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Dedication

In 2003, 15 domestic violence-related homicides occurred in Kansas. This report is dedicated to these victims and their families affected by this tragic violence. The report also is dedicated to Julia Stephan, the mother of former Kansas Attorney General Robert T. Stephan who chairs the Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board. Mrs. Stephan was one of the silent victims of domestic violence who, because of what she thought best for her children, endured 20 years of physical and emotional abuse from her husband.



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GOVERNOR'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW BOARD

October 11, 2005

Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Governor, State of Kansas
Capitol Building
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Topeka, Kansas 66612-1590

Dear Governor Sebelius:

The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, which you established on October 11, 2004, has concluded its first year of work. I am pleased to submit the 2005 Report.

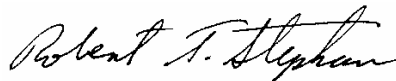
When one considers the never-ending cycle of domestic violence in our great state and throughout the nation, every effort should be made to assist the victims of this criminal act and to seek preventative measures to deter domestic violence.

I have never seen a more dedicated group of people than those you have appointed to serve on the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board. Although they are named in the 2005 report, I want to recognize each one of them in this letter. First, I want to recognize your efficient staff that has assisted those of us on the Board: Juliene Maska, Tiffany Fisher, and JaLynn Copp. They made everything work as it should. I want to thank the members of the Board for their unceasing efforts in carrying out the sad task of reviewing fatalities and recommending solutions. Those members are: Dave Warry, Steven Halley, Brandelyn Nichols, Janice Norlin, Carol Rood, Andria Cooper, Judge Harold Flaigle, Dr. Mary Dudley, Sandra Barnett, Sara Welch, Margaret Haghirian, Susan Moran and Sergeant Troy Hensley.

As we submit this 2005 Report, I want you to be assured that we will continue to carry out your mandate to “recommend improvements to prevent future fatalities, and determining if adequate resources and training are in place for those who respond to domestic violence crimes.”

Thank you for your concern and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Robert T. Stephan, Chair

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITIES OVERVIEW

Domestic violence is one of the most prevalent legal and social problems in the United States. Every year between three and four million women throughout the United States are beaten by their partners (husbands or boyfriends) or ex-partners. When adult women are beaten, frequently children are as well. In approximately 75 percent of the cases where a couple has children and the female adult is abused, children witness the assaults and are themselves often physically abused.

Domestic violence in its worst, and ultimate, form is homicide. Every year nearly 2,000 people die from domestic violence homicides in the United States, most frequently men causing the death of their female partners.

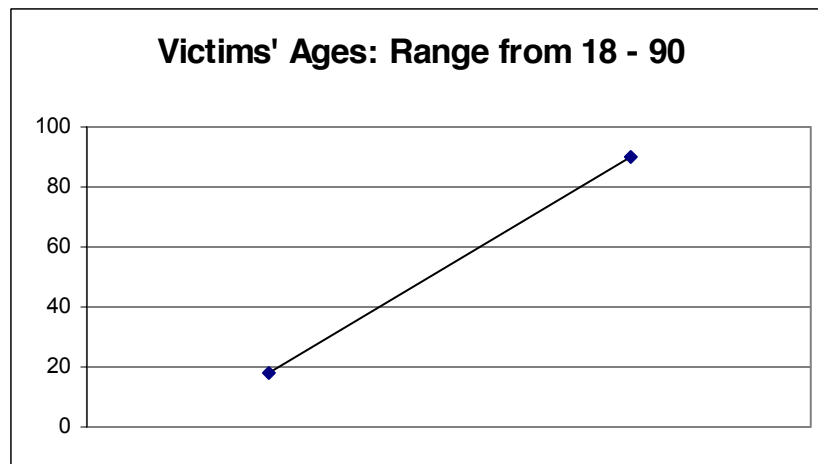
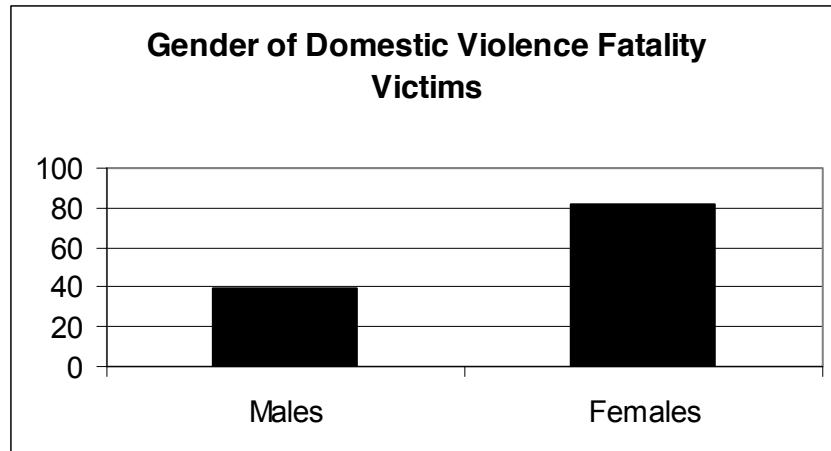
Many domestic violence fatality review programs have been developed by victim advocates, law enforcement, courts and other agencies to address this problem. One of the newest programs being developed around the United States, and in other countries including England, France and Australia, is called the “fatality review” process, or Fatality Review Committees.

