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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, 2005. This committee does not examine child abuse homicides as there is a child death review team.

The following report outlines the facts of the eight incidents of domestic homicide in 2005 which resulted in eight 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 domestic homicide incidents resulting in homicide victims between December 1, 1996, and December 31, 2005.

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

Date of Homicide: 04/29/2005

Victim: Black male, 42

Suspect: Black male, 21

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Father/Son

B. CASE SUMMARY: The victim and his oldest son had a poor relationship and had not spoken in 4 years. On 04/29/05, the suspect and victim had an argument at the home of the victim's former wife. The suspect left and came back with an assault rifle. He shot the victim several times. The suspect was arrested and the case is still pending.

C. CHILDREN: The victim had two sons ages 16 and 21, by his first wife. The 21 year old is the suspect and the 16 year old was at the home at the time of the murder. Victim had a 3rd child by a girlfriend and a 4th child by his 3rd wife.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim -
 - a) 05/08/04 - An arrest warrant was requested for Child Abuse (victim was 16 year old son) not prepared - improbability of conviction.
 - b) 11/07/95 - Aggravated Domestic Battery v Pregnant Female (victim was his former girlfriend, mother of his 3rd child). Adjudication Withheld; 12 months probation; no victim contact; complete Batterers' Intervention Program.
 - c) 03/23/90 - Aggravated Domestic Battery-not filed per victim's request (victim was his 1st wife, mother of children listed in section I).
2. Suspect - None

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - None
2. Suspect - None

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - None
2. Suspect - None

III. CIVIL

A. Victim -

- a) Date unknown - Victim married 3rd wife. They were living together in 2003. She became pregnant and they married at some point after that.
- b) 09/02/02 - Victim filed for Dissolution of Marriage from 2nd wife. It was granted on 01/03/03. No children.
- c) 07/28/99 - Girlfriend (mother of 3rd child) filed Injunction for Protection. It was granted.
- d) 05/03/96 - Girlfriend (mother of 3rd child) filed for child support. Case still active through 04/11/05.
- e) 11/03/95 - Girlfriend (mother of 3rd child) filed for Temporary Injunction for Protection. It was granted.
- f) 07/21/92 - Dissolution of Marriage granted from 1st wife. This case was active for child support and visitation issues through 10/0/04.
- g) 01/17/91 - 1st wife granted an Injunction for Protection.

B. Suspect - None

IV. SERVICES

A. Victim - None known

B. Suspect - None known

V. OTHER CONCERNS

There is a documented history of domestic violence.

Date of Homicide: 05/02/05

Victim: Black Female, 44

Suspect: Black Male, 46

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Ex-Husband/Wife

B. CASE SUMMARY: The suspect and victim are ex-husband and wife but were still living in the same home because the suspect would not leave and was attempting to fight the final Dissolution of Marriage. On 05/02/05, police were called to a disturbance. Upon arrival, the suspect stated to officers that he had killed her and that she was in the back room. Upon checking the bedroom, the victim was observed laying naked on the bedroom floor, stabbed to death. The suspect subsequently confessed to killing his wife. Investigation revealed the suspect snuck back into the house during the night after he had been served with an Injunction and told to leave by police. The suspect caught the victim by surprise in bed and began to attack her with a knife. The victim struggled, as there were defensive wounds, but ultimately was brutally stabbed numerous times in the neck and chest area. The suspect has been convicted of 1st degree murder and has been sentenced to life in prison.

C. CHILDREN: None

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - None known
2. Suspect - None known

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - No record
2. Suspect - In South Carolina:
 - a) 9/13/86 - Assault and Battery / Disorderly Conduct-Pled- Court costs
 - b) 11/23/79 - Aggravated Battery with Intent to Kill (male victim) - Pled- 5 years suspended sentence- 3 years probation

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - None known
2. Suspect - In South Carolina:
 - a) 6/25/91 - Driving Under Influence-Pled- Court costs
 - b) 11/17/86 - Driving Under Influence- Pled- Court costs
 - c) 12/21/85 - Violation of beverage container- Pled- Court costs

In Georgia:

d) 1/17/05 - Driving Under Influence-disposition unknown

III. CIVIL

A. Victim - 4/26/05 - Temporary Injunction for Protection-Final Hearing set for 5/9/05

B. Suspect - 4/26/05 - Temporary Injunction for Protection-Current victim-Final Hearing set for 5/9/05

4/21/05 - Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage

IV. SERVICES

A. Victim - None known

B. Suspect - None known

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Based on information provided by co-workers and a neighbor of the victim, there was a history of domestic violence but the victim had not reported or sought services until she received the injunction in April of 2005.

Date of Homicide: 05/28/05

Victim: White Female, 19

Suspect: White Male, 43

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Brother-in-law/Sister-in-law

B. CASE SUMMARY: The suspect went to victim's home to confront her about a sexual abuse allegation she had made against him. During this confrontation, he strangled the victim. He also stabbed her several times in the neck. He drove home and walked over to a neighbor who is a JSO officer and confessed to killing the victim. The suspect pled guilty and is serving a 40 year sentence.

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

A. Victim - 04/22/05 - Dissolution of Marriage

B. Suspect - 1991 - Dissolution of Marriage

IV. SERVICES

A. Victim - None known

B. Suspect - None known

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Date of Homicide: 09/05/05

Victim: Black Male, 27

Suspect: Black Female, 25

I. CRIME

- A. RELATIONSHIP: Boyfriend/Girlfriend
- B. CASE SUMMARY: Police were called to the residence of the suspect. Upon arrival, they found the victim lying in front of the apartment bleeding from a stab wound to the chest. The victim was transported to Shands Hospital, where he later died from the injury. The victim and suspect had been living together on and off for the past few months. According to the suspect, after a brief argument, she stabbed the victim one time in the chest. Police report indicates suspect stated she was defending herself but "her confession did not match the physical evidence at the scene". However, after thorough investigation, the State made the decision not to charge the suspect with any crime.
- C. CHILDREN: The suspect has two female children, a 3 year old and 2 month old. Both were present at time of incident, but were asleep. They are not the children of the victim.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

- A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
1. Victim -
 - a) 11/22/02- Domestic Battery against former girlfriend (not suspect)-Adjudicated guilty-2 days jail and court costs
 - b) 07/16/98-Aggravated Battery v Pregnant Female against former girlfriend (not suspect)-Case not filed
 - c) 02/05/97-Aggravated Battery v Pregnant Female against a different former girlfriend (not suspect) - Case not filed
 2. Suspect - No record
- B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES
1. Victim - No record
 2. Suspect - No record
- C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS
1. Victim - 05/10/03-Possession of less than 20 grams cannabis-Adjudicated guilty-2 days jail and court costs
 2. Suspect - No record

III. CIVIL

- A. Victim - 6/15/04- Ordered to pay child support for child of former girlfriend (not suspect)
- B. Suspect -
 - a) 04/19/04- Temporary Injunction for Protection against father of both her children. He was subsequently shot and killed in November of 2004 during an altercation with 2 males.
 - b) 06/10/03- Child support ordered against father of both children

IV. SERVICES

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

V. OTHER CONCERNS

There are no domestic violence reports between the suspect and victim. However, according to the police reports from the homicide, family and neighbors stated they fought all the time. The suspect's 3 year old daughter disclosed constant fighting between them when she was interviewed by the Child Protection Team after the homicide. A further concern is that they both had been in violent relationships with former paramours in the past and there was extensive police and court involvement. It was a continuing type of behavior for both the suspect and victim and may not have been reported to police during the course of their relationship because neither wanted to be involved with police or court system as they had been in the past. The suspect also may not have reported the domestic violence with victim because she may have felt it would do no good. She had been involved in a violent relationship for years with the father of her two children and the violence only ended when he was killed in 2004 (he had an active arrest warrant for domestic violence against her when he was killed).

Date of Homicide/Suicide: 09/10/05

Victim: White Female, 55

Suspect : White Male, 63

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Husband/Wife

B. CASE SUMMARY: The suspect and victim were husband and wife but had been separated since December, 2004. After the separation, the suspect would show up in places that the victim frequented. On Friday, September 9, 2005, the victim went out to dinner with friends. During dinner, the suspect showed up and an argument ensued. The victim left the restaurant and went to the home where she was house sitting. In the early morning hours of September 10, 2005, neighborhood security saw the suspect's car in the driveway of that home with the ignition on. At approximately 9:15 a.m., a neighbor was playing a round of golf when he noticed the suspect's car still in the driveway. The victim was scheduled to meet another neighbor at 1:15 p.m. for golf. When the victim did not show up, a neighbor went to check on her. Upon his arrival, he found the suspect and victim deceased in the garage. The victim had one gunshot wound to the left side of her face and the suspect had a gunshot wound to the head.

