

**2002 DOMESTIC
MORTALITY REVIEW REPORT**

**AN EXAMINATION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
HOMICIDES IN DUVAL COUNTY
JANUARY 1, 2002 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2002**

**AND AN ANALYSIS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES
DECEMBER 1996 THROUGH DECEMBER 2002**



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Dear Members of the Judiciary and Colleagues:

With this letter is a copy of the 2002 Domestic Mortality Review Report. This report examines domestic violence homicides in Duval County from January 1, through December 31, 2002, and an analysis of the previous five years domestic homicides.

Our committee has discovered from our analysis that there has been a steady decrease in domestic homicides during the years studied. We believe this decrease can be attributed to INVEST and the Center for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. Both of these are examples of effective collaborations in Jacksonville.

I hope you find this report and its conclusions useful in your own efforts to combat domestic violence. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at 630-2502 or at "libbys@coj.net".

Sincerely,

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COMMITTEE GOALS

The Domestic Mortality Review Subcommittee was initially formed by Jacksonville's Domestic Violence Intervention Project to study domestic homicides occurring in Jacksonville in 1997. The purpose of the first study was to examine these homicides to determine if our community could have helped to prevent them. The project has been continued every year resulting in an annual report. The committee has examined all domestic homicides that occurred in Jacksonville between December 1, 1996 and December 31, 2002. This committee did not examine child abuse murders as there is a child death review team.

The following report outlines the facts of the five incidents of domestic homicide in 2002 which resulted in seven domestic homicide victims. It then tracks patterns by evaluating specific information on a yearly basis. Finally, this report provides for an opportunity to examine trends by reviewing all sixty-six domestic homicide incidents resulting in seventy-four homicide victims between December 1, 1996, and December 31, 2002.

FACTORS REVIEWED

In order to look at a comprehensive, community services based 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 involving victim and/or suspect.
3. Shelter services, hotline contact, court advocacy or other domestic violence services utilized by victim or suspect.
4. Civil proceedings including Myers/Baker Acts, Dissolutions of Marriage, and Injunctions for Protection involving victim and/or suspect.
5. Criminal record of victim and suspect.
6. State Attorney files involving victim and/or suspect.
7. Batterers' Intervention Program (BIP) participation including performance, completion, violations and victim contact.
8. HARK (Helping At Risk Kids Program) attendance by children of victim and/or suspect.
9. Animal abuse or neglect complaints.
10. Other known services provided to victim and/or suspect.
11. Medical Examiner's report pertaining to the victim.

ORDER OF EXAMINATION

I. CRIME

- Relationship of parties
- Case summary
- Children of parties

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

- Domestic violence
- Non-domestic violent crimes
- Substance abuse arrests

III. CIVIL

- Domestic Violence Injunctions
- Dissolutions of Marriage
- Department of Children and Families Referrals
- Baker/Myers Act commitments

IV. SERVICES

- Shelter services/hotline calls
- HARK attendance (Helping At Risk Kids Program)
- Batterers' intervention program (BIP) (Hubbard House/Salvation Army)
- Substance abuse program

V. OTHER CONCERNS

2002 CASES

2002-1

Date of Homicide: 01/18/02

Victim: Black Female, 28

Suspect: Black Male, 28

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Ex-Girlfriend/Boyfriend

B. CASE SUMMARY: On January 18, 2002, the police were summoned to a beauty salon where the victim worked. It was discovered that the suspect arrived at the shop around 11:30 P.M. looking for the victim. The victim fled to the restroom in the rear of the shop. The suspect followed the victim and fired several shots resulting in the death of the victim. The defendant fled and was arrested in March, 2003. The case is pending.

C. CHILDREN: The couple had two children who were not present at the time of the incident.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No Record
2. Suspect - No Record

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim
 - a. 07/16/96 Home Invasion Robbery - Guilty/Convicted - 1 year, 7 months Florida State Prison
 - b. 01/11/95 Murder First Degree - Pled Guilty Attempted Murder - 19 months Florida State Prison
2. Suspect
 - a. 04/07/95 Home Invasion Robbery; Armed Robbery; Kidnapping, Burglary - 20 months Florida State Prison

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - No Record
2. Suspect
 - a. 11/14/01 Sale of Cocaine; Possession of Marijuana - Pled guilty, Capias issued for failure to show
 - b. 11/20/99 Possession of Marijuana; Resisting Officer Without Violence - Dropped
 - c. 09/29/98 Possession of Cocaine; Delivery of Marijuana - Pled guilty, Adjudicated - 12 months county jail
 - d. 01/06/96 Contraband in a detention facility - Dropped
 - e. 09/01/93 Trafficking in Cocaine; Prowling - Dropped
 - f. 03/15/93 Violation of Probation (Possession of Controlled Substance) - probation terminated
 - g. 06/16/92 Possession of Cocaine - Withhold Adjudication of Guilt - One year probation

III. CIVIL

- A. Victim - 12/17/96 Department of Children and Families. Complainant alleged that the children were being mistreated, parents had no job, drugs in home, etc. DCF could not substantiate allegations.
- B. Suspect
 1. 1/28/02 Department of Children and Families. Complainant concerning homicide on children's mother by father.
 2. 12/17/96 Department of Children and Families. Complainant alleged that the children were being mistreated, parents had no job, drugs in home, etc. DCF could not substantiate allegations.

IV. SERVICES

- A. Victim - None known
- B. Suspect - None known

V. OTHER CONCERNS

The suspect had a long-term history of drug use with no known treatment. According to police interviews after the murder with relatives and acquaintances, the victim had been physically abused by the suspect several times during their relationship. According to the victim's sister, the victim was afraid to report this to the police because she had a warrant for her arrest due to bad checks. (Committee could find no such warrant.)

Date of Homicide: 04/16/02

Victim: White Male, 79

Suspect: White Male, 55

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Step-father/Son

B. CASE SUMMARY: On April 16, 2002, the suspect entered the First Coast Rehabilitation Center where the victim resided. The suspect entered a room where the victim was sitting in a chair and shot him to death at close range. The murder was witnessed by both staff and other patients standing in the room. The suspect walked to the front door of the facility and waited. When police arrived moments later he told police he had shot his step-father and showed them where he had placed the gun. The suspect later pled guilty to second degree murder and was sentenced to 35 years in Florida State Prison.

C. CHILDREN: None

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

No Record

IV. SERVICES

None known

V. OTHER CONCERNS

The suspect told the victim "this is for everything you did to me and Mom" before he shot him. After his arrest, the suspect invoked his right to silence. He pled guilty before any depositions were taken so a past history of spouse/child abuse is probable, but not substantiated.

Date of Homicide: 07/24/02

Victims: 1) White Female, 35
 2) White Male, 49
 3) White Female, 16

Suspect: White Male, 48

I. **CRIME**

- A. **RELATIONSHIP:** 1) Ex-Girlfriend/Boyfriend, 2) Victim #1's current boyfriend,
 3) Daughter of victim #1
- B. **CASE SUMMARY:** On July 24, 2002, the suspect entered the home of victim #1. Once inside, the suspect shot victim #1 and her boyfriend, victim #2 at close range. Victim #3, victim #1's daughter, walked into the living room and was also shot by the suspect. Victim #1 and victim #2 died at the scene. Victim #3 died later at the hospital. The suspect remains at large.
- C. **CHILDREN:** Victim #3, victim #1's 16 year old daughter, was present at the time victim #1 and #2 were shot. She was also killed. There were three other younger children in the home during the shooting. None of these children were physically harmed.

II. **CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS**

A. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

1. Victim #1 - No record
 Victim #2 - No record
 Victim #3 - No record

2. Suspect - No record

B. **NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES**

1. Victim #1 - No record
 Victim #2 - No record
 Victim #3 - No record

2. Suspect - 07/18/94 Aggravated Assault - crime and charges occurred in another state - Dropped

C. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS**

1. Victim #1 - No record
 Victim #2 - No record
 Victim #3 - No record

2. Suspect - No record

III. CIVIL

- A. Victim - No record (Victim was listed in DCF report described below.)
- B. Suspect - 9/26/99, Department of Children and Families. Complaint alleged that during an altercation between the suspect and victim #1, victim #3 stepped in between them and was struck by the suspect. The case was closed with some findings of family violence, and victim #1 was given information about Hubbard House. Victim #1 did not follow-up with services.

IV. SERVICES

- A. Victim #1 - None known
Victim #2 - None known
Victim #3 - None known
- B. Suspect - None known

V. OTHER CONCERNS

The Department of Children and Families closed the case with some findings of family violence. It was not clear whether or not victim #1 or the children were interviewed separate from the suspect. Additionally, there were no services placed in the home, such as HARK or parenting classes.

Date of Homicide: 08/07/02

Victim: White Female, 33

Suspect: White Male, 37

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Divorced (co-habitants)

B. CASE SUMMARY: On August 7, 2002, the victim was murdered by the suspect in their apartment. The suspect phoned the Jacksonville 911 operator and reported that he shot and killed the victim because he thought she was cheating on him. The case is still pending.

C. CHILDREN: The victim and the suspect have two children who were at school during the incident.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No record (in the United States)

2. Suspect - No record (in the United States)

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 - Summer, 2001 - Divorce from victim in Bosnia

IV. SERVICES

A. Victim - None known

B. Suspect - None known

V. OTHER CONCERNS

According to family members, there had been a history of violence but police were never called. The victim's brother stated that the suspect confided in him that there was a recording device planted in the victim's ear and vagina; and the suspect was taping the victim's actions.