A fatality review committee is a group of professionals from many different organizations, agencies and branches of government that convenes periodically to review domestic violence homicide fatality cases. The theory underlying the fatality review process is that if we are able to understand better why and how a homicide occurred, we can learn important lessons to help prevent future deaths. The core belief underlying the committee’s work is that **every death is preventable** and we must work together to make this belief a reality.

HISTORY & BACKGROUND

According to the 2004 Kansas Domestic Violence and Rape Report, which is compiled by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and based on reports by law enforcement, 121 adult domestic violence-related fatalities occurred in Kansas from 1999 to 2004. Since 1992, Kansas law enforcement agencies have been required to submit a standard offense report to the KBI on domestic violence incidents regardless of whether an arrest was or was not made. The intent of the law is to collect information and respond to domestic violence among adult intimates and adult family members. The 121 fatalities include deaths of spouses, former spouses, persons in

intimate relationships whether on-going or in the past and persons 18 years of age or older who are blood- or step-related to one another. Of the 121 fatalities, 82 were females and 39 were males. Victims ranged in age from 18 to 90 years of age.



On October 11, 2004, Governor Kathleen Sebelius signed Executive Order 04-11 (Appendix A) establishing the 14-member Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (FRB). The Board is charged with reviewing all adult domestic violence-related fatalities in Kansas, describing trends and patterns regarding the facts and circumstances of these fatalities, recommending improvements to prevent future fatalities and determining if adequate resources and trainings are in place for those who respond to domestic violence crimes.

GOALS OF THE BOARD

The FRB examines domestic violence homicides with two principal goals:

1. To continue informing the public about the insidious nature of domestic violence and motivating the public to find solutions to end domestic violence; and
2. To identify systemic changes within all the organizations and agencies that work with domestic violence victims, offenders and families to learn new ways of reducing the number of fatalities by better identification of risk factors and improvement in the coordination of services that our State provides.

OBJECTIVES

1. To describe trends and patterns of domestic violence-related fatalities in Kansas.
2. To identify high risk factors, current practices, gaps in systemic responses and barriers to safety in domestic violence situations.
3. To educate members of the health care system, social services, law enforcement, judicial system (judges, court services officers, probation officers, prosecutors, lawyers, etc.), policy makers and any public or private entity about fatalities due to domestic violence and about strategies for intervention.
4. To recommend policies, practices and services that will encourage collaboration and reduce fatalities due to domestic violence.
5. To improve the sources of domestic violence data collection by developing systems to share information between agencies and offices that work with domestic violence victims.
6. To more effectively facilitate the prevention of domestic violence fatalities through multi-disciplinary collaboration.
7. To organize a public awareness campaign.