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

A. Victim - 4/11/05 filed for Dissolution of Marriage - Mediation set for 9/14/05

B. Suspect - a) Pending Dissolution of Marriage from victim - Mediation set for 9/14/05
 b) Baker Acted 1/10/05

IV. SERVICES

- A. Victim - None known
- B. Suspect - 1/10/05 - taken to Mental Health Resource Center

V. OTHER CONCERNS

On Monday, January 10, 2005, a police report was written when Jacksonville Sheriff's Office responded to the home. The report indicates that the suspect had a loaded .38 with the trigger cocked in his mouth and threatened to kill himself. It references that the wife and son came out of the house when police arrived. When police were able to talk the suspect out, he was Baker Acted and taken to Mental Health Resource Center.

Suspect reported as a missing person on February 24, 2005. Report indicates that he called the victim and indicated that he wanted to die because she was leaving him. He indicated that he was on the side of the road waiting for a semi truck to step in front of. Suspect also had written a letter to victim during this time blaming her for the divorce. Report cancelled February 25, 2005 when suspect called Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to say that he was OK.

Date of Homicide: 10/12/05

Victim: Black female, 23

Suspect: Black male, 28

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Boyfriend/Girlfriend

B. CASE SUMMARY: The suspect beat and strangled the victim during a domestic dispute. Their three year old son was present during the incident. After killing the victim, the suspect called rescue and fled the home with the child. He then dropped the child off with relatives and fled to Georgia. He was apprehended and brought back to Jacksonville to face homicide charges. Case is currently set for trial.

C. CHILDREN: The couple's three year old son was present in the home.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - No reports involving this suspect. The victim did have an Injunction For Protection against a former boyfriend.

2. Suspect - None known

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - No record

2. Suspect - No record

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - No record

2. Suspect -

a) 12/14/04 - Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Firearm by a Convicted Felon. This case is still pending. The suspect had been released on bond and failed to show for court. A capias had been issued and was active at the time of the homicide.

b) 07/30/04 - Possession of Cannabis-Adjudication withheld. No jail time. Court costs.

c) 06/12/02 - Possession of Cocaine-dropped.

d) 08/27/01 - Possession of Cocaine-dropped. Driving While License Suspended-Adjudicated guilty. 2 days jail.

e) 10/29/96 - Sale of Cocaine-Adjudicated guilty. 6 months jail.

III. CIVIL

A. Victim - None known

B. Suspect - None known

IV. SERVICES

A. Victim - None known

B. Suspect - None known

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Date of Homicide/Suicide: 10/18/05

Victim: Black Female, 31

Suspect: Black Male, 33

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Husband/Wife

B. CASE SUMMARY: The suspect and victim had separated three weeks prior to incident. The victim and two children had moved in with her mother. The victim took the children to school, but did not come back to her mother's home as usual. The victim's mother became concerned and, along with other family members, went to the marital home. The victim's car was at the home. When no one answered the door, the police were called. When the home was entered, the victim was found shot to death in the living room and the suspect had committed suicide in the bathroom.

C. CHILDREN: The victim had two children. They were at school at the time of the homicide.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - None known
2. Suspect - None known

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim - No record
2. Suspect -
 - a) 01/21/98-Resisting officer without violence-Adjudicated guilty-2 days jail.
 - b) 05/27/90-Armed Robbery-Adjudicated guilty-2 years consecutive to above case.

C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARRESTS

1. Victim - None known
2. Suspect: 6/1/95-Sale of Cocaine-Adjudicated guilty-6 months jail.

III. CIVIL

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

IV. SERVICES

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

V. OTHER CONCERNS

The suspect has a lengthy criminal history of burglaries and thefts in addition to those listed.

Date of Homicide: 10/23/05

Victim: Black Female, 27

Suspect: Black Male, 27

I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP: Former Boyfriend/Girlfriend

B. CASE SUMMARY: The suspect and victim have one child in common. On 10/23/05, the suspect met the victim to drop off the child after visitation. The suspect asked the victim if she was seeing anyone and started an argument with her. The suspect then shot the victim in the head 3 times. The victim died at the scene. The suspect fled but was apprehended in May of 2006. The case is ongoing.

C. CHILDREN PRESENT: The two year old child of the victim and suspect was present.

II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim - 12/2/02-arrested for Aggravated Domestic Assault in Broward County involving suspect. Disposition unknown.
2. Suspect - 08/21/05-arrested for domestic violence against victim. Adjudicated guilty. Batterers' Intervention Program, no victim contact, probation 12 months.

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 - Was granted an Injunction for Protection from the suspect on September 1, 2005. On October 4, 2005, the victim filed a Motion to Amend the Injunction asking for a no contact provision and that the Family Nurturing Center supervise visitation. The victim stated in the Motion that the suspect threatened to kill her the last time they met to transfer the child for visitation. The victim then filed a withdrawal of the request for a no contact provision.

B. Suspect - None known

IV. SERVICES

A. Victim - None known

B. Suspect - None known

IV. OTHER CONCERNS

There was a history of domestic violence going back to 2002. Even though the victim filed and was granted an injunction shortly before this homicide, she withdrew the no contact request and continued meeting the Suspect to transfer their child back and forth for visitation.

FLORIDA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAM ANNUAL SUMMARY EVALUATION

TEAM: Duval County

YEAR: 2005

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1) What are the most significant findings from your review(s)? a) There were a large number of family members who were aware of the violence but did not report. b) In 50% of the cases children were present. c) None of the children were referred to the HARK Program; and d) In 50% of the cases substance abuse was involved.

2) What changes in policy or procedure (if any) was made as a result of your review? This Committee continues to support absolute statutory compliance by sending perpetrators of domestic violence to certified BIP.

2a) Where did they occur? N/A

2b) How were they implemented (e.g., formal written policy, memo of understanding, or by formal agreement)? N/A

3) What change(s) in law, policy or procedure (if any) does your team recommend for consideration at the state level? Mandatory judicial training on issues of domestic violence and a Community Awareness Campaign to report Domestic Violence.

PATTERNS/2005 ONLY

GENDER

- 5 males killed female partners
- 1 female killed male partner
- 1 male killed father
- 1 male killed sister-in-law

RACE

- Victims
 - 2 White
 - 6 Black
- Suspects
 - 2 White
 - 6 Black

RELATIONSHIP

Intimate homicides

- 1 divorced but co-habiting
- 1 not married and co-habiting
- 2 not married and separated
- 2 married but separated

Non-Intimate homicides

- 1 man killed sister-in-law
- 1 son killed father

METHOD

- 4 gunshot wounds
- 3 stabbed
- 1 strangulation

CHILDREN

- In 4 cases there were children present

CRIMINAL HISTORY - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Victims
 - 1 female with 1 domestic violence arrest
 - 1 male with 2 domestic violence arrests
 - 1 male with three domestic violence arrests
- Suspects
 - 1 male with one domestic violence arrest

**INJUNCTIONS
AND OTHER
CIVIL
MATTERS**

- 2 Injunction petitions filed against different males
- 2 Injunctions in place against male suspect

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

- 1 child abuse report

SHELTER SERVICES

- No record

HARK

- No record of HARK

INTERVENTION

- Victim
 - 1 victim ordered Batterer's Intervention Program (current homicide was non-intimate)
- Suspect
 - 1 suspect ordered Batterer's Intervention Program (homicide occurred before completion)

**ALCOHOL/DRUG
ABUSE**

- Victims
 - 1 male with 1 substance abuse arrest
- Suspects
 - 1 male with 3 substance abuse arrests
 - 2 males with 1 substance abuse arrest
 - 1 male with 3 DUI arrests

**MENTAL HEALTH
ISSUES**

- Suspects
 - 1 male with mental health issues

PATTERNS DATE (1997 - 2005)

(109 Months, Includes December 1996)

94 Cases (74 of these Intimate Cases)
105 Murders (80 of these Intimate Murders)
21 Suicides

GENDER

Intimate homicides

- 53 males killed their female partners resulting in 61 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
 - 1 also killed his father-in-law and brother-in-law
- 19 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

- 15 men killed other family members resulting in 16 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)
- 1 man killed his infant son (intimate partner was injured but not killed)

Homicide Suicides

- 18 men committed suicide
- 3 women committed suicide

RACE

- Victims
 - 62 White
 - 39 Black
 - 3 Asian
 - 1 Hispanic
- Suspects
 - 55 White
 - 38 Black
 - 2 Asian

RELATIONSHIP

74 cases with 82 victims involved intimate relationships

- 28 married and co-habiting
- 9 married and separated
- 22 not married and co-habiting
- 13 not married and not co-habiting
- 2 divorced but co-habiting

