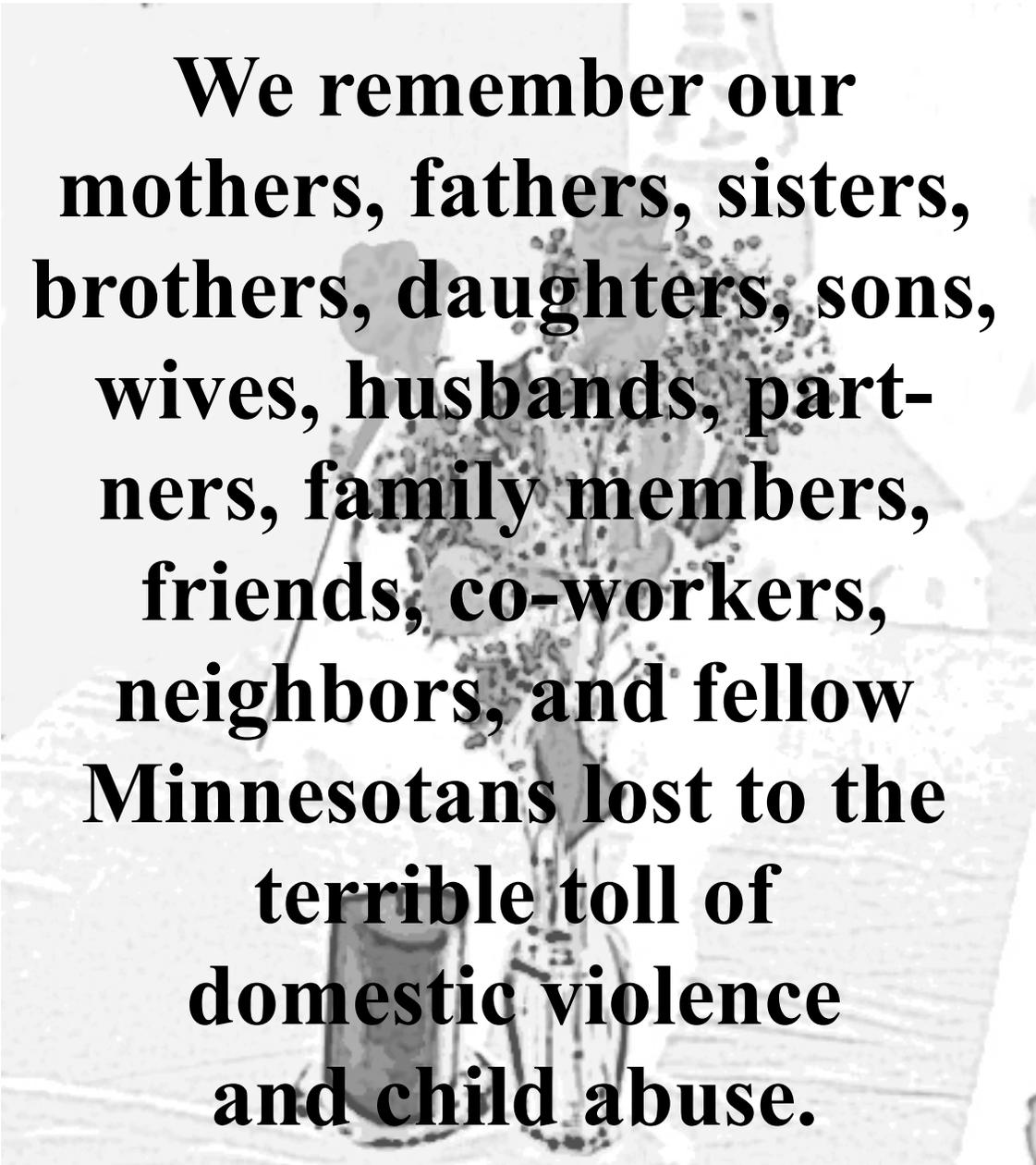


The 2006 Minnesota Femicide Report



**We remember our
mothers, fathers, sisters,
brothers, daughters, sons,
wives, husbands, part-
ners, family members,
friends, co-workers,
neighbors, and fellow
Minnesotans lost to the
terrible toll of
domestic violence
and child abuse.**

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About the Femicide Report

The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women monitors information about women, men, and children murdered in our state to educate the public about the lethality of domestic violence and child abuse. We pledge to remember the women, men, children, and family members and/or friends who die each year from domestic violence, and also the women and children who are murdered while being used in prostitution and sex trafficking. Women and children used in prostitution and sex trafficking are battered women and abused children in need of protection from abuse.

We challenge communities to respond to battered women and their children by providing adequate funding for safe shelter and advocacy services, prevention education for all elementary and secondary students, laws to protect women and children, effective enforcement of those laws, and aggressive prosecution of all domestic assault crimes and all prostitution crimes targeting perpetrators, pimps, and "johns."

In reporting the total number of deaths, it is important to note that *at least* this many women, men, and children have been murdered. We cannot be certain we have not missed some deaths since we must use a method of data collection that primarily relies on news accounts. No state or federal agency collects comprehensive data on domestic homicides. In addition, the murders of women of color, Native American women, women living in poverty, rural women, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender people, and women and girls used in prostitution and sex trafficking may be underreported in our listing as they frequently go unreported in mainstream media.

The 2006 Femicide Report is compiled from news accounts. Please contact MCBW if we have missed a death or if you have updated or more complete information on any femicide. This report only includes victims in cases where the death of the victim was determined to be a homicide; and/or the alleged perpetrator has been arrested, charged, or convicted in the murder; or the case was determined to be a murder-suicide.

We ask that the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women be credited when information from this report is used.

