



MINNESOTA COALITION FOR BATTERED WOMEN

2010 Femicide Report

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Women and Children Murdered in Minnesota: 1989-2010

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

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- 2001 At least 33 women died from domestic violence
At least 12 children died from child abuse
At least 6 family members/friends were murdered
- 2002 At least 16 women died from domestic violence
At least 13 children died from child abuse
- 2003 At least 14 women died from domestic violence
At least 10 children died from child abuse
- 2004 At least 13 women died from domestic violence
At least 11 children died from child abuse
At least 3 family members/friends were murdered
- 2005 At least 26 women died from domestic violence
At least 1 women was murdered while being used in prostitution
At least 4 children died from child abuse
At least 2 family members/friends were murdered
- 2006 At least 20 women died from domestic violence
At least 20 children died from child abuse
At least 1 family member/friend was murdered
- 2007 At least 22 women died from domestic violence
At least 10 children died from child abuse
At least 3 family members/friends were murdered
- 2008 At least 23 women died from domestic violence
At least 7 children died from child abuse
At least 2 family members/friends were murdered
At least 1 man died from domestic violence from his male partner
- 2009 At least 12 women died from domestic violence
At least 10 children died from child abuse
At least 2 family member/friends/intervener were murdered
At least 1 man died from domestic violence
- 2010 At least 15 women died from domestic violence
At least 7 children died from domestic violence
At least 4 family members/friends were murdered.
At least 2 men died from domestic violence

*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.

****Cases of family or friends murdered in domestic violence-related situations.

In Minnesota in 2010

Though MCBW tracks all homicides in which the known or suspected perpetrator was a family member, a household member, or a caregiver, we want to pay special attention to battered women murdered by intimate partners, as these cases account for the majority of murders of women in the United States and in Minnesota. Of the 21 adults killed in 2010 due to familial and domestic violence, 15 were women killed by a current or former intimate partner.

When we use the terms battering and domestic violence, we are referring to the pattern of violence that affects the level of fear and quality of life for all women. It encompasses both physical and sexual violence and includes pervasive emotional abuse and threats; control over finances and access to transportation; manipulation of and often harm to the children; and social norms that persist today that a man has the right to put his partner in her place. While these same dynamics are also present in same sex relationships and on rare occasions women use similar tactics against their male partners, it is the broader social institutions that support this pervasive and historically sanctioned pattern of behavior that MCBW seeks to change.

In reporting the total number of deaths, it is important to note that at least this many women 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 and children of color, Native American women and children, immigrant and refugee women and children, women and children living in poverty, rural women, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender people, and women and children used in prostitution and sex trafficking may be underreported in our listing as they frequently go unreported in mainstream media.

At least 15 women

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

At least 7 children under the age of 18

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

At least 4 friends, family members or interveners

Were murdered in domestic violence-related situations.

At least 2 men

Were murdered in a case where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was a current or former intimate partner.

At least 10 minor children

Were left motherless due to their mothers' domestic violence murders.

Femicide Report:

Adult Victims and Relationship to the Alleged Perpetrators

	2010		
Relationship to Victim	#	% of Total	Name of Victim
Current or former boyfriend or Husband	14	67%	Jessica Eve Buboltz Barbara Miller Deboise Brittany Ellis Lisa Grijalva Svetlana Hanson Sarah Mitzuk Svetlana Vladimirovna Munt Pauline Nash Debrah Nederhiser Bilha Omare Kay Marie Peterson Ashley Sullivan Amy Alese Terborg Natalia Jurjevna Tomasovic
Wife	2	9%	Wendall Abraham James Nibbe
Unknown	1	5%	Denna Marie Glaeser
Other	4	19%	Chester Gronewold (stepdaughter's ex-boyfriend) Charles Hanson (wife's ex-husband) Darius Maxwell (girlfriend's ex-boyfriend) Edward J. Walberg, Jr. (friend's ex-husband)
Total:	21		

Red Flags for Batterer Lethality

In this report we pay special attention to battered women murdered by intimate partners, as the majority of women murdered in the United States and in Minnesota are murdered by their current or former intimate partners. Various tools to assess for high risk or potential lethality have been developed based on research of women killed by their intimate partners. It is impossible to predict with certainty which batterers will become lethal to their victims. All batterers should be viewed as potentially deadly, though there are well-documented indicators of lethality of which everyone should be aware. Included in the factors that have been identified as possible lethality indicators are: separation, extended history of domestic violence or other violence, pregnancy, threats or fantasies of homicide or suicide, access to a firearm, threats to use a weapon, stalking, attempted strangulation, forced sex, extreme jealousy and control of daily activities.