20 cases with 23 victims involved non-intimate relationships

- 10 males killed parents/step-parents/grandparents
 - 2 cases where son killed both parents
 - 2 cases where son killed mother
 - 2 case where son killed father
 - 1 case where step-son killed step-father
 - 3 cases where grandson killed grandparent, one also killed companion
- 4 males killed children/step-children
 - 1 case where step-father killed step-son
 - 1 case where step-father killed step-daughter
 - 1 case where father killed infant son
 - 1 case where father killed adult son
- 1 male killed his brother
- 2 males killed boyfriend of ex-partner*
- 1 female killed her son
- 1 female killed her brother
- 1 male killed sister-in-law

* 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

- 56 gunshot wounds
- 25 knife wounds
 - 1 was also suffocated
 - 1 was also beaten
- 9 strangulations
- 8 blunt trauma
- 1 thrown off bridge
- 1 died of a heart attack during the crime
- 1 rectal trauma
- 1 bombing
- 1 hit by car
- 1 asphyxiation

CHILDREN

- 36 cases involved individuals with children. In 24 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
 - In one case suspect killed infant son

CRIMINAL HISTORY - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Victims
 - 20 males had prior arrest(s) for domestic violence
 - 1 male named as domestic violence suspect by different victim
 - 6 females had prior arrest(s) for domestic violence
- Suspects
 - 24 males had prior arrest(s) for domestic violence
 - 1 male had prior arrest for domestic violence against different victim
 - 4 females had prior arrest(s) for domestic violence

INJUNCTIONS

- Victims
 - 9 females had Injunctions in place
 - 2 reported violations
 - 4 females had a prior Injunction
 - 4 females had Temporary Injunctions dismissed for failure to appear
 - 1 female had Injunction against husband's girlfriend
- Suspects
 - 3 male respondents 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 male had child abuse report against him
 - 1 female had child abuse report against her
 - 1 child victim's mother had a child neglect report against her
- Suspects
 - 4 males had child neglect reports against them
 - 5 males had child abuse reports against them

SHELTER SERVICES

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

HARK

- 2 HARK referrals even though children were living in the home in 28 of the cases and actually present and/or witnessed the homicide in 19 of the cases

INTERVENTION

- Victims
 - 4 males were ordered into BIP as a result of DV arrests
 - 1 male ordered to generic counseling for previous domestic battery
 - 4 males ordered as part of earlier domestic violence cases to anger management
- Suspects
 - 11 male suspects ordered into Batterers' Intervention Program (BIP)
 - 1 suspect ordered to marriage counseling as part of Injunction
 - 1 male suspect ordered into Anger Control for previous domestic battery

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

Police reports indicate alcohol or drug use at time of homicide by 9 victims and 10 suspects

- 35 cases noted suspects had a substance abuse history

**MENTAL HEALTH
ISSUES**

- 20 cases noted mental health issues with suspects (1 of these males with three suicide attempts)

CONCLUSIONS

(1997 - 2005)

There has been a decrease in the number of intimate domestic homicides since the inception of the INVEST program at the end of 1999. In the three years prior to INVEST, there was a steady increase from eight in 1997 to thirteen in 1999. The committee feels that INVEST is important to the Jacksonville community and recommends that the collaboration of agencies through INVEST continues.

In 2004 there was a significant increase in the number of non-intimate homicides and an unusually high percentage of elderly victims. This pattern was not repeated in 2005 and may have been an anomaly.

The committee noted that in several cases family members and friends were aware of on-going domestic violence but did not alert any authorities. Without notification to any of the community agencies or law enforcement no intervention was ordered. It would be beneficial to launch a Community Awareness Campaign to stress the benefits to reporting suspected domestic violence.

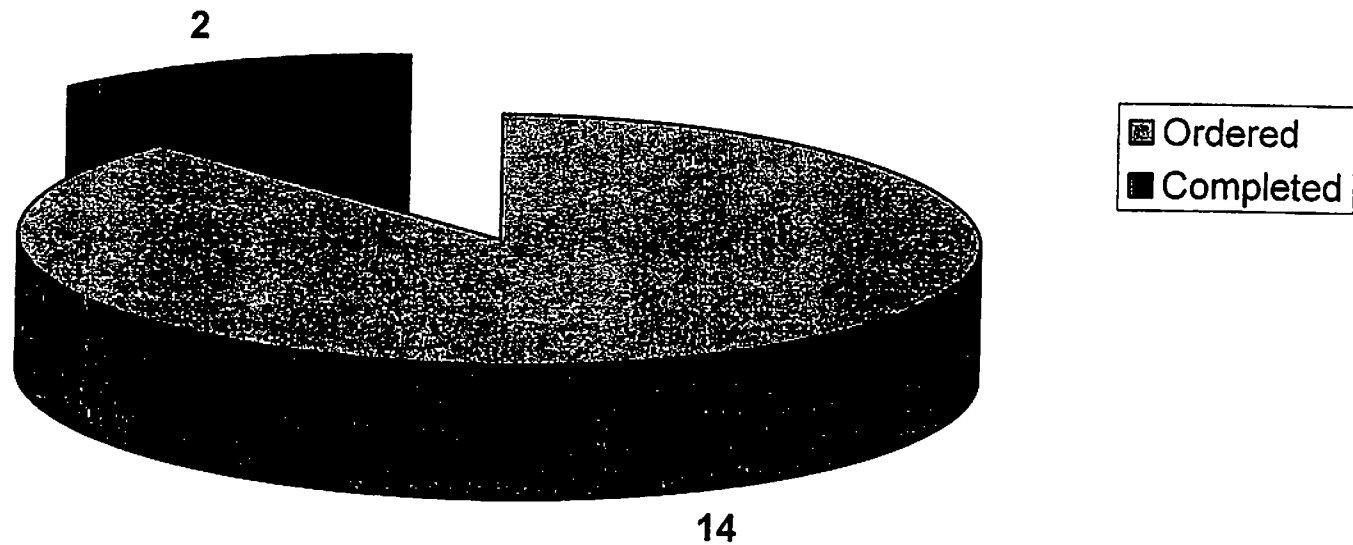
This year half of the cases involved substance abuse, which is higher than previous years.

The committee continues to be concerned that not enough batterers are ordered into statutorily mandated state certified batterers' intervention programs (BIP). BIP has clearly proven to be the most effective method we have as a community for changing perpetrators' behavior. 88% of participants who complete BIP are not re-arrested for another domestic crime for three years. (This is as long as this statistic has been tracked). Additionally, perpetrators need to be held accountable when they do not complete BIP. It would be beneficial for those working in the criminal justice system to receive more training about these programs.