During January of 2002, the victim, the victim's brothers, and the victim's sister-in-law were present when the suspect held a loaded gun while discussing committing suicide due to the victim's supposed infidelity. Family members indicated the victim was afraid that the suspect would kill her, himself, or the children because he thought there was another man. He had threatened her with such action. It is unknown whether there were any language barriers and how much knowledge the victim and other family members had concerning the criminality of the suspect's actions and available services.

Date of Homicide: 08/30/02

Victim: White Female, 42

Suspect: White Male, 51

I. CRIME

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

B. CASE SUMMARY: On the victim's birthday, August 30, 2002, she was stabbed and beaten by the suspect in the apartment they shared. Neighbors in the apartment next door heard and saw part of the attack and called police. The suspect fled prior to the arrival of the police. The victim was dead when police arrived. On September 5, 2002, the suspect was confronted by police at the same apartment. The suspect aimed a rifle at police and was shot. The suspect later died as a result of his injuries.

C. CHILDREN: None

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- | | | | |
|----|-----------|----|---|
| 1. | Victim - | a) | 08/05/01 - Victim of Domestic Violence by different perpetrator |
| | | b) | 04/03/00 - Report written - Domestic Battery by suspect - the victim was advised to go to the State Attorney's Office to file charges. The victim stated she did not want the suspect arrested. |
| | | c) | 04/08/95 - Domestic Battery - Pled No Contest/probation, community service |
| | | d) | 06/04/91 - Domestic Battery - Dropped |
| 2. | Suspect - | a) | 08/11/02 - Domestic Battery - Pled - 1 year probation, 10 days Duval County Jail, substance abuse and Batterer's Intervention Program |
| | | b) | 10/03/00 - Domestic Battery - Pled - 30 days Duval County Jail |
| | | c) | 11/30/92 - Domestic Battery - Pled - 2 days Duval County Jail (DCJ) |

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

- | | | | |
|----|----------|----|---|
| 1. | Victim - | a) | 01/17/96 - Aggravated Battery on Law Enforcement Officer - pled no contest - 9 months community control |
| | | b) | 12/20/95 - Battery on Law Enforcement Officer - pled no contest, community control |
| | | c) | 10/10/92 - Aggravated Assault - Dropped |

2. Suspect - a) 02/22/90 - Arson/Murder
Murder dropped/pled guilty to Arson - 30 months Florida State Prison

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - a) 08/11/02 - Disorderly Intoxication - Pled -15 days Duval County Jail
b) 12/29/01 - Sale of Alcohol - Pled - 20 days Duval County Jail
c) 11/05/00 - Disorderly Intoxication - Pled No Contest - 15 days Duval County Jail
d) 04/12/00 - Disorderly Intoxication - Pled No Contest - 30 days Duval County Jail
e) 03/12/97 - Disorderly Intoxication - Pled Guilty - 1 day Duval County Jail
f) 10/25/97 - DUI - pled guilty - fine/10 days Duval County Jail
g) 11/06/95 - Disorderly Intoxication - Pled No Contest - 2 days Duval County Jail
h) 10/17/94 - DUI - pled no contest - 180 days probation
i) 03/06/94 - Disorderly Intoxication - Pled Guilty - 1 day Duval County Jail
j) 09/03/93 - Drinking in Public - Pled Guilty - 2 days Duval County Jail
2. Suspect - a) 08/06/99 - DUI
b) 11/04/88 - DUI - Pled Guilty - 180 days probation

III. CIVIL

- A. Victim - a) 02/28/02 - Baker Act due to suicide threats
b) 09/01/01 - Baker Act due to suicide threats
c) 04/10/99 - Baker Act due to suicide threats
- B. Suspect - No record

IV. SERVICES

- A. Victim - a) Community mental health services
- B. Suspect - a) Ordered to complete batterer's intervention program and substance abuse treatment.

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Several close friends of the suspect stated they knew this would happen and the suspect had talked about committing suicide in the past.

The suspect was arrested for domestic batteries on two previous occasions but was not ordered to a batterer's intervention program.

PATTERNS/2002 ONLY

GENDER

- 4 males killed female partners; in one case the victim's 16 year old daughter was killed as well
- 1 male killed his stepfather

RACE

- Victims
 - 5 White
 - 1 Black
- Suspects
 - 3 White
 - 1 Black

RELATIONSHIP

- 1 not married and co-habiting
- 2 not married and separated
- 1 divorced but co-habiting
- 1 non-intimate - son killed stepfather

METHOD

- 6 gunshot wounds
- 1 stabbed and beaten

CHILDREN

- In one case there were four children present; one of the children was killed (16 year old female)

CRIMINAL HISTORY - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Victims
 - 1 female with two domestic violence and one other violence arrest
 - 1 female with a murder arrest
- Suspect
 - 1 male with three domestic violence arrests

INJUNCTIONS AND OTHER CIVIL

- No Injunctions
- 1 couple divorced but living together

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

- 1 report against victim and suspect for neglect
- 1 report against suspect

SHELTER SERVICES

- No record of services

HARK

- No record of HARK

INTERVENTION

- Suspects
 - 1 male ordered to Batterer's Intervention but had not enrolled

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

- Victims
 - 1 female with two DUI's
- Suspects
 - 1 male with two DUI's
 - 1 male with seven substance abuse arrests and no treatment

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

- No record of mental health issues

**PATTERNS DATE (1997 - 2002)
(73 MONTHS, Includes December 1996)**

**66 Cases (53 of these Intimate Cases)
74 Murders (59 of these Intimate Murders)
16 Suicides**

GENDER

Intimate homicides

- 37 males killed their female partners resulting in 43 murders
 - 1 also killed the wife's boyfriend
 - 1 also killed his grown daughter and son-in-law
 - 1 also killed his ex-girlfriend's minor daughter and current boyfriend
 - 1 also killed his ex-girlfriend
- 14 women killed their male partners
 - in one case the current boyfriend is also a suspect
- 2 men killed same sex partners
- 1 man killed former girlfriend's current boyfriend

Non-Intimate homicides

- 9 men killed other family members resulting in 11 murders
- 2 women killed other family members resulting in 2 murders
- 2 men killed ex-partner's current boyfriend resulting in 2 murders (intimate partners were injured but not killed)

Homicide Suicides

- 13 men committed suicide
- 3 women committed suicide

RACE

- Victims
 - 45 white
 - 26 black
 - 2 Asian
 - 1 Hispanic
- Suspects
 - 40 white
 - 25 black
 - 1 Asian

RELATIONSHIP

53 cases with 59 victims involved intimate relationships

- 22 married and co-habiting
- 5 married and separated
- 17 not married and co-habiting
- 8 not married and not co-habiting
- 1 divorced but co-habiting

13 cases with 15 victims involved non-intimate relationships

- 6 males killed parents/step-parents/grandparents
 - 2 cases where son killed both parents
 - 1 case where son killed mother
 - 1 case where son killed father
 - 1 case where step-son killed step-father
 - 1 case where grandson killed grandmother
- 2 males killed children/step-children
 - 1 case where step-father killed step-son
 - 1 case where step-father killed step-daughter
- 1 male killed his brother
- 2 males killed boyfriend of ex-partner*
- 1 female killed her son
- 1 female killed her brother

* Though the relationship does not fit the definition in statute for domestic violence, the committee counted these cases in our study since they happened during an attack on an intimate partner. In both cases, the intimate partner was injured but not killed.

METHOD

- 41 gunshot wounds
- 17 knife wounds
 - 1 was also suffocation
 - 1 was also beaten
- 8 strangulations
- 3 blunt trauma
- 1 thrown off bridge
- 1 died of a heart attack during the crime
- 1 rectal trauma
- 1 bombing
- 1 hit by car

CHILDREN

- 25 cases had children. In 16 of these cases, the children were present during the homicide. All were intimate cases.
 - In one case victim's 16 year old daughter was killed
 - In one case victim's 16 year old sister was killed

CRIMINAL HISTORY - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Victims
 - 16 male victims had prior arrest(s) for domestic violence
 - 1 male victim named as domestic violence suspect by different victim
 - 5 female victims had prior arrest(s) for domestic violence
- Suspects
 - 14 male suspects had prior arrest(s) for domestic violence
 - 1 male suspect named as domestic violence suspect by different victim
 - 3 female suspects had prior arrest(s) for domestic violence
 - 1 male suspect had prior arrest(s) for violent crimes

INJUNCTIONS

- Victims
 - 4 females had Injunctions in place
 - 2 reported violations
 - 1 female had a prior Injunction

- 3 females had Temporary Injunctions dismissed for failure to appear
- 1 female had Injunction against husband's girlfriend
- Suspects
 - 1 male respondent of an Injunction
 - 1 male was a respondent of an Injunction as part of divorce

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

- Victims
 - 3 females had child neglect reports against them
 - 1 female had a child abuse report against her
- Suspects
 - 3 males had child neglect reports against them
 - 4 males had child abuse reports against them

SHELTER SERVICES

- Victims
 - 3 female victims stayed briefly in shelter years before homicide
 - 4 female victims were provided court advocacy services (2 of these were sheltered above)
- Suspects
 - 1 female suspect went through domestic violence education class

HARK

- 2 HARK referrals even though children were living in the home in 25 of the cases and actually present and/or witnessed the homicide in 16 of the cases.

