

**1999 DOMESTIC
MORTALITY REVIEW REPORT**

**AN EXAMINATION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
HOMICIDES IN DUVAL COUNTY
JANUARY 1, 1999 THRU
DECEMBER 31, 1999**

**AND AN ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE HOMICIDES FROM 1997 - 1999**

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The Domestic Mortality Review Subcommittee was formed by Jacksonville's Domestic Violence Intervention Project to study domestic homicides occurring in Jacksonville in 1997. The purpose of the initial study was to examine these homicides to determine if our community could have helped to prevent these homicides. The project was continued in 1998 and 1999 and an analysis was conducted including the domestic homicides outlined in the prior study.

The following report outlines the facts of the nineteen domestic homicides which occurred in 1999 and tracks patterns by evaluating specific information on a yearly basis. Finally, this report provides for a consideration of trends by examining all 41 domestic homicides occurring between December 1, 1996, and December 31, 1999.

FACTORS REVIEWED

In order to look at a comprehensive, community services base to prevention, the following information was reviewed and considered by our committee:

1. Police reports involving the victim and suspect.
2. Department of Children and Families referrals against victim or suspect.
3. Shelter services, hotline contact. Safe Choices Class, and Court Advocacy utilized by victim or suspect.
4. Civil proceedings including Myers/Baker Acts, Dissolutions of Marriage, injunctions involving victim and/or suspect, or suspect as respondent.
5. Criminal record of victim and suspect.
6. State Attorney files involving victim and suspect including any medical records in previous domestic or homicide files.
7. Batterer's intervention program participation, including performance, completion, violations and victim contact.
8. HARK Attendance by children of victim and/or suspect.
9. Animal abuse or neglect complaints.
10. Other known services provided to victim and/or suspect.

ORDER OF EXAMINATION

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1. Domestic violence reports and records
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3. Substance abuse arrests

III. CIVIL

1. Domestic Violence Injunctions
2. Department of Children and Families Referrals and Baker/Myers Act commitments.

IV. SERVICES

1. Shelter Services/Hotline calls
2. HARK attendance
3. Batterer's intervention program (Hubbard House/Salvation Army)
4. Substance Abuse program.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Date of Homicide: 02/03/99

Victim 1: Black/Male, 16 (Homicide)

Suspect: Black/Male, 32

I. CRIME

- A. **RELATIONSHIP**: Suspect's wife (Victim 2) is estranged wife of Suspect. Victim 1 is boyfriend of Victim 2. Victim 1 was living with Victim 2 at time of homicide.
- B. **CASE SUMMARY**: On February 3, 1999, Victims 1 and 2 were living with friends of Victim 2. Victim 1 and Victim 2 were asleep in their bedroom. Suspect came to the residence and asked a resident to see Victim 2. The resident closed the door to wake up Victim 2. Suspect opened the door and pulled out a knife. Suspect grabbed Victim 2 and pushed her and tried to cut her. Resident went to get help. Suspect went to Victim 1 and Victim 2's bedroom and stabbed Victim 2. Victim 2 grabbed her baby so Suspect would leave her alone. Victim 2 suffered minor cuts, and Victim 1 died at the scene from stab wounds. Six children were asleep in the residence.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

1. Victim 1 - 11/14/97, Battery. Victim 1 punched his sister with a closed fist in the face and kicked her in the stomach. Victim 1 stated he was provoked.

Disposition: Sister given State Attorney's Office referral card (SAO card) - not pursued.

2. Victim 2 - 05/26/97, victim of False Imprisonment by one of her children's father. Arrest warrant denied by SAO.

01/26/99, Criminal Mischief. Victim 2 broke out windows of Suspect's resident and ransacked house.

Disposition: Suspect did not pursue.

3. Suspect - 07/02/92, Domestic Battery on Victim 2. Suspect punched and slapped Victim 2 several times on face.

Disposition: Pled No Contest/Withheld Adjudication, three months probation.

01/11/94, Aggravated Assault, Domestic Battery. Suspect choked and hit Victim 2 in face several times. Threatened Victim 2 with a knife. Victim 2

suffered lacerated lip and facial bruising. Suspect stated, "Yes, I hit her. My anger gets out of control. I need help."

Disposition: Pled Guilty/Withheld Adjudication to Aggravated Assault, twelve months probation with the special condition to attend the Batterer's Intervention Program.

08/05/94 - Violated probation by failing to attend Batterer's Intervention Program, adjudicated guilty, five months Duval County Jail.

01/16/99 - Violation of Injunction. Suspect to have no contact with Victim 2 except for dropping off children: Suspect dropped children off and stayed in front of house for 30 minutes. Suspect refused to leave - arrested at the scene. Court ordered no contact provision after this arrest.

Disposition: Pending at time of homicide.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. 01/25/99, Throwing Deadly Missiles. Victim 1 threw a rock through Suspect's window.

Disposition: Arrest warrant pursued but Victim 1 deceased.

2. Victim 2 - No record.
3. Suspect - No record.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim 1 - No record.
2. Victim 2 - No record.
3. Suspect - 07/01/87, Possession of Cocaine.

Disposition - Not filed.

III. CIVIL

- A. Victim 1 - No record.
- B. Victim 2 - 02/10/94, temporary Injunction for Domestic Violence against Suspect. Dismissed.

Victim 2 - 12/31/98, Petition for Injunction for Domestic Violence. Disposition: Temporary granted on 01/04/99 against Suspect.

Victim 2 - 01/13/99, Final Injunction granted against Suspect. Suspect ordered into Batterer's Intervention Program.

IV. SERVICES

No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Suspect has history of abuse against Victim 2 that was not reported to police.