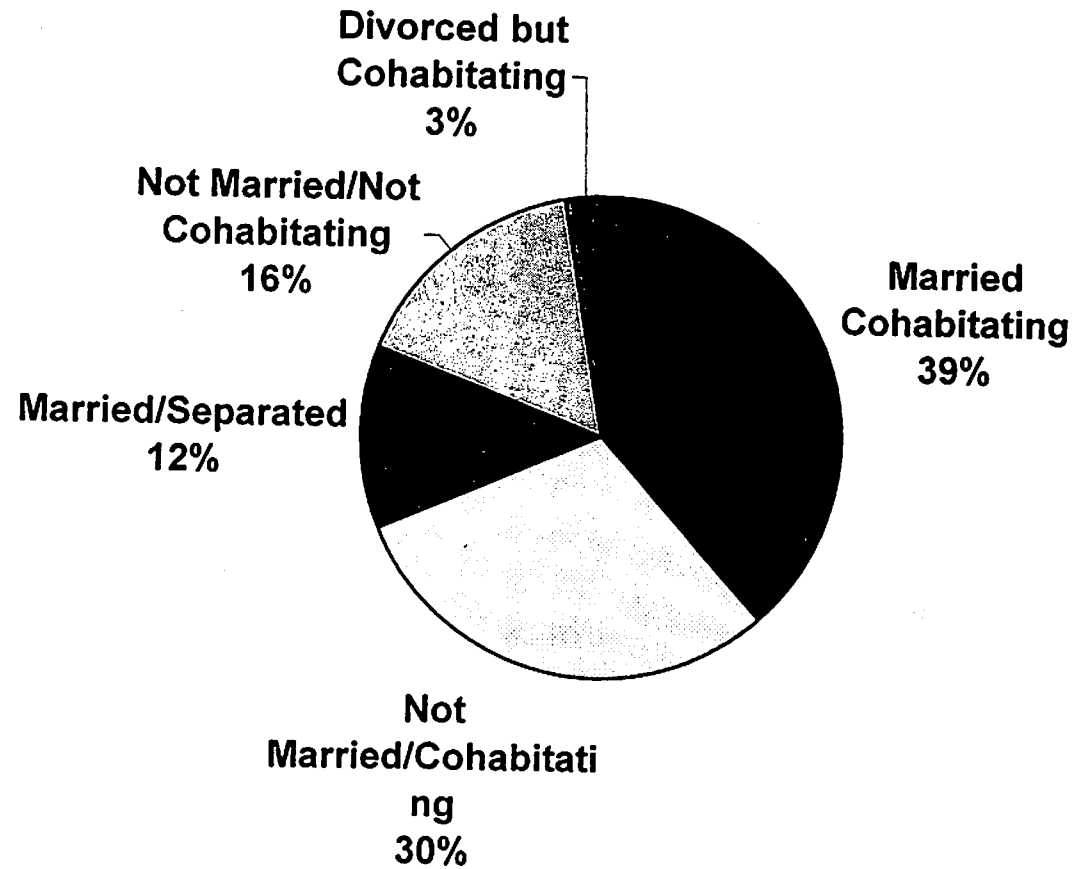
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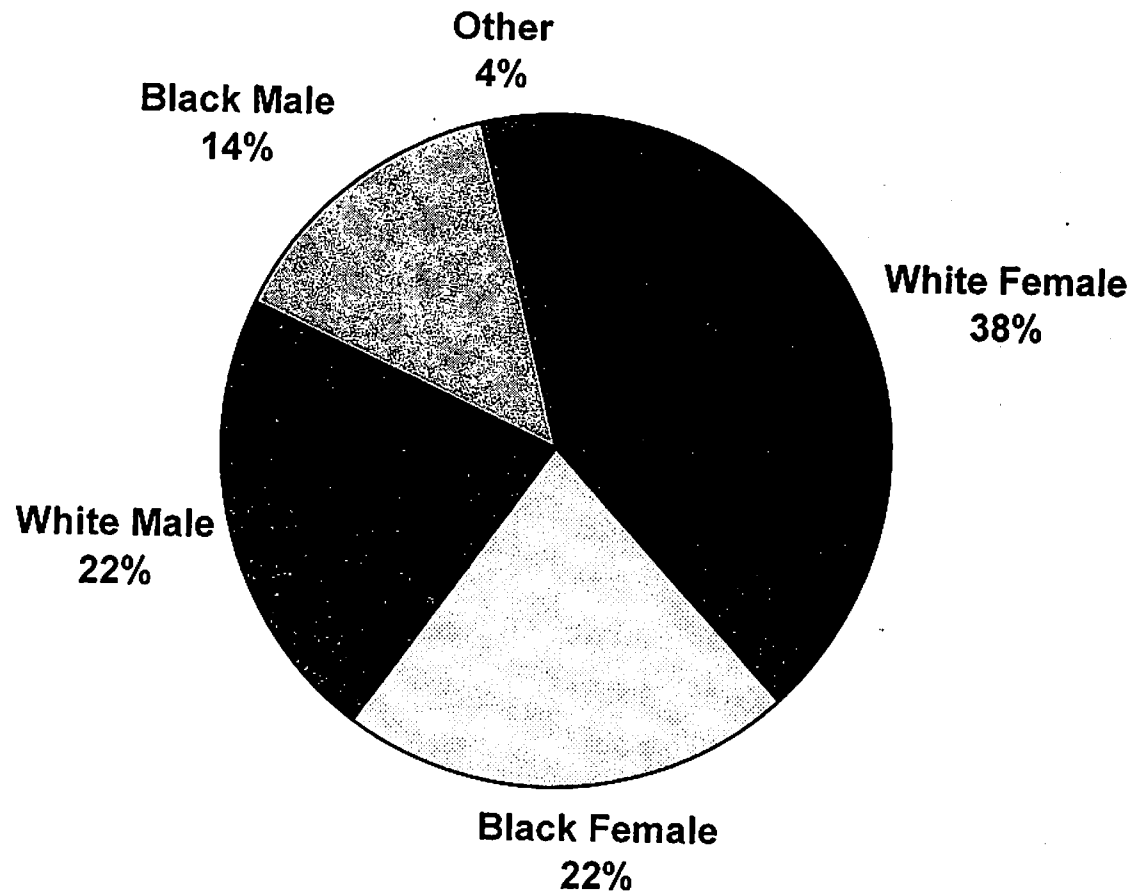
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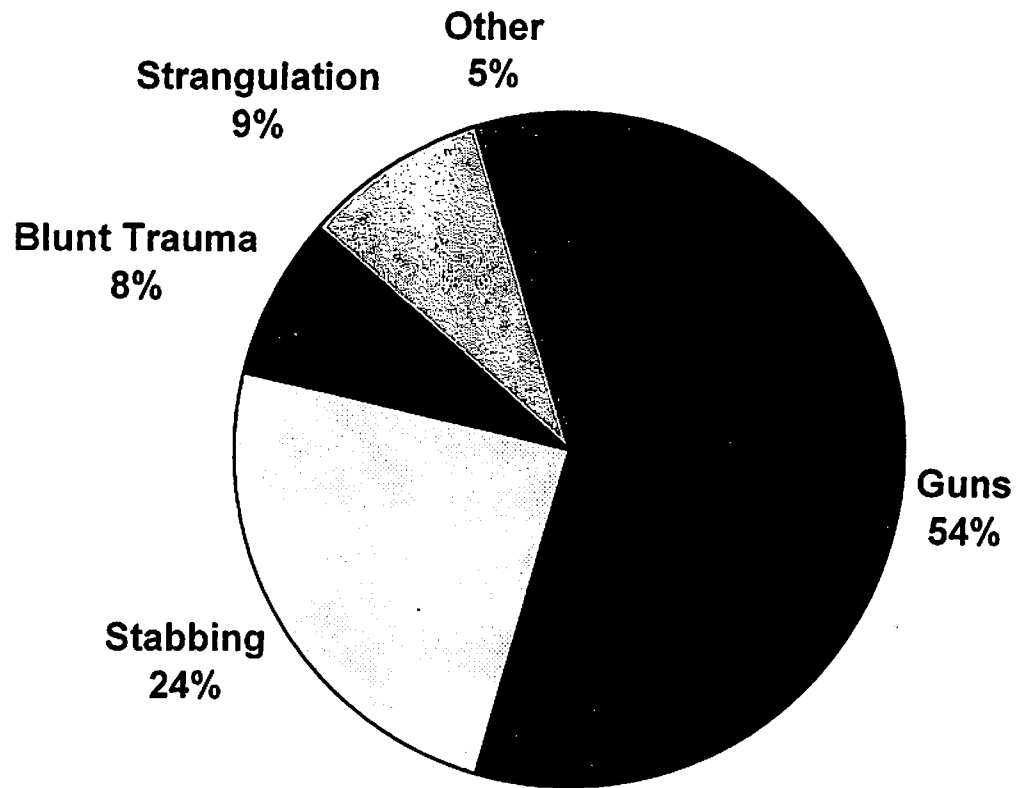
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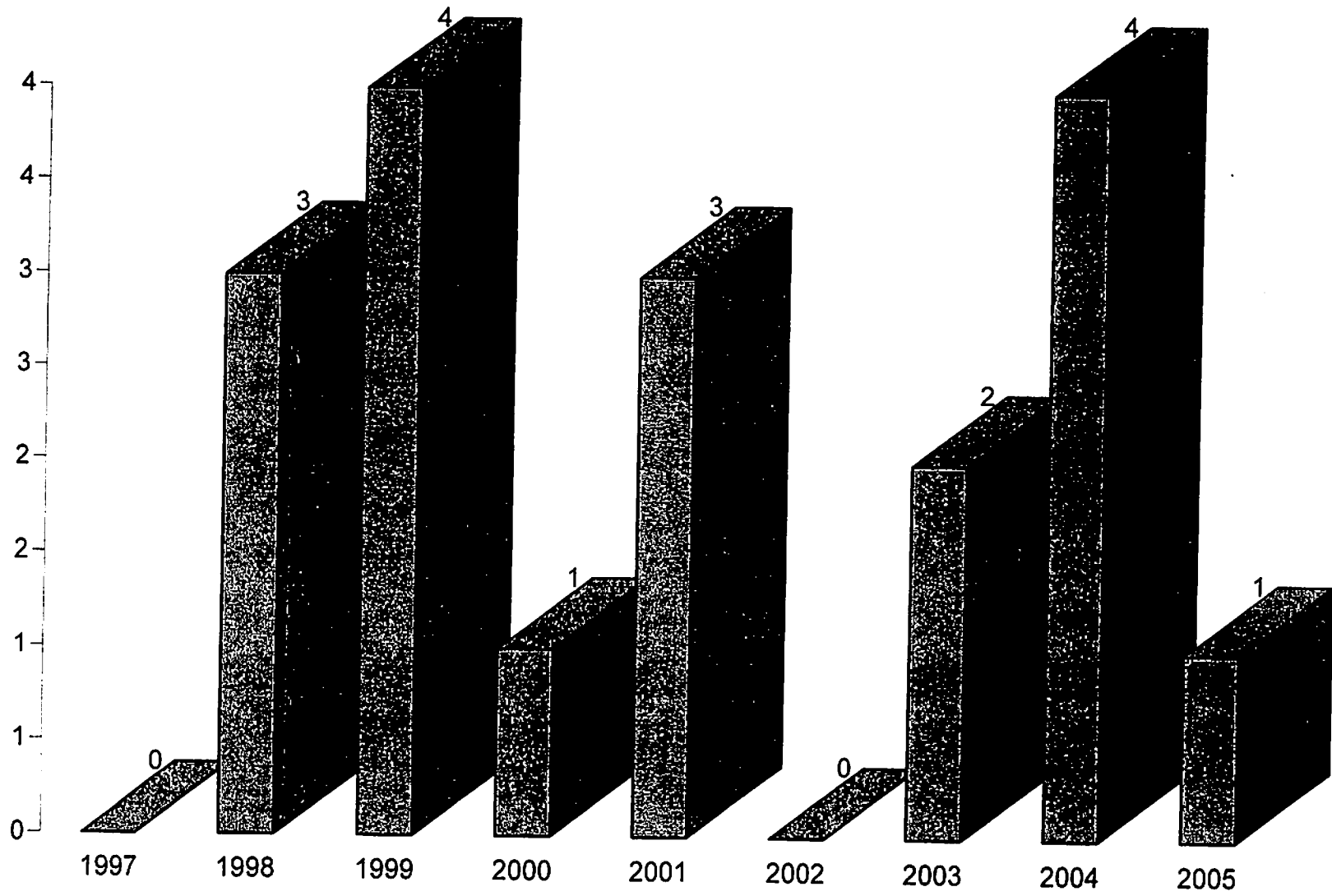