Women and Children Murdered in Minnesota

1988	<u>At least 18 women</u> died from domestic violence*	1997	<u>At least 17 women</u> died from domestic violence <u>At least 5 children</u> died from child abuse
1989	<u>At least 18 women</u> died from domestic violence	1998	<u>At least 22 women</u> died from domestic violence <u>At least 15 children</u> died from child abuse
1990	<u>At least 26 women</u> died from domestic violence	1999	<u>At least 22 women</u> died from domestic abuse <u>At least 20 children</u> died from child abuse
1991	<u>At least 12 women</u> died from domestic violence	2000	<u>At least 40 women</u> died from domestic violence <u>At least 6 children</u> died from child abuse <u>At least 1 family member</u> was murdered
1992	<u>At least 31 women</u> died from domestic violence <u>At least 8 children</u> died from child abuse** <u>At least 3 women</u> were murdered while being used in prostitution*** <u>At least 2 family members/friends</u> were murdered by a women's current or former partner	2001	<u>At least 33 women</u> died from domestic violence <u>At least 12 children</u> died from child abuse <u>At least 6 family members/friends</u> were murdered
1993	<u>At least 28 women</u> died from domestic violence <u>At least 13 children</u> died from child abuse <u>At least 6 women</u> were murdered while being used in prostitution <u>At least 5 family members/friends</u> were murdered	2002	<u>At least 16 women</u> died from domestic violence <u>At least 13 children</u> died from child abuse
1994	<u>At least 19 women</u> died from domestic violence <u>At least 7 children</u> died from child abuse <u>At least 2 women</u> were murdered while being used in prostitution	2003	<u>At least 14 women</u> died from domestic violence. <u>At least 10 children</u> died from child abuse.
1995	<u>At least 29 women</u> died from domestic violence <u>At least 11 children</u> died from child abuse	2004	<u>At least 13 women</u> died from domestic violence. <u>At least 11 children</u> died from child abuse. <u>At least 3 family members/friends</u> were murdered
1996	<u>At least 22 women</u> died from domestic violence <u>At least 17 children</u> died from child abuse <u>At least 6 women</u> were murdered while being used in prostitution	2005	<u>At least 26 women</u> died from domestic violence <u>At least 1 woman</u> was murdered while being used in prostitution <u>At least 4 children</u> died from child abuse <u>At least 2 family members/friends</u> were murdered

*Cases of women murdered where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was a current or former husband, boyfriend, intimate partner, household member, or family member.

**Cases of children murdered where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was the father, mother, guardian, babysitter, child care provider, or household/family member of the child; or the perpetrator was the parent's spouse or intimate partner.

***MCBW recognizes prostitution as a system of violence against women and children.

In Minnesota in 2006:

At least 20 women

were murdered in cases where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was a current or former husband, boyfriend, or intimate partner, or the perpetrator was a family member or household member of the deceased woman.

At least 8 men

were murdered in cases where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was a current or former wife, girlfriend, or intimate partner, or the perpetrator was a family member or household member of the deceased man.

**At least 12 children
under the age of 18**

were murdered in cases where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was the father, mother, guardian, babysitter, child care provider, or household/family member of the child, or the perpetrator was the parent's spouse or intimate partner.

At least 1 friend

was murdered in a domestic violence-related situation.

At least 31 children

lost a parent due to the parent's domestic violence-related murder.

Other 2006 Femicide Statistics:

2006 Femicides and Causes of Death

Women:

Cause of Death	Number	% of Total
Gunshot	12	60%
Stabbing	4	20%
Strangulation/Smothering	3	15%
Beating	1	5%
TOTAL	20	

Men:

Cause of Death	Number	% of Total
Gunshot	1	13%
Stabbing	7	87%
TOTAL	8	

Children:

Cause of Death	Number	% of Total
Beating/Shaking	8	67%
Suffocation	2	17%
Drowning	1	8%
Burns	1	8%
TOTAL	12	

Other 2006 Femicide Statistics

- 17 of the 20 women (85%) were murdered by a current or former intimate partner in 2006. 2 (10%) were murdered by their sons, and 1 (5%) was murdered by her intimate partner's son.
- 6 of the 8 men (75%) were murdered by a current or former intimate partner in 2006. 2 (25%) were murdered by their sons.
- 8 of the 17 men (47%) who murdered their current or former female intimate partners in 2006 committed suicide after the murders. None of the 7 women who murdered their current or former intimate partners committed suicide after the murders.
- 11 of the 19 women (58%) murdered by intimate partners or family members in 2006 lived in the seven-county Twin Cities Metro area. 8 of the women (42%) lived outside of the Twin Cities.
- 5 of the 8 men (63%) murdered by intimate partners or family members in 2006 lived in the seven-county Twin Cities Metro area. 3 of the men (37%) lived outside of the Twin Cities.
- 6 of the 12 children (50%) murdered by a family or household member in 2006 lived in the seven-county Twin Cities Metro area. 6 of the children (50%) lived outside of the Twin Cities.

Women murdered in cases where murdered in cases where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was a current or former husband, boyfriend, or intimate partner, or the perpetrator was a family member or household member.

Jadwiga Babowicz

Age 59

Bloomington

January 12, 2006

Jadwiga was found shot to death in the home she once shared with her estranged husband, who then took his own life. Her body was found after coworkers became concerned after Jadwiga failed to appear at work. It was determined that Jozef Babowicz, 53, shot Jadwiga and then shot himself. Jadwiga and Jozef had immigrated to Minnesota from Poland and the couple had recently separated. Jadwiga had been planning to change the locks on her house.

Nancy Everson

Age 52

Chaska

January 15, 2006

Nancy Everson was shot to death, the target of a scheme by her 20-year-old son, Grant Everson, and his friends, to get his parents' money to open a coffeehouse in Amsterdam. Nancy's husband, Tom Everson, survived the attack. About 4 hours after Nancy was murdered, Grant was arrested in a vehicle a few blocks away from the house. Police found a 20-gauge shotgun in a wooded area near the Everson home. Grant Everson's friends, Christopher Beckrich, 20, and Christopher Fuhrman, 20, were charged with aiding and abetting first-degree premeditated murder and with attempted first-degree murder. Michael Gulden, 17, pleaded guilty to providing an alibi the others. It is believed that Beckrich was the gunman. Nancy Everson was described by many as a "vibrant" woman. She belonged to a rescue-and-recovery diving team and was known as a gifted cook. At Nancy's memorial service, her friends and family all wore hats in tribute to her large hat collection. Tom Everson described Nancy as "a brilliant light." He said of himself, "No one possibly could have been so lucky." Grant Everson was convicted of first-degree murder.