Suspect and Victim 2 were married when Victim 2 was only 16 years old. Victim 2 had a long history of infidelity during the marriage.

Suspect failed to attend Batterer's Intervention in 1994 and 1999.

On January 25, 1999, a Violation of Injunction Affidavit was submitted to the courts for failure to enroll in Batterer's Intervention Program.

Date of Homicide: 02/14/99

Victim: Black/Female, 29

Suspect: Black/Male, 22

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Girlfriend/boyfriend (co-habitants, child in common).

B. CASE SUMMARY: On February 14, 1999, the suspect shot the victim one time in the chest with a small caliber handgun as the victim exited her vehicle. The suspect and victim had been arguing earlier over car keys. Suspect wanted to drive Victim's car, and Victim refused because Suspect had no driver's license. Victim left their residence and drove to a girlfriend's apartment. Suspect followed Victim and confronted her as she got out of her car in the parking lot. The couple's one year old child was in the vehicle at the time of the shooting. Victim died at the scene. Suspect charged with Second Degree Murder and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

11/04/99, Suspect pled guilty to Manslaughter with a Deadly Weapon. Sentenced to Florida State Prison for 45 years.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - No record.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - 02/10/93, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Disposition: 1 year Duval County Jail followed by three years probation with the special condition to perform 100 hours of community service.

11/03/95, Violation of Probation.

Disposition: Probation revoked - 3½ years Florida State Prison.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - No record.

2. Suspect - 11/03/95, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of Controlled Substance Paraphernalia.

Disposition - Dropped.

09/30/97 - Possession of Crack Cocaine.

Disposition - Dropped.

III. CIVIL

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - No record.

IV. SERVICES

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

10/06/98 - Suspect was arrested for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Suspect was released on his own recognizance.

12/22/98 - Capias was issued for failure to appear - pending at the time of homicide.

Date of Homicide: 02/15/99

Victim: White/Female, 41

Suspect: White/Male, 41

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Wife/Husband (co-habitants).

B. CASE SUMMARY: On February 15, 1999, the victim was found dead inside her residence by the police who responded to an emergency call from the suspect's parents. The suspect's parents stated that their son called from Georgia to alert them of the homicide. The victim was lying in the bed with the covers up to her neck. An infant baby was found in an adjacent bedroom unharmed. After his arrest, the suspect stated that during a physical fight with the victim, he manually strangled her to death. He then proceeded to clean up the victim and place her into the bed. Suspect pled guilty to Second Degree Murder Without a Firearm, sentenced to 28 years.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - 12/20/96, Simple Assault on Victim.

Disposition: No arrest.

08/28/97, Domestic Violence on Victim.

Disposition: No arrest.

03/25/98, Battery (Domestic Violence). Beat the victim in the face, head, and chest. He then grabbed the victim around the neck and dragged her into another room where he continued to batter her.

Disposition: Received nine months probation and a Batterer's Intervention Program. Unsuccessfully terminated from Batterer's Intervention Program 09/09/98. Violated probation 12/14/98.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - No record.

2. Suspect - 08/25/97, Battery and Assault. The suspect became upset that his car insurance was canceled. He proceeded to push and strangle the insurance clerk. The victim was advised to contact the State Attorney's Office if she desired to seek prosecution.

Disposition: State Attorney's Office referred to Citizen's Dispute Settlement Program.

III. CIVIL

No record.

IV. SERVICES

It was confirmed that the victim was receiving services through her employer's EAP program.

05/22/98 - Suspect enrolled in Batterer's Intervention Program. On September 9, 1998, unsuccessfully terminated for failure to attend on 09/09/98.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Out of the three assaults on the victim, the suspect was only ordered to attend a Batterer's Intervention Program on his last domestic violence. The suspect was terminated from Batterer's Intervention Program on 09/09/98. There was a time lapse between his termination and the violation of probation because consideration was given to the suspect's occupation as an over the road truck driver.

04/19/97, Victim was listed as a missing person by the suspect.

11/20/98, Victim was listed as a missing person by the suspect.

Date of Homicide: 03/16/99

Victim: Hispanic/Female, 28

Suspect: White/Male, 29

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Girlfriend/boyfriend (co-habitants)

B. CASE SUMMARY: On March 16, 1999, the victim and suspect were involved in a heated argument. At the end of the argument, the suspect shot the victim several times in the head and face, killing her. He then left home for a short time, then returned, called the police to report the shooting, and surrendered to them when they arrived. The victim's eleven month old child was in a back bedroom at the time of the murder.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Victim: No record.

Suspect: No record.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

None on either party (the victim was the victim of Aggravated Battery by a female roommate 05/26/96).

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - 05/08/96, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Disposition: Pled No Contest/Withheld Adjudication, received four months probation with the special condition to perform 20 hours of community service (she performed her community service at the Hubbard House Thrift Store).

2. Suspect - 11/15/90, Driving While Under the Influence.

Disposition: Pled No Contest/Adjudicated Guilty, received Driving While Under the Influence first time minimums.

III. CIVIL

No record.

IV. SERVICES

No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

06/20/99, Suspect attempted suicide while incarcerated for the murder.

02/17/99, the Suspect reported an Unauthorized Temporary Use of a Vehicle against the Victim. Suspect failed to seek prosecution.

Date of Homicide: 03/22/99

Victim 1: White/Female, 41

Suspect: White/Male, 41

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Estranged wife/husband.

B. CASE SUMMARY: Call for service went out at Victim's house. Suspect was trying to break into the house through the window. Suspect and Victim were separated for approximately three months. Victim thought Suspect was armed. Witness heard approximately six gun shots. When police arrived, both Suspect and Victim were outside near a shotgun. Victim was dead from a gunshot wound to the face (shot three times). Suspect had shot himself in the face seriously wounding himself.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No record.