PROTOCOL OF THE BOARD

1. The fatality review board operates under the auspices of the Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (FRB).
2. The Board reviews all deaths of domestic violence involving spouse and partner homicides in Kansas.
3. Comprehensive, multi-disciplinary review of any specific cases can be requested by any member of FRB or any individual request presented to a member of the Board, with the final determination to be made by the FRB.
4. The FRB convenes as needed, with the expectation that it shall meet quarterly and any special meeting may be called upon notice by the Chair of the Board.
5. Each FRB member serves at the pleasure of the Governor.
6. All Board members are required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement. Furthermore, Confidentiality Agreements are required of any individual(s) participating in any domestic violence fatality review.
7. The Board provides periodic reports of its findings and recommendations to the Governor.

DEFINITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW

The Board defines domestic violence fatality as the “deliberative process for identification of deaths, including both homicide and suicide, and any other cause related to domestic violence, for examination of systematic interventions into known incidents of domestic violence occurring in the family of the deceased prior to the death, for consideration of altered systematic response to avert future domestic violence deaths, or for development of recommendations for coordinated community prevention and intervention initiatives to eradicate domestic violence.”

Barbara Hart, Legal Committee, Domestic Violence Death Review, February 9, 1995, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. This definition was modified by the Kansas Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board.

REVIEW PROCESS

The FRB only reviews closed cases of homicide/suicides and any other deaths related to domestic violence. This ensures that all appeals have expired and thus the Board will not affect the ongoing investigation of an active case.

Each case review begins with a report by the law enforcement agency, which responded to the scene. Information also is received from the prosecutor and victim advocate involved with the case. Comprehensive, multi-disciplinary review of any specific cases can be requested by any member of FRB or any individual request presented to a member of the Board, with the final determination to be made by the FRB. The existence and contents of any civil protection orders, bail conditions, domestic violence convictions and other civil and criminal case histories of the parties and their children shall be examined.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Because certain information which is shared at FRB meetings is confidential, all members signed a Confidentiality Agreement. This ensures that all information shared during the review process remains confidential and will not be disseminated outside of the board meeting.

FATALITY REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS

Robert T. Stephan, Chair
Former Kansas Attorney General
Johnson County

Judge Harold Flaigle
18th Judicial District
Sedgwick County

Dave Warry, Assistant Director
Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center
Reno County

Dr. Mary Dudley
District Coroner-Medical Examiner
Sedgwick County

Steven Halley, LSCSW
Clinical Director
Halley Counseling Services, P.A.
Crawford County

Sandra Barnett, Executive Director
Kansas Coalition Against Sexual &
Domestic Violence
Shawnee County

Brandelyn Nichols
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Margaret Haghirian
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Wyandotte County

Carol Rood
Court Services Officer
Sedgwick County

Susan Moran, Executive Director
SOS, Inc.
Lyon County

Andria Cooper
Assistant Professor
Fort Hays State University
Ellis County

Sergeant Troy Hensley
Law Enforcement Officer
Riley County Police Department
Riley County

SUBCOMMITTEES

The Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board established the following subcommittees:

- Funding
- Public Awareness
- State Agency Policy
- Collection of Information Regarding Disposition of Domestic Violence Cases

FRB PUBLIC AWARENESS INITIATIVES

FRB Chair Stephan has written four columns regarding domestic violence. The columns are sent to the media as well as posted on the Governor's homepage. Chair Stephan also is speaking to community groups about domestic violence. He spoke with the state conference for Business Professional Women in June, the Wichita Downtown Lions Club in August and spoke with the Kansas Peace Officers Association in September.

SUMMARY OF FRB'S ACTIVITIES

The FRB has met five times since its inception on October 11, 2004. FRB members approved its Guiding Principles and Procedures which includes the Definition of Domestic Violence Fatality Review, the FRB's Protocol, Goals, Objectives, Confidentiality Agreement and Review Process.

FRB members heard from the Kansas Department of Corrections' Victims Services Program, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration, the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence regarding its programs and systems designed to address domestic violence and board member Dr. Mary Dudley on the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigator's national guidelines and standards on all death investigations.

