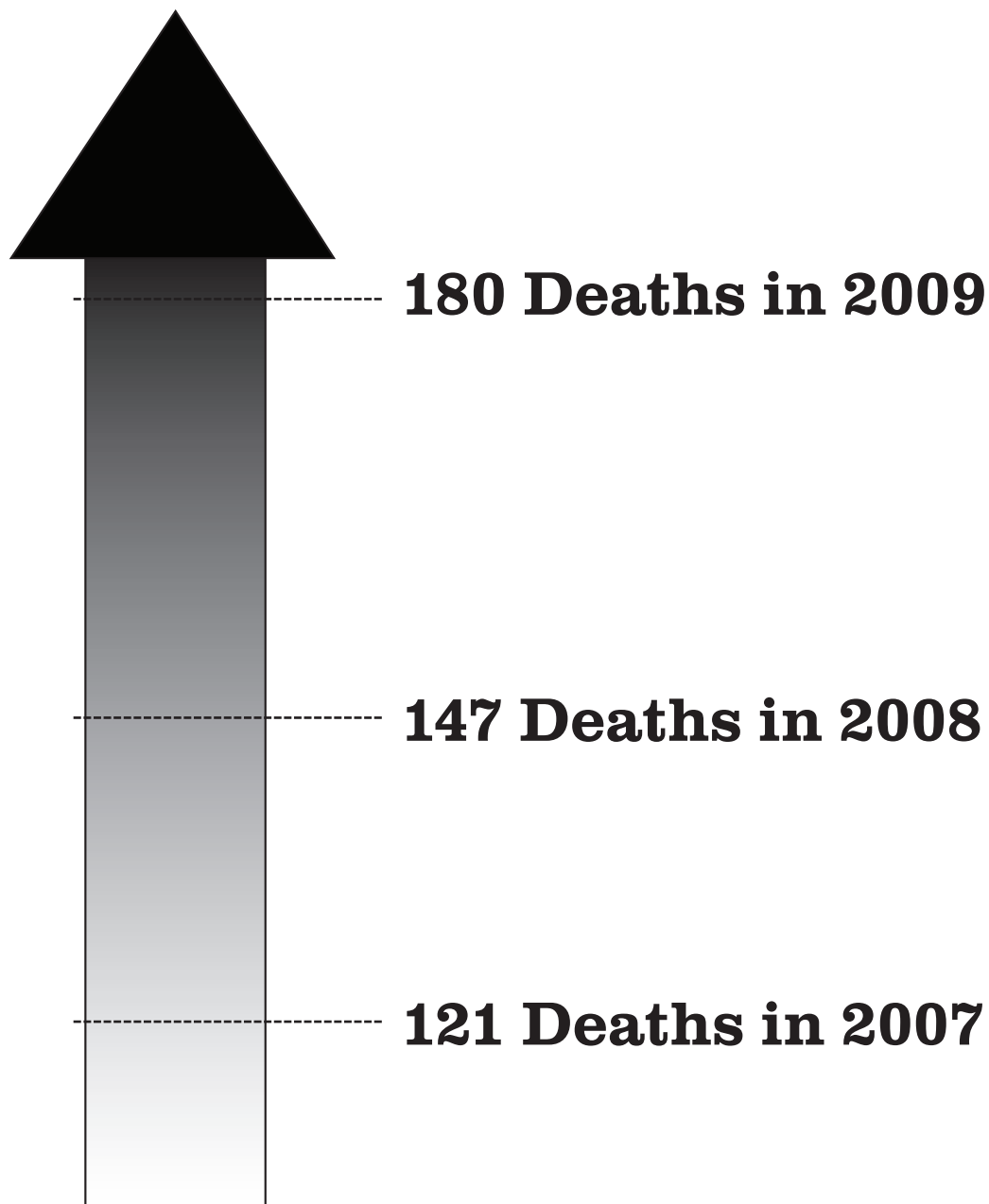


DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITIES IN PENNSYLVANIA – 2009

A TERRIFYING TREND 49% Rise in Two Years



About This Report

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence used a conservative method of counting domestic violence homicides for this report. We have not included cases where no arrests have been made or where the relationship between victim and perpetrator is unclear. We included fatalities involving current, former and new intimate partners; parents and children; siblings; other biological relationships; roommates and bystanders to domestic violence. We relied on media reports of domestic violence homicides as our source.

We have excluded child abuse deaths because they are tracked and reported by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of Children, Youth and Families.

In 2009, domestic violence:

- didn't respect religious holidays. A Darby man shot and killed his son on Christmas Day.
- occurred at all kinds of addresses, even on Easy Street in Uniontown. The 43-year-old man arrested in connection with a domestic violence complaint there hanged himself in a police holding cell.
- was committed with rifles, shotguns, handguns, knives, fire, drug overdoses, shovels, a hammer, baseball bats and bare hands.
- was vicious. One victim was beaten so hard with a wooden baseball bat that it splintered. One of the pieces of the bat was then shoved down her throat.

In 2009, domestic violence homicide victims included:

- the well-armed. A 31-year-old gun rights advocate, who won the right to openly carry a loaded handgun to her 5-year-old daughter's soccer games, was shot in her kitchen by her husband, who then committed suicide.
- the elderly. The oldest victim was a 97-year-old woman who was shot by her son.

In 2009, accused domestic violence perpetrators:

- were as old as an 83-year-old man who shot and killed his 79-year-old wife, their dog and then himself.
- left their victims in their homes, yards, apartment hallways, bathtubs, a car trunk and wrapped in a sleeping bag, head encased in a garbage bag, on the sidewalk in front of her apartment.

Victims Not Counted

This report would not be complete without acknowledging that some domestic violence deaths don't show up in the statistics. We rely on media accounts of crimes to compile our numbers because there is no central database tracking domestic violence fatalities. Sometimes the police in announcing deaths, and the media in reporting them, fail to identify the relationship between victim and perpetrator or the motive for the killing. Other deaths that may be linked to domestic violence are ruled suspicious or remain unsolved. We also know from local advocates' anecdotal accounts that some victims take their own lives after years of unrelenting abuse. We recognize these unknown victims, even if we can't count them.

Other Costs of Domestic Violence

Although fatalities are the focus of this report, and they represent the ultimate cost of domestic violence, it is worth noting that there also were countless domestic violence crimes last year that resulted in personal injuries and property damage. In one extraordinary example of the cost to a community of domestic violence, an Exeter man triggered a vapor explosion that leveled his home and caused more than \$1 million in damage to 59 neighboring properties, including an elementary school. He was trying to kill himself because of conflict with his estranged wife. The man survived, although his face is disfigured, his head is scarred, he lost most of the use of his right hand, and he must use a wheelchair. He was charged with risking a catastrophe, causing a catastrophe, criminal mischief, reckless burning and arson.

...I can't believe she died this way."

Four Fallen Heroes

"Maria, don't worry, the cops are coming."

The words above were offered to comfort and reassure a dying domestic violence victim who had been shot before police were called.

As an organization that has shared a close alliance with Pennsylvania law enforcement for more than three decades, we know firsthand the crucial role police officers play in helping victims, in apprehending abusers, in stopping the violence, in saving lives.

They are dedicated officers who put their lives on the line every day, every time they intervene in dangerously volatile situations. They are the gatekeepers to justice and safety and are true heroes in every sense of the word.

Four such heroes were killed in the line of duty in 2009 as they responded to domestic violence calls here in our commonwealth.