Janaya Allen

Age 20

St. Paul

January 22, 2006

Janaya was found shot to death in a car outside North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale. Her ex-boyfriend, Andre Johnson, was arrested at the scene. Two days before the murder, Johnson was accused of firing shots at Janaya's car and assaulting her. Janaya's friend, Taneisha Smith, told police of an escalating pattern of abuse against Janaya, including bloody noses and blackened eyes. In October 2005, charges were filed against Johnson for trashing Janaya's apartment. Friends and colleagues described Janaya as a vivacious, sweet, energetic, and friendly young woman who loved working with disabled students as a teacher's aide for Roseville Area Schools and hoped to become a teacher. Deborah's Place, a Minneapolis battered women's program, named an outreach program, "Remembering Janaya." The program's director, Eleanor Dildy, had known Janaya since she was a child. "I will always keep with me the memory of that bright, smiling, pig-tailed girl, because that's who she was," said Dildy. Johnson pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 36 years in prison.

Kerri Robinson

Age 36

Franklin

January 30, 2006

Police found Kerri's body in the basement of her boyfriend's house. She had been shot to death. After talking to a friend of his, her boyfriend, Dirk Goelz, 44, went to the Sheriff's Department in Olivia to turn himself in. While in the car outside of the sheriff's, Goelz shot himself in the shoulder. He was briefly hospitalized and then arrested. He was charged with two counts of first-degree murder and one count of second-degree murder and pleaded not guilty. Kerri worked in the office of a construction company and was active in her church. She was studying to be a crime scene investigator. She had a tremendous sense of humor. Kerri loved all animals, but her true passion was horses. She also enjoyed flowers, gardening, crafts, taking pictures, music, the outdoors, and spending time with her family. She left behind two sons and two daughters. Goelz was convicted of first-degree murder. He will serve at least 30 years in prison.

Joane Khang

Age 25

St. Paul

February 7, 2006

Joane was stabbed to death by her husband, Khou Khang, 30, who then committed suicide. According to Joane's family members, the couple had been experiencing major disagreements since November 2005 and their relationship worsened as Kou became more controlling and insecure while Joane became more resistant to his behavior. Things had gotten especially bad the Sunday before the murder when Khang allegedly gathered Joane's clothes, and cut them up and set them on fire in the backyard. He later approached Joane's brother with a handshake and commented, "This is the end for us. It's really over." Two days before Joane's murder, the police had been called to their St. Paul home on a report of domestic violence. Khang wasn't arrested, but left the house of his own accord; police gave Joane information on obtaining an order for protection. The couple's landlord received a call from Joane the day before she died. She stated that she was having problems with her husband and asked the landlord to remove Khou Khang's name from the lease because he wasn't living there anymore. Joane's murder left two children, ages 8 and 1, without a mother. "Joane was a great person. She would always put her family first before any of her problems. She would ignore her problems... she was very dedicated, generous and kind," said her sister-in-law.

Diane Putnam

Age 49

Cloquet

April 1, 2006

Richard Marchand, 45, was charged with first-degree murder in the death of his girlfriend, Diane Putnam. After receiving a 911 call from Marchand, police arrived to find Diane unresponsive on the floor of her bedroom. She had been strangled to death with a cord. Police stated that before Marchand called 911, he called family members to tell them he had killed his girlfriend. The couple had been together for six months. Diane, a member of the Fond du Lac Band of Ojibwe, was a teacher's aide at the Fond du Lac Ojibwe School. "Diane was a very dedicated, reliable employee," stated Superintendent Mike Rabideaux. Diane loved to go fishing, hunting, and camping with her 15-year-old son. "She loved the outdoors, she loved to laugh," said Terry Kirchhoff, a good friend of Diane's. "Nothing I can say would do her justice." Kirchhoff stated that Diane and her son were very close and her family was focused on making sure the boy was cared for.

Anna Cafferty

Age 79

Elk River

April 13, 2006

William "Dieter" Cafferty, 44, was charged with attempted murder and first-degree assault in the suffocation of his mother, Anna "Anne" Cafferty. On April 7, Bill Cafferty knocked on his neighbors' door and told them he thought his mother was dead. The neighbors found her lying on her bed, not breathing and with no pulse. Anne was revived by paramedics and rushed to the hospital. She was suffering from hypoxia, a lack of oxygen to the brain, and petichial hemorrhaging to her eyes due to the suffocation. Anne died six days after being suffocated. Bill Cafferty turned himself in to police several hours after attacking his mother. Neighbor Pam Killinger described Anne as the prototypical "sweet old lady" who showed her husband how to cook a chicken and gave them a vase for their garden. Others described Anne as a "spunky" woman who was independent and seemed younger than her age. A court-ordered psychological examination found Bill Cafferty mentally competent to stand trial. It is expected that the charges against him will be upped to murder charges.

Lucretia Dixon

Age 11

St. Joseph

May 20, 2006

Lucretia was shot to death in her St. Joseph home. Her boyfriend, Derrick Baynes, 24, was charged with two counts of second-degree murder. Baynes claimed that he and Lucretia were fighting and the shooting was an accident. Lucretia had lived in the St. Cloud area for two years, having moved there from Chicago after graduating from high school. She was the mother of a 4-year-old daughter and a 2-month-old son. "She devoted all her time to her children," said her grandfather, Dan Delk. The children will live with Delk.

Taryn**Baumgardner**

Age 28

St. Paul

May 21, 2006

Taryn Baumgardner was found shot in her St. Paul home and died in the hospital the next day of gunshot wounds to her head. Ian Cody, 27, was charged with second-degree murder. Cody was Taryn's boyfriend and the father of her daughter. A year before her murder, Taryn told a friend she could never leave Ian because he would kill her family. Taryn's daughter, age 9, reported that Cody would load and unload his shotgun in front of her. Other friends and family members reported that Cody had abused and stalked Taryn for years. Taryn was a star basketball player in high school and coached her daughter's team. She was a mail carrier and took great pride in her home, loving to do yard work, plant flowers, and decorate the house for holidays. "She had a smile that would light up the room," stated Briana Baumgardner, Taryn's sister. Taryn's daughter is now living with relatives.