The FRB invited Neil Websdale, Consultant and Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Northern Arizona University to present information about other domestic violence fatality review teams across the country to help guide the FRB in developing its own review process and procedures.

Two FRB members attended the West Palm Beach, Florida Fatality Review Team meeting to observe and learn the process the team uses in its reviews. In addition, five FRB members attended the 2005 National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Conference August 15 and 16, 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona.

CASE REVIEWS

Board members agreed to begin their review with the most current data and started with domestic violence homicides in 2003. According to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation's 2003 Domestic Violence and Rape Report, 15 domestic violence related homicides occurred in Kansas in 2003. Two of those cases have not been finalized, they are under investigation or in the court process. One case was a murder-suicide with a very elderly couple. The wife was very ill and the husband could not bear to see her suffer. According to the law enforcement agency, there was no evidence or history of domestic violence. Of the remaining 12 cases, the Board reviewed six cases that were closed and had no further action or appeals pending. Appendix A contains a Summary of Domestic Violence-Related Homicides that Occurred in 2003.

Kerri
27 years old
December 28, 2003

Kerrie was shot by her husband, Lanny, 33, inside their pickup at their home. Lanny initially told law enforcement that he accidentally shot Kerrie while trying to remove a gun from the pickup she was sitting in. He later confessed to killing her. She and Lanny had attended a wedding dance with her brother and his girlfriend the night that she was killed. That evening she told Lanny that she wanted a divorce.

Kerrie and Lanny were married in August of 2003. She had two children from a previous marriage, who were with their father the night she was killed. She had told friends and co-workers that she thought Lanny was mentally ill but did not mention that he was abusive or controlling. They said she expressed feelings of guilt about the failed relationship and that Lanny had threatened to commit suicide. Her friends and family believed Lanny abused drugs and alcohol but no one thought he was abusive. Lanny had a history of domestic violence, according to an ex-girlfriend and had a criminal record. Kerrie is survived by her two children, her parents and her brother and sister. Lanny was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 227 months in prison with 36 months post-release supervision. He currently is incarcerated with the Kansas Department of Corrections at the Lansing Correctional Facility.

Mildred
85 years old
January 25, 2003

Mildred was killed by her husband, Marvin, 64, at their home. Marvin then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide. Because this was a murder-suicide there were few reports to review and the file did not include any information about the couple's history. Family members indicated that Marvin was upset about the couple's health and their medical bills.

Karen
44 years old
June 24, 2003

Karen was shot and killed by her husband, Kenny, 43, at her home. After shooting Karen, Kenny then shot and killed himself. Kenny did not have a criminal record and law enforcement had never been called to their house.

Karen and Kenny were married for five years. They were in the process of getting a divorce. They were scheduled to appear in court on July 17 to finalize their divorce. The evening she was killed, they met to separate their property. Karen had told her sister that Kenny was coming over to divide up their property and asked her sister to call her the next day to check on her. She also told her sister that Kenny wanted to reconcile the marriage, that she had a new boyfriend and that she mentioned that Kenny was controlling but not abusive. Karen's sister tried contacting Karen throughout the day the next day, but was unsuccessful. Karen is survived by her son, parents, sister and brother.

Ulonda
26 years old
August 12, 2003

Ulonda was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend, Preston, 35, at her home. After shooting Ulonda, Preston then shot and killed himself. Preston and Ulonda had lived together in the past and had children in common. They recently had a significant change in their relationship. A Protection From Stalking (PFS) Order was requested and dismissed on July 17, 2003, a month before Ulonda's death. Neither Ulonda nor Preston, who the PFS was issued against, appeared at the final hearing. Preston was not served with the PFS until July 16, 2003, a day before the date of the hearing. Ulonda's father told police that Preston had a history of stalking and domestic violence. Ulonda had expressed fear of physical danger to herself or her children. Her father said Preston had threatened to kill Ulonda and stalked her. According to Preston's family, he had threatened to commit suicide. Ulonda is survived by her children and parents.

