DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TAKES ITS TOLL – ONE LIFE AT A TIME

PHILADELPHIA	Jan. 5	A 44-year-old man was stabbed to death by his girlfriend in Philadelphia. He was stabbed May 28, 1999, and remained in a coma until his death Jan. 5.	
	Jan. 12	A 40-year-old mother of three was beaten and stabbed to death by her ex-boyfriend in Philadelphia. According to the District Attorney, the perpetrator killed the victim to stop her from testifying against him at a pending assault trial. After killing her, he stole pictures depicting the bruises he allegedly inflicted on her last October. The victim had just returned home from Florida so she could be	D
		present at the birth of her first grandchild. The perpetrator admitted "bashing her head a couple times and that there was blood coming from her ears."	
	Jan. 22	A 26-year-old woman was fatally shot by her ex-boyfriend who had forced his way into her home in Philadelphia. He then committed suicide.	D
	Feb. 6	A 64-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her grandson in Philadelphia. He also raped her after she was dead. Her 56-year-old boyfriend also was stabbed to death.	PENNS
	March 21	A 21-year-old man was fatally shot by his brother in Philadelphia. The perpetrator fired five shots, hitting the victim once with a bullet to the back.	
	March 22	A 39-year-old mother of one was beaten to death by her boyfriend in Philadelphia. The victim's 9-year-old daughter reported hearing a loud bang as her mother and the perpetrator were arguing and that her mother said "he (the boyfriend) just kept hitting me."	
	May 10	A 60-year-old man was stabbed to death by his son in Philadelphia. The son left the house earlier that evening after an argument with his father. When he returned later, the doors were locked and he climbed through a window. After they began to argue again, the perpetrator grabbed a butcher knife and stabbed his father numerous times about the head and body.	ALLEGHEN
	July 12	A 21-year-old mother of three was fatally shot in the back and stomach by her common-law husband in Philadelphia. She was four-months pregnant.	
	July 17	A 51-year-old woman was fatally shot by her son in Germantown.	
	August 15	A 31-year-old mother of two was stabbed to death by her ex-husband in Philadelphia. Her 4-year-old and 10-month-old children were in another room when their mother was stabbed 58 times. A neighbor heard the 4-year-old son scream, "No, not my mommy!" Police reported that the perpetrator became enraged when he heard rumors that the victim was dating again.	
	Oct. 1	A 59-year-old man was stabbed to death by his son in Philadelphia. The perpetrator stabbed his mother in the hand as she tried to take the knife away from him. He also stabbed his brother in the neck.	
	Oct. 4	A 32-year-old man was stabbed to death by his girlfriend's uncle in Philadelphia. The perpetrator had been stabbing his niece when the victim went to her rescue. The niece was treated for wounds to her arms and back.	
SUSQUEHANNA	April 4	A 34-year-old man was stabbed to death by his girlfriend in Union Dale.	
UNION	Sept. 25	A 76-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband in a Lewisburg nursing home. He then committed suicide. According to reports, the perpetrator was distraught over the victim's recent stroke.	
VENANGO	May 6	A 30-year-old mother of five was stabbed to death by her husband in Emlenton. He then committed suicide. The victim had a	
		2-month-old child with the perpetrator and four children from a previous marriage.	
	May 27	A 37-year-old mother of one was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Ahrensville. He then committed suicide. The couple had been together about two years and had a child together.	
WESTMORELAND	May 3	A 77-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband in Greensburg. He then committed suicide. The perpetrator called his grandson and told him what he had done before committing suicide. According to police, notes left by the perpetrator indicated that the couple had a history of domestic violence.	
	Nov. 1	A 49-year-old woman was fatally shot in the head by her boyfriend in South Huntingdon Township. He then attempted suicide but survived. Police stated that, following an argument, the perpetrator fired the weapon with the intent to kill himself and his girlfriend. Only one bullet was fired and it grazed his forehead before killing the victim.	
YORK	July 4	A man was stabbed to death by a male friend in York. Reportedly, the perpetrator thought the victim was flirting with his fiancée.	
	Sept. 21	A 37-year-old mother of one was strangled and stabbed to death by her estranged husband in Yoe on the day the perpetrator received their divorce papers in the mail. The perpetrator failed in his suicide attempt. Just days earlier, the victim had been denied her petition for a temporary protection order, with the judge ruling that she was not in "immediate and present danger." The hearing for the permanent protection order was to be held the day after her murder. The victim had filed for divorce and for the previous month had spent most of her time away from their residence. She would go home every morning to get her son ready for school. According to	
	Dec. 23	reports, the perpetrator said, "I kept choking her and telling her I loved her." A 40-year-old mother of two was fatally shot in the head by her husband in York, following an argument outside of her mother's home. The perpetrator then committed suicide. Their 16-year-old son witnessed the shootings. According to their 20-year-old daughter, her brother called telling her that he was worried because his father was waving a gun. She told him to call the police; moments later she arrived to find her parents lying dead in the street. The daughter said that her father had threatened to kill her mother many times before, but she had always intervened.	
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Sept. 24	A 45-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her year-old daughter was wounded. The victim and neighbor police were unable to reach the home in time to prevent perpetrator was upset because the victim had recently as
Sept. 29	A 21-year-old man died of smoke inhalation and c apartment fire in Oakland. The fire was set by the former resided in the building. The victim was a college senior w perpetrator is believed to have stalked the former girlfrie former residence was initially ruled accidental. She previ was afraid the perpetrator would harm her.
Nov. 5	A 77-year-old woman from Springdale was hit in the son while she was in bed. He then set the bed on inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning. The set to watch his mother in pain and that she had told him she of "failing health."
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The Death Toll...

This report details domestic violence homicides during 2000, as reported in PA newspapers. Although it does <u>NOT</u> reflect the total number of domestic violence deaths, this report offers a strong indication of the scope and lethality of the crime.

NOTE: Information about each incident varies according to newspaper accounts.

From January through December 2000, at least 76 domestic violence incidents resulted in 115 deaths.

WHO DIED

- 87 victims
 - 62 women
 - 14 men
 - 11 children
- 27 perpetrators who committed suicide
- 1 male perpetrator who was shot during a police standoff

WHO DID THE KILLING

- 71 men
- 8 women

HOW THE VICTIMS DIED

- 46 were shot
- 17 were stabbed
- 4 were pushed into the path of an oncoming train
- 3 were beaten
- 2 were killed by carbon
- monoxide poisoning 2 were slashed in the throat
- 2 were strangled
- 2 were raped and strangled
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- 1 was bludgeoned
- 1 was bludgeoned and burned
- 1 was strangled and stabbed
- 1 was stabbed and beaten
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- 1 was suffocated
- 1 was killed in a fire
- 1 was drowned

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ZERNE	Sept. 22	An 11-year-old girl was fatally shot by her mother allegedly shooting her husband a week earlier at their h
RCER	May 5	A 47-year-old mother of two was drowned by her bathtub. The police reported no previous incidents of d
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NTOUR	August 23	A 31-year-old mother of two was fatally shot by th a one-year affair in Washingtonville.
RTHAMPTON	June 1	A 19-year-old woman had her throat slashed by h partner's husband in Delaware Canal State Park, Easter
	Dec. 15	A 21-year-old woman was shot to death by her bo to their home in Bethlehem to get some of her belong committed suicide. A neighbor heard her cries for help offer assistance. He slipped on the ice and broke his ar Friends of the two said the couple's stormy one-year rela- threats of violence" and that the perpetrator "had threat
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