Darlene Darling

Age 47

St. Paul

Body found May 29,
2006

Darlene's body was found in the trunk of a car parked in St. Paul. She had been strangled to death. Darlene had been missing for about a week before her body was found. Known by her friends as "Dee," she was devoted to her grandchildren, loved garage sales, and was proud of her American Indian heritage. The police's main suspect, Jeffery Antone, 35, committed suicide in his mother's garage in Tomah, WI, about a week after Darlene was found. Darlene had recently broken up with her boyfriend of 8 years and was dating Antone.

Nhia Xiong

Age 31

Walnut Grove

June 7, 2006

Nhia was stabbed to death by her husband, Kou Lor, 29. Police had found Nhia on the floor of her Walnut Grove apartment with a pool of blood near her abdomen. Lor was arrested soon after. According to the criminal complaint, Nhia and her husband had recently separated and there was a history of Lor abusing his wife. In September, Lor pleaded guilty to second-degree intentional murder. Under a plea agreement, he was sentenced to more than 32 years in prison. Nhia was born in Laos and spent most of her life in a refugee camp in Thailand. In 2005, she and her family joined relatives in Minnesota. She enjoyed sewing, embroidery work, baby-sitting for other families' children, and spending time with her own children. Nhia's murder left four young children without a mother.

Amanda Meyer

Age 23

Winona

June 10, 2006

Ian Burke, 23, shot his girlfriend, Amanda, to death and then committed suicide. Their bodies were discovered by friends who stopped by their house. Burke and Meyer had been a couple since high school. In August 2005, Amanda had a baby boy who died the following November of sudden infant death syndrome. Amanda worked for Prism Retail Services. "She was a really sweet, genuine loving person, very sincere," said Dawn Katsoulis, a friend. She added that she had seen Burke with the gun inside the house.

Linda Green

Age 45

Osakis

August 14, 2006

Robert Green, 50, shot his wife while she was in her vehicle on their property. Linda was found dead of gunshot wounds, as was Robert. It was determined that Robert Green shot himself to death after murdering his wife.

Amy Woollard

Age 28

Bloomington

August 21, 2006

Amy was found shot to death in her car in the parking lot of a Bloomington church. Her former boyfriend, and the father of her 8-month-old daughter, Richard Scheibe, 33, was charged with first-degree murder. Scheibe is accused of fatally shooting Amy, then attempting to make the murder scene appear to be a suicide. Scheibe allegedly placed a handgun in the Amy's hand and left a fake suicide note that stated, "I can't do this anymore, my life was a lie, may God have mercy," according to the criminal complaint. The day of her murder, Amy had gone to meet Scheibe to discuss a dispute over child support and paternity of their daughter. Scheibe's 5-year-old daughter was allegedly in his car at the time of the murder. Amy worked as an emergency medical technician at St. Francis Hospital. She also served on a federal emergency team, responding to emergencies in other states. Amy had enrolled in online nursing classes. She was known for her compassion and eagerness to help others. "She was a very loving and caring person," said her boyfriend, Eric Peterson. Anoka County authorities stated that they are taking another look at the 2003 death of Richard Scheibe's wife. Mindi Scheibe died of a heart attack on August 20, 2003, at the home she shared with Scheibe.

Teri Lee
Age 38
West Lakeland
Township
September 22, 2006

Teri and her boyfriend Tim Hawkinson, 47, of Maplewood were murdered by Lee's ex-boyfriend, Steven Van Keuren, 46. Van Keuren broke into Lee's house and shot Lee and Hawkinson to death. He was hospitalized after police raided Lee's house and shot him. Lee's daughters fled to a neighbor's house; her two sons hid in the closet while their mother was murdered. On July 29th, Van Keuren broke into Lee's house and attempted to stab her. He was charged with making terroristic threats, second-degree assault, and two counts of first-degree burglary. Van Keuren was released on \$75,000 bail and was ordered to have no contact with Lee. He violated the no contact order twice, once having his father send an e-mail to Lee on his behalf and once attending Lee's daughter's volleyball game, but was not arrested for the violations. Teri was so afraid for her life that she and Tim had developed a plan with the children on how to escape the house if Van Keuren broke in again. Teri worked at 3M in customer service. She left behind four children, ranging in age from 6 to 12. Lee's husband had died in a car accident in 2001, so the children are now orphaned. Teri's sister and brother-in-law plan to adopt her children. Van Keuren was indicted on first-degree murder charges in November 2006.

Kathryn Malli
Age 38
Granger
September 30, 2006

Kathryn was shot to death by her husband, David Malli, 49, in her own home. David Malli then committed suicide. Kathryn's three daughters, ages 15, 13, and 7, were in the home at the time of their mother's murder and two of the girls are believed to have witnessed the shooting. The children ran to the home of neighbors and called the police. Kathryn had obtained an order for protection against Malli on August 7, 2006. On September 18, David Malli filed a motion asking to have the protective order amended to have Kathryn removed from the house and court-ordered supervised visitation with his daughters dropped. A court hearing on the motion was scheduled for October 12th. Kathryn had also filed a petition for divorce on August 31. Fillmore County Sheriff Daryl Jensen reported that officers had been called to the house in the past to respond to domestic violence. "She was just a fabulous person," said neighbor Vickie Johnson.

Rachel Kastner
Age 35
Burnsville
October 15, 2006

Rachel was beaten and stabbed to death by her husband, Travis Kastner, 35, in front of her 3 teenage children. Rachel was in the process of divorcing Travis and her family had suspected her husband was abusing her, said Heather Specht, Rachel's sister-in-law. The three children fled the house and ran to a neighbor's, begging for help. When police arrived, they saw Rachel dead on the stairway. After attempting for nearly four hours to contact Travis, a SWAT team fired tear gas rounds into the house. After getting no response, officers entered the home and found Travis Kastner dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The couple had been married for 15 years and were from originally from Iowa. They moved to the Twin Cities seven years ago. Rachel is remembered as a talkative, energetic woman who worked at an insurance company, and spent a lot of time watching her children's sporting events. She enjoyed playing softball, volleyball, golfing, and NASCAR. Her children will live with a relative in Iowa.