Peter
73 years old
September 6, 2003

Peter was killed by a blunt object at his home by his son, Josh, 27. Josh and his son and daughter lived with Peter although the children were not present at the time their grandfather was killed. Josh had prior domestic violence actions against him with his ex-wife. In 1997, a Protection From Abuse Order was issued against him. In addition, services by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services were requested regarding his children. In 2004, Josh was found guilty of one count of rape and one count of criminal aggravated criminal sodomy against his minor children. His friends acknowledge that he abused alcohol and had threatened to commit suicide. Josh was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and sentenced to 431 months in prison with 36 months post-release supervision. He currently is incarcerated with the Kansas Department of Corrections at the Lansing Correctional Facility. The FRB was concerned that at one point Josh was awarded primary care of his children.

Karen
45 years old
July 12, 2003

Karen was shot and killed at her home by her ex-husband, Bart, 41. After killing Karen, Bart attempted to commit suicide, but was not successful. Bart did not have criminal record. Karen filed for divorce in 1999. She filed for a Protection from Abuse Order on November 29, 2000, but the charge was dismissed because neither Karen nor Bart appeared at the hearing. Karen also was a victim of domestic violence by her grown-child's father, Frank. There were several reports to law enforcement regarding Frank in 2000 but no charges were issued. On a couple of charges the grown son also was listed as a victim. Bart was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 165 months in prison with 36 months post-release supervision. He currently is incarcerated with Kansas Department of Corrections at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

FRB'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The FRB reviewed and discussed six domestic violence related-fatalities that occurred in Kansas in 2003. Because the number of cases reviewed by the FRB is small, specific findings have not occurred. However, some general themes that the FRB believes are important to address are the following:

☞ ***Increase public awareness initiatives:***

Domestic violence is a community problem. All state and local government agencies, as well as community organizations should develop on-going public education campaigns regarding domestic violence. Campaigns should include efforts to build capacity of friends, family and neighbors supporting efforts to address domestic violence which encourages safety of victims and their children and holds offenders accountable. In three cases reviewed by the FRB, it was recognized that members of the community surrounding the domestic violence victim and offender were potentially valuable resources for providing support and accountability. Educating all Kansans on the crime of domestic violence is a step in prevention.

☞ ***Develop a systematic manner to track and report criminal data on the relationship of the victim and offender from time of incident to disposition of the criminal case – not just if a domestic violence battery.***

Currently, Kansas cannot generate information on specific domestic violence crimes from the time of the incident to case disposition. A criminal justice information system should be established that tracks the relationship of the victim and offender from the time of the incident, arrest and final disposition of the case. It should be recognized that domestic violence involves all types of crimes and the tracking should be based on the relationship of those involved in the crime.

☞ ***Train all professionals involved with domestic violence cases – advocates, law enforcement, judges, probation and parole officers, community corrections officers, prosecutors, as well as non-criminal justice professionals such as healthcare providers, educators and school personnel and social workers, etc.***

Kansas should create and conduct advanced level trainings for those professionals who respond to domestic violence. Expert trainers should provide regional training throughout the state. Grant funding may be available to assist in the cost of developing training materials and trainers. The Governor should seek input from other stakeholders on applying for grants to assist with these efforts.

☞ ***Encourage safety and accountability assessments in local communities.***

The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence has developed a tool to assist in looking at institutional responses to domestic violence. This tool was designed by the Duluth, Minnesota Domestic Violence Safety and Accountability Audit. It is designed to investigate the tools used within an agency such as forms, policies, statutes and regulations, as well as other items that direct and coordinate the work of an agency and its employees. These assessments should be encouraged at the local and state level in looking for how agencies respond to domestic violence based on its policies and practices.

☞ ***Develop an assessment tool to ascertain the level of protection needed for victims seeking protection from abuse and protection from stalking orders.***

In 2004, 7,914 protection from abuse orders were issued and 3,036 protection from stalking orders. Research from other state fatality reviews, show that for victims who leave and obtain a protection order, they may be killed three to six months after leaving. Training should be developed, along with an assessment tool, to assist advocates in determining the need for a protection order and if it is in the best interest of the victim seeking safety. Too often orders are requested and the level of need may not be shown or known.