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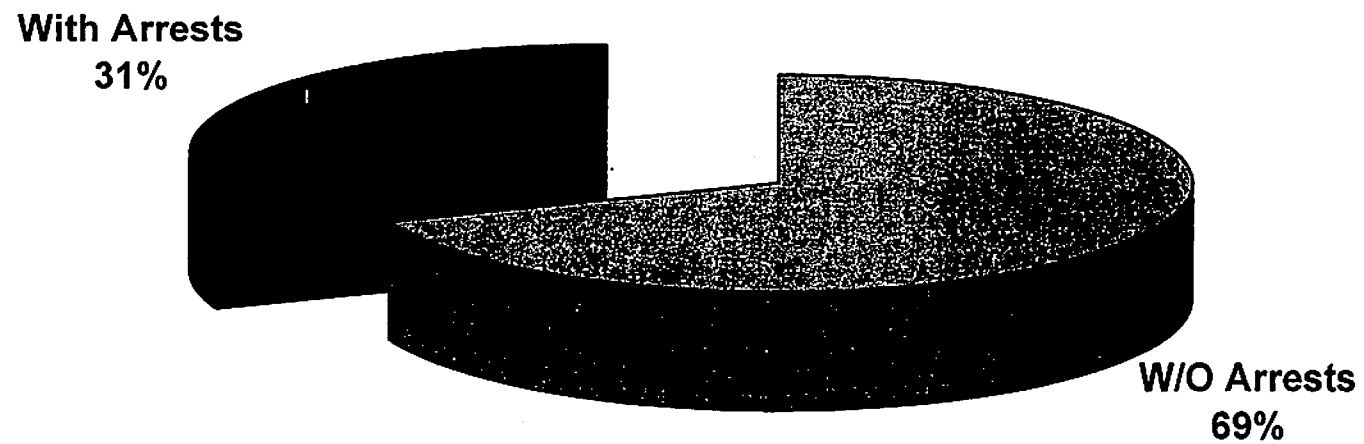
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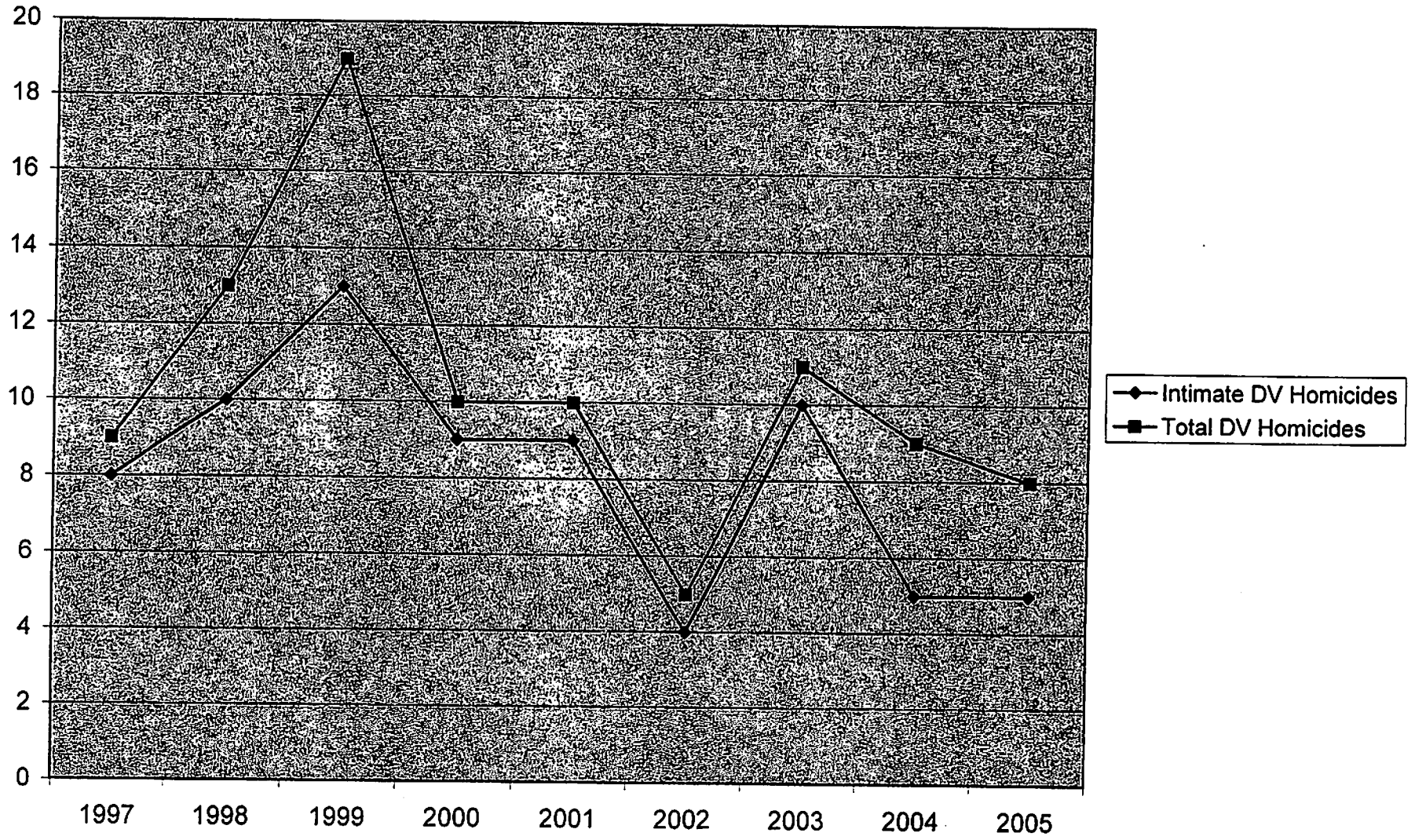
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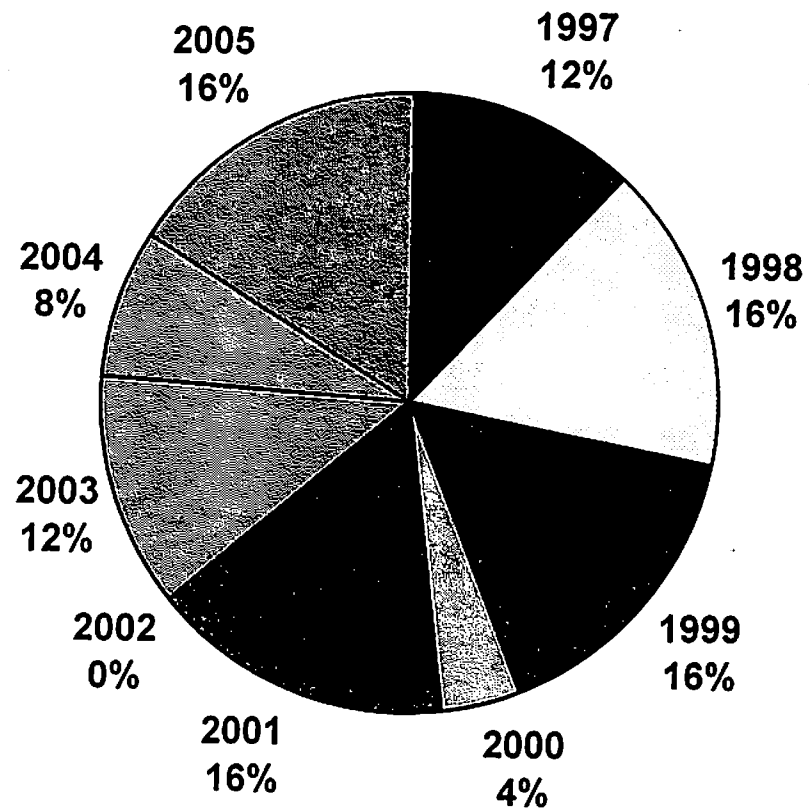