INTERVENTION

- 6 male suspects ordered into Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP)
- 3 male victims were ordered into BIP as a result of DV arrests
- 1 suspect ordered to marriage counseling as part of injunction
- 1 male victim ordered to generic counseling for previous domestic battery
- 4 male victims ordered as part of earlier domestic violence cases to anger management

ALCOHOL/DRUG USE

Police reports indicate alcohol or drug use at time of homicide by 9 victims and 8 suspects

- 23 cases noted suspects had a substance abuse history

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

- 11 cases noted mental health issues with suspects

CONCLUSIONS

(1997-2002)

There has been a significant decrease in the number of domestic homicides over the past three years. The committee feels confident, based on the consistent three year decrease, that we can attribute this to improved community collaborations, primarily the Intimate Violence Enhanced Services Team (INVEST), and the Center for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. INVEST specifically targets and intervenes in families at high risk for a homicide. The Center provides a single location for victims to seek a variety of remedies such as injunctions, seeking criminal prosecution, and receiving other services. The City of Jacksonville has been proactive in seeking funding for these collaborations.

Each of the following collaborative partners plays a vital role in our community's response to domestic violence. Hubbard House provides safety planning, shelter, court advocacy, and other services to victims of domestic violence. The Clerk's office interviews victims and files injunction paperwork. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office issues and serves arrest warrants in a timely manner, conducts proactive investigations, and provides the officers for INVEST. The State Attorney's Office provides training to law enforcement, increased victim services through a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant, and aggressively prosecutes both misdemeanor and felony domestic violence crimes. Additionally, the Judiciary has improved batterer accountability on both criminal and civil cases. In criminal cases, the time period allowed to enroll in a certified batterer's intervention program (BIP) has decreased from thirty to fifteen days. In civil cases, at the time an injunction is granted, there are two follow up dates set within a seventy-five day period to insure compliance with relief granted. The Salvation Army misdemeanor probation department immediately notifies the Judiciary with any issues of non-compliance in domestic violence cases. All these groups participate in the Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP) to improve the Criminal Justice System and our community's response to domestic violence.

The committee has noted several mental health issues in our reviews. Many suspects talked with family, friends, and co-workers about suicide before the murders. Depression and suicidal ideations are clearly red flags and lethality indicators in cases of domestic violence. More community awareness about mental health issues and appropriate intervention is needed.

The committee is still concerned that not enough batterers are ordered into statutorily mandated state certified batterer's intervention programs (BIP). It is imperative for the justice system to hold batterers accountable. Local statistics show ninety percent of batterers who complete the above program are not rearrested in a three year period.

Children were present in several cases. Two children were killed during acts of domestic violence. The committee believes community agencies need to be proactive in referring children to the Helping At Risk Kids (HARK) program. HARK, a Hubbard House program, provides age appropriate intervention and safety planning for children who witness domestic violence. Approximately five hundred local children attended the HARK program in 2002, yet police reports indicate approximately 5,000 children were living in homes with domestic violence.

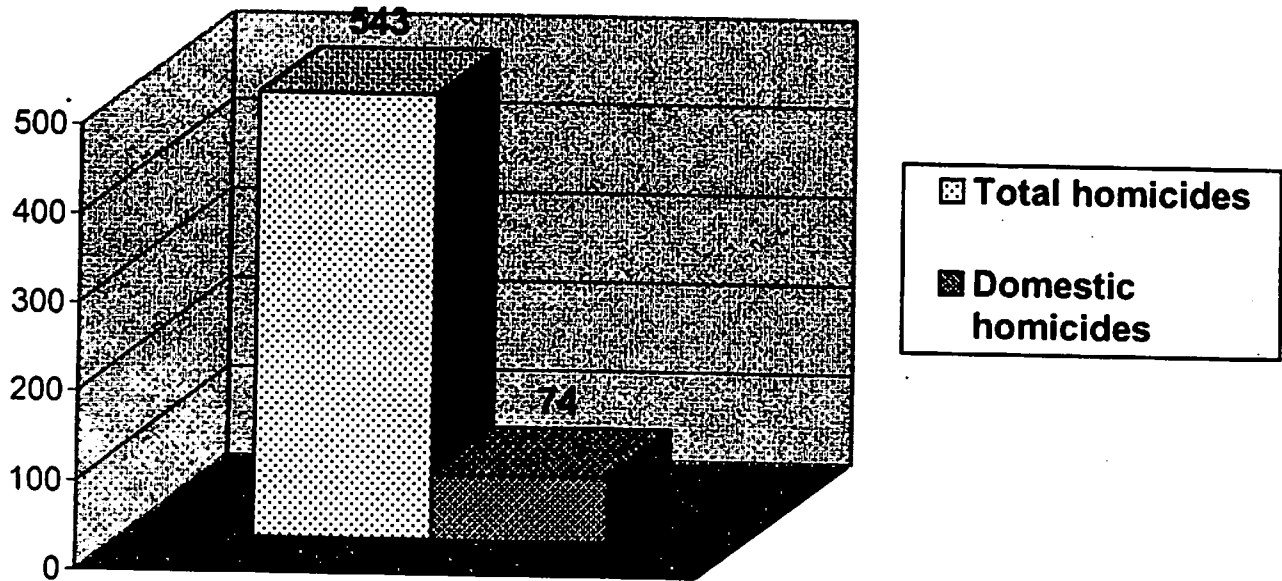
In addition to improvements in our local justice response to domestic violence, our committee continues to advocate for a public awareness campaign with the following goals: 1) educating people on domestic violence; 2) encouraging victims to seek assistance; 3) providing resources to family, friends, and neighbors so they can offer increased support to victims; and 4) recognizing that every incident of domestic violence is potentially lethal. Ultimately, the goal is to make domestic violence in any form socially unacceptable.

GRAPHS

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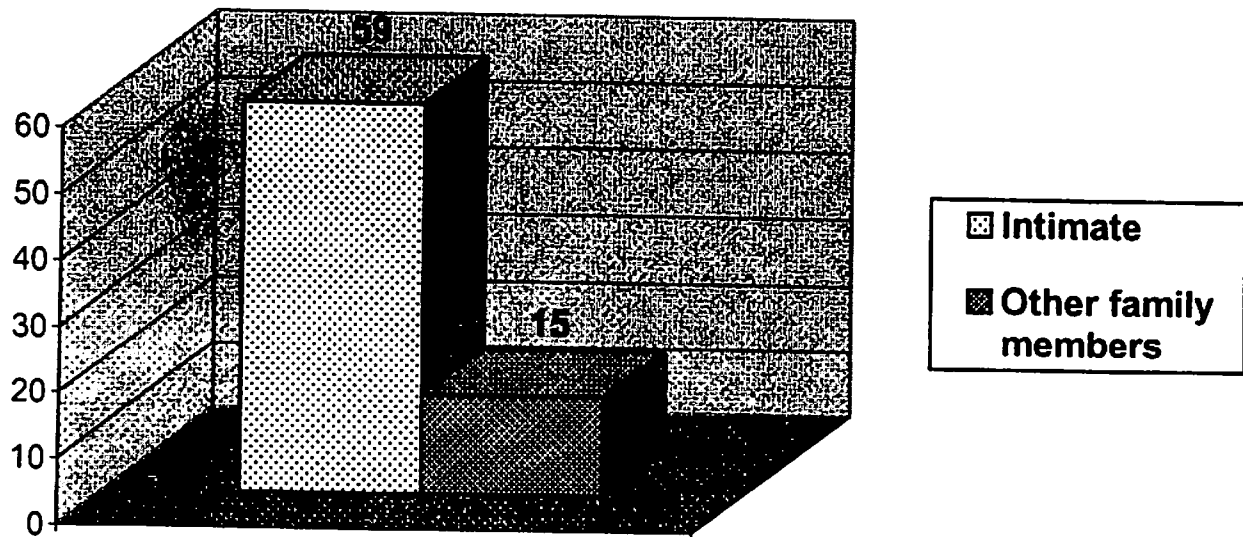
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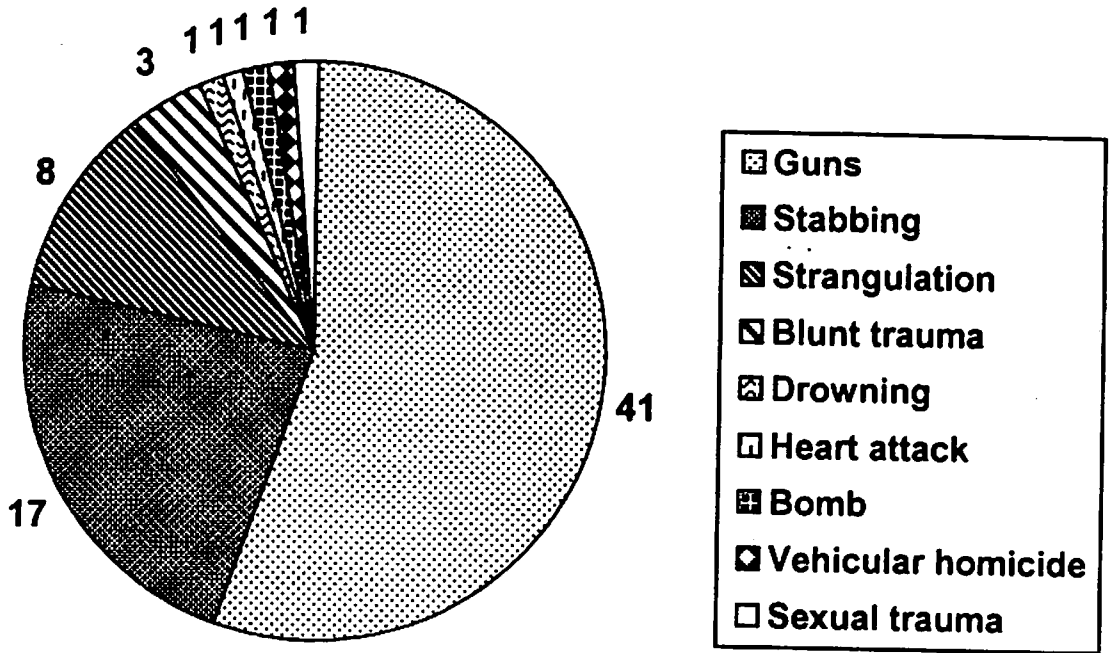