We look at the homicide cases in Minnesota and see whether information was known regarding key lethality factors. In assessing for lethality factors, MCBW relies almost entirely on media reports of the homicides. MCBW specifically focuses on four lethality factors: the victim's attempts to leave the abuser, previous threats to kill the victim, perpetrator access to firearms, and perpetrator history of violence. MCBW has been looking at these four lethality factors since 2006. For the past five years, these lethality factors were present in a significant number of cases. We would expect that a more complete analysis of public records and interviews with friends and family of the victims would yield further information on other cases and further information on the other red flags.

There were 15 women murdered in Minnesota in 2010 by a current or former intimate partner.

Victim's Attempts to Leave the Abuse: While conventional wisdom persists that leaving an abuser will always make a battered women safer, separation often increases the risks of further harm, as batterers "step up" their efforts to control or intimidate the victim. In 2010, 67% of the intimate partner femicides occurred after the woman had left the relationship or when she was attempting to leave. This statistic has been consistent for the past few years (62 – 67%) and supports the national studies indicating that the most dangerous time for battered women can be when they leave, or attempt to leave, the batterer.

Ashley Sullivan had separated from her abusive boyfriend and was living with her mother and stepfather at the time of her murder. Her ex-boyfriend Shawn Haugen, in violation of criminal court no contact orders, went to the home and murdered both Ashley and her stepfather, Chester Gronewold.

Threats to Kill the Victim: Threats by the abuser to kill the victim are among the most reliable indicators of lethality and are the most often overlooked by the criminal and civil justice systems. A review of the media reports of the 2010 murders does not reveal much information about threats to kill. What we do know is that at least 40% of the victims had experienced prior abuse. We know that in at least three instances, the women had experienced threats to kill and can only surmise that threats to kill may have been part of the prior abuse in other cases.

Billy Nash was released from jail with a criminal court order to have no contact with Pauline Nash. Pauline Nash had reported that she was afraid that Billy Nash would kill her. On April 2nd, Billy Nash went to Pauline's home and killed her by stabbing her over 70 times.

Access to Firearms: In 2010, 9 of 15 (60%) intimate partner femicides were committed with firearms. While the percentage of femicides using firearms fluctuates year to year, murder with firearms is the most frequent weapon of choice, supporting the studies showing that possession of firearms can increase the risk of lethality.

On March 28th, Svetlana Munt was shot to death in front of her three minor children by her ex-husband Joel Munt. Joel Munt rammed Svetlana's car into a tree with her and the children in it. He then shot her seven times through the car window at close range. One of the children was injured when stuck in the face by the shattering glass.

Key Femicide Statistics (2008-2010)*

Adult Women Murdered by a Current or Former Intimate Partner

Femicides and Cause of Death

	2008		2009		2010		
Cause of Death	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	Name of Victim
Gunshot	9	43%	6	50%	9	60%	Lisa Grijalva
							Svetlana Hanson
							Sarah Mitzuk
							Svetlana Vladimirovna Munt
							Debrah Nederhiser
							Kay Marie Peterson
							Ashley Sullivan
							Amy Alese Terborg
							Natalia Jurjevna Tomasovic
Stabbing	4	19%	1	8%	2	13%	Barbara Miller Deboise
							Pauline Nash
Strangulation	3	14%	2	17%	2	13%	Brittany Ellis
							Bilha Omare
Slit Throat					1	7%	Jessica Eve Buboltz
Beating	3	14%	2	17%	-	-	
Vehicle	-	-	1	8%	-	-	
Sexual Assault	1	5%	-	-	-	-	
Unknown	1	5%	-	-	1	7%	Denna Marie Glaeser
Total:	21		12		15		

Victim was Separated from Perpetrator or Attempting to Leave

	2008		2009		2010		
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	Name of Victim
Separated or attempting to leave	13	62%	8	67%	10	67%	Jessica Eve Buboltz
							Barbara Miller Deboise
							Lisa Grijalva
							Svetlana Hanson
							Svetlana Vladimirovna Munt
							Pauline Nash
							Kay Marie Peterson
							Ashley Sullivan
							Amy Alese Terborg
							Natalia Jurjevna Tomasovic
Together	7	33%	4	33%	5	33%	Brittany Ellis
							Denna Marie Glaeser
							Sarah Mitzuk
							Debrah Nederhiser
							Bilha Omare
Not applicable	1	5%	-	-			
Total:	21		12		15		