2. Suspect - 01/13/93, Domestic Battery on Victim. Suspect threw food at television and pushed her on the ground causing bruise on her back.

Disposition: Withheld Adjudication, six months probation with the special conditions to attend Anger Control and alcohol rehabilitation.

01/17/99, Domestic Aggravated Assault on Victim. Suspect grabbed Victim and forced her into a garage. He pointed a gun at her and told her there was not going to be a divorce.

Disposition: Arrest warrant denied.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - No record.

2. Suspect - No record.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - No record.

2. Suspect - No record.

III. CIVIL

- A. 01/19/99 - Temporary Injunction for Protection by Victim on Suspect.
- B. 02/16/99 - Same injunction dismissed because Victim failed to show.

IV. SERVICES

V. OTHER CONCERNS

- Anger Control was ordered for first offense instead of Batterer's Intervention Program.
- Victim's life threatened if she divorced Suspect on several occasions.
- Friends say Suspect had alcohol problem.
- Lithium was found in the Suspect's vehicle.
- On 03/11/99, Suspect tried to purchase a 9 millimeter handgun without success.
- Suspect sought mental health counseling on 02/26/99.
- Victim was called by mental health center and told Suspect left against recommendation. Victim called police because she was scared of Suspect.

Date of Homicide: 03/30/99

Victim 1: Black/Male, 35

Suspect: Black/Female, 24

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Boyfriend/girlfriend (co-habitants).

B. CASE SUMMARY: The victim and suspect had resided together for several months. They had an altercation earlier in the day in which the victim allegedly slapped the suspect. The victim then went to sleep on the couch. The suspect then decided to leave with her two children. Their clothing was packed. She went into the living room to retrieve the victim's car keys from his pants pocket. The victim woke and grabbed the suspect, who stabbed him one time with a kitchen knife in the chest. The suspect called 911 and attempted to apply pressure to the wound. The victim died from the stab wound. The suspect provided a written and verbal confession. The five year old child confirmed that the victim had hit the suspect in the past and had grabbed her that day. The five year old and six month old were released to the custody of their grandmother, and the suspect was arrested.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - 09/01/96 - Domestic Battery

Disposition: 6 months probation, fine and court costs, anger management and alcohol treatment.

2. Suspect - No record.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - 09/18/89 - Firing a Weapon.

Disposition: Dropped

08/04/91 - Aggravated Battery.

Disposition: 08/30/91 Dropped.

2. Suspect - No record.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - 07/16/88, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Disposition: Not filed.

03/09/90 - Disorderly Intoxication.

Disposition: \$190.00 fine.

10/26/90 - Disorderly Intoxication.

Disposition: Turned over to another agency.

04/23/91 - Disorderly Intoxication.

Disposition: \$100.00 fine.

III. CIVIL

No record.

IV. SERVICES

1. Victim - Anger control.
2. Suspect - No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Autopsy showed Cocaine metabolites in body.

Victim ordered to Anger Control rather than Batterer's Intervention in September 1, 1996, domestic battery.

Pending Violation of Probation on domestic battery case at time of death (since 1997).

Date of Homicide: 04/05/99

Victim: White/Female, 52

Suspect: White/Male, 53

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Estranged wife/husband.

B. CASE SUMMARY: On April 5, 1999, Suspect went to his wife's residence crying and apparently intoxicated and shot her one time in the head with a high-powered rifle. Suspect then shot himself in the head. Both died at the scene. The couple's 14 year old son and his 13 year old companion were in the house at the time his mother was shot. The couple had been married 25 years and had been experiencing marital problems recently. The wife had spoken to a divorce attorney. The husband wanted to reconcile.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - No record.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - No record.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - 03/20/99, Driving While Under the Influence.

Disposition - Sentenced to six months probation with the special conditions to perform 50 hours of community service and attend Driving While Under the Influence school.

03/27/99, Driving While Under the Influence.

03/27/99, Violation of Probation. Filed.

Disposition - Pending at the time of death.

III. CIVIL

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - No record.

IV. SERVICES

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

According to the Homicide Report, Victim had told a friend of an incident three weeks prior to the homicide where Suspect displayed a gun. Victim told him, "I'm not going to let you scare me into staying with you, unload the gun." The incident was never reported to the authorities. Suspect had two alcohol arrests within a 7-day period, and within two weeks of the homicide. The Suspect's last arrest before these incidents was 25 years earlier and was not alcohol related.

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Date of Homicide: 05/01/99

Victim: White/Male, 39

Suspect: White/Male, 59

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Brothers (co-habitants)

B. CASE SUMMARY: On May 1, 1999, Suspect stabbed the victim one time in the abdomen. Victim later died at the hospital. The victim, suspect, and a third brother had been drinking alcohol and playing cards in their residence before the incident. The victim and suspect became engaged in a verbal argument in the house which continued out into the front yard where the stabbing occurred.

On May 1, 1999, pled guilty to Manslaughter. Sentenced to 10 years Florida State Prison.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - 10/25/98, arrested for Aggravated Battery on a different brother.

Disposition: Charges dropped.

2. Suspect - 03/19/97, offense report written for Domestic Battery on his wife. No arrest.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - 10/31/89, arrested for Battery.

Disposition: Sentenced to four months probation with the special conditions to attend Anger Control classes and to pay restitution.

2. Suspect - No record.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - 10/13/79, D.U.I.

Disposition: Driver's license suspended 90 days and DUI school.

08/07/80, D.U.I.

Disposition: Dismissed.

06/04/81, Disorderly Intoxication and Breach of the Peace.