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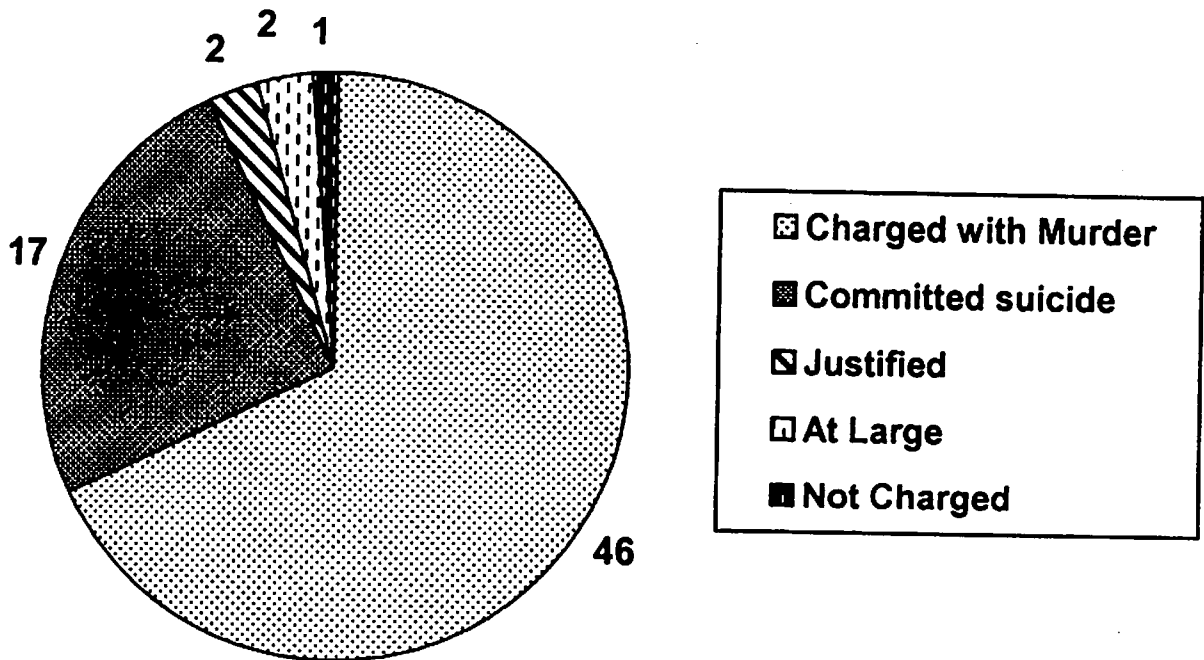
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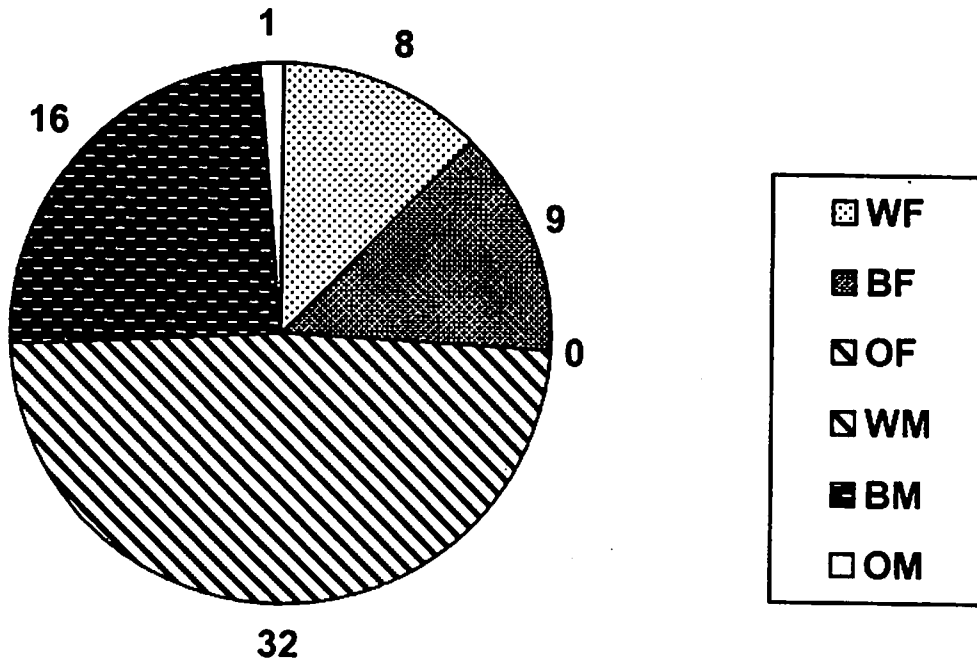
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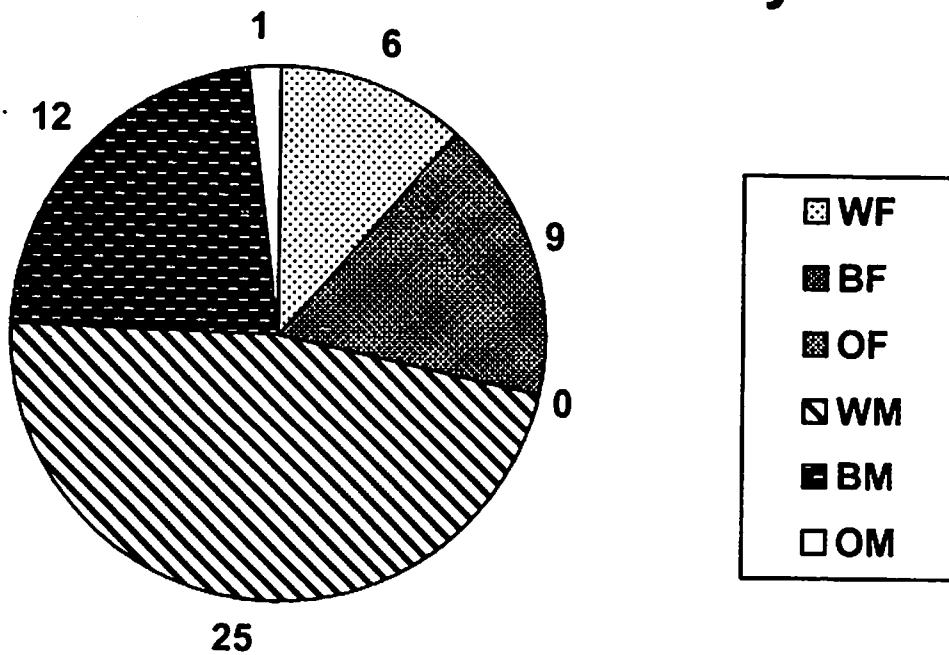
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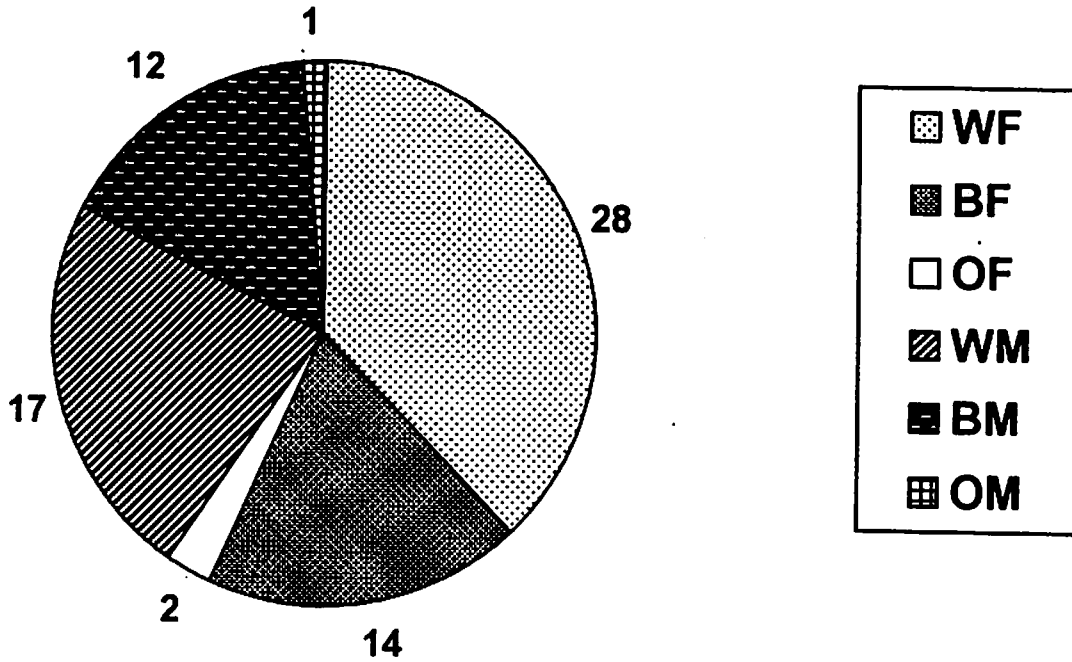
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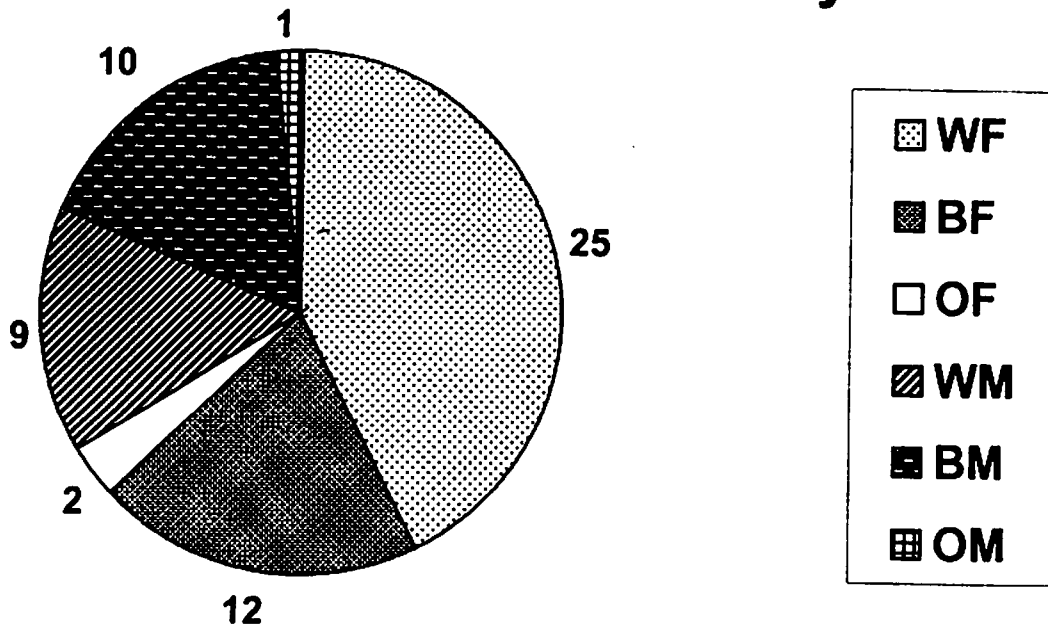