We are deeply saddened by this extraordinary loss of life and extend our condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of the fallen officers -

- **State Trooper Joshua Miller**, gunned down June 7 in Monroe County during the rescue of a 9-year old boy who had been abducted at gunpoint by his father.
- **Pittsburgh Police Officers Stephen Mayhle, Eric Kelly and Paul Sciuolo**, all ambushed and killed by a heavily armed man wearing a bullet proof vest as they responded to a domestic violence call at the perpetrator's home.

Their deaths will not be forgotten.

Casualties, Orphans and Witnesses: A Devastating Legacy

Once again, this annual report reveals the heart-breaking toll that domestic violence takes on children. Seven minors, ranging in age from 18 months to 17 years, lost their lives to domestic violence in Pennsylvania in 2009. They included 9- and 10-year-old brothers killed in the arson of their home, a 16-year-old autistic boy shot by his father on his way to school, and a 15-year-old girl shot by her mother's ex-boyfriend because she witnessed him killing her mother.

For the surviving children there is another kind of death - of their innocence. At least 30 children witnessed the murder and/or suicide of their parents and other adults in 2009. One 7-year-old girl was lying beside her mother on the bed when the mother was fatally stabbed in the chest. Police found an 11-year-old boy covered in blood when they responded to his home for the murder of his mother by her former boyfriend, who then killed himself. An 11-year-old girl was stabbed in the abdomen as she tried, unsuccessfully, to protect her mother from a knife-wielding ex-boyfriend. The girl only survived because her siblings dragged her out of the house before he set it on fire.

A 12-year-old boy testified in court that his father told him in advance of his plans to kill the boy's stepmother, brought him along for an alibi and had him dump evidence afterwards. He said he heard his father asking his stepmother to come closer to examine a rash on their baby. Then he heard her scream.

This year, too, we saw an alarming new development - child perpetrators of domestic violence. The youngest was 11 when he was charged with shooting his father's eight-months-pregnant fiancée with a 20-gauge shotgun as she lay in bed. The courts are still trying to decide whether he should be tried as a juvenile or an adult. A 16-year-old boy was charged with killing his great-grandfather with a shotgun.

When you consider all the Pennsylvania children who lost one or both parents to death or suicide because of domestic violence, and those who carry the additional burden of having watched them die, it's clear that the cost of this violence is staggering and will be paid for many years to come.

What will become of these scarred and grieving orphans?

"She was bleeding. She was screaming..."

180 Deaths in 2009...A 22% Increase in One Year

Between January-December 2009, 133 domestic violence incidents in 41 counties resulted in 180 deaths.

Who Died

- 121 Victims
 - 72 Females
 - 69 18+ years of age
 - 2 13-17 years of age
 - 1 0-12 years of age
 - 49 Males
 - 45 18+ years of age
 - 1 13-17 years of age
 - 3 0-12 years of age
- 52 Perpetrators Committed Suicide
- 5 Perpetrators Killed by Police
- 1 Perpetrator Killed by an Intervenor; No Charges Filed
- 1 Perpetrator Killed; Car Accident

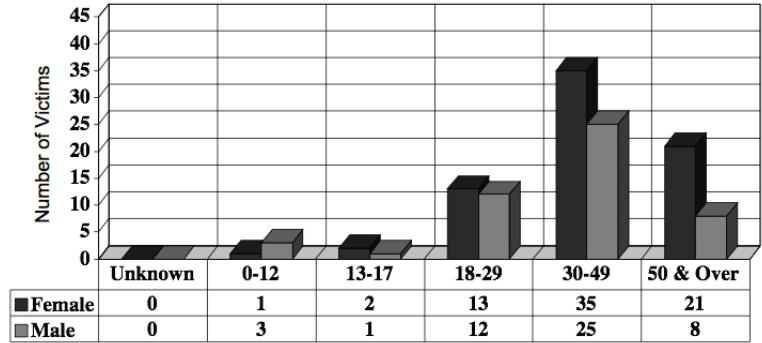
Who Were the Perps

- 138 Perpetrators
 - 118 Males
 - 20 Females

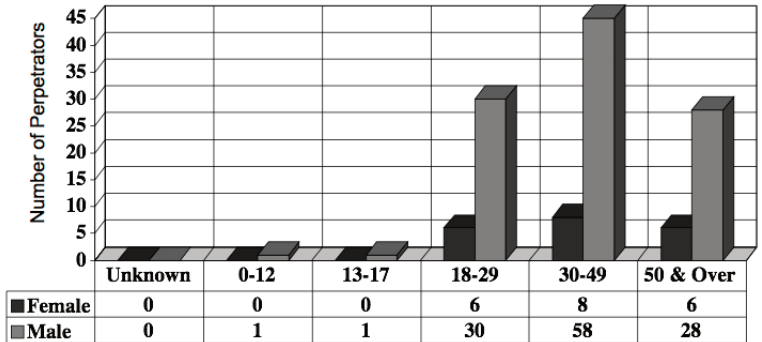
How the Victims Died

- 73 shot
- 19 stabbed
- 5 beaten
- 3 beaten with an object
- 2 strangled
- 2 run over by a car
- 2 car crash
- 2 house fire/arson
- 2 strangled & throat slashed
- 1 strangled & beaten with an object
- 1 beaten & stabbed
- 1 beaten w/ a shovel, burned & strangled
- 1 body set on fire; died from burns
- 1 drugged
- 1 hit by a car
- 1 neck broken with bare hands
- 1 smothered with a pillow
- 1 stabbed & home set on fire
- 1 strangled, stabbed & beaten
- 1 strangled & beaten