**Giuseppa
"Maria" Wallace**

Age 66

Bloomington

November 7, 2006

Police discovered Maria in the middle of her living room, dead of multiple gunshot wounds. Her husband, Darryl Wallace, 65, was found on the kitchen floor dead from a self-inflicted gunshot. Authorities have determined that Darryl Wallace shot his wife and then turned the gun on himself. There was no note found at the scene and police are not sure what prompted the shootings. Dan Martell, Maria's neighbor, said that she had stopped by his house over the weekend and there was no indication of problems. "She was a nice neighbor. She was always there to help if you needed it," said Martell. He also stated that Darryl Wallace's eyesight was failing and that he hadn't seen much of him lately. Maria was born and raised in Italy. The couple met when Darryl was in the service in Italy.

**Cindi
Rinkenberger**

Age 35

Coon Rapids

November 26, 2006

Scott Le May, 35, was arrested and charged with second-degree murder in the stabbing death of his girlfriend, Cindi. Police were called to the couple's apartment after Le May's father alerted authorities after receiving a call from his son. The alleged murder weapon, a steak knife, was found under Cindi's body. According to the criminal complaint, Le May stated that the couple got into an argument and he stabbed Cindi to death in a rage. The complaint quotes Le May as saying that he intended to kill Cindi but he "did not plan it...it just happened." The couple's 15-month-old son was in the home at the time of his mother's murder and is now in custody of child protective services. Cindi had three other young daughters from previous relationships. The girls were not in the home on November 26th. A neighbor of Cindi's, Jamie Leaf, stated: "She seemed like a real good mom." Leaf also said that Cindi loved the State Fair, attending the event on three consecutive days this year. Cindi worked at the deli counter at a local supermarket.

Eva Mitchell

Age 73

McGregor

November, 2006

Jason Quaderer, 21, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of his father's girlfriend, Eva Mitchell. After being interviewed by Minneapolis police in January 2007 after witnessing his brother's shooting death, Quaderer returned to the police station to confess that he had beaten and kicked Eva to death sometime around Thanksgiving at his father's residence in Spalding Township. The investigators, police Sgts. Mike Keefe and Chris Thomsen, said they believe Quaderer confessed to Mitchell's killing because they treated him with compassion in the hours after he witnessed his brother's shooting. Investigators flew with Quaderer to Aitkin County, where he led authorities to Eva's remains, buried by snow in a wooded area on the property. Blood was found in the living room, furniture, and garage of the house. At this point, police don't believe that the two murders are related. Eva was a widow and left behind two adult daughters and many grandchildren. Until retiring, she had worked at a group home. In her free time, she enjoyed quilting. Eva's Native name was Niizhoogaabowiikwe.

Men murdered in cases where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was a current or former wife, girlfriend, or intimate partner, or the perpetrator was a family member or household member.

Mark Prow

Age 52

Rochester

February 11, 2006

Matthew Prow, 22, was charged with first-degree murder in the death of his father, Mark. Mark was found in his home, dead of 23 stab wounds. His son, Matthew, was arrested the next day driving along a highway in Dakota County. Matthew's mother called police the night of the murder to report that her son had called to tell her he had killed his father. "Matthew Prow told investigators that he had an argument with his father and he went to a drawer in the kitchen that contained a bayonet and stabbed his father three times in the chest," read the criminal complaint. Mark and his son had been living together for about a month. A court-ordered psychiatric examination was ordered. Matthew Prow's lawyer claimed that his client had a lengthy history of severe and persistent mental illness.

Simon "Sam" Ratzlaff

Age 44

Makinen

April 19, 2006

Jeremiah Ratzlaff, 16, was charged with intentional second-degree murder in the shooting death of his father, Simon "Sam" Ratzlaff. Sam's body was found concealed in a pile of brush and debris about 40 yards south of the garage of his home. The boy confessed to St. Louis County investigators that he shot his father to death with a 20-gauge shotgun. Jeremiah was charged as an adult, convicted, and sentenced to at least 20 years in prison. Sam had been married for 22 years and had two other children besides Jeremiah. He worked as an equipment tender at Minntac. He was an avid bowler and an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, and trapping. Sam was also very active in his church.

Randy Silbaugh

Age 46

Coon Rapids

April 23, 2006

Randy Silbaugh was found dead of a stab wound in his girlfriend's Litchfield home. The girlfriend, Tina Marie Mathews, 39, was arrested and charged with two counts of second-degree murder. Mathews told authorities that she stabbed Randy in the chest with a kitchen knife. She said she had picked up the knife with the intention of scaring him. Her teenage son told investigators that he heard Mathews and Silbaugh fighting. After the stabbing, Mathews said she told her son to get rid of the knife, which had broken in two pieces. Her son disposed of the knife outside. Investigators later found the knife. Mathews had another case pending where she had been charged with one count of third-degree assault and two counts of domestic assault in an incident that involved Silbaugh in October of 2005. She had stated to authorities that she and Randy had been verbally fighting and she was "fighting, kicking, I'm screaming, I'm throwing whatever I can." Silbaugh and Mathews had been a couple for three years. Although his address was officially listed in Coon Rapids, Silbaugh had been living on and off with Mathews, her two children, and her father. In August, Tina Marie Mathews pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. She was sentenced to 19½ years in prison.

**Miguel Castillo
Navarro**

Age 37

Monticello

August 13, 2006

Sheriff's deputies were called to a Monticello home for a report of a person with a knife wound who was not breathing. When they arrived, they found Miguel on the floor of his bedroom. His wife, Monica Aranda, 35, was on her knees by her husband's body. Miguel was pronounced dead by paramedics. Aranda was charged with first-degree manslaughter in her husband's death. According to the criminal complaint, Aranda told authorities her husband had been having an affair with another woman. She stated that the two had argued about her husband's girlfriend. When Miguel told his wife he was leaving, she went into the couple's bedroom with a kitchen knife and after the two struggled, he was stabbed. Miguel Castillo Navarro left behind two young sons.

Martell Delaney

Age 20

Minneapolis

August 20, 2006

Sincerae Douglas, 20, was charged with second-degree murder in the stabbing death of Martell Delaney. She told police that she and Martell had been arguing in their apartment. According to the charges, Douglas followed Martell out of the apartment, took his hat and told him she was going to keep it until he gave her back the apartment keys. When they went back inside, Delaney pushed her against a table and threw an iron at her. The couple struggled and Douglas picked up a knife and stabbed Martell. He died of stab wounds to the heart.