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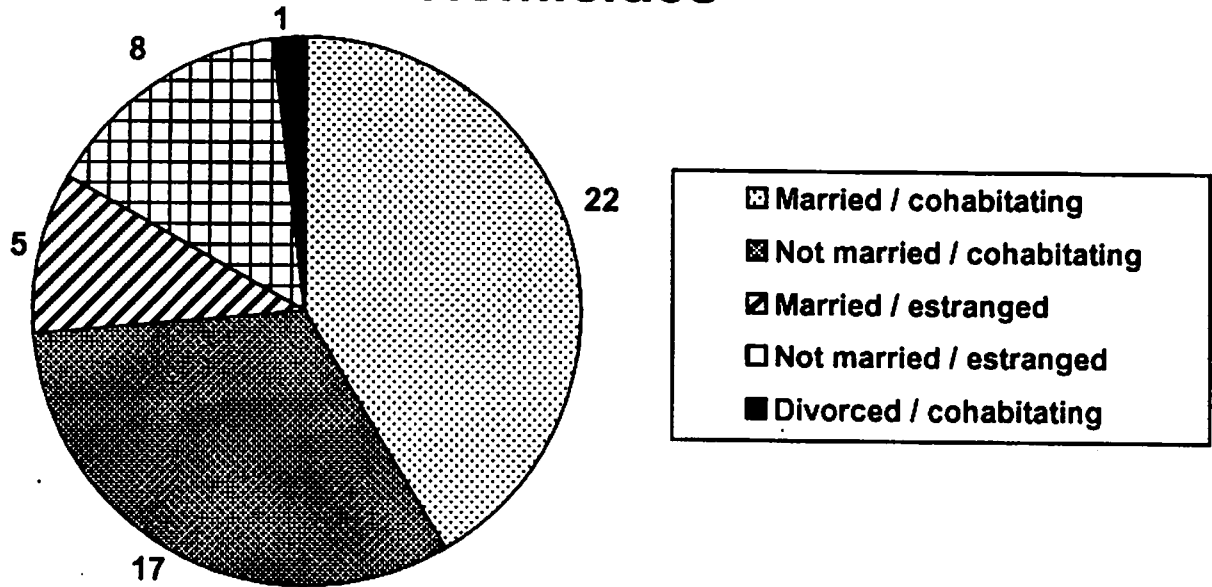
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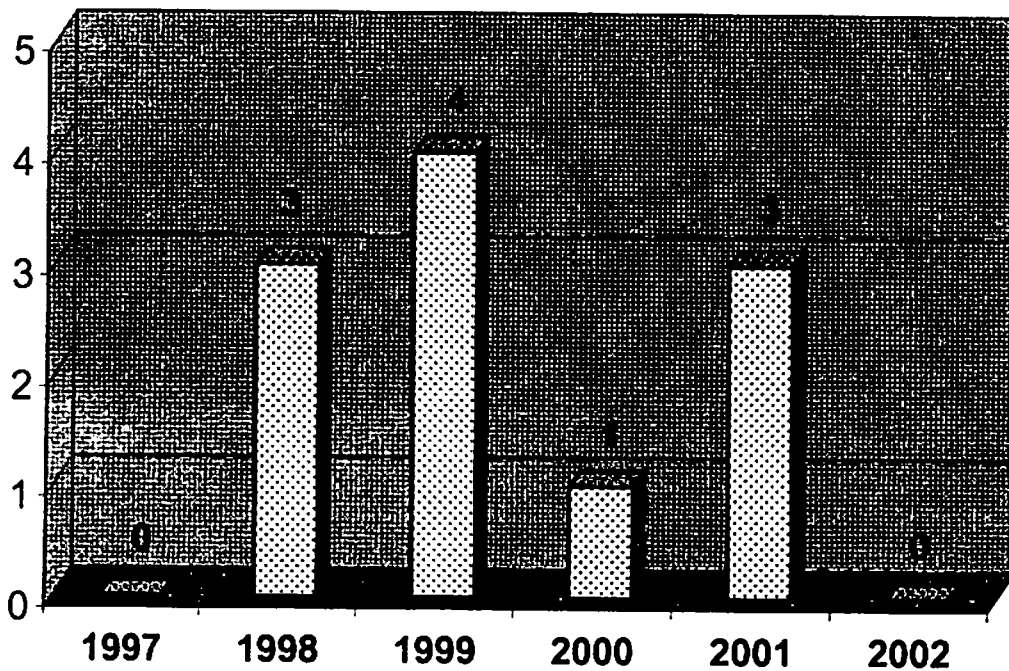
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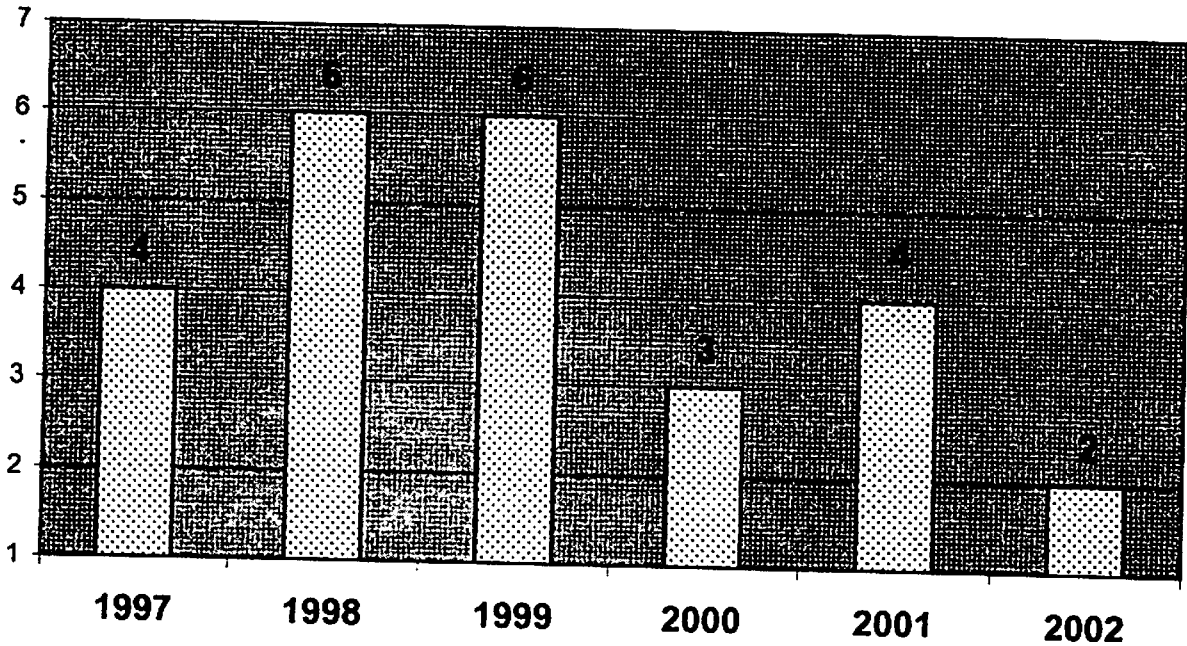
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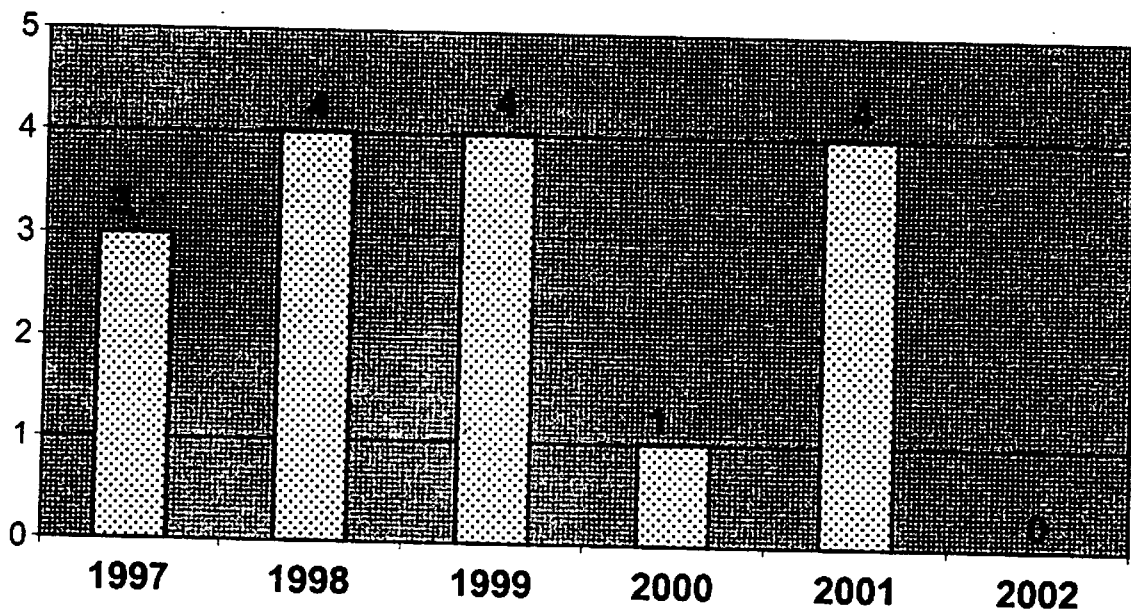