☞ ***Ensure that third time convicted offenders of domestic violence battery spend time in state correctional facility.***

The sentencing guidelines prevent a third time convicted offender of domestic violence battery from serving time in the state correctional facility. This should be changed to hold offenders accountable for their continued violence toward victims. Sentencing of domestic violence offenders must be meaningful and impose consequences that send a clear message.

☞ ***Courts should give strong consideration to domestic violence incidents when considering custody issues.***

Courts must give credible weight to reports of domestic violence whether or not there is “official” documentation to support it. The FRB reviewed one case in which the offender killed his father. Based on the review of the case, it was learned that the offender abused his wife, sexually assaulted his children but was still able to be awarded custody of his children. Too often batterers will use the children as a means to control victims. Judges should have an understanding about domestic violence and the affect it has on the victim and children.

- ☞ ***All child protective services should assess for domestic violence and should be non-punitive towards the non-abusing parent.***

Protocols and policies should protect children affected by domestic violence. Using children is a tactic the offender uses as a part of the overall dynamics of domestic violence. Offenders should be held accountable for the violence and control they use with the family. Policies and services should be focused on holding the offender accountable for their actions and not punishing the non-abusing parent for being unable to control the abuser's actions.

- ☞ ***Adopt and require standards for working with batterers.***

Not all domestic violence offenders are amenable to treatment/education. Batterers without a long history of violence are more likely to be motivated by change and treatment/education. It should be recognized that not everyone convicted of a domestic violence related crime should be sent to treatment programs. However, when cases warrant a treatment/education program, certain standards must apply. The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence Program has developed standards that should be reviewed by the FRB.

- ☞ ***Ensure that adequate funds are available for community based domestic violence programs regarding capacity building.***

Adequate funds should be available for domestic violence programs to assist battered women and their children. Federal, state and local efforts as well as private revenue sources should help programs develop enough resources to assist communities responding to domestic violence and the needs of victims and children.

- ☞ ***Improve the death investigation system in Kansas.***

The American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI) offers board certifications for death investigators to standardize training in death scene investigations for "every scene, every time" approach. The FRB found missing data (gaps) in critical information needed for domestic violence fatality reviews. This data may be more complete if trained death investigators complete a report of death and scene investigation protocols to include risk factor data of domestic violence homicides. The FRB will review current laws and consider investigation protocols for domestic violence fatalities.

CONCLUSION

The Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board is not the only solution to preventing domestic violence-related fatalities in Kansas but it is one very important resource. The FRB's work represents a significant effort to bring together multiple community organizations to prevent future domestic violence-related fatalities and promote the safety for all Kansas citizens. Domestic violence is a community problem and it is only through a coordinated community response that the number of domestic violence-related fatalities can be reduced or prevented.

In summary, the FRB provides the above recommendations based on discussions, presentations and the six cases reviewed. Once the FRB conducts more reviews and has more data to analyze it will develop more specific recommendations which may include new policy changes or proposed legislation. In the meantime, the FRB hopes the recommendations contained in this report will have a positive impact on the safety and well-being of all Kansas citizens.

The FRB would like to recognize the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative for its help in its materials and information. The national initiative provided numerous documents and reports which assisted the FRB in its development and for that the FRB is grateful.

APPENDIX

Appendix A—Summary of Domestic Violence-Related Homicides that Occurred in 2003

Appendix B—Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board's Letter to Survivor's Family

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APPENDIX A

Appendix A—Summary of Domestic Violence-Related Homicides that Occurred in 2003

**Kansas Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team
2003 Domestic Violence Homicide Fact Sheet**

Kansas Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team reviewed six cases from calendar year 2003 involving nine domestic violence-related deaths.