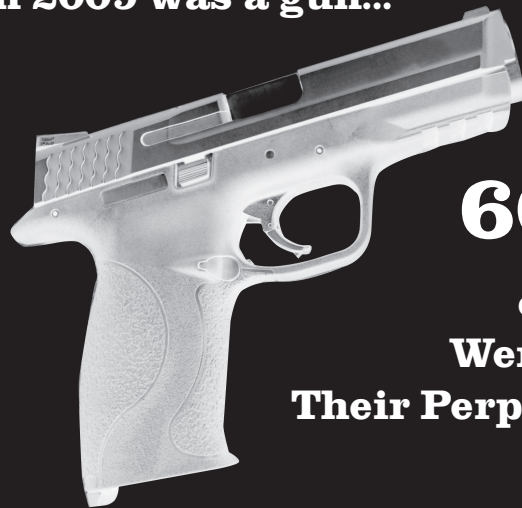
Age and Gender Breakdown of All Victims



Age and Gender Breakdown of All Perpetrators



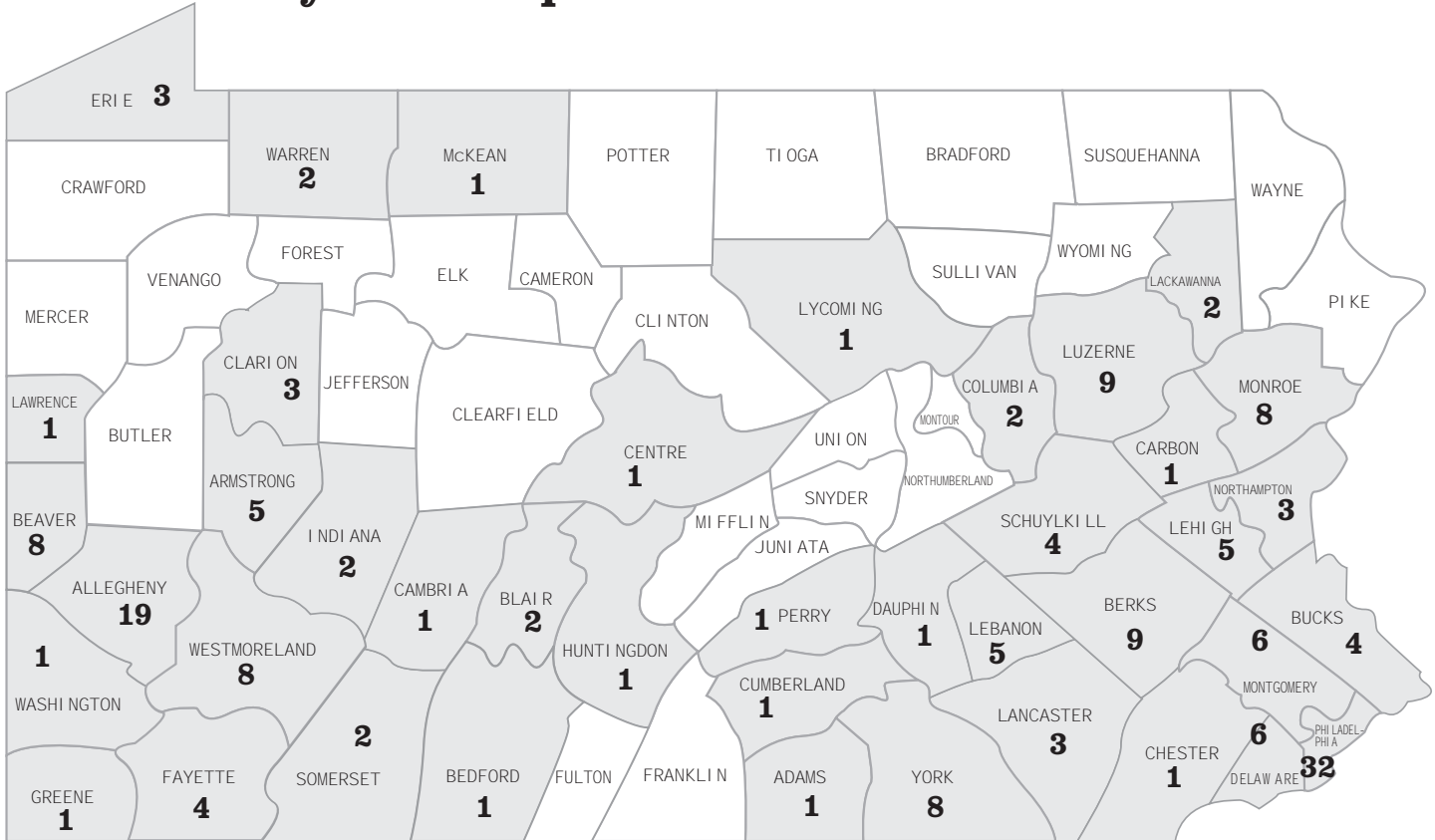
The weapon of choice in 2009 was a gun...



60.3%
of Victims
Were Shot by
Their Perpetrator(s)

... 'please help me.' She was completely burned."

Pennsylvania Map of Domestic Violence Fatalities



Fatalities by County

County	Victim(s)	Perpetrator(s)	Total
Adams	1	0	1
Allegheny	14	5	19
Armstrong	2	3	5
Beaver	5	3	8
Bedford	1	0	1
Berks	6	3	9
Blair	2	0	2
Bucks	2	2	4
Cambria	0	1	1
Carbon	0	1	1
Centre	1	0	1
Chester	1	0	1
Clarion	1	2	3
Columbia	1	1	2
Cumberland	1	0	1
Dauphin	1	0	1
Delaware	4	2	6
Erie	2	1	3
Fayette	3	1	4
Greene	1	0	1
Huntingdon	0	1	1

County	Victim(s)	Perpetrator(s)	Total
Indiana	1	1	2
Lackawanna	2	0	2
Lancaster	2	1	3
Lawrence	1	0	1
Lebanon	4	1	5
Lehigh	4	1	5
Luzerne	7	2	9
Lycoming	1	0	1
McKean	1	0	1
Monroe	6	2	8
Montgomery	3	3	6
Northampton	1	2	3
Perry	1	0	1
Philadelphia	23	9	32
Schuylkill	2	2	4
Somerset	1	1	2
Warren	1	1	2
Washington	1	0	1
Westmoreland	5	3	8
York	5	3	8
Totals	121	59	180

“The police killed him because of a domestic dispute...”

Summaries

ADAMS

April 9

A 19-year-old college student was found strangled, stabbed, and beaten to death in the bathtub of her 22-year-old boyfriend’s Gettysburg College apartment. He pleaded guilty to third-degree murder, possession of an instrument of crime with intent to use, tampering with evidence and drug possession and was sentenced to 26 1/2 to 53 years in prison.

ALLEGHENY

January 6

A 63-year-old man was shot with a rifle in his McCandless home. His 41-year-old son, who lived with him, was charged with homicide. The son, who has a history of schizophrenia and kept a rifle in his room, said he shot his father after they argued about his refusal to take his medication, and his father broke into his locked bedroom with a screwdriver.

January 8

A 29-year-old Pittsburgh man was shot by a police marksman after a nine-hour standoff. When police rushed the Point Breeze apartment where he had barricaded himself and tried to convince him to surrender he walked toward them with a gun in each hand, and the marksman fired. Police said they initially went to the home to check on the man’s girlfriend, at the request of her father. Earlier the man had argued with both of them.

January 23

A 40-year-old Forest Hills woman was found strangled on a couch in her home. Her 7-year-old son, who was present when she was killed, told police she would not wake up when he tried to say goodbye as he was leaving for school in the morning. Police were called when she failed to pick him up from school. Police arrested her husband, the boy’s stepfather, at a Detroit bus station after finding 14 threatening messages from him on her phone. He was convicted of third-degree murder and sentenced to 20 to 40 years in prison.

April 4

Three Pittsburgh city police officers were killed while responding to a Stanton Heights home where a mother and son had been arguing because the son’s dog had urinated in the house. The mother called police. When they arrived, the 22-year-old son – wearing a bulletproof vest and armed with an AK-47 rifle, a .22 long rifle and a pistol – opened fire on them. He has been charged with three counts of homicide. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

April 7

A 43-year-old woman and her 15-year-old daughter were shot in their Stowe home by the woman’s 30-year-old ex-boyfriend. The woman’s 14-year-old daughter discovered their bodies when she returned home from school. The ex-boyfriend told police he shot the woman because he was jealous and her daughter because she was a witness. He pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

April 14

A 79-year-old Glassport woman was shot in the head by her 83-year old husband as she lay in bed. **He then shot the couple’s dog before turning the gun on himself.** Neighbors said he seemed depressed from the burden of taking care of his wife, who had many health problems and could not walk. Police said there was nothing to indicate the deaths were a pact.

June 1

A 24-year-old Swissvale man committed suicide during a police standoff. His sister contacted police because he had taken his mother, father, and a young nephew hostage inside his home. When police arrived he barricaded himself in a room, and they were able to escape.

July 4

A 28-year-old Baldwin man was shot in the chest by his 20-year-old girlfriend as he stood waiting at a bus stop. She told police he repeatedly called her profane names as they approached the bus stop. She was carrying his semi-automatic pistol in her purse. She took it out, loaded it and shot him. She pleaded guilty to criminal homicide and was sentenced to 12-24 years in state prison.