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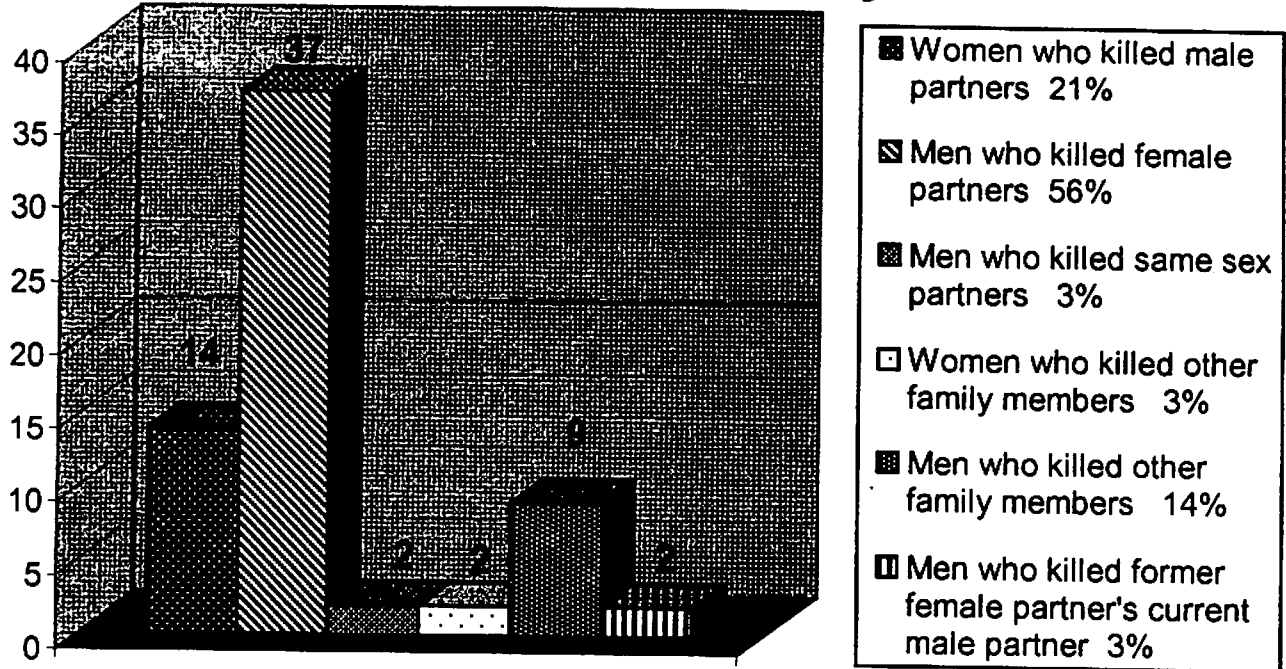
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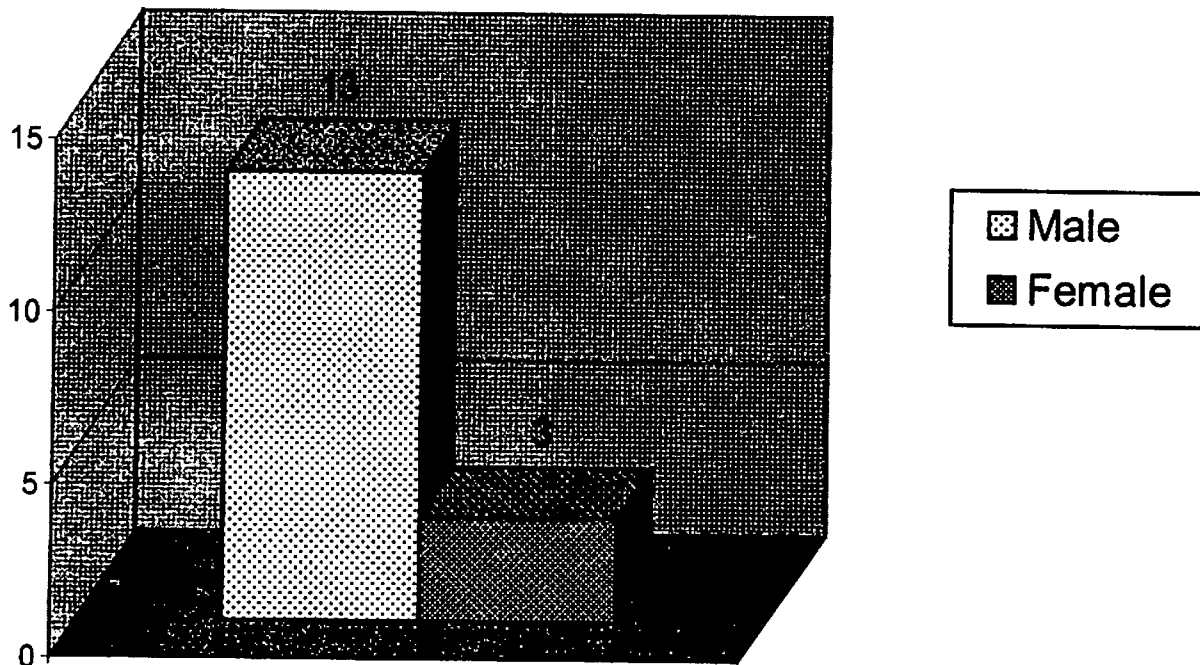
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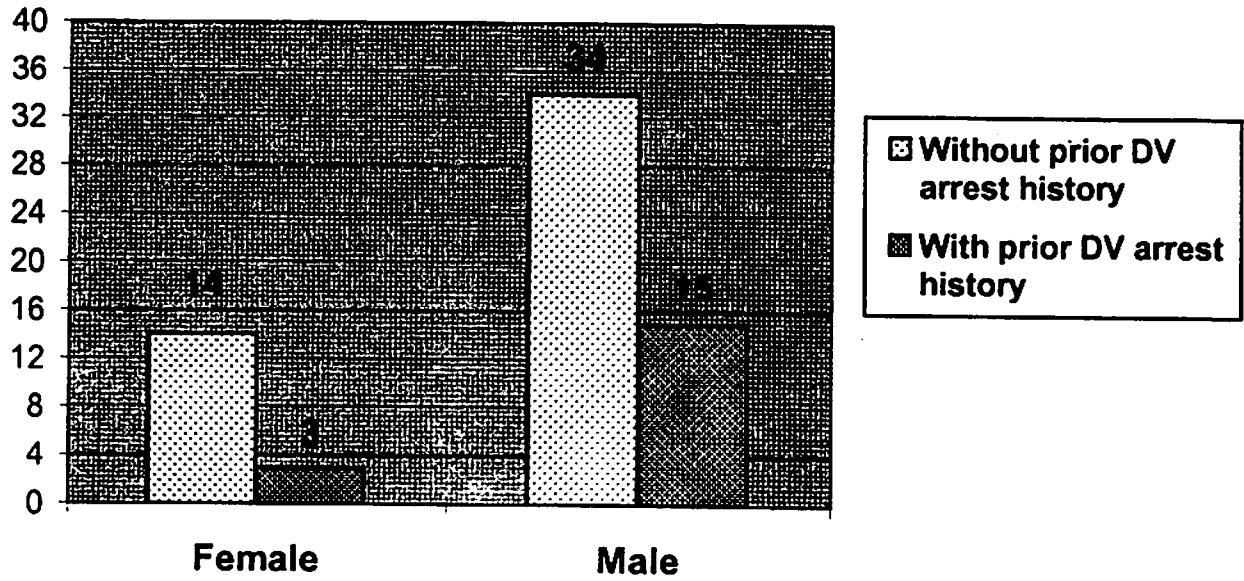
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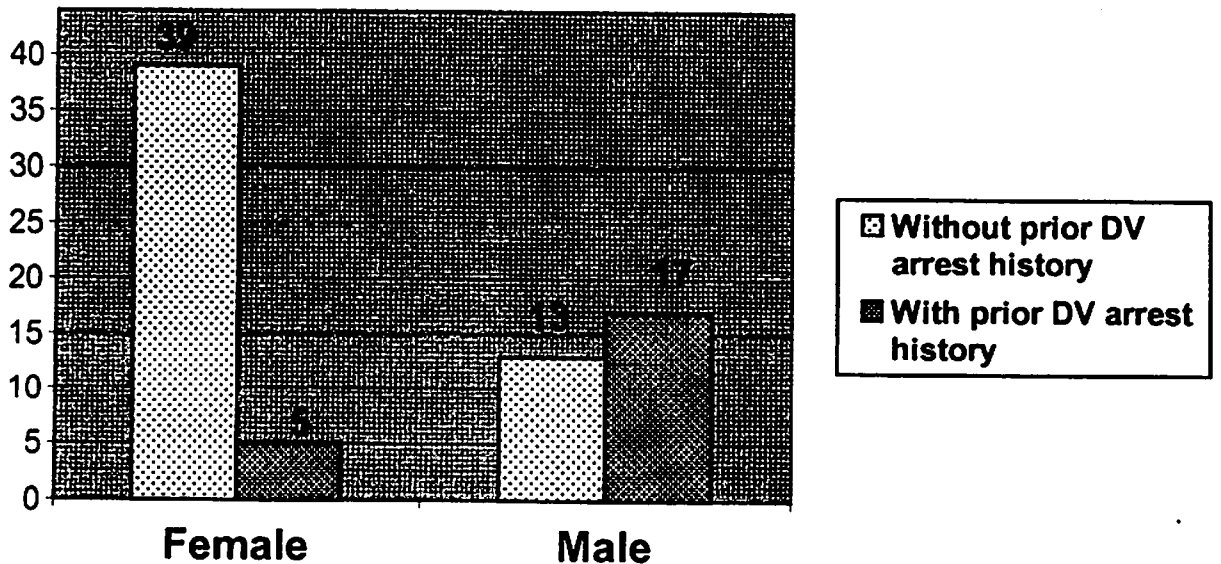
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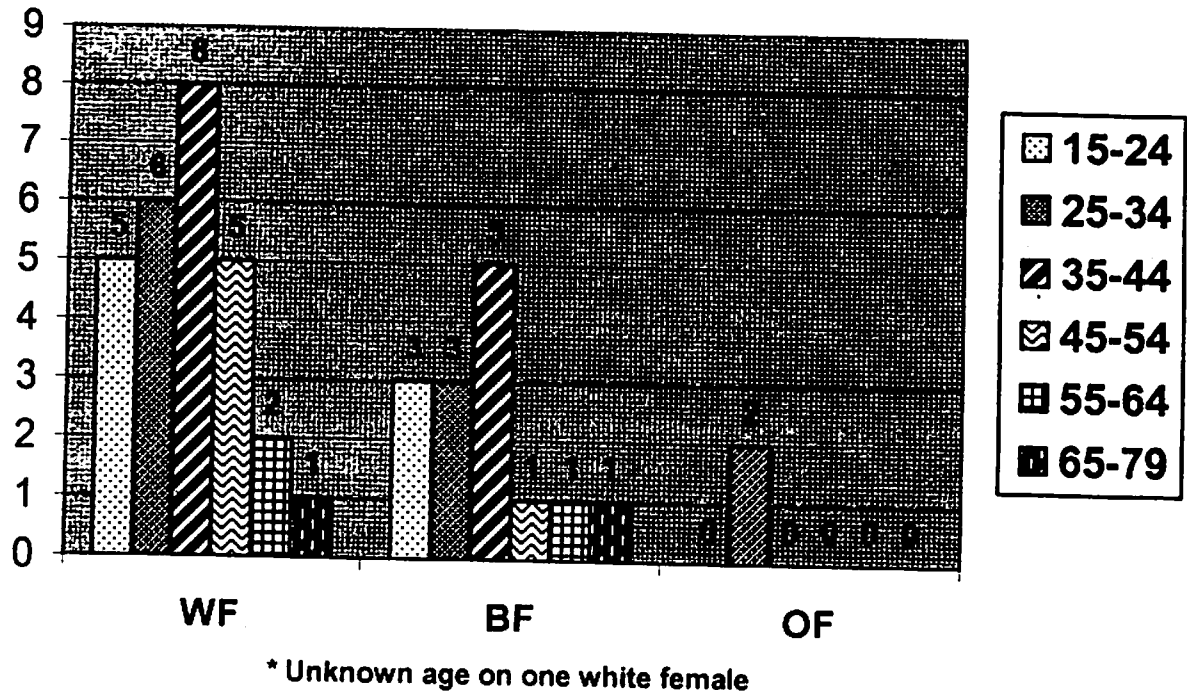