Of those cases reviewed:

- 6 cases were homicide/suicides
(1 of these cases involved an elderly couple)
- 3 cases resulted in the perpetrators death
- 1 case was a near fatality
- 5 cases were female victims

Manner of Death

- 5 were gunshot wounds
- 1 was blunt trauma

Relationship of the Descendant to the Perpetrator

- 1 was an intimate partner or ex-intimate partner
- 4 were spouses
- 1 was a father

In 4 of 6 cases, friends, family and coworkers knew of the violence or/threats to kill

67 percent (four out of the six cases) of the decedents were attempting to leave their partner

5 of the victims were Caucasian and one victim was African American

APPENDIX B

Appendix B—Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board's Letter to Survivor's Family



KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

Dear ,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Kansas Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (FRB). The purpose of the FRB is to make sure deaths that occur in the context of violence between intimate partners are not ignored. We believe that by thoughtfully examining these situations a great deal can be learned about how to prevent domestic violence related deaths in the future. The FRB brings together people from social services, health professions and the justice system to take an in depth look at particular fatalities.

The FRB seeks to identify how the community's response to domestic violence could be improved. Each person who attends a review is dedicated to learning from the tragic loss how to do a better job helping victims of intimate partner violence. The FRB has existed in Kansas since October 2004. Governor Kathleen Sebelius established the board through Executive Order 04-11. The Executive Order provides immunity from liability for the fatality review board and exempts the specific discussions of fatalities from public record. Due to this Executive Order, anything you share will remain confidential.

It was with great sadness that we read through the news accounts and public records regarding your (relative's) death. From what we have read, (here, try to say something personal and nice, if possible (i.e., she was a good mother, loved by many people). The FRB honors the loss you have suffered. We know that no words or actions could possibly relieve the pain of losing a (mother/ child/sister). We sincerely hope that you have been supported by family and community and have found some solace as you have grieved for (name). There are victim services organizations in the community that can assist you and your family if you are not already aware of these programs.

We want to let you know that the Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board will look at the information available in records regarding (name's) death in an effort to understand how such tragedies happen and how they can be prevented. Your insights would be of great value to the FRB. The FRB would like to learn about your loved one out of respect for the life that (name) lived before it was so tragically ended. We would feel privileged if you were to share any information you would like us to know about (name).

We hope you will consider our request. Please feel free to call Juliene Maska, at 785-291-3205 with any questions or if you would like to arrange a time to meet with the FRB.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Stephan, Chair
Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board

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APPENDIX C

Appendix C—Governor’s Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Data Submission Form

Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team Data Submission Form

The following questionnaire has been provided for the submission of Fatality Review incident information to the Kansas Governor’s Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board as required by the Governor’s Executive Order 04-11.

DATE OF REVIEW: _____ (MMDDYYYY)
 FATALITY REVIEW CONTROL NUMBER: _____ CHECK IF REVISION TO PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED REPORT

COMPLAINT INFORMATION FORM LAW ENFORCEMENT

1) Date Received: _____

2) Time Received (Military Time): _____ Hours

3) County Where Death Occurred: _____

4) Day of the Week: _____

5) The complaint was the: (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Decedent	<input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator	<input type="checkbox"/> Family member of decedent	<input type="checkbox"/> Family of perpetrator
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-worker	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquaintance of decedent	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquaintance of perpetrator
<input type="checkbox"/> School Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Professional	Unknown	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____			

6) Call Received: During Fatality After Fatality
 * If complaint not directly involved in the incident, skip to question 10.

7) 911 tape available: Yes No

8) When the call was made, what was the Complainant’s

Apparent Fear Level	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Apparent Threat Level	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

9) During the call the dispatcher addressed the following: (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Language Barrier	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		

10) During the call the complainant mentioned the following: (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Weapon	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible Death or Murder	<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Injunction
<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/> Drugs	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	

EVENT INFORMATION

11) Investigating Agency: _____

12) Date of Death/Fatality: _____ (MMDDYYYY)

13) Offense Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Homicide	<input type="checkbox"/> Homicide/Suicide
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Homicides	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Homicides/Suicides
<input type="checkbox"/> Hostage/Homicide	<input type="checkbox"/> Hostage/Homicide/Suicide
<input type="checkbox"/> Hostage/Multiple Homicides	<input type="checkbox"/> Hostage/Multiple Homicides/Suicide