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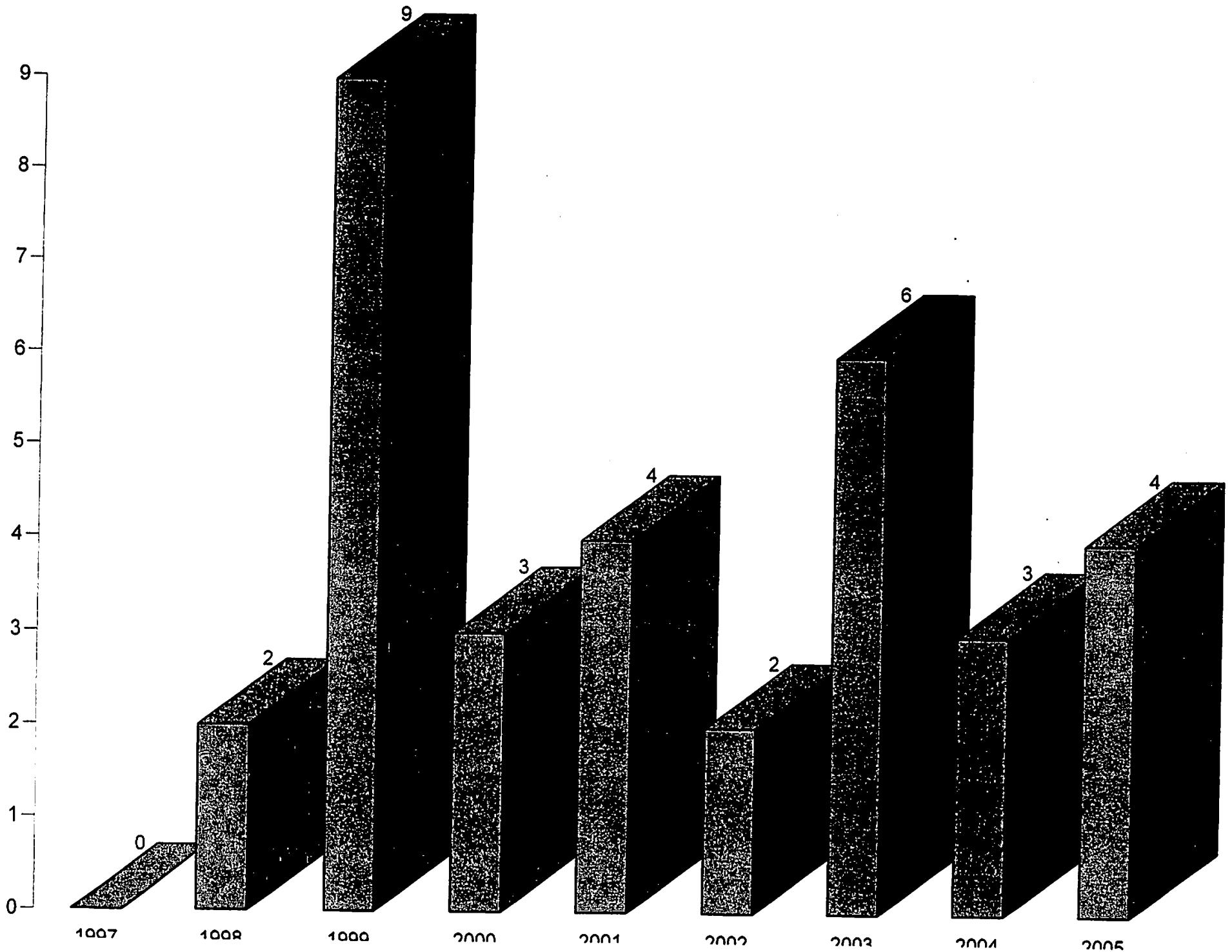
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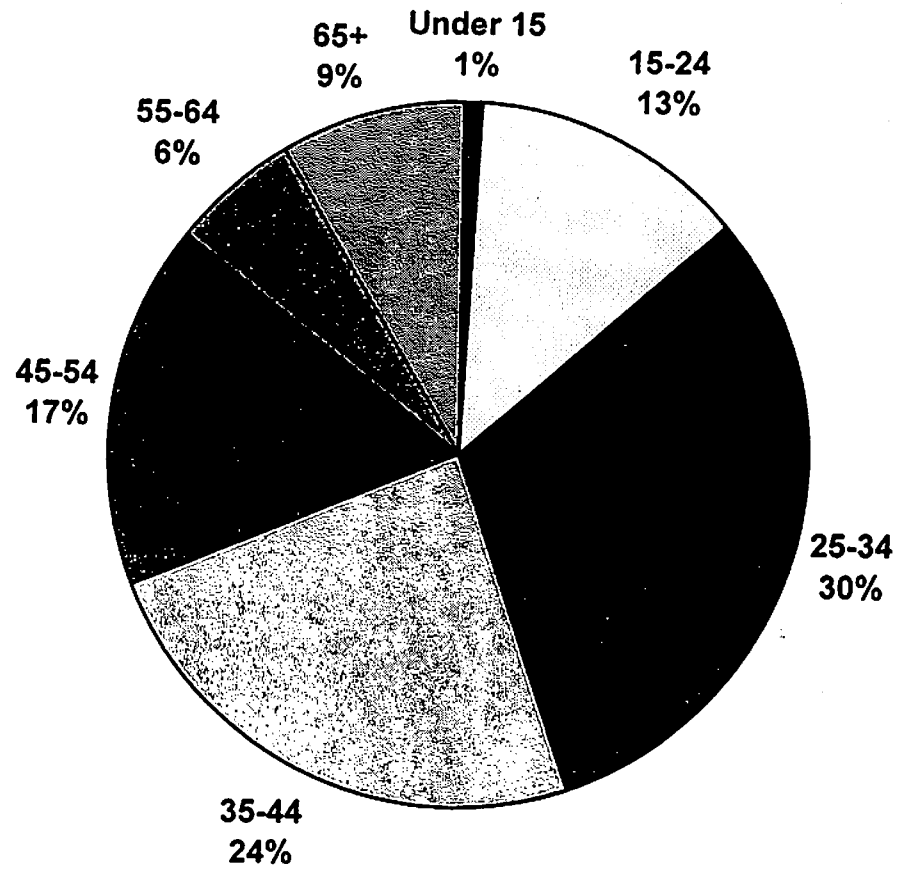
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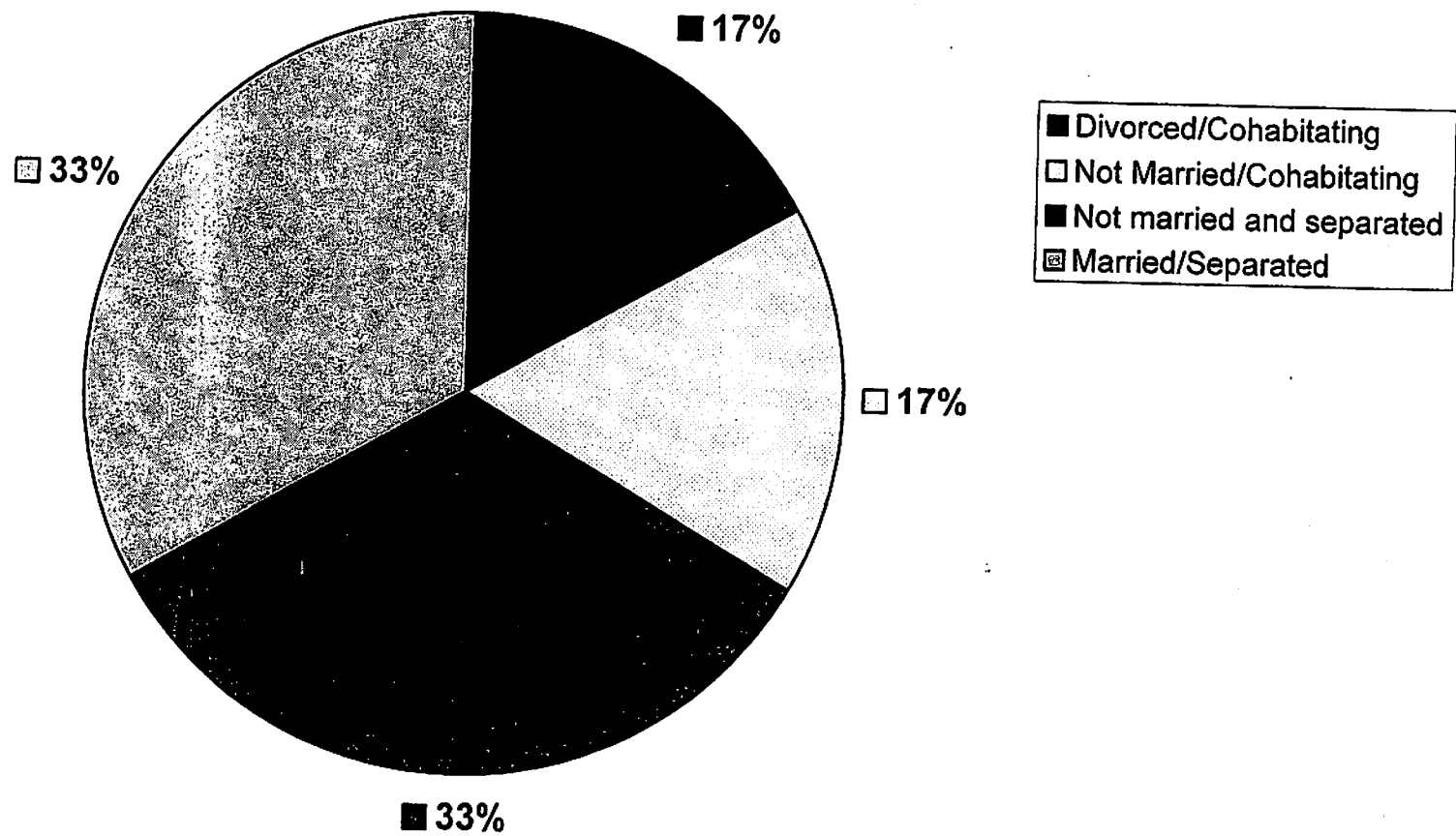