ALLEGHENY (continued)

- July 31** **A 42-year-old Brackenridge man was killed when he was run over twice with a sport utility vehicle** during an argument over a woman whom he and the 38-year-old SUV driver had both dated. Police say the driver had aimed the vehicle at the couple intending to hit them both, but the victim pushed his girlfriend out of the way. They were in the parking lot of a bar in Harrison that the victim co-owned. The driver is charged with homicide.
- September 20** **A 71-year-old North Versailles woman was killed by police** as she waited with a gun outside a man’s home with whom she was obsessed. Police, summoned by a neighbor who reported seeing a prowler, found her crouched behind the house, wearing black and holding a pistol in her gloved hand. When an officer ordered her to show her hands she pointed the pistol at him, and he fired, police said. She was preparing to ambush her ex-boyfriend, with whom she had argued earlier in the day, and his new girlfriend, according to police.
- September 23** **A 51-year-old Mt. Lebanon man committed suicide** in his home after a five-hour standoff with police. They were attempting to serve him with a protection from abuse order sought by his wife.
- October 11** **A 49-year-old man died of severe head trauma** after being found unconscious by police in his daughter’s Verona apartment. Police say the daughter’s 26-year-old boyfriend slammed the man’s head against the wall during an argument over money. The boyfriend was charged with homicide and tampering with evidence.
- October 22** **A 67-year-old man was shot in the back** outside his Pittsburgh apartment after an argument with his wife. A newspaper deliveryman found his body lying in the hallway of the building. His 51-year-old wife told police he was frequently abusive toward her and had thrown her out. Police said she also told them that she stole a gun from a friend’s house and returned to the apartment to pick up some belongings; they argued, and her finger slipped on the trigger. She was charged with homicide and a firearms offense.
- November 1** **A 49-year-old Bethel Park man died of asphyxiation after being pinned under the car** of his wife’s 35-year-old boyfriend. Police charged the boyfriend with homicide. He is accused of running over the victim in his front yard after wrestling with him.
- December 29** **A 43-year-old Brentwood man was beaten to death** in his apartment. His 40-year-old roommate was charged with homicide after he told police the two men argued over the victim’s plans to visit a woman who had a protection from abuse order against him. The roommate didn’t want him to go because he was afraid the victim would get in trouble and then be unable to pay the bills. The roommate kicked and punched the victim and then went to sleep. He said when he awoke he found his roommate cold and stiff.

ARMSTRONG

- September 5** **A 44-year-old woman was shot in the head by her 47-year old husband, who then turned the gun on himself.** She had called 911 at 2 a.m. to report that they were fighting. When police arrived they found the couple dead on the back porch of their Cowanshannock home.
- September 19** **A 25-year-old Leechburg woman, the mother of two children, was shot by her ex-boyfriend, who then committed suicide.** He had hidden behind a fence with a 12-gauge shotgun until the victim and her new boyfriend returned home from an evening out. The victim’s boyfriend also was shot but survived the attack.
- October 10** **A 47-year-old man shot himself** after shooting his estranged wife several times in her Manor Township home. She sustained injuries to her abdomen, hand and lower torso but survived. He had entered her home armed with a semi-automatic pistol and a revolver.

“Brown shot my mom dead!”

BEAVER

- May 17** A 33-year-old mother of four was shot by her 34-year-old husband in the front yard of their Economy home. He then committed suicide. Three of the four children were at home during the shooting but were not injured.
- July 9** A 21-year-old man was shot in the neck by his 20-year-old cousin in front of the home of an Aliquippa woman they were both interested in. The shooter was found guilty of first degree murder and carrying an unlicensed firearm. He is serving a life sentence without possibility of parole.
- September 5** A 33-year-old Aliquippa woman was shot multiple times in the head and chest by her 24-year-old former boyfriend, who then killed himself. Police surmise that he went to her apartment to confront her, found the door locked and used a handgun to blast his way in. Her son, who was 11 or 12, saw the boyfriend kill himself. He was covered in blood when he greeted the police and said, “I think my mom’s dead. Can you help her?”
- December 3** A 48-year-old Chippewa Township man was shot four times in the chest as he left an East Rochester hot dog shop after having coffee with a woman. The woman, who had filed for divorce three days earlier, was wounded in the attack but recovered. Her 55-year-old estranged husband is charged with homicide, attempted homicide, aggravated assault and reckless endangerment. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. The woman and relatives of the victim say he was not romantically involved with her, despite the husband’s suspicions.
- December 17** A 35-year-old woman was found dead in her Center Township living room of a rifle shot to the head. Her pit bull was lying dead beside her. Police found her 35-year-old husband also dead of a rifle slug to the head in a bedroom, an apparent suicide. He left a note apologizing for the killings.

BEDFORD

- December 27** A 52-year-old Clearville man died after being stabbed with a kitchen knife in the chest, arm and finger. His 45-year-old wife, who had a stab wound to her left leg, was charged with homicide and related charges. She called 911, but charging documents said that by the time police arrived she was unable to speak sensibly or stand or sit under her own power. She told police that she and her husband had been fighting.

BERKS

- February 7** A 23-year-old Glenmoore woman was killed in a head-on automobile collision when a 45-year-old man, who was chasing his wife’s vehicle down the highway after an argument with her, lost control of his vehicle and crossed into incoming traffic. The man also was killed in the crash. The Lehigh County coroner ruled the woman’s death a homicide.
- March 1** A 34-year-old Orlando, Fla., man was shot about 1 a.m. as he sat on the front steps of a club in Reading. A 22-year-old Reading man was convicted of first-degree homicide for shooting him multiple times because he had danced with a woman with whom the perpetrator was involved.
- May 31** A 97-year-old Spring Township woman was shot by her 67-year-old son, who then killed himself. Investigators said the mother and son had been in poor health for several years.
- August 8** A 49-year-old Reading woman died of complications from burns suffered during a June 25th attack in her home. Her 32-year-old ex-boyfriend, who was on parole from a third-degree murder conviction for a 1994 slaying, is charged with homicide, rape and arson. He is accused of holding a screwdriver to her face, raping her, then forcing her to the basement, sexually assaulting her again and setting her on fire.

“My baby girl is gone.”

BERKS (continued)

- October 3** **A 55-year-old Reading man died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head** after also shooting his wife in the head and chest. The wife, who had moved out of their home the previous month, survived. She was on her way to work when he confronted her and fired at her with a .32-caliber revolver.
- October 28** **A 53-year-old woman died of gunshot wounds to her head and chest** after an argument with her husband in their Spring Township home. The husband barricaded himself in the basement until he was subdued by a police stun gun about five hours later. He was charged with first-degree murder and related charges.
- November 17** **A 39-year-old mother of two children was stabbed in the chest** in the bedroom of her Reading home following an argument with her 40-year-old live-in boyfriend. Her 7-year-old daughter was asleep on the bed at the time. The woman staggered out of her home and died on a neighbor’s steps. The boyfriend was charged with first-degree murder, aggravated assault and related charges.

BLAIR

- March 3** **A 20-year-old Penn State-Altoona student was strangled and hit in the head several times with an object.** She was found in the trunk of her car near the Hollidaysburg home of a 20-year-old male acquaintance, with whom she was meeting the night she disappeared. Forensic tests revealed that a “sexual event” occurred either just before or just after she died. Two bags of evidence taken from the acquaintance’s home linked him to her killing. A jury convicted him of first and second-degree murder.
- April 10** **A 26-year-old man was shot in the head** by his 22-year-old half brother in the perpetrator’s Allegheny Township home. Police say the brothers had been fighting when the perpetrator retrieved a pistol and a can of pepper spray from his room. He then sprayed the victim in the face. When the victim tried to grab the gun from the perpetrator, it discharged a bullet that hit him in the head. The perpetrator pleaded guilty to charges of involuntary manslaughter and reckless endangerment and was sentenced to six-to-18 months in prison.

