	160	Hispanic	2,710
30-44	2,996	321	Native American	102
45-64	1,313	218	Asian/Pacific Islander	209
65+	131	41	Unknown	667
Unknown	481	49	Mixed	139
TOTAL:	7,454	836	TOTAL:	8,290

LOCATION:

Carson	429	Lyon	73
Churchill	78	Mineral	121
Clark	5,044	Nye	1
Douglas	103	Pershing	1
Elko	45	Storey	0
Esmeralda	0	Washoe	2,125
Eureka	2	White Pine	5
Humboldt	32	Unknown	163
Lander	0	Out of state	68
Lincoln	0	TOTAL:	8,290

These statistics were compiled by NNADV from reports submitted by domestic violence programs in Nevada.

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Domestic Violence-Related Deaths in Nevada: 2009

During 2009, a total of **15 women, and three men** lost their lives due to intimate partner violence. Five domestic violence perpetrators committed suicide in 2009. For this publication, NNADV has compiled information stemming from “intimate partner violence” (IPV). According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), IPV includes physical, sexual, or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse and in cases detailed below violence has resulted in death. This list was compiled from various online and hardcopy media reports.

Holly Barbeau—Las Vegas

Died Jan. 13, 2009, at age 38

A man was booked in the alleged slaying of his wife after reporting it to officers as a suicide, North Las Vegas police said. Earl Barbeau, 28, had called emergency services saying that he had found his wife dead from a suicide in their home. When police arrived at the residence, they found Holly Barbeau shot to death. Barbeau’s story did not match the evidence at the scene, police said. Officers booked him into custody on a charge of second-degree murder.

John Hampton Haines—Las Vegas

Died on Feb. 21, 2009, at age 30

Thirty-year-old John Hampton of Las Vegas was shot and killed by police after they responded to a domestic dispute. Haines died of multiple gunshot wounds in what

coroner’s officials have ruled a homicide. Las Vegas police said officers fired their weapons after unsuccessful attempts to negotiate with the man, because he had two guns and was attempting to enter his home.

Crystal Klinkenberg—Las Vegas

Died on Feb. 22, 2009, at age 23

Nellis Air Force Base airman Jason Klinkenberg and his wife Crystal died in a suspected murder-suicide after a standoff with police inside a North Las Vegas apartment. Police said Klinkenberg’s wife contacted a friend, who called police claiming Jason Klinkenberg was holding a gun to his wife’s head. When officers arrived Klinkenberg retreated into the ground-level apartment and fired shots out of the window at officers. Police did not return fire. SWAT officers entered the apartment to find the couple dead. The Clark County Coroner’s Office will determine whether the incident was a murder-suicide.

Janet Nual—Las Vegas

Died Feb. 24, 2009, at unknown age

Janet Nual called 911 and told dispatchers her husband was “going crazy.” Edwin M. Magbanua, 50, met officers at the door with blood on his clothes and said, “I stabbed her in the stomach, you need to help her,” according to the police report. Police found the woman suffering from multiple stab wounds. Janet Nual was taken to University Medical Center where she later

died. The ex-husband was arrested and held without bail. He faces a charge of murder with a deadly weapon.

Sulyda Pheng—Las Vegas

Died on March 3, 2009, at age 22

Police were alerted to a domestic violence situation in Nevada by a Long Beach, Calif. woman who said that her sister was being battered at her Las Vegas home. When officers arrived, a woman opened the front door and placed a baby on the doorstep. Police took the child, and as they walked away the woman’s 32-year-old boyfriend Allen Meister fired shots from the front door. Meister then grabbed the woman and closed the door. Las Vegas police said she died in a murder-suicide. Her boyfriend shot her and then himself after becoming involved in a standoff with police. Meister was wanted in Long Beach for attempted murder, police said.

Sophie Jozwiak—Las Vegas

Died March 7, 2009, at age 84

For months, 58-year-old John Vincent Delong had threatened to shoot Sophie Jozwiak as well as her daughter, Teresa Jozwiak, according to Las Vegas police. He later shot the woman and tried to kill himself with shots to the head.



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 Attendees at Sept. 14th Regional Training - Elko
 Attendees at Sept. 15th Lovelock Birthday party
 Attendees at the Oct. 1 Fatality Review Summit

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Teresa Jozwiak told police that as an argument between Delong and her mother began, Delong stated that he was “losing it” and then proceeded to level a revolver at the victim. When her daughter attempted to intervene he punched her in the face and then shot her mother Sophie in the chest. Delong then put the gun in his mouth and fired. Still conscious, he fired again, successfully incapacitating himself. He was expected to live, according to police.

Patricia McCreery—Las Vegas

Died April 24, 2009, at age 38

Patricia McCreery was found stabbed to death in her own home, and the man accused of the crime was behind bars within 24 hours of the killing. Clayton Wrencher is believed to be the woman’s boyfriend of 16 years and the couple was allegedly in the process of separating when an argument escalated into violence. The victim was taken to the hospital following the stabbing and was later pronounced dead from stab wounds to the chest and stomach.

Sharon Randolph—Las Vegas

Died on May 2009, at age 57

A Clark County grand jury indicted Thomas Randolph with killing his wife, Sharon Clause Randolph, and a man he hired to kill her, Michael James Miller. Police say Randolph staged a home

invasion in a plot to kill his wife for insurance money. He is charged with conspiracy to commit murder, murder with a deadly weapon, and burglary.