Marcus Black

Age 36

Minneapolis

September 29, 2006

Melissa Jones, 35, was arrested and charged with second-degree murder in the stabbing death of her boyfriend, Marcus. Marcus' body was found lying in a Minneapolis street with Jones kneeling next to him. According to the criminal complaint, the couple had a dispute over the key to their shared car. Jones told authorities that Black gave her a knife, he tried to hug her, and she stabbed him. Witnesses stated that Jones yelled for someone to call 911 and that she acknowledged hurting Black, whom she had known since kindergarten.

Damon Smith

Age 22

Minneapolis

November 4, 2006

Officers found Delisle Navant-Ware, 19, kneeling over the body of her boyfriend, Damon Smith, 22. He was badly wounded in the torso and was transported to the hospital, where he died a few hours later. Navant-Ware was arrested and charged with second-degree murder. She told officers that she and Smith had hit each other during an argument in their apartment. After Damon made a threatening remark, she grabbed a 10-inch kitchen knife and stabbed him in the chest. The couple had lived together since May. Damon Smith was murdered on his birthday.

Michael Dudo

Age 26

Fridley

November 21, 2006

Jennifer Davis, 36, was charged with second-degree manslaughter in the murder of her boyfriend, Michael. When police arrived at the home the two shared, Davis had a stethoscope around her neck and a story about a "play" knife fight with her boyfriend that ended with him dead. According to the criminal complaint, Davis called 911 to report that she and Michael had been playing with knives they'd just sharpened. When police arrived, Davis, "unusually calm given the circumstances," had blood streaming down her right hand. Dudo was on his back in the kitchen with no pulse. Part of a fingertip on Michael's right hand was also missing.

Children murdered in cases where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was the father, mother, guardian, babysitter, childcare provider or household/family member of the child, or the perpetrator was the parent's spouse or intimate partner.

Tyshawn Tate

Age 2

Farmington

March 3, 2006

Trynille Felder, 28, pleaded guilty to second-degree manslaughter in Tyshawn's death. Court documents stated that Felder, who was babysitting the toddler, left Tyshawn in a bathtub for about 25 minutes so he could smoke marijuana in the garage. Felder returned to find the boy floating unresponsive in the tub. Tyshawn's mother, Renae Tate, stated, "Each day, I miss him more and more, but each day I continue on and I believe he lives on through his little brother—he has picked up a few things that only Tyshawn would have done."

Ethan Hamilton

Age 3

Minneapolis

March 23, 2006

Aaron Carson, 21, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of his girlfriend's son, Ethan Hamilton. Carson told authorities that he grabbed the boy by both shoulders and "shook him hard and hurt" him. Ethan was not taken to the hospital until his mother saw him later in the day. He was unresponsive and had suffered a great deal of brain swelling. He died that evening. Neighbors said that Ethan had physical disabilities that severely limited his mobility. Carson was the boy's caregiver while his mother was at work. Carson, his girlfriend, and Ethan had moved to Minneapolis in early January, apparently from Rochester.

Jeremiah Wofford

Age 22 Months

Maplewood

May 1, 2006

Triena Wofford, 23, was charged with unintentional murder while committing the crime of malicious punishment of a child in the death of her son, Jeremiah. Police were called to a Maplewood homeless shelter and found Jeremiah in cardiac arrest. Wofford later told authorities that after the boy refused to take a nap, she sat next to Jeremiah and pushed him against her and against the bed until she realized he wasn't breathing. An autopsy showed that the boy had scarring on his back and legs, brain injuries, and signs that he had suffocated. Wofford told investigators that she had previously hit the boy with her slipper and pushed him into a table corner. She also said that as punishment, she would sometimes make Jeremiah stand under scalding water in the shower. Triena Wofford and her six children had moved to Minnesota from Dayton, Ohio only days before Jeremiah's death and had been staying at the shelter in Maplewood. Shelter residents reported that Wofford had mistreated Jeremiah and allowed her other children to do the same. Wofford was ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation to determine if she was competent to stand trial. In December 2006, Triena Wofford pleaded guilty to second-degree unintentional murder. The five surviving children are now living with their father.

Paul Cohen

Age 5 Months

Morris

June 9, 2006

Jurez Slaughter, 24, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of his 5-month-old son, Paul Cohen. Slaughter and the baby's mother took Paul to the Stevens Community Hospital in Morris on June 2, 2006. Paul had no heartbeat and was not breathing. The baby was revived and airlifted to Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. On June 9, Paul was removed from life support and died. Slaughter gave authorities differing accounts of how Paul suffered traumatic brain injury. Doctors told investigators that Paul's injuries could not have been caused by any of the scenarios Slaughter offered. "Paul was a very sweet baby boy. His big brown eyes and curly hair made him special. He loved to watch TV, go on walks with special friends...In his short five months with us, Paul touched many lives and will hold a special place in everyone's hearts," read Paul's funeral notice.

Emily Johnson

Age 2

Fergus Falls

June 17, 2006

Emily died a day after a teenage boy allegedly assaulted her. Zebulun Koenig, who is the son of Emily's day care provider, is accused of delivering a fatal blow to the little girl's head and awaits trial on charges of second-degree murder. At age 13, Koenig is one year short of the age 14 threshold for considering moving juvenile cases to adult court. Prosecutors have made it clear that they believe the assault on Emily was no accident. Complaints about supervision at Deborah Koenig's home day care were made in 1991, 1999, and 2001, but only the 1999 case was substantiated and no action was taken. Lynn Johnson, Emily's mother, remembered, "She was just a sweet little girl who loved life. She was just kind-hearted and loved to learn." For Halloween of 2005, Emily dressed as a ladybug. She liked Sesame Street and Play-Doh. "She had big friends and little friends. As soon as she smiled, she was your friend," said Doug Herman, Emily's grandfather.