BUCKS

- March 5** **A 48-year-old man was shot by his 50-year-old partner of more than 20 years, who then killed himself** in their Solebury home. Police said there was evidence of a violent struggle before the murder-suicide. The shooter left a note regarding care of the couple’s two cats and the location of his will.
- November 3** **A 52-year-old woman was shot in the head and chest with a .22-caliber rifle by her 54-year-old husband, who then killed himself** in their Levittown home. The couple had been married for 35 years. The woman had recently filed for divorce, accusing her husband of adultery and abuse, including attacking her with a crowbar in 2006.

CAMBRIA

- May 9** **A 30-year-old Cresson man died after an attempted murder-suicide.** He shot his 42-year-old girlfriend in the face and, thinking she was dead, turned the gun on himself. She was rushed to a hospital and survived.

CARBON

- May 10** **A 30-year-old Weatherly man was found dead after jumping headfirst through a closed window on the 16th floor** of a Sunbury apartment house. He had gotten into a fight with his girlfriend at her mother’s apartment, become enraged and jumped when she told him to leave.

“I didn’t know about the abuse...”

CENTRE

August 23

A 29-year-old father of four children was shot with his own shotgun in his Centre Hall driveway. His 27-year-old wife and her 29-year-old lover were charged with the murder after police discovered text messages between the two the morning of the murder. A second man was charged with aggravated assault and hindering prosecution because police say he witnessed the planning of the murder and never told police he heard two shots after he dropped off the wife’s lover near the victim’s home.

CHESTER

March 16

A 65-year-old East Bradford woman was found smothered to death, with a pillow over her face, in her bedroom. Her 39-year-old son, who lived in the home with her, was charged in her death. He told the judge who arraigned him that he was taking multiple medications for mental health issues.

CLARION

February 22

A 31-year-old mother was shot by her 32-year-old husband, who then turned the gun on himself in their Porter Township home. The couple’s two young children were at their grandparents’ house.

March 19

A 24-year-old man died in the hospital one day after setting himself on fire. Police confronted the man while he stood inside his ex-girlfriend’s Strattonville home with a bottle of accelerant in one hand and a cigarette lighter in the other. Officers launched a Taser charge, and the man ignited himself. Police had been called to the home three times the day before because the man broke in several times, striking his ex-girlfriend and stealing various items.

COLUMBIA

May 22

A 38-year-old man sitting with his mother and sister in a booth at an Applebee’s restaurant in Bloomsburg was shot by a 35-year-old man who then committed suicide. The shooter blamed his disintegrating marriage on the victim.

CUMBERLAND

July 26

A 26-year-old man was shot as he sat in a car outside his Hampden Township home. His girlfriend and her three young children also were in the vehicle with him but were uninjured. The girlfriend’s 33-year-old estranged husband was charged with the murder. The victim had complained to police that the accused had sent him threatening text messages and followed him to work. The victim’s girlfriend had a protection from abuse order against the accused.

DAUPHIN

June 5

A 60-year-old man was stabbed 49 times in his face, head and torso. His body was found in his Harrisburg apartment wrapped in black garbage bags. Prosecutors said his 32-year-old, cash-strapped daughter killed him after he refused to give her money. A Dauphin County jury found her guilty of first-degree murder. She was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

DELAWARE

February 28

A 17-year-old Sharon Hill girl died after being stabbed during a fight with her 39-year-old mother. A jury acquitted the mother of third-degree murder but convicted her of involuntary manslaughter. She was sentenced to three-to-six years in prison.

March 23

A 63-year-old Haverford woman was shot by her 66-year-old husband who then turned the gun on himself. Police found the couple dead in their bed.

DELAWARE (continued)

- July 20** **A 23-year-old woman died after her ex-boyfriend, the father of her 2-year-old son, ambushed her and shot her more than ten times** outside her grandmother's Ridley Township home. She had filed a protection from abuse order against him on July 2. A week before the murder, the perpetrator violated the order when he entered the victim's home and threatened her life. He stole the gun he used in the murder from his father, a local police officer. After he shot her he fled to his father's home, called friends and admitted that years before he had smothered two young sons he had with other women. **He pointed the same gun at police when they arrived to arrest him and was shot and killed.**
- December 25** **A 21-year-old man was killed by a single shot to his chest** during a violent confrontation with his 43-year-old father in their Darby home. Family members told the father, a Philadelphia pastor, that his son had hit a girl, who was standing on the front porch bruised and crying, and had stolen her car. The son fought with his father and other relatives. The father heard someone say his son had a knife so he retrieved his handgun. When the son reached in his pocket and refused to stop advancing toward him, the father fired the gun. He pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to two-to-four years in prison.

ERIE

- June 30** **A 42-year-old corrections officer was shot** by her 40-year-old husband in their Waterford Township home. **He then drove several miles to a remote railroad trestle and turned the gun on himself.** The couple had five children from previous relationships between them. Neighbors say the couple had been arguing because the husband was unemployed.
- December 15** **A 40-year-old Erie man died after being stabbed multiple times in the chest** with a steak knife. His 33-year-old girlfriend told police she had stabbed him and then purchased crack cocaine. She pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to six-to-18 years in prison.

FAYETTE

- June 1** **A 58-year-old woman was found beaten to death** and shoved under an overturned bed in the bedroom of her Connellsville home. Police believe her 63-year-old boyfriend committed the murder. He died the same day of natural causes.
- June 20** **A 30-year-old Brownsville woman was found dead on Route 40 in Menallen Township.** Police believe that she and her 44-year-old husband argued, she got out of his car, he ran over her and then left her to die. The victim earlier had told friends that she wanted to leave her husband but feared that he would kill her when he found out. Police said there was a history of domestic violence in their relationship. Her husband has been charged with homicide. The couple has six children between them.
- June 26** **A 46-year-old man died after being stabbed in the heart by his 33-year-old girlfriend** during a physical argument on a gravel road in Redstone. She said he frequently abused her and had hit her several times before she stabbed him. She was convicted of third-degree murder and sentenced to 20-to-40 years in prison.
- December 29** **A 43-year-old Uniontown man hanged himself in a police holding cell** after he was arrested on charges of simple assault and making terroristic threats. His 14-year-old daughter had accused him of hitting her during an argument. His fiancée told police that he had moved out of their home eight days earlier, and they had been arguing over finances and their three children.

"I wish my dad hadn't done what he did to my mom..."

GREENE

November 20 A 30-year-old Marine Corps veteran, who worked as a county prison guard, was killed in her Crucible home. Her 12-year-old stepson testified that his father, the victim's 37-year-old estranged husband, used the ruse of a rash on their infant son to lure her close enough to strangle her and slash her throat. He is charged with homicide, criminal solicitation, intimidation of a witness and tampering with evidence. The boy also testified that his father told him in advance of the murder and used him as alibi.

HUNTINGDON

June 14 A 60-year-old Warriors Mark man shot himself after a six-and-a-half hour police standoff. He called his ex-girlfriend and told her that he had taken an overdose of pills. When she arrived at his home to check on him she found him loading a gun so she ran out. She was uninjured in the incident.

INDIANA

December 15 A 40-year-old Clymer woman was shot with a rifle by her 38-year-old ex-boyfriend in her home while family members slept upstairs. The ex-boyfriend then went to his home and killed himself.