History of Violence

	2008		2009		2010		
History of Violence		% of Total		% of Total		% of Total	Name of Victim
Prior history of abuse but no documented involvement with legal system	10	48%	6	50%	2	14%	Amy Terborg
							Svetlana Hanson
Prior history of abuse and prior law enforcement involvement or OFP	1	5%	3	25%	5	33%	Barbara Miller Deboise
							Svetlana Vladimirovna Munt
							Pauline Nash
							Bilha Omare
							Ashley Sullivan
Unknown	10	48%	6	50%	8	53%	Jessica Eve Buboltz
							Brittany Ellis
							Denna Marie Glaeser
							Lisa Marie Grijalva
							Sarah Mitzuk
							Debrah Nederhiser
							Kay Marie Peterson
							Natalia Jurjevna Tomasovic
Total:	21		12		15		

Geographic Location of Victim

	2008		2009		2010		
Location of Victim	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	Name of Victim
Twin Cities Metro Area*	15	71%	6	50%	9	60%	Barbara Miller Deboise
							Brittany Ellis
							Denna Marie Glaeser
							Lisa Grijalva
							Svetlana Hanson
							Sarah Mitzuk
							Pauline Nash
							Bilha Omare
							Amy Alese Terborg
							Natalia Jurjevna Tomasovic
Greater Minnesota	6	29%	6	50%	6	40%	Jessica Eve Buboltz
							Svetlana Vladimirovna Munt
							Debrah Nederhiser
							Kay Marie Peterson
							Ashley Sullivan
Total:	21		12		15		

*Twin Cities Metro Area includes Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties. According to the 2000 United States census, approximately 60% of Minnesota's population lives in the Twin Cities area and 40% lives in Greater Minnesota.

Homicide – Suicide

	2008		2009		2010		
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	Name of Victim
Homicide with Suicide	9	47%	6	50%	8	53%	Lisa Grijalva
							Svetlana Hanson
							Sarah Mitzuk
							Debrah Nederhiser
							Kay Peterson
							Ashley Sullivan
							Amy Alese Terborg
							Natalia Jurjevna Tomasovic
Total No. of Femicides:	21		12		15		

Key Statistics Related to Children

Number of Boys - 5

Number of Girls – 2

	2008		2009		2010		
Cause of Death	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	Name of Victim
Stabbing	1	14%	-	-	-	-	
Beating	5	71%	7	70%	3	43%	Dawson Farris
							Duach Makuach
							Tiana Moore
Poison	-	-	1	10%	-	-	
Drowning	1	14%	-	-	2	29%	Ivyn Ogendi
							Rowan Richardson
Suffocation	-	-	1	10%	2	29%	Baby Boy - Abdullahi
							Kinley Ogendi
Unknown	-	-	1	10%	-	-	
TOTAL	7		10		7		

Children Murdered and Alleged Perpetrators

	2008		2009		2010		
Relationship to Victim	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	Name of Victim
Father	1	29%	4	40%	4	57%	Dawson Farris
							Ivyn Ogendi
							Kinley Ogendi
							Rowan Richardson
Mother	-	-	2	20%	1	14%	Duach Makuach
Mother's current or former boyfriend or husband	3	29%	3	30%	2	29%	Baby Boy- Abdullahi
							Tiana Moore
Unknown	3	29%	1	10%	-	-	
Total:	7		10		7		

Children Murdered and Geographic Location of Victim

	2008		2009		2010		
Location of Victim	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	Name of Victim
Twin Cities Metro Area*	2	29%	7	70%	3	43%	Ivyn Ogendi
							Kinley Ogendi
							Rowan Richardson
Greater Minnesota	5	71%	3	30%	4	57%	Baby Boy-Abdullahi
							Dawson Farris
							Duach Makuach
							Tiana Moore
Total:	7		10		7		

*Twin Cities Metro Area includes Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties

Murder of Mothers and Effect on Children

	2008		2009		2010		
Children	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	Name of Victim
Murders of mothers of minor children *	11	52%	5	42%	7	47%	Jessica Eve Buboltz
							Svetlana Hanson
							Sarah Mitzuk
							Svetlana Vladimirovna Munt
							Pauline Nash
							Bilha Omare
							Ashley Sullivan
Number of minor children who lost mother at least:	25		8		10		
Number of adult children who lost mother (not including adult child identified as the killer)	-		9		10		
Child(ren) present at time of murder or discovered the body	6		2		14		

*This represents the percentage of cases in which the woman who was killed was a mother. There were 7 mothers of minor children killed in 2010.