Michael**Coleman**

Age 4 Months

Minneapolis

July 3, 2006

Paul Coleman, 20, was charged with first-degree and second-degree manslaughter in connection with the suffocation of his 4-month-old son, whose name has not been released. Coleman told police he had been watching the baby and his four other children. He stated that he went to check on the baby at midnight and found him not breathing. The baby's mother called 911 and the baby was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. In an interview with investigators, Coleman admitted that tucked a blanket around the baby and put a comforter completely over the baby because he was crying. Coleman said he left the baby under the 7½ pound quilt for about two hours. An autopsy found no external evidence of trauma, but healing fractures were found on the baby's tibia. The autopsy concluded that the baby died as a result of suffocation.

**Jordan
Gonsioroski**

Age 10

Blaine

July 10, 2006

Jordan had been living with her father and his girlfriend for a year when she was allegedly knocked unconscious by the girlfriend and submerged in a bathtub full of scalding water. An autopsy revealed that Jordan had second-degree burns on 73% of her body and that she was not fully alert and possibly unconscious when she was burned. The cause of death appeared to be a loss of fluid and electrolytes and brain swelling due to the burns. Jordan also had acute bruises on her head. It is believed that had Jordan been treated promptly, she would not have died. The coroner's report said that Jordan was dead or nearly dead by midnight, but 911 was not called until 2:35 a.m. Jordan's father, Jason Gonsioroski, 26, and his girlfriend, Julie Ann Meier, 24, were charged with abetting second-degree murder while committing child neglect or endangerment. Jordan's injuries weren't the first she'd suffered. She was sexually assaulted by her mother's boyfriend when Jordan was 8 and lived with them in Braham, MN. Jordan was removed from her mother's home and placed in the custody of Isanti Co. Family Services. Later, her father took custody of her. Life with her father was supposed to be better for Jordan, but court documents state that in the last year she was repeatedly punished with spankings, sets of jumping jacks, and having her mouth scrubbed out with soap 20 minutes at a time. "She was a very bright, wonderful girl," said Jordan's mother, Amanda Johnson.

David Rutherford

Age 2

Morris

September 7, 2006

Juan Carlos Herrera-Serrano, 25, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of his stepson, David. Herrera-Serrano claimed the boy had fallen down the stairs, but the medical examiner found that David was hit so hard in the chest that his liver was almost torn in half. "During his short life, David traveled a lot, calling many places home as they visited their family members all across the country. David was always full of life and brought a great deal of joy to everyone he met. One of David's favorite things to do was take his ice-fishing pole and go fishing with his dad. He also loved playing with his Thomas the Tank Engine toys and watching his other heroes, Spiderman and Buzz Lightyear, with his mom and brother," stated David's obituary.

Malaya Douglas

Age 2

Minneapolis

August 29, 2006

Police were called to Malaya Douglas' home on August 27. She was hospitalized and placed on life support and died on August 29th. The medical examiner found that Malaya had a lacerated liver and spleen, multiple bruises, and marks on her back resembling cigarette burns. Malaya's parents told police that the little girl had fallen down the stairs, but Malaya's death was ruled a homicide. Her father and stepmother, Pierre Gray and Latrice Keys, instructed their other 4 children not to talk about what happened to Malaya. One of the children said Gray had choked the little girl until she couldn't breathe, stated a child protection document. Hennepin County Child Protective Services had removed Malaya from her mother's custody soon after birth due to testing positive for cocaine and was placed in her father's care. The county had received numerous reports of Gray's abuse of his children and he attended some voluntary parenting counseling sessions. The county has now moved to terminate the couple's parental rights.

Jonah Johnson
Age 6 Weeks
Isanti
September 14, 2006

Ryan Johnson, 25, was charged with second-degree murder in a case that Sheriff Mike Ammend described as “the most serious crime against a child” he had seen in his 20-year career. An autopsy revealed that Jonah died of two skull fractures, and also suffered three broken ribs inflicted just before his death, as well as three other broken ribs that apparently had healed after an earlier incident. Using a stuffed bear, Johnson reportedly demonstrated to investigators how he squeezed his infant son and then threw him up in the air and towards the bassinet. He also acknowledged that he had sat on Jonah about two weeks earlier “because he had been frustrated.” The baby’s mother was at work at the time of the murder. Johnson called her and reported that the baby wasn’t breathing. The mother phoned authorities. Jonah was pronounced dead a short time later at Cambridge Medical Center.

Aidan Greybull
Age 19 Months
Breckenridge
October 5, 2006

A Minnesota man was charged with second degree murder in the death of a 19-month old boy. Daniel Anderson, 22, of Breckenridge was accused of killing Aidan Greybull at Anderson’s parents’ home. Breckenridge police said the boy was not breathing when officers arrived. An autopsy showed he died of blows to the head. Anderson and the boy’s mother, Monica Greybull, had been living together for the past month.

Sahra Abu
Age 23 Months
Columbia Heights
December 5, 2006

Police found Sahra dead in her family’s apartment. The toddler’s mother, Khadijo Ali, 25, admitted to investigators that she watched as her boyfriend slapped Sahra and then shook her violently. The girl was still walking when Ali went shopping and left her boyfriend, Ahmed Mohamed, 31, to watch Sahra and her four other children. An autopsy found that Sahra may have survived 20 to 30 minutes after she was injured. It would that some of her ribs were freshly broken or healing, and that she suffered blunt-force internal injuries, including a torn liver. Ali was charged with second-degree manslaughter and Mohamed was charged with second-degree murder. Mohamed told police he didn’t know how Sahra had been injured, but admitted it would have happened while she was in his care. Khadijo Ali told police that she had seen Mohamed hit her 3-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son, and also whip the boy with a phone cord. Hennepin County officials stated that a juvenile court judge ruled in the past year that Ali and her children would be supervised by Child Protective Services (CPS) after numerous accusations of child abuse. The court petition for protective service noted that Ali reported losing custody of an older daughter. CPS made a finding of physical abuse against Ali in June, after investigating a report that she’d hit her 4-year-old son. Ali’s surviving four children are now in protective custody.

Friends or family members murdered in domestic violence-related situations.