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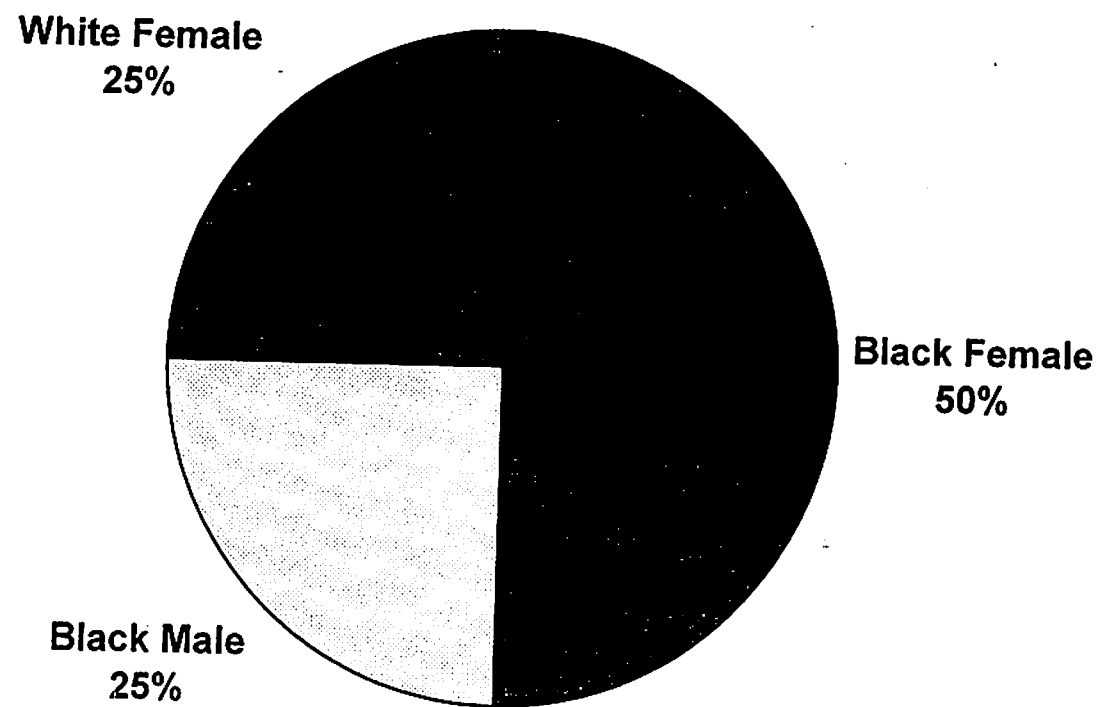
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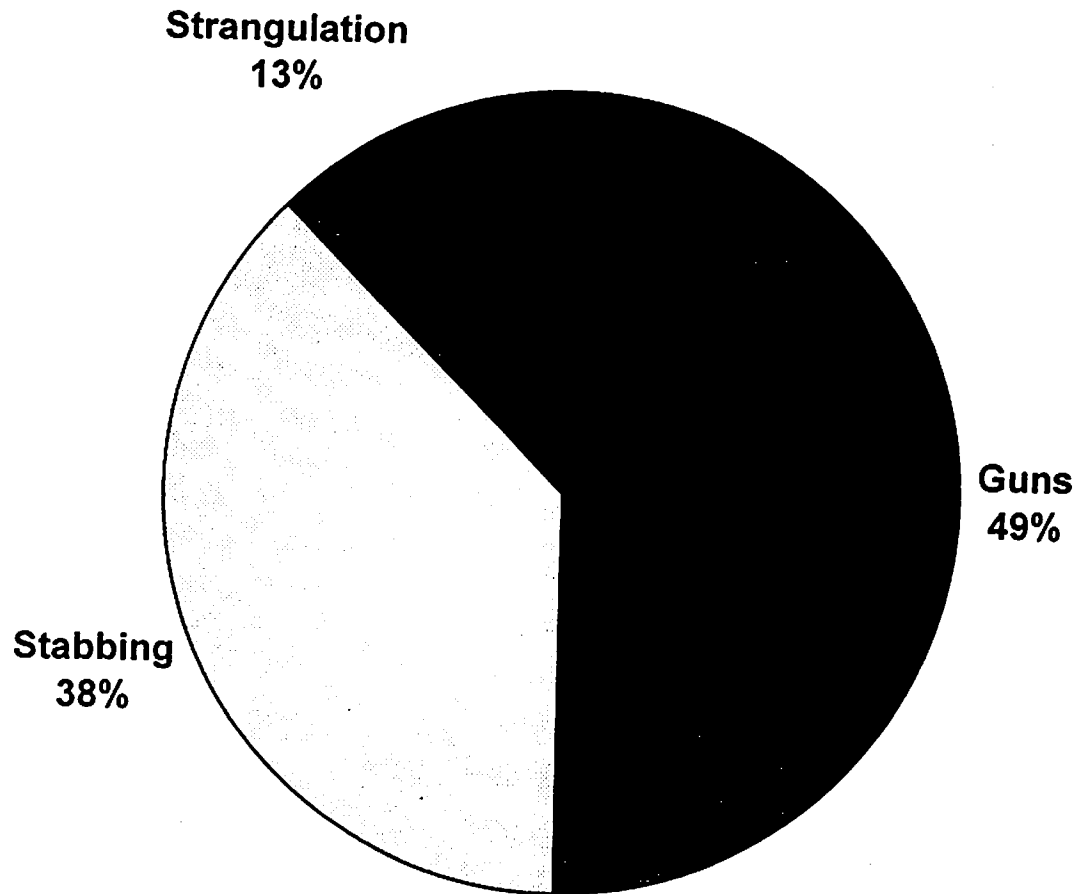
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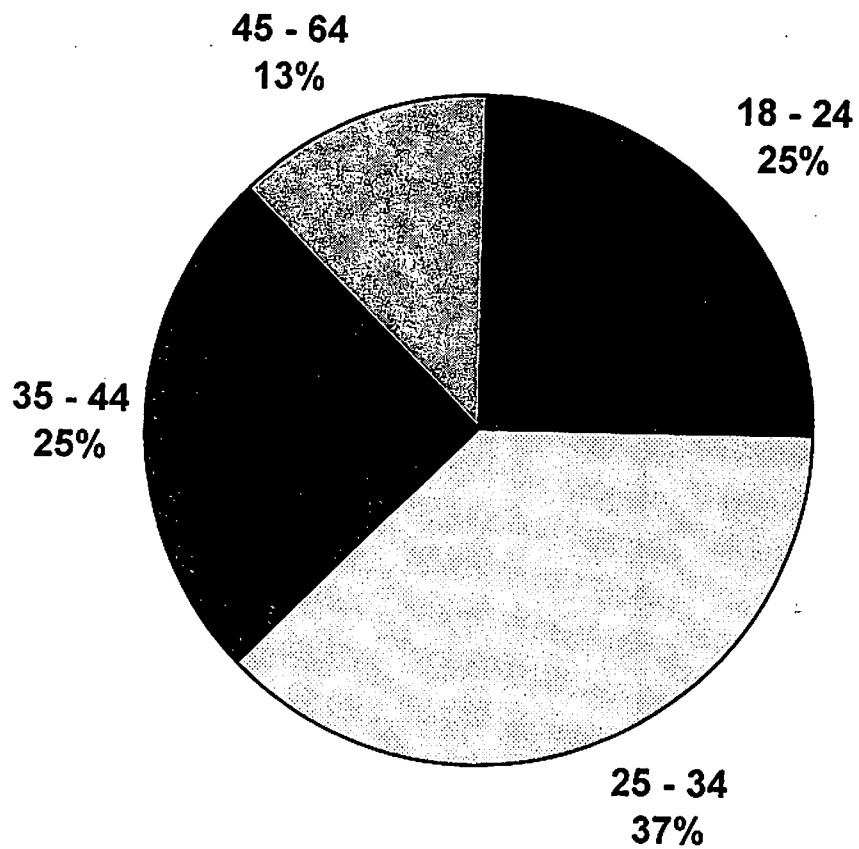
Race and Gender of Domestic Homicide Victims 2005