Note:

Lisa Grijalva, age 15, was murdered by her ex-boyfriend.
Sarah Mitzuk was pregnant at the time she was murdered.

Challenge to Minnesota Communities

Domestic violence and domestic homicide have a devastating effect on every person living in Minnesota. Each of the victims whose story is told here was someone's daughter, son, mother, father, sister, brother, family member, intimate partner, friend, neighbor, or co-worker. An abusive relationship that ends in the murder of the victim illustrates the failure of our systems and society to respond effectively to the needs of battered women and abused children.

We pledge to remember the women, children, family members, and friends who die each year from domestic violence and child abuse, as well as the women and children used in prostitution and sex trafficking, who are also battered women and abused children in need of protection from abuse.

Our challenge to the community is to not let these deaths go unnoticed but rather to use these brutal murders as a springboard for action.

While we have research and tools that can assist us in identifying the people most likely to reoffend and those most likely to engage in high risk and lethal behaviors, nothing we have can predict 100% of the batterers who will seriously injure or kill. Some of the women injured and killed in Minnesota each year, were so isolated or so disconnected from systems that they never told anyone what was happening and no one had any information about the abuse. But for many of these women, they did interact with our legal system, our medical system, our mental health system or they reached out to family, friends or community members. It is precisely those cases where we can start to make a difference. We can learn from the tragic loss of life.

Over the past 30 years, we have learned much about domestic violence. Our laws have improved; our systems and the personnel within those systems have learned, changed and improved how they respond to domestic violence; we talk with our children about health relationships and about domestic violence. We applaud all of those efforts. But we can do even better. That is the challenge we have for ourselves and for all of Minnesota.

Recommendations for the Community

In some intimate partner femicides examined for this report, there were no known red flags for potential lethality. However, in the majority, at least one of the leading lethality indicators was present. As a community, we should not assume that there is nothing we can do to prevent intimate partner homicides. While the ultimate responsibility for these murders rests with the perpetrators alone, opportunities for meaningful intervention in many of these cases were missed. Especially in the cases in which the victim reached out for help, we should examine the reasons why our systems ultimately failed to protect those victims from lethal violence.

Safety is the Priority: Safety must be a priority. When talking about healthy relationships, when considering criminal or family court policies, when making funding decisions, the starting point needs to be safety. All too often, important decisions are made and policies are enacted that provide for an "opt out" or other special considerations for domestic

violence—relegating safety to an afterthought and not a priority. When mistakes are made, people can and do lose their lives. The stakes are too high for us to get it wrong. We must prioritize safety.

Assess Batterer Lethality at Every Opportunity: Improvements in all system responses will improve when batterer lethality assessment is institutionalized as the norm rather than the exception. In every circumstance in which battered women or abusers encounter the criminal justice system, the civil or family court, or an advocacy program, a concerted effort should be made to assess potential lethality. Many excellent assessment tools exist, and most rely on a routine, direct inquiry of the victim as to the presence of lethality indicators. In some cases, a review of public records would create sufficient concern to assess a high risk of lethality. Criminal proceedings do not represent the sole opportunity to assess batterer lethality. When battered women seek protection orders, are involved in family court proceedings, or seek services from community advocacy programs, an active, routine inquiry as to the potential lethality of batterers is critical to protecting the lives of battered women.

Hold Batterers Accountable: Assessing for lethality will have minimal impact unless we have the resources to effectively apprehend, monitor and, when necessary, incarcerate dangerous batterers. Law enforcement, the courts, and battered women’s advocacy programs all struggle to meet the public safety needs of the community with limited resources. An investment in the whole spectrum of public safety systems is necessary to identify, monitor, and apprehend the most dangerous offenders.

Invest in Prevention: Effective intervention in domestic violence cases and improved identification of high risk and lethal offenders are not the full answer. We must also commit to prevention efforts to stop the violence before it starts. It is critical to stem the incidents of domestic violence by creating an environment where everyone knows that violence will not be tolerated and where healthy, respectful and violence free relationships are the norm for everyone.

If we do not invest in prevention to stem this epidemic, if we do not understand the impact of legislative changes on domestic violence victims, if we fail to keep safety as a top priority, women and children will continue to be killed.

We cannot afford to compromise on safety.