Disposition: 10 days jail.

10/25/81, Disorderly Intoxication.

Disposition: 10 days jail.

11/12/81, Disorderly Intoxication.

Disposition: 10 days jail.

08/09/82, Disorderly Intoxication and Breach of the Peace.

Disposition: 30 days jail.

11/26/83, Disorderly Intoxication.

Disposition: 10 days jail.

02/04/84, Disorderly Intoxication and Breach of the Peace.

Disposition: 19 days jail.

08/25/84, Disorderly Intoxication and Breach of the Peace.

Disposition: 30 days jail.

09/22/84, Consumption of Alcohol on City Property, Indecent Exposure,
and Disorderly Intoxication

Disposition: 30 days jail

12/07/87, Disorderly Intoxication and Resisting Arrest Without Violence

Disposition: 2 days jail.

10/29/88, Driving While Under the Influence and Driving While License
Suspended

Disposition: 5 days in jail followed by 6 months probation with the special
conditions to pay \$600.00 in court costs and driver's license suspended
for 6 months.

2. Suspect - 09/06/73, Disorderly Intoxication and Criminal Mischief.

Disposition - Not found.

III. CIVIL

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - No record.

IV. SERVICES

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

The victim had an extensive history of alcohol abuse related arrests. No treatment ordered.

Date of Homicide: 06/04/99

Victim: White/Male, 34

Suspect: White/Male, 57

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Stepfather/stepson

B. CASE SUMMARY: On June 4, 1999, the suspect attempted to intervene when his stepson (Victim) began beating his girlfriend and her female cousin. The victim then knocked the suspect to the ground and jumped on top of him. The suspect took a pocket knife from his pocket and stabbed the victim once in the chest. The victim was transported to University Medical Center where he died from the stab wound. Both parties had been drinking. The victim was extremely intoxicated and had smoked crack cocaine earlier, according to three witnesses. Case ruled justifiable homicide.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - 09/30/89 - Aggravated Battery, Suspect stabbed Victim in abdomen. Same Victim as in this case.

Disposition - Nol Prossed.

04/08/98, Victim of Battery by his adult daughter.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - 11/05/94, 3 month probation, 6 days weekend jail, DUI school, driver' license suspended, vehicle impounded.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Suspect - 10/04/87, Fine, 3 months probation, D.U.I. school, revoke driver's license revoked.

02/23/89 - Fine, 3 months probation, 2 day jail, D.U.I. school, revoke drive's license revoked.

11/19/91 - Driving While Under the Influence and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked.

Disposition - 6 months jail, alcohol treatment, driver's license revoked.

08/09/93 - Driving While License Suspended or Revoked

Disposition - Fine.

04/21/98 - Driving While Under the Influence, Driving While License Suspended or Revoked

Disposition - 12 months probation, 50 hours community service, D.U.I. school, 6 month jail sentence, driver's license revoked, alcohol treatment.

III. CIVIL

A. Victim - No record.

B. Suspect - No record.

IV. SERVICES

A. Victim - No record.

B. Suspect: Alcohol treatment ordered.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

None noted.

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Date of Homicide: 05/27/99

Victim: Black/Female, 72

Suspect: Black/Male, 20

V. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Grandmother/Grandson

B. CASE SUMMARY: The victim was last seen on May 27, 1999. On June 5, 1999, she was reported missing. Her grandson and his friend were questioned and later confessed to her murder. They advised that the grandson stabbed her after they argued, and that they had a history of conflicts. The body was not recovered until four months later in a nearby vacant house.

VI. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - No record.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - 08/08/96 - Aggravated Battery 3 Counts, (Juvenile)

Disposition: Found guilty at trial on 2 counts. Committed to high risk juvenile facility and ordered to pay restitution.

03/18/96 - Battery on Intake Officer (Juvenile)

Disposition: Committed to moderate risk juvenile facility.

05/23/99 - Battery in a Detention Facility

Disposition: Dropped

12/30/98 - Battery. Pending at time of homicide (Capias issued served on Defendant on 06/07/99.) Nol proessed 02/22/00.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - 08/08/96 - Possession of Marijuana (Juvenile)

VII. CIVIL

- A. Victim - 05/26/98 - The victim sought a domestic violence injunction because the suspect had threatened her. She never returned to complete the process.
- B. Suspect - 01/30/98 - The Suspect was listed as a missing person.

VIII. SERVICES

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

During interviews with the Suspect's mother after the murder, she stated that he was very violent and destructive as a child and once poured gasoline on himself and threatened to commit suicide after punishment.

In addition to the following references in the Suspect's record, on 07/01/99, her niece reported a burglary to her dwelling, no Suspect was listed.

In addition to those arrests listed, the Suspect had an extensive juvenile and adult record. Some significant indicators were:

06/16/96 - Arrested for arson and burglary (juvenile). Disposition: Pled to Criminal Mischief. Committed to juvenile facility.

05/10/98 - Listed as a Suspect in Auto Theft (homicide victim's car)

11/11/98 - Arrested for Auto Theft (homicide victim's car). Pled no contest, adjudicated guilty, sentenced to 41 day in jail.

01/21/99 - Listed as a Suspect of Criminal Mischief (homicide victim's home). Victim failed to pursue charges.

01/27/99 - Arrested for Auto Theft (homicide victim's car). Pled guilty, given one year probation and four months in jail.

02/02/99 - Arrested for Burglary to a Dwelling, Exploitation of the Elderly and Auto Theft (homicide victim's home and car). All counts dropped.

06/18/99 - Arrested for Violation of Probation. Pending.