Method of Homicide 2005



Age of Domestic Homicide Victims 2005



APPENDIX A
1997 PATTERNS

APPENDIX A

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 B
1998 PATTERNS

APPENDIX B

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 C

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 D
2000 PATTERNS

APPENDIX D

2000 PATTERNS

GENDER

Seven of the homicides were committed by men who killed their female partners, resulting in eight deaths (as one man murdered his wife and ex-girlfriend). Two of the homicides were committed by women who killed their male partners. One man killed his parents. Six of the male suspects subsequently killed themselves as did one of the female suspects.

RACE

Seven of the victims were white and five were black. Seven of the suspects were white, and three were black.

RELATIONSHIP

Five of the cases involved parties who were married and co-habiting. One of these cases also involved a victim (ex-girlfriend) who was not married or co-habiting with the suspect. Four of the cases involved parties who were not married and were co-habiting. One case involved a non-intimate relationship where a mother and father and adult son were living in one household.

METHOD

Eight of the homicides were the result of gunshot wounds. All six suicides were the result of gunshot wounds. Three of the homicides were the result of strangulation and one homicide was the result of rectal trauma.

CHILDREN

None of the cases reported the presence of children during the homicide.

CRIMINAL HISTORY - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

One male suspect had a prior arrest for domestic violence.

INJUNCTIONS

One female victim had a permanent injunction against her husband's ex-girlfriend.

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

No victims nor suspects were named in any child abuse reports.

SHELTER SERVICES

No victims nor suspects sought any shelter services.

HARK

There were no HARK referrals and no children were present during the homicides.

INTERVENTION

Only one suspect had a prior domestic violence arrest. No intervention was ordered as the case was dropped.

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

There were no victims with a history of illegal drug arrests; one victim 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. Reports indicated alcohol or drug use at the time of the homicide by two victims and two suspects.

APPENDIX E
2001 PATTERNS

APPENDIX E

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.

APPENDIX F
2002 PATTERNS

APPENDIX F

2002 PATTERNS

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

APPENDIX G

2003 PATTERNS

GENDER

- 7 males killed female partners; in one of these cases, the male also killed his father-in-law and brother-in-law
- 1 male killed his infant son, during altercation with intimate female partner
- 3 females killed male partners

RACE

- Victims
 - 8 White
 - 5 Black
- Suspects
 - 6 White
 - 5 Black

RELATIONSHIP

Intimate homicides

- 4 married and co-habiting; in one of these, 2 relatives were also killed
- 3 not married and co-habiting
- 1 married but separated
- 2 not married but formerly co-habiting

Non-Intimate homicides

- 1 father killed son

METHOD

- 8 gunshot wounds
- 2 stabbed
- 3 beaten/blunt trauma (one against wall, one with a bedpost, and one with a shotgun and fists)

CHILDREN

- In one case there were three children present; one of the children was killed (5 month old male)
- In one case there were two children on the premises but neither witnessed the homicides
- In one case a 17 year old female (daughter of the suspect) witnessed the homicide

CRIMINAL HISTORY: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Victims
 - 1 male with one domestic battery conviction
- Suspects
 - 3 males with one domestic violence conviction each
 - 1 male with three domestic violence convictions and one domestic battery arrest with the case dropped
 - 1 female with one domestic violence arrest
 - 1 male with a domestic violence case, adjudication withheld

INJUNCTIONS AND OTHER CIVIL MATTERS

- 1 Injunction petition filed against a male victim, but Injunction dismissed
- 1 suspect with two Baker Act commitments; 1 suspect with one Baker Act commitment
- 2 Injunctions in place against male suspects

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

- 1 report against suspect and victim's mother for neglect and domestic violence
- 1 report against suspect

SHELTER SERVICES

- Victims
 - Safety planning done with 1 female
- Suspects
 - 2 females received services through the local shelter

HARK

- No record of HARK

INTERVENTION

- Suspects
 - 1 male ordered to Batterers' Intervention but terminated for excess absences
 - 1 male ordered to Batterers' Intervention but was allowed to enroll 3 times while only attending one class, order was changed to require only Anger Management
 - 1 suspect enrolled twice in Batterers' Intervention and once in Anger Control
 - 1 male ordered to Batterers' Intervention but failed to enroll

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

- Victims
 - 1 female with three DUI's and two drug arrests
- Suspects
 - 2 males with two drug possession arrests each
 - 1 male with one DUI arrest
 - 1 male with one juvenile alcohol possession arrest
 - 1 male with one drug conviction
 - 1 male with two DUI arrests

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

- Suspects
 - 4 males with mental health issues (1 of these males with three suicide attempts)

APPENDIX H
2004 PATTERNS

APPENDIX H

2004 PATTERNS

GENDER

- 4 males killed female partners
- 1 female killed male partner
- 1 male killed adult son
- 1 male killed elderly mother
- 2 males killed a grandparent; in one of these cases, the male also killed his grandfather's live-in companion

RACE

- Victims
 - 7 White
 - 2 Black
 - 1 Asian
- Suspects
 - 7 White
 - 1 Black
 - 1 Asian

RELATIONSHIP

Intimate homicides

- 2 married and co-habiting; in one of these, 2 relatives were also killed
- 1 not married and co-habiting
- 1 married but separated
- 1 not married but formerly co-habiting

Non-Intimate homicides

- 1 father killed son
- 1 son killed mother
- 2 grandsons killed a grandparent

METHOD

- 3 gunshot wounds
- 3 stabbed
- 2 blunt trauma (one with golf club, one with guitar)
- 1 asphyxiation

CHILDREN

- In 2 cases there were children present

CRIMINAL HISTORY - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Victims
 - 1 male with three domestic violence arrests
- Suspects
 - 1 male with one domestic violence battery on a person 65 years
 - 1 male with one domestic battery conviction and one violation of probation
 - 1 male with one domestic violence police report against another family member

- 1 male with one domestic battery arrest

INJUNCTIONS AND OTHER CIVIL MATTERS

- 1 Injunction petition filed against a male victim, but Injunction dismissed
- 1 suspect with two Baker Act commitments
- 1 Injunction in place against male suspect
- 1 suspect reported to Adult Protective Services

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

- No record

SHELTER SERVICES

- Victims
 - Safety planning done with 1 female

HARK

- No record of HARK

INTERVENTION

- No record of Intervention

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

- Victims
 - 1 male with substance abuse (alcohol related) arrests
- Suspects
 - 1 male with four drug possession arrests
 - 1 male with one DUI arrest, one disorderly conduct arrest, and one Obtaining a controlled substance by Fraud arrest
 - 1 female with one drug conviction

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

- Suspects
 - 3 males and one female with mental health issues