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

Ashley Ann Sullivan Age 25 Antrim Township January 17, 2010	Ashley Ann Sullivan was shot to death along with her stepfather, Chester Gronewold, by her ex-boyfriend Shawn Eric Haugen on the morning of January 17, 2010. In December 2009, Shawn Haugen had been arrested for domestic abuse and then arrested twice more for violating a no contact order issued in connection with the domestic abuse charge..Ashley and her two sons were staying with her mother and stepfather, Chester Gronewold, due to a fire at her home. Haugen killed Ashley and her stepfather and then killed himself. Ashley's mother, Ashley's 18-month old son with Mr. Haugen, and a Gronewold grandson were at the house at the time of the murders, but were physically unharmed.
Sarah Mitzuk Age 32 Hugo January 19, 2010	Michael Mitzuk shot his wife, Sarah Mitzuk, in an upstairs bedroom and then killed himself in a nearby bathroom. Sarah's father found the bodies when he arrived early on the morning of January 19 th to babysit his four-year old grandson. His grandson was in the home, but unharmed. Her friends indicated that Sarah was pregnant.
Denna Marie Glaeser Age 46 Minneapolis February 10, 2010	Denna Glaeser's body was found on a sidewalk in Minneapolis. She was found half-naked, lying on her stomach with a comforter over her face & body and her legs tied together. While police have investigated various acquaintances, no one has been arrested for the crime and exact cause of death has not been stated.
Debrah Nederhiser Age 59 Nodine February 23, 2010	Debrah Nederhiser was killed as a result of gunshots fired by her husband, Morgan Nederhiser, in her bedroom and then he shot himself. The couple had married in the fall of 2009.
Brittany A Ellis Age 19 Brooklyn Center March 14, 2010	Relando Jackson's mother called 911 because her son reported to her there was a suicidal woman he believed to be dead near Shingle Creek in Brooklyn Center. Police met Jackson and he took them to the bank of Shingle Creek where they found the body of Brittany Ellis. Jackson and Brittany Ellis had been romantically involved for about two years. Jackson claims they were walking on the bridge and they began to argue. He claimed that they slapped each other, he struck her, and he left her crying. After he went home, Jackson said he came back to the creek and found Brittany with her face in the water. The medical examiner found the cause of death to be complex homicidal violence including contusions, abrasions,

	strangulation, and blunt force head injuries. Jackson has been charged with second degree murder.
<p>Svetlana Vladimirovna Munt</p> <p>Age 32</p> <p>Mankato</p> <p>March 28, 2010</p>	<p>Svetlana Munt and Joel Munt were divorced. There had been multiple court hearings regarding custody and parenting time. Joel Munt had a history of threatening and abusing Svetlana. Court records reference incidents where Joel Munt threatened to hurt and kill Svetlana. At one point an order for protection was issued against Joel Munt. Joel Munt had supervised parenting time with the couples' three minor children. On March 28th, Svetlana picked up the children from parenting time. As she drove away, Joel Munt rammed Svetlana Munt's car into a tree with her and the three children in the car. He then approached the car and shot Svetlana through the car window, hitting her seven times in the head while the children, ages 4, 5, and 7 watched. Joel Munt then put the children into another nearby vehicle, which he took from its owner at gunpoint, and drove away. After a car chase, Joel Munt was arrested. He was charged with four counts of first degree murder among other charges. The children have been placed in protective custody.</p>
<p>Pauline Nash</p> <p>Age 42</p> <p>Minneapolis</p> <p>April 2, 2010</p>	<p>Brittany Nash, a college student, said she was awakened at about 3:00 a.m. to her mother's screams. Brittany ran to the bedroom and saw what appeared to be her father hitting her mother with his fist. She ran out of the home to call 911. Her 13-year old sister entered the bedroom and saw her father, Billy Nash, repeatedly stabbing her mother. She told him to stop but he wouldn't. Eventually this child grabbed the perpetrator around the neck and pulled him off the victim. She then ran out of the home with the knife. The officers found Pauline bleeding profusely. She was transported to the hospital but did not survive her injuries. Billy Nash was covered in blood and stated: "I'm sorry sergeant that you had to come out here tonight for this She was driving me crazy. . . . I killed the b___." The medical examiner found more than 70 separate stab wounds, which were concentrated in the chest area and head. Billy Nash pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to 40 years in prison. Brittany Nash said she wanted people to remember her mother, a personal care attendant, as a loving, caring soul who treated others as she wanted to be treated. Pauline is survived by six children.</p>
<p>Natalia Jurjevna Tomasovic</p> <p>Age 55</p> <p>Columbia Heights</p> <p>April 17, 2010</p>	<p>Police officers were called to a parking lot of a restaurant in Columbia Heights and found Natalia Tomasovic dead. Her husband, Jozef Tomasovic, shot Natalia before turning the gun on himself. Near his body the police found a handgun. Near Natalia's body was a pet carrier with a cat inside. The cat was unharmed. Neighbors had seen her walking with the pet carrier earlier being followed by her husband in the couple's car.</p>