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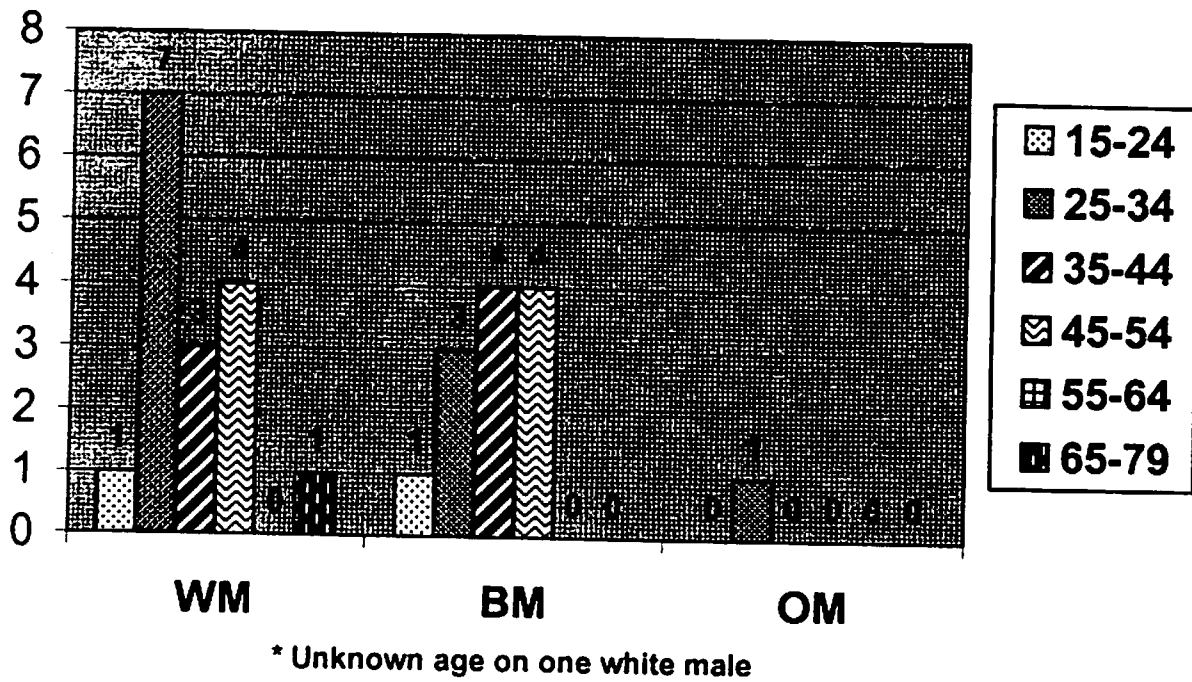
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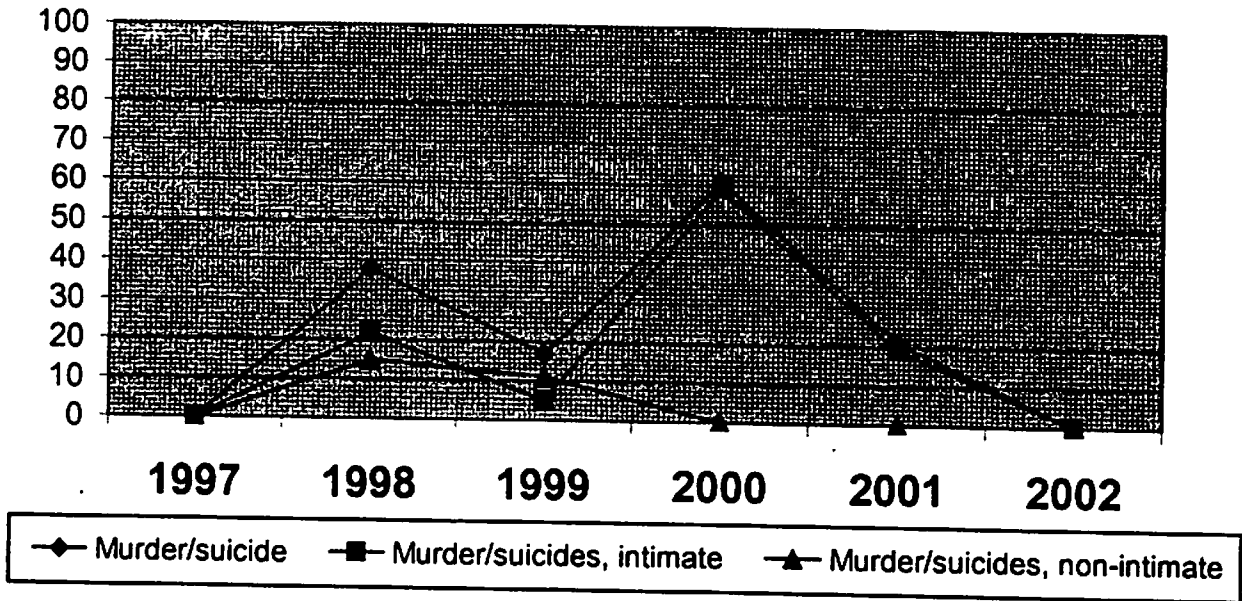
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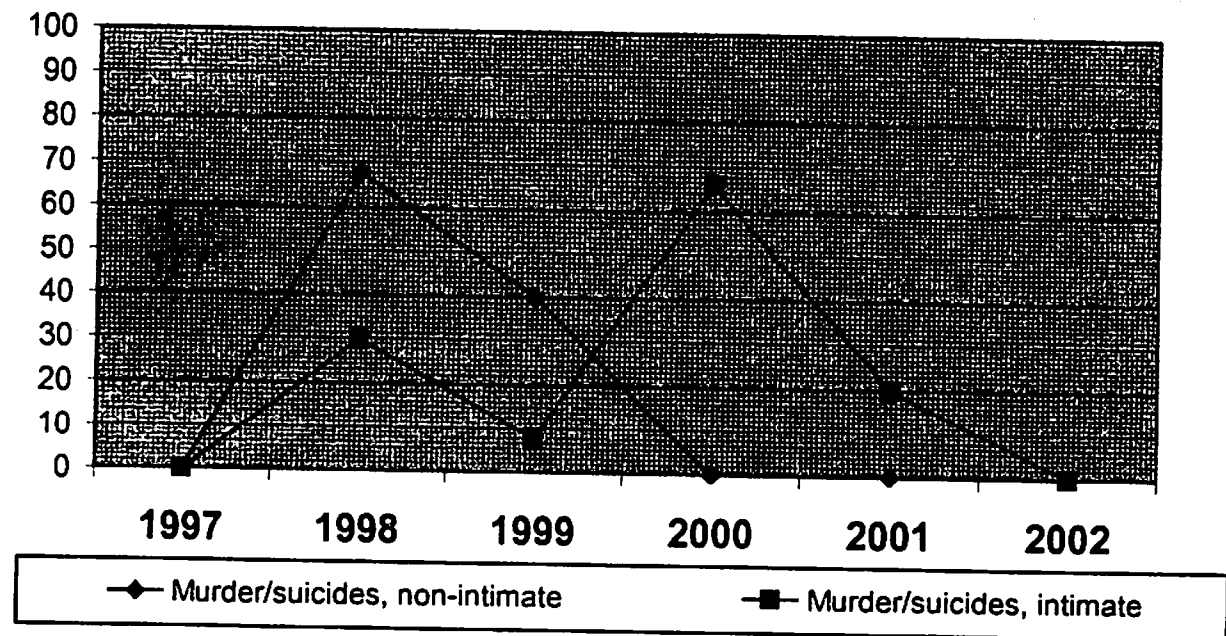
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Percentage of Total DV Homicide Cases Which Are Also Suicides



