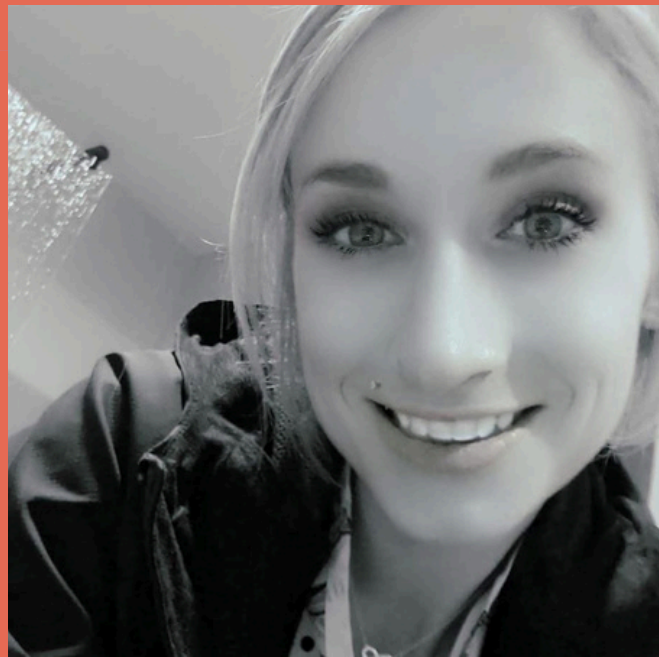


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## MELISSA HUNT

THE COALITION TO  
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**MELISSA HUNT**  
MINNESOTA'S 11TH  
CONFIRMED VICTIM  
OF INTIMATE  
PARTNER HOMICIDE  
IN 2025

Melissa Hunt, 36, was shot and killed in Wabasha County, Minnesota on June 18, 2025. Craig Hameister, 44, Melissa's ex-partner and the father of her youngest daughter, is charged with two counts of second-degree murder and one count of first-degree manslaughter.

On the afternoon of June 18, police were called to the West Newton area, where Melissa was found badly injured. She had driven into someone's driveway to ask for help. Melissa had been shot in the face, which resulted in severe facial injuries. Her teeth were falling out and a portion of her jaw was missing. Melissa was taken to the hospital, where she passed away.

Hameister was arrested on June 19 after he fled and hid from the police for several hours, which also triggered a shelter-in-place order in Marion Township the prior night. He was found with a pistol. Hameister has a history of domestic violence which includes stalking, terroristic threats, and domestic assault charges and convictions dating at least as far back as 2006.

**Melissa Hunt was described as “such a light,” “a beautiful soul,” and someone who “had a big heart and loved life.” She leaves behind two daughters.**