Barbara Miller Deboise Age 56 St. Louis Park April 20, 2010	Barbara Miller Deboise was found stabbed to death in her home in St. Louis Park. Barbara's husband, Howard Charles Deboise, had a long history of abusing and intimidating his wife. He had made threats to kill her. She had recently moved out of the house. Howard Deboise was arrested in Kandiyohi County and charged with second degree murder.
Amy Alese Terborg Age 28 Minneapolis April 29, 2010	Amy Terborg met Trace Maxwell while she was working in the Southdale Mall. According to her family during the course of this relationship Trace was abusive. Early in the morning of April 29, 2010, Trace came to Amy's new apartment in North Minneapolis, shot and killed her and also shot and wounded her roommate. Police believe Trace Maxwell is also connected to the killings of two other men at two other locations. Amidst a police chase, Trace Maxwell killed himself with a gunshot wound.
Kay Marie Peterson Age 50 Duluth May 27, 2010	Kay Peterson filed for divorce in March. On May 27 th , Michael Peterson shot Kay Peterson in the head three times before turning the gun on himself. Michael Peterson died. The couple had three adult sons.
Svetlana Hanson Age 25 Eagan August 20, 2010	Police officers found Svetlana and Charles Hanson dead of gunshot wounds in their home in Eagan. Svetlana's ex-husband Robin Bhattacharyya shot at the couple through the front window of their home and then killed himself in their yard. Svetlana's divorce from Bhattacharyya became final in 2009, but they had been separated since July 2008. Three children (Svetlana's two stepchildren and her nine-month old child) were sleeping in the home at the time while Svetlana's father was with them in the living room when they were killed. Neither he nor the children were hurt.
Bilha Omare Age 32 Vadnais Heights October 11	When authorities went to a home in Vadnais Heights to do a welfare check, they found the bodies of Bilha Omare and two of her children, a nine- and twelve-year old. Later that same day, they arrested the husband and father, Justus Kebabe. They found him along Interstate 35 with his youngest child, a three-year old. Kebabe has confessed to killing his wife by hitting her with a golf club and strangling her with an electrical wire and killing two of his children by drugging them and drowning his son in the bathtub and smothering his daughter with a pillow. In December 2008, Kebabe was charged with fifth-degree domestic violence, pled guilty to disorderly conduct and was required to get domestic violence counseling at that time. For the October murders, Kebabe pled guilty to three counts of second degree murder and was sentenced to 25 ½ years for each murder.

<p>Lisa Grijalva Age 15 Lakeland</p> <p>October 12, 2010</p>	<p>Lisa, age 15, was shot to death on October 12th by her 14-years old ex-boyfriend who then shot and killed himself. Their bodies were found in Humphries Park near Lakeland.</p>
<p>Jessica Eve Buboltz Age 20 Kasota</p> <p>October 29, 2010</p>	<p>Tyler Wicklund was Jessica Buboltz's ex-boyfriend. On October 29th, Wicklund went to Jessica Buboltz's apartment where he killed Jessica by slitting her throat. Wicklund left Jessica in the bathtub to die and took their 14-month old daughter and fled. Wicklund has been charged with two counts of second degree murder.</p>

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

<p>Duach Makuach 22 months St. Cloud</p> <p>April 12, 2010</p>	<p>Duach Makuach was 22 months old. He was killed by his mother on April 12, 2010 when she beat him with a shoe because he was crying. Police answered a call of a medical emergency and found Duach on the floor, not breathing. He was transported to St. Cloud Hospital where he was pronounced dead. His mother, Nayachuol Lungdicok Poch has been charged with second degree murder.</p>
<p>Rowan Richardson 6 months Eden Prairie</p> <p>July 31, 2010</p>	<p>Randel Richardson, who was home alone with his six-month old son, Rowan, drowned him in a laundry tub in the basement. The family reports that Randel Richardson suffered from mental illness. He has been charged with first-degree murder. His attorneys have filed notice that they intend to use an insanity defense.</p>
<p>Dawson Farris 3 months North Mankato</p> <p>September 22, 2010</p>	<p>Three-month old Dawson Farris was killed by his father, Christopher Farris, when he started crying. That morning Dawson's mother had left for work, leaving Christopher to care for their son. When Dawson started crying, his father admits that he "kind of jerked" him by one arm in his bouncy chair, bounced him hard up and down for five to ten minutes, and he may have hit Dawson's head on an open door. There was evidence of trauma to Dawson's optic nerve, a bite mark on his cheek, and a bruise to his back. Christopher Farris is charged with three counts of second-degree murder, first- and second-degree manslaughter, and felony assault charges.</p>

