

## ***Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence***

### **2013 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES in NEVADA**

In 2013, domestic violence related incidents **claimed 18 lives** in Nevada, as documented in published news stories in print media. Each incident received varying degree of attention from reporters, ranging from multi-story investigative reporting to simple one-paragraph crime reports. As such, the descriptions below should not be considered an attempt to capture the full complexity of the events. Rather, this list is a commemoration of lives lost to domestic violence.

In order to be included in this list, each homicide was identified as an intimate partner violence related incident; the deaths resulted from violence between adults who were either current or past intimate partners. In 2013, 11 such incidents were reported by print media, **claiming the lives of 10 female and 5 male victims. 3 male perpetrators committed suicides** after killing or trying to kill their current or former partners.

#### **In the death of . . .**

#### ***Hans Walters, 52 (Murder-suicide), Kathryn Michelle Walters, 46, Maximilian Walters, 5 (gunshot wound)***

January 21, 2013, Boulder City

A Las Vegas police lieutenant allegedly killed his wife and son before setting his house on fire and killing himself. Police responded to Hans Walter's 911 call, when officers arrived, Walters was outside the house carrying what appeared to be a handgun. He ignored officer's commands and returned to the burning house, where he apparently killed himself. Medical examiners ruled that Kathryn and Maximilian Walters both died from gunshot wounds to the head and Hans Walters died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

#### ***Bobby Scherrer 41, Bonnie Scherrer 38, Linda McCarty 62 (gunshot wound)***

January 29, 2013, Las Vegas

Police were called after reports of gunshots; when officers arrived, they found three dead adults, and one person seriously injured. Linda McCarty and her two adult children, Bobby and Bonnie Scherrer, was shot to death by Jim McCarty, Linda's husband and Bobby and Bonnie's stepfather. After killing his wife and step children, he turned the gun on himself. He was the only survivor of the possible murder-attempted suicide and was hospitalized in critical condition. He is currently facing three charges of murder.

#### ***Sharon Jones, 49 (stabbing)***

February 17, 2013, Las Vegas

Police believe that Ricardo Glasgow, 53 stabbed Sharon Jones to death after an argument. Witnesses told police they tried to stop Glasgow from stabbing Jones, but he would not stop. Officers entering the home saw Glasgow straddling Jones body and holding a knife. He asked officers to shoot him but they were able to subdue and arrest him instead. He was booked at Clark County Detention Center. Jones died at the University Medical Center.

***David Krambs, 33 (gunshot wound)***

February 23, 2013, Reno

Reno police officer fatally shot a man after responding to a home on a report of a domestic dispute. Officers had responded to this address multiple times in the past for other domestic disturbances. According to officers, Krambs was allegedly suicidal and beating his girlfriend before officers arrived on a disturbance call, pointed a rifle with a live round in the chamber at police and was shot four times.

***Renee Bassett, 47 (gunshot wound), Unknown male, 54 (murder-suicide)***

March 5, 2013, Henderson

Henderson police say Renee Bassett was shot and killed by her ex-husband in a murder-suicide. Henderson police discovered Bassett shot to death in her house after a teenage boy called 911 asking for help. The boy's father was found dead inside a car parked in front of the house from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The teen was not injured. Police report that the shooting occurred after a verbal argument with his ex-wife.

***Melissa Boyes, 24 (gunshot wound)***

April 6, 2013, Las Vegas

Jarom Boyes admitted to thrusting his wife, Melissa Boyes' head through a wall, causing her to run into the bedroom and grab her gun. Jarom chased after her to the point that he grabbed the gun, turning it on her, shooting her one time and killing her. Boyes was booked on a charge of first-degree murder.

***Maria Flores, 43; Elizabeth Gomez, 17 (gunshot wound)***

June 1, 2013, Las Vegas

Manuel Mata III shot and killed his girlfriend of three years, Maria Flores and her daughter, 17 year old Elizabeth Gomez before attempting to kill himself. A child, Sophia Trujillo, 4 was also injured. She was shot in the neck but is expected to survive. Mata faces two counts of murder with a deadly weapon and one count of attempted murder with weapon.

***Jennifer Evanson (blunt force trauma)***

September 19, 2013 Las Vegas, NV

A man killed his girlfriend with a beer mug after an argument in her motor home. Dana Baker, 61 was arrested after Jennifer Evanson was found bleeding from her head. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Police found Baker in a tent in a desert with blood in his socks and shorts. They also found a pair of bloody tennis shoes inside his car. Baker said he and Evanson had gotten into an argument when he hit her over the head with a beer mug seven or eight times. Baker left her lying on the floor for approximately two hours before she asked him to call 911 according to his statement. He faces one charge of murder with a deadly weapon.

***Karen Hevener, 56 (drowning)***

September 28, 2013, Las Vegas

According to initial reports, Neal Huff, 51 told police a verbal argument turned into a violent physical confrontation. Hevener was allegedly drowned in the pool behind the couple's home. When Hevener stopped moving, Huff pulled her from the pool and tried to revive her. When his efforts failed, he felt ashamed at what he had done and tried to take his own life, the report stated. When officers arrived, they discovered a handcuffed Huff with a broken rope around his neck, and Hevener's lifeless body next to the pool. Detectives also say they found physical evidence at the crime scene that verified Huff's statement. He now sits in the Clark County Detention Center facing a murder charge.

***Jason Richard Thrift, 33 (gunshot wound)***

December 2, 2013, Gardnerville, NV

Douglas County deputies say Jason Richard Thrift was killed following an argument with his ex-girlfriend. They arrested Nichole Christine Followill at the scene. Reports say that Thrift was moving out of the home he shared with Followill when the two started arguing. Followill pulled out a handgun and killed Thrift with a single shot.

***Guy Perry, 52 (gunshot wound); Michael Brentlinger, 22 (suicide)***

December 28, 2013, Carson City, NV

Sheriff's deputies arrived at a house to find a dead man and his 19 year old daughter with a gunshot wound to head. Guy Perry died of gunshot wounds to the upper body. His daughter, Cassandra Perry was shot in the head but is expected to make a full recovery. The suspect, Michael Brentlinger used to live at the house and used to date Cassandra. He committed suicide when Reno police confronted him at the park after a two-day manhunt. Reports say Brentlinger had been arrested on a trespassing charge after Cassandra obtained a restraining order against him.