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Date of Homicide: 07/17/99

Victim: Black/Female, 55

Suspect: Black/Male, 35

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Mother/son (co-habitants)

B. CASE SUMMARY: On July 17, 1999, the victim's sister called police because she had been unable to contact the victim. Police responded to the victim's residence and found the victim and her son, the suspect, deceased. Investigation revealed the victim died from multiple stab wounds inflicted by her son, who then stabbed himself. The residence had been ransacked and there were signs of a struggle. A total of six knives were found that were used in this crime.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - 07/21/96, Offense report written for Domestic Battery and Petit Theft. Victim was Suspect's ex-wife.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - No record.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - No record.

III. CIVIL

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - 08/06/96, Injunction ordered against Suspect in divorce case.

IV. SERVICES

A. Victim - No record.

B. Suspect - 09/26/96, Suspect enrolled in Batterer's Intervention Program. Terminated 11/08/96. Re-enrolled 12/23/96 and completed 08/12/97.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

None noted.

99-12

Date of Homicide: 10/10/99

Victim: White/Female, 32

Suspect: White/Male, 38

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Wife/husband (co-habitants)

B. CASE SUMMARY: On October 10, after leaving a lounge early in the morning hours, the suspect and victim were arguing while traveling over the Dames Point Bridge. While on the bridge, the suspect stopped his vehicle and he and the victim exited the vehicle. The suspect subsequently threw the victim off the bridge. The victim landed on the outside landing of the bridge. The suspect then leaned over the barrier wall and grabbed the victim's arm and leg and rolled her off the bridge apron into the water. The suspect returned to his home and called police stating that the victim jumped off the bridge. After the suspect's arrest, he jumped off the second tier of the cell block in an attempt to commit suicide on October 16, 1999.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. Victim - No record.

B. Suspect - No record.

III. CIVIL

A. Victim - No record.

B. Suspect - No record.

IV. SERVICES

A. Victim - No record.

B. Suspect - No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

During the investigation, the police contacted the suspect's ex-wife. The ex-wife indicated that before divorcing the suspect, there were many non-reported incidents of domestic violence.

99-13

Date of Homicide: 10/08/99

Victim: White/Female, 37

Suspect: White/Male, 43

I. CRIME

A. **RELATIONSHIP:** Girlfriend/Boyfriend (Co-habitants)

B. **CASE SUMMARY:** The victim's body was found by the rooming house landlady on October 11, 1999. The victim was nude, in bed in a locked apartment. The Medical Examiner determined the cause of death was a blunt force head injury. Victim was last seen alive on October 8, 1999 arguing with boyfriend. Neighbors report history of abuse. Suspect was located at job site and provided a written and verbal confession. An arrest was made.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - 02/09/97, Victim was a victim of Domestic Violence by a different suspect.
2. Suspect - 10/31/91, Battery/Domestic Violence. Victim (girlfriend) punched in face.

Disposition: 15 day jail (15 days credit for time served)

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - 09/20/98, Obstructing a Police Officer.
2. Suspect - 01/13/95, Battery

Disposition - 20 days jail (20 days credit time served)

01/13/95

02/05/93, Battery and Curb Drinking

Disposition - 46 days jail (46 days credit time served)

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - 10/15/91, Trafficking Marijuana (Kentucky)
03/10/88, D.U.I. (Georgia)

10/02/86, Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
(New Smyrna, Florida)

01/24/84, D.U.I. (Maitland, Florida)

2. Suspect - 04/24/98, Attempted Purchase of Crack Cocaine

Disposition - Withheld Adjudication, 30 days unsupervised probation (credit
for 26 days)

III. CIVIL

A. Victim - No record.

B. Suspect - No record.

IV. SERVICES

1997, Victim sheltered.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Both parties had a history of alcohol/substance abuse. Suspect had battered one other known domestic violence victim. Victim and Suspect both had arrests for Petit Theft.

In 1997, victim was sheltered briefly but did not participate in counseling program.

Suspect had battered another victim and this victim was battered by another suspect.

99-14

Date of Homicide: 10/15/99 - 10/22/99

Victim: White/Female, 34

Suspect: White/Male, 34

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Girlfriend/boyfriend (co-habitants)

B. CASE SUMMARY: Between October 15 and October 27, 1999, the suspect strangled the victim and then buried her body in a shallow grave in the yard of the residence in which the couple had lived. The body was recovered by law enforcement approximately six weeks after the suspect made a confession to his mother.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - 04/26/97, arrested for Child Abuse.

Disposition: - Referred to P.T.I. Rejected and dropped.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - No record.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - 02/26/83, Driving While Under the Influence, Possession of Hash and Possession of Marijuana.

Disposition: - Unknown

04/03/94, D.U.I. and Careless Driving

Disposition - 2 days jail, 6 months probation with the special conditions to attend D.U.I. School, perform 50 hours of community service, license suspended 6 months.

07/12/99, Citation issued for Public Drinking.

III. CIVIL

A. Victim - No record.

B. Suspect - 07/28/97, Respondent in injunction. Petitioner was his mother.

IV. SERVICES

A. Victim - No record.

B. Suspect - No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Suspect entered PTI Program for Child Abuse charge. Case rejected after Suspect failed to attend Parenting Skills classes, failed to submit monthly reports, and failed to report to probation officer. Case dropped.

99-15

Date of Homicide: 11/23/99

Victim: White/Male, 41

Suspect: White/Female, 49

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Ex-boyfriend/girlfriend (former co-habitants)

B. CASE SUMMARY: On November 23, 1999, the victim and the suspect were arguing inside her residence at which he had resided with her as recently as two weeks prior to the incident. The suspect retrieved a handgun and shot the victim in the chest. He was dead at the scene. The suspect was arrested and charged with murder.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - 07/12/92, Battery/Domestic Violence and Battery (the victim was his ex-wife).