Percentage of Intimate and Non-Intimate DV Homicide Cases Which Are Also Suicides



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TEAM: DUVAL COUNTY

YEAR: 2002

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1) What are the most significant findings from your review(s)? 1) Duval County has had a significant decrease in the number of domestic violence homicides in the past three years due to improved community collaboration. 2) The committee noted several mental health issues involving batterers without significant intervention. 3) The committee found batterers were not always mandated to attend state certified batterer's intervention programs, and ninety percent of the children who witnessed domestic violence received no intervention.

2) What changes in policy or procedure (if any) was made as a result of your review? It is too soon for changes from this review. As a result of previous reviews, there has been increased collaboration by agencies and other community partners who provide specialized services to victims of domestic violence and who have required increased accountability for batterers.

2a) Where did they occur? The criminal and civil justice system.

2b) How were they implemented (e.g., formal written policy, memo of understanding, or by formal agreement)? Through collaborative committees, interagency agreements, memorandums of understanding, and changes to written policy and procedures.

3) What change(s) in law, policy or procedure (if any) does your team recommend for consideration at the state level? 1) Increased funding for domestic violence issues; 2) mandated judicial training; 3) stricter laws requiring batterers to be sentenced to a certified batterer's intervention program.

4) Additional comments or concerns? 1) Funding should be provided for the domestic violence mortality committees. 2) The state data submission form should be simplified.

APPENDIX B
1997 PATTERNS

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1997 PATTERNS

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 in the Batterers' Intervention Program and one appears to have completed the program. No male suspects were ordered in a batterers' intervention program and thus none completed one.

APPENDIX C
1998 PATTERNS

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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 attend a batterers' intervention program two years prior to the murder; he was violated for failure to enroll. Another male suspect was ordered to attend a batterers' 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.

APPENDIX D
1999 PATTERNS

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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. Two men attempted suicide after their incarceration.

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 and drowned.

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 their failure to appear. One male suspect was the respondent of an injunction, and one male suspect 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, yet 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 Batterers' Intervention. One male completed Batterers' Intervention, but later killed his mother. One male suspect was ordered to attend Batterers' 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.

APPENDIX E
2000 PATTERNS

APPENDIX F
2001 PATTERNS

APPENDIX F

2001 PATTERNS

GENDER

Seventy percent (70%) of the homicides were committed by men who killed their female partners, resulting in nine homicides as one man also murdered his daughter and son-in-law. Two (20%) of the cases were committed by women who killed their male partners (in one of the cases, a male boyfriend is also a suspect). One man (10%) killed his former girlfriend's current boyfriend. Two suspects committed suicide.

RACE

Nine of the victims were white and three were black. Five of the suspects were white, and six were black.

RELATIONSHIP

Five (50%) of the cases involved parties who were married and co-habiting (one of these cases also involved the homicide of the daughter and son-in-law). In one case, the couple were married and separated (10%) and in one case the couple were divorced (10%). Three (30%) of the cases involved parties who were not married and were co-habiting. One case involved a former boyfriend striking his former girlfriend and killing her current boyfriend. All the cases this year involved intimate relationships, though in one case the person killed was not the one who had been in an intimate relationship.

METHOD

Three of the cases resulting in five homicides (50%) were the result of gunshot wounds, as were the two suicides. Two cases (20%) were knife wounds; one of these also involved blunt trauma and burns. In addition, one case involved blunt trauma; one was a bombing; and one case involved hitting the victim with a car.

CHILDREN

Three of the cases (30%) reported the presence of children during the homicide.

**CRIMINAL HISTORY - DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

Three male suspects and one female suspect had a prior arrest for domestic violence.

INJUNCTIONS

One female victim had an injunction.

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

One victim and two suspects were named in child abuse reports.

SHELTER SERVICES

One victim stayed in shelter services and received court advocacy services.

HARK

There was one HARK referral. Six children were present during the homicides. As to three children, it is unknown if they were present.

INTERVENTION

One suspect was ordered to complete a batterer's intervention program but failed to do so.

**ALCOHOL/DRUG
ABUSE**

There were two victims with a history of illegal drug arrests. Three victims had a history of alcohol-related arrests. One suspect had a history of alcohol-related arrests; two suspects had a history of illegal drug arrests and one suspect had both alcohol and drug-related arrests.