Ivyn Ogendi 8 years Vadnais Heights October 11, 2010	Ivyn was drugged and smothered with a pillow by her father, Justin Kebabe. Kebabe also killed Ivyn's brother and mother. See information above regarding murder of Bilha Omare.
Kinley Ogendi 12 years Vadnais Heights October 11, 2010	Kinley was drugged and drowned in the bathtub by his father, Justin Kebabe. Kebabe also killed Kinley's sister and mother. See information above regarding murder of Bilha Omare.
Baby Boy Abdullahi 16 months Santiago Township October 31, 2010	Dennis Angell became angry when the 16-month old baby of his girlfriend did not want to go to sleep and started to scream. Angell held a Winnie-the-Pooh pillow on top of the baby boy's face for about forty seconds. He only let up when the boy stopped moving. Authorities were called to the baby's home. The baby was flown to St. Cloud Hospital where he was declared dead. Angell has been charged with second-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter.
Tiana Moore 19 months Olivia December 24, 2010	Tiana Moore was 19-months old. While her mother was at work on December 22, Tianna was left in the care of her mother's boyfriend, Sergio Turrubiates, Jr. When her mother returned, she found Tianna unresponsive and vomiting. She was ultimately flown to St. Paul Children's Hospital where she died two days later. She was bruised and the autopsy indicates she died of a traumatic injury. Turrubiates has been charged with second degree murder without intent while committing a felony.

Friends- Family members- Interveners murdered in domestic violence-related situations:

Chester Gronewold Age 59 Antrim Township January 17, 2010	Chester Gronewold was killed by his stepdaughter's ex-boyfriend, Shawn Haugen. Haugen bludgeoned Chester Gronewold, shot Ashley Sullivan and then killed himself. See information above on the murder of Ashley Sullivan.
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Darius Maxwell Age 17 St. Paul January 30, 2010	Darius Maxwell, who was only 17 and getting ready to go to college, was stabbed to death by his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend. Darius was visiting his girlfriend at her home when Phillip E. Elphage broke into the home and stabbed Darius five times in his chest and twice in his back. Both Darius' girlfriend and her one-year old son witnessed the stabbing. When Darius fled the house, Phillip Elphage began punching his ex-girlfriend in the face and only stopped when a friend intervened. Phillip Elphage had a history of abusing his ex-girlfriend. The abuse started when she was 8 months pregnant with his child. She broke up with him about six months before the murder and obtained an order for protection against him in November of 2009. Elphage was in violation of that no contact order when he went to her house on January 30 th . Phillip Elphage pled guilty to second degree murder and first degree burglary and was sentenced to 367 months in prison.
Edward J. Walberg, Jr. Age 40 Chisholm March 6, 2010	Edward Walberg was shot and killed by Jason Mark Musburger when Musburger went into a sports bar in Chisholm to confront his ex-wife and her friends carrying two guns. Musburger had divorced in April 2009 and was subject to a restraining order as part of the divorce decree. He had threatened to harm his ex-wife and himself as early as December 2008 and had been hospitalized for observation for 72 hours at that time. On March 6 th , Edward Walberg was sitting with Musburger's ex-wife as they celebrated a golf tournament held earlier that day. Musburger shot and killed Edward Walberg, critically injured another of his ex-wife's acquaintances at the table and caused minor injuries to another of her table companions. His ex-wife escaped unhurt. Musburger came to the sports bar on three occasions that day threatening violence. Musburger is charged with second-degree murder, two counts of attempted first-degree murder, one count of attempted second-degree murder, harassment or stalking, and violation of a restraining order.
Charles Hanson Age 42 Eagan August 20, 2010	Charles Hanson was killed when his wife's ex-husband, Robin Bhattacharyya, fired shots into the couple's home. Bhattacharyya's gunshots killed both Charles Hanson and Svetlana Hanson. See information above on murder of Svetlana Hanson.