Tim Hawkinson

Age 47

Maplewood

September 22, 2006

Tim and his girlfriend, Teri Lee, 38, were murdered by Lee's ex-boyfriend, Steven Van Keuren, 46. Van Keuren broke into Lee's house and shot Lee and Hawkinson to death. He was hospitalized after police raided Lee's house and shot him. Lee's 12-year-old daughter fled to a neighbor's house with her 6-year-old sister; her two sons were hiding in the closet while their mother was murdered. On July 29th, Van Keuren broke into Lee's house and attempted to stab her. He was charged with making terroristic threats, second-degree assault, and two counts of first-degree burglary. Van Keuren was released on \$75,000 bail and was ordered to have no contact with Lee. He violated the no contact order twice, once having his father send an e-mail to Lee on his behalf and once attending Lee's daughter's volleyball game, but was not arrested for the violations. Teri was so afraid for her life that she and Tim had developed a plan with the children on how to escape the house if Van Keuren broke in again. Tim was described by friends and family as a kind, generous man who kept his van packed with automobile parts to help stranded motorists. He worked at 3M as a field service technician. "He knew of the situation with [Lee's] ex-boyfriend, but wanted to help...It was this role as an experienced father and husband that would ultimately end his life. And knowing Tim, he would not have had it any other way," read a statement by Hawkinson's family. Tim Hawkinson leaves behind 3 adult sons. "His greatest passion was his sons," said the family's statement. Van Keuren was indicted on first-degree murder charges in November 2006.

About the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women

The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women was founded in 1978 to serve as a unifying voice for battered women and to link battered women's programs in the state with the common purpose of ending domestic violence. MCBW is a statewide membership organization of local, regional, and statewide programs advocating on behalf of battered women and their children.

MCBW promotes social change—individual, institutional, and cultural. We work to end oppression based on gender, race, age, sexual orientation, class, and disability. The specific work of MCBW involves changing systems and institutions so that they can respond more effectively to the needs of battered women. MCBW works to empower organizations that serve victims of domestic abuse. MCBW provides widespread networking opportunities for organizations that serve battered women and is the statewide voice on behalf of battered women and provides leadership on a regional, statewide, and national level.

MCBW's activities include resources and referrals for individuals, legislative and public policy advocacy on a statewide and federal level, sponsoring training events for programs that serve battered women, coordinating statewide task force meetings, serving as an information clearinghouse, publishing a quarterly newsletter and web site, and producing community education materials.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women is to provide a voice for battered women and member programs; challenge systems and institutions so they respond more effectively to the needs of battered women and their children; promote social change; and support, educate, and connect member programs.

Vision Statement:

The vision of the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women is to end violence against women and their children and to achieve social justice for all.



In 2006, at least 40 Minnesotans lost their lives as a result of domestic violence or child abuse.

January 8:	Jadwiga Babowicz , 59, Bloomington, shot to death by her husband in a murder-suicide
January 15:	Nancy Everson , 52, Chaska, shot to death by her son's friends, in a murder conspiracy instigated by her son
January 22	Janaya Allen , 20, St. Paul, shot to death by her boyfriend
January 30	Kerri Robinson , 36, Franklin, shot to death by her former boyfriend
February 7	Joane Khang , 25, St. Paul, shot to death by her husband in a murder-suicide
February 11	Mark Prow , 52, Rochester, stabbed to death by his son
March 3	Tyshawn Tate , 2, Farmington, drowned by his babysitter
March 23	Ethan Hamilton , 3, Minneapolis, shaken to death by his mother's boyfriend
April 1	Diane Putnam , 49, Cloquet, strangled to death by her boyfriend
April 13	Anne Cafferty , 79, Elk River, suffocated to death by her son
April 19	Simon Ratzlaff , 44, Makinen, shot to death by his son
April 23	Randy Silbaugh , 46, Coon Rapids, stabbed to death by his girlfriend
May 1	Jeremiah Wofford , 22 months, Maplewood, suffocated to death by his mother
May 20	Lucretia Dixon , 21, St. Cloud, shot to death by her boyfriend
May 21	Taryn Baumgardner , 28, St. Paul, shot to death by her boyfriend
May 29	Darlene Darling , 47, St. Paul strangled to death by boyfriend
June 7	Nhia Xiong , 31, Walnut Grove, stabbed to death by her husband
June 9	Paul Cohen , 5 months, Morris, beaten to death by his father
June 10	Amanda Meyer , 23, Winona, shot to death by her boyfriend in a murder-suicide
June 17	Emily Johnson , 2, Fergus Falls, beaten to death by her day care provider's son
July 3	Baby Boy , 4 months, Minneapolis, smothered to death by his father
July 10	Jordan Gonsioroski , 10, Blaine, scalded to death by her father and his girlfriend
August 13	Miguel Castillo Navarro , 37, Monticello, stabbed to death by his wife
August 14	Linda Green , 45, Osakis, shot to death by her husband in a murder suicide
August 20	Martell Delaney , 20, Minneapolis, stabbed to death by his girlfriend
August 21	Amy Woollard , 28, Bloomington, shot to death by her ex-boyfriend
August 29	Malaya Douglas , 2, Minneapolis, beaten to death, case ruled a homicide
September 7	David Rutherford , 2, Morris, beaten to death by his stepfather
September 14	Jonah Johnson , 6 weeks, Isanti, beaten to death by his father
September 22	Teri Lee , 38, and Tim Hawkinson , 47, West Lake Township and Maplewood, shot to death by Lee's ex-boyfriend
September 29	Marcus Black , 36, Minneapolis, stabbed to death by his girlfriend
September 30	Kathryn Malli , 38, Granger, shot to death by her husband in a murder-suicide
October 5	Aidan Greybull , 19 months, Breckenridge, beaten to death by his mother's boyfriend
October 15	Rachel Kastner , 35, Burnsville, beaten and stabbed to death by her husband in a murder-suicide
November	Eva Mitchell , 72, Spalding Township, beaten to death by her boyfriend's son
November 4	Damon Smith , 22, Minneapolis, stabbed to death by his girlfriend
November 7	Giuseppa Wallace , 66, Bloomington, shot to death by her husband in a murder-suicide
November 19	Michael Dudo , 26, Fridley, stabbed to death by his girlfriend
November 26	Cindi Rinkenberger , 35, Coon Rapids, stabbed to death by her boyfriend
December 5	Sahra Abu , 23 months, Columbia Heights, beaten to death by her mother's boyfriend