Disposition: The Battery/Domestic Violence was Nol Prossed. On the Battery, he pled guilty, was adjudicated guilty, given 6 months probation, and ordered "no fighting."

2. Suspect - No record.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - 01/23/79, Resisting an Officer With Violence.

Disposition: Pled No Contest/Adjudicated Guilty

2. Suspect - 06/16/76, Fighting and Opposing a Police Officer.

Disposition - Fighting - Nol Prossed; Opposing a Police Officer - Pled No Contest/Withheld Adjudication.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - No record.

III. CIVIL

- A. Victim - 04/02/91, victim was a respondent in petitioner for an injunction filed by his ex-wife - file purged.
- B. Suspect - No record.

IV. SERVICES

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

The suspect advised the victim had lost his job the week prior to the incident. She also advised that he had never harmed her nor was she afraid of him.

Police were called to the suspect's residence in reference to a fight on 08/14/96. No arrests.

The victim was arrested on 09/12/92 for Breach of the Peace (the conflict was with his ex-wife). He pled no contest, was adjudicated guilty, and served one day in jail.

On January 26, 1993, he was arrested for Indirect Criminal Contempt (Violation of an Injunction - Three Counts). He was adjudicated guilty of a misdemeanor and sentenced to 30 days jail.

On February 18, 1993, he was again arrested for Indirect Criminal Contempt and sentenced in chambers to an "indefinite number of days in jail." The next court date was 03/30/93. The disposition was unknown.

It was revealed in the homicide investigation that the victim had stalked another girlfriend after a relationship in 1997 and that she had sought, but apparently not obtained, an injunction against him.

The suspect may have been involved in another abusive relationship about three to five years prior to the murder.

99-16

Date of Homicide: 07/31/99

Victim: White/Female, 63

Suspect: White/Male, 58

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Wife/Husband (Co-habitants)

B. CASE SUMMARY: On June 23, 1999, the victim was admitted to a local hospital for blunt trauma to the head and stated that her husband had beaten her. On July 31, 1999, the victim died in Volusia County where an autopsy was conducted. The Medical Examiner ruled the case a homicide due to the blunt trauma to the head. The suspect was not charged.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - 02/16/92, Battery/Domestic Violence (the victim of the battery was a previous co-habitant boyfriend).

Disposition: Pled No Contest/Withheld Adjudication, 3 months probation.

2. Suspect - 06/30/99, A warrant was issued reference the original Battery but was not served.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - 02/15/95, Carrying a Concealed Weapon (Machete) and Flight to Avoid Prosecution (Orange County).

Disposition - Pled Guilty/Adjudicated Guilty, 5 days in jail.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - 07/06/99, Disorderly Intoxication

Disposition - Pled No Contest/Adjudicated Guilty, two days in jail.

07/08/87, Driving While Under the Influence (Georgia)

Disposition - Pled No Contest/Adjudicated Guilty, fined and traffic school.

2. Suspect - No record.

III. CIVIL

- A. Victim - 08/10/98, Baker Act (drinking and threatening suicide due to recent incidents in her life).
- B. Suspect - No record.

IV. SERVICES

- A. Victim - Treated for alcohol addiction in July, 1999.
- B. Suspect - No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Victim was hospitalized on June 4, 1999, with a traumatic head bleed and basilar skull fracture. Victim was intoxicated at the time and there were no allegations of domestic battery on this occasion.

Victim was hospitalized on July 14, 1999, with a broken arm. Victim stated her husband had abused her in the past but he was not responsible for the current injury. She said a large mirror fell on her arm.

Date of Homicide: 12/13/99

Victim: White/Male, 31

Suspect: White/Male, 36

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Boyfriend/boyfriend (Co-habitants)

B. CASE SUMMARY: On December 13, 1999 after a night of drinking, the victim and suspect arrived home at approximately 6:00 A.M. and started arguing. The argument escalated into a physical confrontation. The victim intentionally knocked down a Christmas arrangement belonging to the suspect. The suspect became enraged and armed himself with a paring knife and stabbed the victim once in the chest. The suspect was Life-Flighted to the hospital and was pronounced dead. The suspect was arrested for murder.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - No record.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - 02/21/97, D.U.I.

12/31/97, Driving While License Suspended or Revoked and Failure to Appear Regarding Violation of Probation (D.U.I.)

10/27/99, Contempt Regarding D.U.I.
2. Suspect - No record.

III. CIVIL

No record.

IV. SERVICES

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

It was noted in the case history that the suspect was under a doctor's care and seeing a therapist for several weeks. He was taking medication for his bi-polar (manic-depressive) disorder.

The suspect was drinking alcohol while taking Lithium which is counter indicated.

In the fall of 1999, the suspect attempted suicide, according to a friend.

99-18

Date of Homicide: 12/19/99

Victim: White/Male, 32

Suspect: White/Female, 57

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Son/Mother

B. CASE SUMMARY: A friend of the victim went to the victim's apartment to check on him as she had been unable to contact him by phone. Upon her arrival, she observed his car in the parking lot; however, no one would come to the door. The victim was allegedly a disabled police officer and his mother was terminally ill with cancer. Police were called and entry was forced via a window. Upon entering the apartment, the victim and suspect were both found shot to death. A .357 revolver was found by the suspect as well as a note from the suspect essentially apologizing for killing her son and herself.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - 12/03/99, Battery/Domestic Violence.

Disposition: Withheld Adjudication, 6 months probation (mother listed as victim), Batterer's Intervention and no violent contact.

2. Suspect - No record.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - 01/31/92, Aggravated Battery.

Disposition: Dropped.