Men murdered by Intimate Partners

James Nibbe Age 26 Lake Crystal August 31, 2010	James Nibbe was shot in the head by his wife, Jennifer Nibbe, while he slept. His wife called 911 and claimed an intruder to the home had shot her husband. Law enforcement officials did not find evidence consistent with an intruder at the crime scene. They subsequently learned that Jennifer Nibbe had a drug habit, significant debts, and had taken out a life insurance policy on James. There was also other evidence indicating that she was having a relationship with someone else. Prosecutors have charged her with second-degree murder and also are taking the case to the grand jury seeking first-degree murder charges.
Wendall Abraham Age 64 Garrison September 23, 2010	After a fight in their home, Wendall Abraham was killed when his wife, Helen Mitchell Abraham, ran over him with her car as she was trying to leave and he stood behind the car. She dragged his body into the woods with a rope to prevent it from being discovered and then left the area. Authorities during a welfare check found his body on October 9 th . His wife was arrested three days later. She is charged with intentional murder in the second degree.

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, member-based organization serving more than 84 local, regional, and statewide member organizations, and their additional 42 satellite offices, that advocate for an end to battering. The types of programs operated by MCBW members include battered women's shelters and safe homes, community advocacy programs, criminal justice intervention projects, state and national training and technical assistance organizations, human rights organizations, and homeless shelters and transitional housing programs. Members include 16 culturally specific and population specific programs serving differing communities.

MCBW promotes individual, institutional, and cultural social change and works to end oppression based on gender, race, age, sexual orientation, class, and disability. The key program areas of MCBW include: public policy advocacy; information and resources; public awareness; training and technical assistance; and networking.

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, maintaining a web site, and publishing public awareness and prevention initiatives.

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 2010, at least 28 Minnesotans lost their lives as a result of domestic violence.

Remember their names...

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| 1. January 17, 2010 | Ashley Sullivan, Antrim Township, died as a result of a gunshot. |
| 2. January 17, 2010 | Chester Gronewold, Antrim Township, died as a result of a beating |
| 3. January 19, 2010 | Sarah Mitzuk, Hugo, died as a result of a gunshot. |
| 4. January 30, 2010 | Darius Maxwell, St. Paul, died as a result of a stabbing. |
| 5. February 10, 2010 | Denna Marie Glaeser, Minneapolis, died. |
| 6. February 23, 2010 | Debrah Nederhiser, Nodine, died as a result of a gunshot. |
| 7. March 6, 2010 | Edward J. Walberg, Jr., Chisholm, died as a result of a gunshot. |
| 8. March 14, 2010 | Brittany Ellis, Brooklyn Center, died as a result of a beating and strangulation. |
| 9. March 28, 2010 | Svetlana Vladimirovna Munt, Mankato, died as a result of a gunshot. |
| 10. April 2, 2010 | Pauline Nash, Minneapolis, died as a result of a stabbing. |
| 11. April 12, 2010 | Duach Makuach, St. Cloud, dyad as a result of a beating. |
| 12. April 17, 2010 | Natalia Jurjevna Tomasovic, Columbia Heights, died as a result of a gunshot. |
| 13. April 20, 2010 | Barbara Miller Deboise, St. Louis Park, died as a result of a stabbing. |
| 14. April 29, 2010 | Amy Alese Terborg, Minneapolis, died as a result of a gunshot. |
| 15. May 27, 2010 | Kay Marie Peterson, Duluth, died as a result of a gunshot. |
| 16. July 31, 2010 | Rowan Richardson, Eden Prairie, died as a result of drowning. |
| 17. August 10, 2010 | Svetlana Hanson, Eagan, died as a result of a gunshot. |
| 18. August 10, 2010 | Charles Hanson, Eagan, died as a result of a gunshot. |
| 19. August 31, 2010 | James Nibbe, Lake Crystal, died as a result of a gunshot. |
| 20. September 22, 2010 | Dawson Farris, North Mankato, died as a result of a head injury. |
| 21. September 23, 2010 | Wendall Abraham, Garrison, died as a result of being run over with a car. |

22. October 11, 2010	Bilha Omare, Vadnais Heights, died as a result of strangulation.
23. October 11, 2010	Ivyn Ogendi, Vadnais Heights, died as a result of drowning.
24. October 11, 2010	Kinley Ogendi, Vadnais Heights, died as a result of strangulation.
25. October 12, 2010	Lisa Grijalva, Lakeland, died as a result of a gunshot.
26. October 29, 2010	Jessica Buboltz, Kasota, died as a result of strangulation.
27. October 31, 2010	Baby Boy-Abdullahi, Santiago Township, died as a result of smothering.
28. December 24, 2010	Tiana Moore, Olivia, died as a result of a beating.

The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women publishes The Femicide Report, a report on women and children murdered in our state, to educate the public about the lethality of domestic violence and child abuse. We report on the murders of women and children at the hands of abusers to direct attention to the challenges faced by all of the women and children who are living with abuse and as a call to all Minnesotans to come together because it takes the entire community to end violence.

The 2010 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.

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