LACKAWANNA

July 21 A 9-year-old boy and his 10-year-old brother died in the arson of their West Scranton home. The boys' mother and 12-year-old brother were injured in the early morning fire but survived. On July 3 their mother's 40-year-old ex-boyfriend had threatened to kill her and burn her house down, after she had broken off their relationship the previous month. He pleaded guilty to making terroristic threats against her in that incident. He was charged with 24 felony counts, including two counts of first-degree murder, in the arson. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

LANCASTER

May 9 A 48-year-old Lancaster Township man, the father of three children, died of a heart attack after his 41-year old wife stabbed him repeatedly in the neck and chest with a barbeque fork and beat him with a baseball bat. She pleaded guilty but mentally ill to charges stemming from her husband's death and has been sentenced to seven-and-a-half to 15 years in prison, plus five years consecutive probation for voluntary manslaughter, aggravated assault and terroristic threats.

August 23 A 44-year-old Lancaster city man died after being stabbed multiple times during an argument with his brother, with whom he shared a home. The 38-year-old brother pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to six to 12 years in prison.

September 19 A 37-year-old man committed suicide after attempting to shoot his 29-year-old live-in girlfriend. She survived the attack.

LAWRENCE

February 22 A 26-year-old woman, who was eight months pregnant, was shot in the back of the head with a 20-gauge shotgun as she lay in bed in the New Beaver home she shared with her fiancé, his son and her two daughters. The 11-year-old son of her fiancé was charged with her murder and the murder of her unborn child. A Lawrence County judge ruled that the boy could be tried as an adult. If convicted as an adult, he could face life in prison without the possibility of parole. The Pennsylvania Superior Court has agreed to hear the defense's appeal of that ruling. The defense believes the case should be tried in juvenile court where, if he were found responsible for the deaths, he would remain in custody until his 21st birthday.

...I am still angry at my dad ... and I will miss him.”

LEBANON

- June 8** **A 71-year-old Swatara Township woman was found strangled** with a television cable in her motorized wheelchair. When troopers arrived at her home and asked her 46-year-old son, who lived with her, if they could check on her well-being, he said she was “not talkable.” He pleaded guilty to homicide and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. The mother and son apparently had argued about him getting a job before he killed her.
- August 20** **A 51-year-old man was stabbed in his Annville home by his girlfriend** during an argument and later died after emergency surgery. The girlfriend pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and aggravated and simple assault. She told police he had hit her on the head and knocked the phone away from her after accusing her of feeding their dog before she fed him. She stabbed him when he cornered her in the bedroom. She was sentenced to five to 15 years in prison.
- September 24** **A 55-year-old North Lebanon Township woman died after being stabbed more than 40 times** by her 36-year-old boyfriend, who then stabbed himself and survived. The victim’s son found her body and called police, who later reported that an argument had led to the killing. The boyfriend is charged with homicide.
- October 7** **A 31-year-old gun-rights advocate, who won in court the right to openly carry a loaded handgun to her 5-year-old daughter’s soccer games, was shot in her Lebanon home by her 33-year-old husband. He then committed suicide.** The couple’s three children were home at the time but were unhurt.

LEHIGH

- January 5** **A 24-year-old Bucks County man killed himself with a handgun** as he sat in his car, which was parked in a Lowhill Township neighborhood. He had been engaged in a daylong standoff with police, who had responded because he was threatening suicide. His father said he was despondent over a possible breakup with his wife.
- February 7** **A 42-year-old Paterson, N.J., man was killed when his 25-year-old girlfriend caused a car crash** that also injured her two children, ages 2 and 4. She jerked the wheel of the car the victim was driving on the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Whitehall Township, causing it to cross a lane of traffic and roll down an embankment, while she yelled “I hope you all (expletive) die.” The girlfriend, a resident of Scranton, pleaded guilty to third-degree murder and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child. She was sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison.
- May 11** **A 30-year-old Allentown man was shot** as he looked out the window of his apartment. Seven bullets were fired into the home from a car outside. His girlfriend and her three children – aged 6, 7 and 8 – were in the apartment at the time. A half-hour earlier he had received a harassing call from his former girlfriend and her boyfriend. A 28-year-old man was convicted of third-degree murder and four counts of recklessly endangering another person. His attorney said another man, who pleaded no contest to third-degree murder and conspiracy charges, had gathered eight men to go to the victim’s house after an argument about a woman.
- May 26** **A 44-year-old Allentown man was beaten to death** by his 25-year-old cousin. Police say the two men got into an argument after drinking and went outside the victim’s home to settle the matter. The perpetrator punched the victim several times in the face and head and did not stop pummeling him even after he was knocked down. The attack was recorded on city surveillance cameras. He pleaded guilty to third-degree murder and was sentenced to 10 to 30 years in state prison.

“The father used ruse of a rash on his infant son...”

LEHIGH (continued)

July 11 **A 39-year-old mother was beaten to death with a wooden baseball bat** in the Allentown living room of her 42-year-old ex-boyfriend, the father of her son. The bat split into several pieces, and one of the pieces had been thrust down her throat. Earlier, her ex-boyfriend had left her a voice-mail message threatening to “take down everyone you care about, one-by-one.” He was charged with homicide.

LUZERNE

March 5 **A 35-year-old Hunlock Creek man died after being shot multiple times by his 27-year-old brother, who then turned the gun on himself.**

March 20 **A 31-year-old Exeter woman was bludgeoned to death with a baseball bat.** Her body was found wrapped in a sleeping bag, her head encased in a garbage bag, on the sidewalk in front of her apartment. Her 43-year-old live-in boyfriend was charged in the murder, which police say was the culmination of a history of abuse. He pleaded guilty to third-degree murder and was sentenced to 20 to 40 years in prison.

March 29 **A 31-year-old Wilkes-Barre woman died after being shot four times in the head** within earshot of her three children. She had filed a protection from abuse order three days before she was killed, describing repeated threats by her 34-year-old estranged husband to “blow her brains out.” He was convicted of first-degree murder and has been sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole.

June 19 **A 26-year-old woman was found dead in her Fairmount Township home of a single gunshot wound to the head.** The scene had been staged to look like a suicide. A year later, with police en route to charge him, **her 31-year-old estranged husband hanged himself in his parents’ home.**

July 13 **A 40-year-old Glen Lyon woman was shot by her 50-year-old boyfriend** in the home they shared. **He then committed suicide.** Family members said she was leaving him and had returned to retrieve clothes when she was killed. According to arrest records, he had threatened to kill the victim in the past, but the charges were dropped.

December 9 **An 80-year-old man was killed by a shotgun fired at point-blank range** in his Lake Township home. His 16-year-old great-grandson was charged with homicide. Prosecutors say the boy showed classmates a notebook with floor plans of the house and a to-do list that said “kill Grandpa.”

December 14 **A 35-year-old mother died after being repeatedly stabbed in the torso with a large kitchen knife.** A man who accompanied her home said she was pulled inside her Plymouth apartment and repeatedly struck with a knife as she shouted, “Oh my God, it’s my boyfriend.” Days earlier she had broken up with him. Her 44-year-old boyfriend is charged with criminal homicide.

LYCOMING

July 21 **A 33-year-old Williamsport woman was shot** by her friend’s 27-year-old boyfriend after she revealed that he had been cheating on the friend and dealing drugs. She died in the hospital a week later from a gunshot wound to her neck. He pleaded guilty to third-degree murder and was sentenced to 20 to 50 years in prison.

...to lure wife close enough to strangle and slash her.”