2. Suspect - No record.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - No record.

2. Suspect - No record.

III. CIVIL

A. Victim - No record.

B. Suspect - No record.

IV. SERVICES

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Victim had a previous arrests for Carrying a Concealed Weapon. Suspect was terminally ill and Victim was disabled.

99-19

Date of Homicide: 12/20/99

Victim: White/Male, 31

Suspect: White/Female, 31

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Husband/Wife

B. CASE SUMMARY: On December 20, 1999, police responded to a shooting at the couple's residence. Suspect said she accidentally shot her husband. Police found the victim sitting at his computer dead from a gunshot wound to the back of his head. Evidence at the scene and inconsistent statements by the suspect did not support an accidental shooting. Suspect arrested and charged with murder.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - No record.

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - No record.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - No record.
2. Suspect - No record.

III. CIVIL

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - No record.

IV. SERVICES

- A. Victim - No record.
- B. Suspect - No record.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

None noted.

1997 PATTERNS

(See Appendix A for Case Summaries)

GENDER

Six of the homicides were committed by women who killed their male partners. Two were committed by men who killed their female partners. One was committed by an adult male who killed his parents.

RACE

Six of the victims were black; four were white; seven of the suspects were black; two were white.

RELATIONSHIP

Three of the parties were married and cohabitating at the time of the homicide; three were non-married partners who were not currently cohabitating; two were non-married partners cohabitating, one was an adult man and his parents, thus non-intimate partners.

METHOD

Five of the homicides were the result of gunshot wounds. Three of the homicides were the result of stab wounds, one victim died as the result of strangulation and one victim died of a heart attack during the crime.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Four male victims had prior arrests for domestic violence. One male suspect had a prior arrest for domestic violence. Additionally, four male victims were named as suspects in other domestic violence police reports.

No females had arrest records for domestic violence, but one female suspect was named as the suspect in a domestic violence report.

CHILDREN

Children were eyewitnesses to two of the murders. In one other murder, a one year old child was present in the home.

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

One family had an HRS referral for child neglect before the murder.

SHELTER SERVICES

None of the victims used local shelter services.

HARK

No children attended the HARK Program.

INJUNCTIONS

In the nine domestic homicides, one female suspect filed a prior injunction against the victim.

INTERVENTION

Three male victims were ordered into batterer's intervention program and one appears to have completed the program. No male suspects were ordered into a batterer's intervention program and thus none completed one.

1998 PATTERNS

GENDER

Seven of the homicides were committed by men who killed their female partners. During one of these homicides, the man also killed his wife's boyfriend. Two of the homicides were committed by women who killed their male partners. One man killed his same sex partner. One man killed his father. One man killed his stepdaughter during a fight with his wife. One woman killed her brother. Four of the men subsequently killed themselves as did one of the women.

RACE

Six of the victims were black, six were white, and two of the victims were Asian. Eight of the suspects were white, four of the suspects were black, and one of the suspects was Asian.

RELATIONSHIP

Three of the parties were married and cohabitating. Three of the parties were married and separated. Two of the parties were not married and cohabitating. One of the parties was not married and currently not cohabitating. Three of the parties were in a non-intimate relationship.

METHOD

Ten of the homicides were the result of gunshot wounds. Three were the result of knife wounds. One was the result of strangulation.

CHILDREN

Five of the cases had children present during the homicide, one additional case involved an infant who may or may not have been present.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Two male victims had prior arrests for domestic violence; four male suspects had prior arrests for domestic violence. Additionally, one male victim and one male suspect were named as suspects in other domestic violence police reports.

Three female victims had prior arrests for domestic violence; two female suspects had prior arrests for domestic violence.

INJUNCTIONS

In the 13 domestic homicides, three of the female victims had injunctions in place during the murder. Two of them had reported violations in these existing injunctions. One of the aforementioned victims had a separate injunction two and one-half years prior to her death which resulted in the suspect being violated with the court dismissing the case because the victim failed to appear.

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

Two families had referrals to the Department of Children and Families.

SHELTER SERVICES

One female victim received shelter and court advocacy. Two additional female victims sought court advocacy services. One female suspect went through the Safe Choices class twice.

HARK

In one case the children were referred to HARK.

INTERVENTION

One male suspect was ordered to a batterer's intervention program two years prior to the murder, he was violated for failure to enroll. Another male suspect was ordered to a batterer's intervention program in the month preceding the murder. Other intervention was ordered as follows: one suspect, was ordered into marriage counseling as part of an injunction. One male victim had been ordered into generic counseling for a previous Domestic Battery. Three male victims were previously ordered as part of an earlier domestic violence case to attend Anger Control.

1999 PATTERNS

GENDER

Nine of the homicides were committed by men who killed their female partners. Three of the homicides were committed by women who killed their male partners. One man killed his same sex partner. One man killed his brother, one man killed his son, one man killed his mother, and one man killed his grandmother. One man killed his estranged wife's boyfriend. One elderly woman killed her disabled son and then herself. Two of the men subsequently killed themselves, and one man shot himself in the face but lived.

RACE

Five of the victims were black, thirteen were white, and one was hispanic. Five of the suspects were black, and four were white.

RELATIONSHIP

Four of the parties were married and cohabitating. Two of the parties were married and separated. Six of the parties were not married and cohabitating. One of the parties was not married and currently not cohabitating. In one case, the boyfriend of the suspect's estranged wife was murdered and the wife was injured. Five of the parties were in a non-intimate relationship.

METHOD

Seven of the homicides were the result of gunshot wounds. Seven were the result of knife wounds. Two were the result of strangulation, two were the result of blunt trauma to the head, and one was thrown off a bridge.