Raquel Hernandez—Las Vegas

Died July 11, 2009, at age 47

Filadelfo Galena-Moran made a confession at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department’s city hall office. He told officials that his long-time girlfriend, Raquel Hernandez, lay dead in their bedroom four miles away. He admitted that he had stabbed her repeatedly about the head and neck.

Yoneko Bailey—Las Vegas

Died Aug. 10, 2009, at age 62

Yoneko Bailey was found dead in her North Las Vegas apartment. The Clark County coroner’s office said the woman died from a stab wound to the chest. Her husband, who police said tried to commit suicide before his arrest, was booked on a charge of murder with a deadly weapon.

Sarah Wayson—Las Vegas

Died Sept. 8, 2009, at age 29

Sarah Elizabeth Wayson and her 40-year-old boyfriend Eric Austin Bray, were found dead by a housekeeper. Wayson was discovered on a couch with multiple gunshot wounds. Her death was ruled a homicide, according to the Clark County Coroner’s Office. Bray, discovered in another area of the house, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the

head, and his death was later ruled a suicide by the coroner’s office. Police have not released a motive. Wayson’s father had been a prominent lawyer and lobbyist in Maryland and had been a legal advisor to casino mogul Steve Wynn.

Kay Woods—Las Vegas

Died Sept. 24, 2009, at age 80

Authorities said an elderly Las Vegas couple had a murder-suicide pact which later resulted in both their deaths. Police arrested 86-year-old Joseph Woods, who was accused of killing his wife by shooting her in the back. Woods himself had a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his torso and was taken to Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas. Homicide detectives said the motive appeared to be that the couple was “elderly and sick.” Joseph Woods told officers he shot his wife and then himself. A suicide note was found at the scene. Kay Woods tried to kill herself twice before she was slain by her elderly husband. **Update: Joseph Woods, the 86-year-old accused of fatally shooting his wife before attempting suicide, died Dec. 10, 2009.**

Shane McElroy—Las Vegas

Died Oct. 8, 2009, at age 37

A woman is accused of shooting and killing her 37-year-old husband with a shotgun in front of their southwest Las Vegas Valley

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Domestic Violence-Related Deaths in Nevada: 2009

home. Las Vegas police said 25-year-old Ericka McElroy called claiming her daughter had shot her husband outside their home. Officers arrived to find the man dead from a gunshot wound to the chest. Police reported that Ericka McElroy said her husband was abusive to her for the 10 years they were together.

Cynthia Morton—Winnemucca
Died Aug. 5, 2009, at age 50

David Morton, 52, is charged with murder in the shooting death of his wife Cynthia Morton. According to testimony by the couple's adult son Robert Morton—who was present at the time—Cynthia was shot in the chest and died a month later. Robert relayed that when he heard a loud bang, he discovered his father holding a rifle and his mother curled up in a fetal position. A detective from the Winnemucca Police Department told the court he spoke briefly with Cynthia and she identified her husband as the shooter. Morton told detectives he only intended to point the gun at his wife to scare her, and then he was going to shoot himself.

Hamida Ashraf—Las Vegas
Died Nov. 8, 2009, at age 29

Authorities identified a 49-year-old man suspected of stabbing his wife to death. Officers found Farid Ashraf in front of his Las Vegas residence holding an infant, according to an arrest re-

port. A neighbor called police after two other children had run out of the Ashraf home seeking help from neighbors. Officers entered the house, took the infant from Ashraf, who then picked up a knife and made stabbing motions at himself. Police then found the body of a woman in another area of the house. She appeared to have been stabbed several times in the neck and was taken to University Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead.

Roberto Corona—Reno
Died Nov. 17, 2009, at age 29

David Sanchez-Dominguez, 32, of Reno, is accused of fatally shooting a relative who intervened during a heated confrontation with his estranged wife, Maria Corona. He is being held on suspicion of murder with a deadly weapon, burglary with the use of a deadly weapon, being an ex-felon in possession of a firearm, and violating a restraining order. Sanchez-Dominguez is accused of shooting Roberto Corona, 29, in the chest, during an incident at Maria Corona's home. According to police, the suspect was looking for his wife, walked through the front door of her residence, and began arguing with her mother, demanding she tell him where his wife went. When Roberto Corona stepped between them, Sanchez-Dominguez allegedly pulled a pistol and fired one shot into Roberto Corona's chest.

Kristine Freshman—Las Vegas
Died Dec. 6, 2009, at age 57

Kris Freshman, a long-time kindergarten teacher, died at home after being shot. The Clark County Coroner's Office ruled her death a homicide, noting that she died from a gunshot wound to the head. Her husband, Walter Freshman, 50, called 911 admitting that he had accidentally shot his wife thinking that the gun was not loaded. The shooting followed an argument in which his wife allegedly relayed that she wanted to kill herself, and then urged him to shoot her. This same incident apparently unfolded four years ago, when Freshman told police he pointed an unloaded shotgun at his wife during a similar argument and pulled the trigger, at which point the gun "only clicked," and that "shut her up."

Mecenda Mazone—Las Vegas
Died Dec. 14, 2009, at age 34

John Hendie Morris, 50, faces a murder charge in the death of Mecenda Mazone, who was found by police at her home. He told detectives that he killed Mazone during an earlier fight. Police said Morris had been charged with beating Mazone in the past. Court records showed he had a preliminary hearing on a felony domestic battery. When police confronted him over Mazone's death, he was already being held at the Clark County Detention Center on the domestic battery charge.



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