McKEAN

September 13 A 21-year-old Westmoreland County woman, who was eight months pregnant, died after her throat was slit and she was strangled and stabbed as she stepped out of the shower in her ex-boyfriend's room in a Bradford hotel. Her ex-boyfriend is accused of using his cell phone to send pictures of the victim's body to a friend, who then contacted police. The 30-year-old ex-boyfriend is charged with first-degree murder for killing her and her unborn child. A 20-year-old man, who also was charged in the case, pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree murder and was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences.

MONROE

February 4 A 21-year-old East Stroudsburg man was found stabbed more than 20 times and buried in the snow in a wooded area in Price Township. Two Cresco men, aged 18 and 20, were charged in the murder. Police say one of the men met the victim online and lured him with the promise of a sexual tryst to the spot where they planned to rob and kill him. Police allege both defendants are members of the Juggalos, a gang that listens to music with violent lyrics.

June 7 A 34-year-old Pennsylvania State Police trooper was killed in a gun battle with a 31-year-old man who kidnapped his 9-year-old son and led police on a 40-mile chase that ended in a crash in Coolbaugh Township. Another trooper was injured and **the perpetrator was killed**. During the exchange of gunfire two other police officers broke the passenger-side window of the shooter's car and pulled the child to safety. The chase began when the perpetrator violated a protection from abuse order by entering the boy's mother's home with a gun and threatening her. The trooper was buried on what would have been his 35th birthday.

June 21 A 19-year-old man was shot by his 63-year-old father on Father's Day at their Jackson Township home. The father said he took the handgun from his bedroom and cocked the hammer back to keep it away from his son, who he said had drug and emotional problems and had been violent toward family members in the past. The son's girlfriend had summoned the son home from work because she had been arguing with his sister, and his father had gotten involved in the argument. The father said his wife was trying to keep the son at the front door because he was threatening to kill his father. When the father put his hand on the door to the garage, the door jerked open from the other side and the gun discharged a bullet into his son's chest. The father was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

July 6 A 23-year-old woman and her 18-month-old son were shot in their Chesnuthill Township apartment by her 23-year-old live-in boyfriend, who was the baby's father. He pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree murder for shooting them with a .357-caliber handgun after the woman returned home from taking her mother out for her birthday. It was the first time she had left the baby, who had undergone a heart transplant eight months earlier. He testified that he was enraged she was out with others and believed she was having an affair.

September 19 A 19-year-old man was stabbed by his friend's 29-year-old ex-boyfriend. The victim had come to visit his friend at her home, where the perpetrator was still living because they had broken up only recently. He was stabbed in the arm and the stomach by the perpetrator, who told police he thought the man was involved with his ex. He was convicted of third-degree murder.

October 23 A 52-year-old man was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound outside of his Mushroom Farms home, which police say he deliberately set on fire. His wife and daughter were not injured in the blaze. He had been arrested and charged with simple assault and harassment earlier in the month for attempting to strangle his wife and threatening to kill her if she tried to take the couple's daughter away from him.

“For that to happen in front of the kids...”

MONTGOMERY

- April 15** A 40-year-old mother and her 4-year-old daughter were found dead in their Norristown home. Police found an empty bottle of Xanax and a suicide note next to the bodies. The case was ruled a murder/suicide.
- May 2** A 40-year-old homeless Norristown man, who was under the influence of cocaine and acting erratically, died after his teenage nephew and a neighbor hit him with a baseball bat and a bottle and used Mace on him. Reportedly, he had been hitting his sister and they were defending her.
- June 26** A 60-year-old Upper Gwynedd man was shot by his 57-year-old wife, who then shot herself. Police found the couple in their truck with gunshot wounds to the head. They were rushed to local hospitals where the victim died upon arrival and the perpetrator died less than a month later. She told police that she and her husband had recently become estranged, and if she could not have him, no one could.
- June 28** A 28-year-old Horsham man died of a gunshot wound to the chest during a family argument. His 55-year-old father pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of involuntary manslaughter and possessing an instrument of crime. The father said he was only trying to scare his son into leaving the house, after he threatened to kill his younger brother, when the gun fired.

NORTHAMPTON

- June 14** A 33-year-old Nazareth man was beaten and strangled outside the home he shared with his parents. His father found him dead on the patio the next morning. A 33-year-old former friend of the victim was convicted of first-degree murder for killing him over a 14-year-old feud about a woman neither man was involved with any longer.
- August 21** A 42-year-old Upper Mount Bethel man killed himself with a hunting rifle after his girlfriend called police to report an argument and that he had a gun. She managed to escape from the home and was uninjured.
- September 1** A 31-year-old Bethlehem man shot himself during a police standoff with a gun he stole from his brother. He was facing aggravated assault charges for brutally beating his 19-year-old ex-girlfriend earlier that day. She told police that the man, who was over 6 feet tall and weighed 230 pounds, talked to her about their recent breakup, punched her in the head, strangled her and stomped on her torso. He had two protection from abuse orders filed against him by former girlfriends in Northampton County.

PERRY

- October 7** A 47-year-old woman was found dead in the woods about 200 feet from her Saville Township home. She had been shot eight times, and her body had been covered by brush. The victim had been reported missing a week before when her car was found in a parking lot with only her dog inside. Her 47-year-old husband was charged with homicide.

PHILADELPHIA

- January 18** A 40-year-old man was shot by city police, who were called to the 6000 block of Lawndale Avenue for a report of a domestic dispute. A police spokesman said officers found the man “agitated, nude, making threats, and talking about God.” He allegedly fought with one officer, reached for another’s baton and grabbed a knife before he was shot, according to police.
- January 24** A 22-year-old male Art Institute of Philadelphia student was found stabbed on a Society Hill street by medics returning to their fire station from an unrelated call. Another 22-year-old male art student was charged with the homicide. Police believe the two men were arguing about a woman.

PHILADELPHIA (continued)

- February 21** **A 30-year-old woman was stabbed** in front of her three children by her 30-year-old ex-boyfriend during an argument in her North Philadelphia home. When the perpetrator began attacking the woman with a knife, her 11-year-old daughter tried to stop him and was stabbed in the abdomen. As the perpetrator began dousing the house in kerosene, the children, along with their young cousin who was spending the night, grabbed their 1-year-old brother and ran out of the house. They dragged their bleeding sister down the stairs and onto the sidewalk, then ran to a neighbor's house for help. The young girl survived the attack. **The perpetrator died when he set himself and the house on fire.**
- February 21** **A 24-year-old woman was shot 14 times** by her 29-year-old ex-boyfriend as she, the couple's 4-year-old daughter and a 16-year-old friend sat in her car in a North Philadelphia fast food restaurant parking lot. He testified that they had argued over her plans to move in with another man. He has been convicted of third-degree murder and sentenced to 18 ½ to 45 years in prison.
- February 27** **A 25-year-old man was shot** in North Philadelphia by police when he fired on them as they attempted to serve him a warrant, charging him with the 2008 shooting death of his then-girlfriend's uncle. An officer was wounded in the struggle but survived.
- March 15** **A 31-year-old Philadelphia man was beaten to death** with a hammer. A 27-year-old man, also of the city, was charged with the homicide. Police say he came home to find his wife having sexual relations with the victim.
- March 18** **A 26-year-old woman was shot several times in the chest** as she sat in a car at a West Philadelphia golf course. Police charged her 54-year-old boyfriend with the homicide. They allege that he shot her after she told him she wanted to break up, and then he dumped her on the side of the road. He fled to his home where he attempted suicide but survived. She was able to give police information before she was rushed to the hospital where she died a short time later.
- March 20** **A 74-year-old woman was beaten and stabbed** in her Tioga home, which was then set on fire. Police charged her grandson's 24-year-old girlfriend, who also lived in the home, with murder, arson, robbery and related offenses. The victim had obtained a protection from abuse order against the accused earlier that day.
- April 20** **A 33-year-old woman was shot** by her 45-year-old ex-boyfriend in front of her 11-year-old daughter. The victim had just gotten into her car in Philadelphia's West Oak Lane neighborhood to take her daughter to school when the perpetrator fired several shots through the window, striking her in the head. **He then killed himself.** Police say the perpetrator was angry with the victim because she had just ended their relationship.
- April 30** **A 44-year-old Philadelphia man was stabbed** as he slept on the couch of the home he shared with his 26-year-old girlfriend. Police believe that the victim's girlfriend convinced a 24-year-old man whom she was dating to kill the victim. They are charged with murder, criminal conspiracy, and possession of an instrument of crime.
- May 30** **A 56-year-old woman was shot in the head** by her 55-year-old husband as they sat in a North Philadelphia bar. **He then committed suicide.**
- June 21** **A 55-year-old Overbrook woman, who was a mental health worker, was shot in the head and back and the 31-year-old girlfriend of one of her son's was shot in the head** during a family Father's Day celebration. The 31-year-old victim knelt and pleaded for her life before being shot. A 56-year-old man, who had been the boyfriend of the mental health worker for nine years, was charged with two counts of murder.
- July 27** **A 39-year-old Overbrook woman was gunned down by her 36-year-old ex-boyfriend, who then killed himself.**