CHILDREN

Five of the cases had children present during the homicide.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Seven male victims had prior arrests for domestic violence, four male suspects had prior arrests for domestic violence. One female victim had an arrest for domestic violence.

One male suspect had an arrest for child abuse.

INJUNCTIONS

Three female victims had temporary injunctions that were dismissed for failure to appear.

One male suspect was the respondent of an injunction, and one male was the respondent of an injunction as part of a prior divorce.

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

One male suspect had a child abuse referral.

SHELTER SERVICES

One female victim stayed briefly in shelter years before her death. Did not attend counseling sessions.

HARK

There were no HARK referrals though children were present in five of the homicides.

INTERVENTION

Two male suspects were terminated for failure to attend Batterer's Intervention. One male completed Batterer's Intervention but later killed his mother. One male suspect was ordered to Batterer's Intervention but murdered his victim before enrolling. Three male suspects completed anger management.

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

Two victims had history of illegal drug arrests, and four had history of alcohol-related arrests. Seven suspects had a history of alcohol-related arrests, and two had a history of illegal drug arrests. Reports indicated alcohol or drug use at the time of the homicide by three victims and two suspects.

PATTERNS TO DATE **1997 - 1999 (37 MONTHS)**

GENDER

Nineteen of the homicides were committed by men who killed their female partners. During one of the homicides, the man also killed his wife's boyfriend. Eleven of the homicides were committed by women who killed their male partners. Two men killed their same sex partners. Seven men and two women killed other family members. Six of the men subsequently killed themselves as did two women. One man shot himself in the face but lived.

RACE

Seventeen of the victims were black, twenty-three were white, one was hispanic, and two were Asian. Seventeen of the suspects were black, twenty-three were white, and one was Asian.

RELATIONSHIP

Thirty-two cases with thirty-three victims involved intimate relationships. Twelve of the parties were married and cohabitating. Five of the parties were married and separated. Nine of the parties were not married and cohabitating. Six of the parties were not married and currently not cohabitating. Nine cases with ten victims involved non-intimate relationships.

METHOD

Twenty-two of the homicides were the result of gunshot wounds. Thirteen were the result of knife wounds. Four were the result of strangulation, two were the result of blunt trauma to the head, one was thrown off a bridge and drowned, and one died of a heart attack during the crime.

CHILDREN

Thirteen of the cases had children present during the homicide.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Thirteen male victims had prior arrests for domestic violence, nine male suspects had prior arrests for domestic violence. Additionally, one male victim and one male suspect were named as suspects in other domestic violence police reports.

Four female victim had arrests for domestic violence. Two female suspects had prior arrests for domestic violence. One male suspect had an arrest for child abuse.

INJUNCTIONS

Three female victims had injunctions in place during the murder, one also had a prior injunction. One female victim had a prior injunction. Three female victims had temporary injunctions that were dismissed for failure to appear. One male suspect was the respondent of an injunction, and one male was the respondent of an injunction as part of a prior divorce. Two of the victims with injunctions had reported violations of existing injunctions.

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

Three families had referrals to the Department of Children and Families, and the male suspect arrested had a child abuse referral for parenting classes.

SHELTER SERVICES

Two female victims stayed briefly in shelter years before her death. Neither attended counseling sessions. One of the sheltered victims and two additional victims sought court advocacy. One female suspect went through the Safe Choices classes.

HARK

There was only one HARK referral even though children were present in thirteen of the homicide cases.

INTERVENTION

Five male suspects were ordered into Batterer's Intervention Programs. Three were terminated for failure to attend, one completed but later killed his mother, and one committed the homicide before attending. Three male victims were ordered into Batterer's Intervention as a result of domestic violence arrests. Other intervention was ordered as follows: One suspect was ordered into marriage counseling as part of an injunction. One male victim was ordered into generic counseling for a previous domestic battery. Four male victims were previously ordered as part of earlier domestic violence cases to attend anger management.

ALCOHOL/DRUG USE

(1999 only as 1997-98 patterns were not noted in report) Two victims had a history of illegal drug arrests, and four had a history of alcohol-related arrests. Seven suspects had a history of alcohol-related arrests, and two had a history of illegal drug arrests. Reports indicated alcohol or drug use at the time of the homicide by three victims and two suspects.

CONCLUSIONS

Research on women who kill their intimate partners demonstrates how the majority are driven to such violence as a final act of self preservation. The majority of women who kill their abusers do so in self defense or the defense of their children.

In this study, eleven women killed their male partners. In eight (73%) of those cases, the women had a history of victimization by their partners. Correspondingly, two men (10%) were listed as victims on police reports. In both of those cases, there were also police report(s) listing the man as the suspect in the same relationship.

There were nineteen cases where men killed their female partners. In six (32%) of these cases, there was a prior history of arrests for domestic violence. In one additional case there was a violation of Injunction. In 3 of these cases, (43%), there was only one opportunity for the courts to order suspect to a Batterer's Intervention Program before a homicide occurred.

Two cases involved homicides between same sex male partners. In one of these cases, the suspect had one prior arrest for domestic violence.

There was no apparent relationship pattern in nine non-intimate homicides. However, there was a history of violence in five (55%) of these cases.



Our review of these domestic homicides revealed that not enough victims took advantage of existing social services and legal remedies.

Although we have a system which provides for civil injunctions, only seven victims had or sought current or past injunctions. Four of those victims had reported violations.

Furthermore, there were fourteen (34%) cases where children were present or observed the murder of a parent.

(Add stats on child witnesses) ?

Finally, state standards and leading experts all agree that marriage counseling or anger management is not appropriate intervention when violence is present. A state certified batterer's intervention program is statutorily recommended in domestic violence cases.

FINDINGS