



# WHY WE RECOGNIZE ROMANTIC REJECTION- RELATED HOMICIDES

Violence Free Minnesota has been tracking domestic violence homicides since 1989. In addition to domestic violence homicides, we recognize deaths that are not domestic violence-related, but which occur as the result of misogyny and systems of violence against women.

These deaths include homicides of individuals killed as a result of a perpetrator's refusal to accept romantic rejection, as in Kayli's case. Unless there was a prior or existing romantic or sexual relationship, we do not view these deaths as domestic violence-related, but we do view them as a result of misogyny and male entitlement, which contribute to unacceptable levels of violence against women.

**We do not view Kayli's homicide as an intimate partner homicide, as she was not in a romantic or sexual relationship with the man who killed her and repeatedly refused one, which he chose not to accept. We recognize her homicide under this romantic rejection criteria.**