“To lose a child and a grandchild...”

PHILADELPHIA (continued)

- August 2** **A 46-year-old former middleweight boxer was shot by his 37-year-old brother**, a former Philadelphia police officer, during a fight outside a Northeast Philadelphia veterans club. They were fighting because the one brother’s girlfriend and the other brother’s wife didn’t get along. The victim punched his brother twice, breaking his nose and cheekbone, before being shot. The surviving brother cradled his dying brother after the shooting and tried to stanch the blood flow from his stomach wound. “I got you, brother. You’re going to be all right. It’s just a graze wound,” he told the victim. The surviving brother’s attorney argued that the shooting was self-defense because the punches were thrown by a former professional boxer. He was acquitted of third-degree murder, assault and firearms charges.
- September 12** **A 40-year-old woman was found dead with multiple stab wounds to her chest. Police concluded her 40-year-old husband, whose body was found beside hers, killed her and then stabbed himself.** Two of the couple’s three children, aged 10 and 13, called neighbors when they saw blood on the back door of their northeast Philadelphia home. Police reported the couple had a history of “domestic problems” and were seeking a divorce.
- October 8** **A 35-year-old Somerton woman was shot by her 43-year-old estranged husband, who then turned the gun on himself.** She had recently obtained a protection from abuse order against him.
- October 10** **An 89-year-old East Mount Airy woman was shot by her 60-year-old daughter, who then turned the gun on herself.**
- October 15** **A 21-year-old pregnant West Chester University student was found dead** in her car in Philadelphia’s Strawberry Mansion section. She had been shot in the face. Her 19-year-old boyfriend was charged with killing her and her unborn child.
- November 9** **A 16-year-old autistic boy was shot by his 61-year-old father**, who was driving him to school in the city. Earlier the father had pulled a gun on his ex-girlfriend during an argument. **The father then drove two miles, pulled over by a church in Summerdale, and killed himself.**
- November 12** **A 42-year-old woman died after being beaten with a shovel handle, burned and strangled.** Her 53-year-old husband was charged with torturing and killing her. Police allege he killed her because he was jealous of another man and the time she was spending on their children.
- November 15** **A 50-year-old Point Breeze man was found stabbed once in the chest** in his home. Police charged his 53-year-old live-in girlfriend with murder, aggravated assault, possession of an instrument of crime and recklessly endangering another person. Police said the stabbing occurred during an argument.
- November 20** **An 83-year-old woman was killed** in her West Philadelphia home. Her 45-year-old son was charged with killing her by breaking her neck with his bare hands. They lived together, and police said they had been arguing.
- December 9** **A 30-year-old man was stabbed in the chest** during an argument outside a Kensington home. A 32-year-old woman was charged with homicide and possession of an instrument of crime in a case the police called an “apparent domestic dispute”.
- December 26** **A 32-year-old West Kensington woman died of multiple stab wounds.** Her body was hidden under a sheet and a trash bag and shoved into an alley next to the residence she shared with her boyfriend via a hole cut in the wall of their bedroom. Her partially decomposed body was found on April 7, 2010. It lay next to the hole in the wall, inches from the bed where police believe she was killed. Her 28-year-old boyfriend was charged with her murder. Five weeks before her murder he was arrested for nearly strangling her to death.

...because somebody decided they were angry.”

SCHUYLKILL

- February 8** A 38-year-old woman was shot by her 38 year-old husband who then killed himself in the basement of their Pottsville home. She called police, who found him dead and her critically injured. She later died after undergoing surgery.
- October 16** A 50-year-old woman was shot in a Pottsville parking lot near her workplace by her 51-year-old ex-boyfriend during an argument. He then led police on a chase and ran into a nearby church, where he shot himself at the altar. The perpetrator was out on bail on charges that he had broken into the victim's home, threatened her and raped her. The victim obtained a protection from abuse order against him two days before he killed her.

SOMERSET

- October 16** A 37-year-old Winber man was shot by his 23-year-old girlfriend during an argument in his apartment. She then killed herself.

WARREN

- July 31** A 33-year-old Warren woman was shot by her 34-year-old husband, who then killed himself. He had been charged with simple assault, harassment and disorderly conduct for punching the victim in the face on July 6th.

WASHINGTON

- September 24** A 24-year-old Buffalo Township woman died of blunt force trauma to the head. Her 38-year-old live-in boyfriend was charged with homicide.

WESTMORELAND

- March 12** A 59-year-old United woman was shot by her 53-year-old, terminally ill husband, who then killed himself. She had told a family friend that she feared her husband might “take us both.”
- April 23** The 69-year-old mother, 43-year-old sister, and 81-year-old aunt of a 48-year-old Loyalhanna Township man were all shot in the head at their family-owned business in Saltsburg. He was charged with their deaths. Police allege he killed them because they disapproved of the affair he was having with a married woman.
- October 7** A 30-year-old man shot himself after police arrived at his Greensburg home to investigate a domestic violence call. His 31-year-old girlfriend had managed to escape from the home and told police that he was upset about a possible breakup.
- October 13** A 62-year-old woman was shot by her 71-year-old husband in their Fairfield Township home. He then committed suicide.

YORK

- June 20-21** A 48-year-old York Township woman was shot by her 54-year-old brother, who then committed suicide in the apartment they shared. Officials said his unemployment benefits were about to expire. Neighbors described the sister as mentally slow.
- July 25** A 44-year-old woman was shot in her York Township home. Her 50-year-old husband, a volunteer firefighter, was charged with killing her after they argued about her leaving him. Two of their three sons, ages 7 and 18, were home at the time but were unhurt. He was convicted of first-degree murder.
- August 3** A 68-year-old woman was shot in the head in her Springettsbury Township home by her 70-year-old husband, a retired township police sergeant. He then committed suicide.
- November 15** A 33-year-old woman, who had just moved from Ohio to her sister's home in York, was shot in the head and chest. Her 28-year-old ex-boyfriend was charged with homicide.
- December 15** An 80-year-old woman was shot in the head by her husband, also 80, in their Fairview Township home. He then went outside and killed himself. The woman told one of their daughters the previous summer that they both had Alzheimer's disease.

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