14) Event Type(s):

<input type="checkbox"/> Intimate Partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Ex-Intimate Partner
<input type="checkbox"/> Familicide	<input type="checkbox"/> Parricide
<input type="checkbox"/> Killing the Competition	<input type="checkbox"/> Killing of Children by Parents
<input type="checkbox"/> Suicide Pact	<input type="checkbox"/> Mercy Killing
<input type="checkbox"/> Fratricide and/or Sororicide	<input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator Kills Batterer

15) Provide the injury that caused the actual death, greatest trauma or most severe damage: _____

16) Death certified by:

<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Examiner	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____
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17) Law Enforcement arrived: Before the fatality occurred After the fatality occurred

18) Location type:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residence of decedent and perpetrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Residence of decedent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident of perpetrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Residence of family member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace of decedent | <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace of perpetrator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

19) Decedent activity prior to fatality:

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> In transit to work | <input type="checkbox"/> At work | <input type="checkbox"/> In transit to home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure activity | <input type="checkbox"/> School activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Activity related to child care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Asleep | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |

20) Others present at the scene of the fatality:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Other family (adult) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other family (children) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Acquaintance | <input type="checkbox"/> Stranger/bystander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New intimate partner | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Help professional/advocate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement (specify): _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |

21) Minor and/or dependent child(ren) present during fatality:

- Yes What ages: _____
- No If No, Skip to question 23
- N/A (Child is decedent) If N/A, Skip to question 23

22) If child(ren) were present did they:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Hear the fatality occurring | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| Observe the fatality occurring | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |

23) Check the weapon type used to commit fatality of primary decedent. (If multiple weapons were involved check only the weapon used to carry out the death of the decedent).

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handgun | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle | <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firearm (other/unknown) | <input type="checkbox"/> Knife/Cutting Instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire/Incendiary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Hands/Fist/Feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |

24) Injuries sustained during fatality:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| Decedent | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt trauma | <input type="checkbox"/> Stab/Puncture wounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Gunshot wounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strangulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Poison | <input type="checkbox"/> Burns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | |
| Perpetrator | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt trauma | <input type="checkbox"/> Stab/Puncture wounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Gunshot wounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strangulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Poison | <input type="checkbox"/> Burns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | |

25) Perpetrator injured by:

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decedent | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Decedent's family member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Witness | <input type="checkbox"/> Self | <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator not injured |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |

26) Law Enforcement / perpetrator interaction: (check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interaction between perpetrator and law enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> LE used force against the perpetrator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LE used deadly force against the perpetrator | <input type="checkbox"/> LE made arrest at the scene of fatality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LE made an identification of a suspect where the fatality occurred | |

27) Time lapse between the fatality and the arrest of the suspect:

- | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Days | <input type="checkbox"/> Weeks | <input type="checkbox"/> Months |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator at-large | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide/death of perpetrator | |

28) Status of perpetrator:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator at-large | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently incarcerated for fatality | <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator killed by law enforcement during arrest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committed suicide during (timeframe) of fatality | <input type="checkbox"/> Committed suicide as a separate and distinct incident from fatality (this means that suicide was not part of the fatality) |
| Other (specify): _____ | |

ENVIRONMENT PRIOR TO FATALITY

29) Custody of child(ren) if minor/dependent child(ren) not present during fatality check N/A and skip to question 31.
 N/A Minor/dependent child(ren) was the decedent

30) At time of the fatality who had:	<i>Decedent</i>	<i>Perpetrator</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
Physical custody of child(ren)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal custody of child(ren)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31) Custody agreement, who had:	<i>Decedent</i>	<i>Perpetrator</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
Sole parental responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shared parental responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unsupervised visitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supervised visitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overnight visits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No visitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A restraining order for child(ren)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

32) Injunction History on Perpetrator Yes No If no skip to question 40.

33) At time of fatality, the perpetrator was respondent of:
 Active injunction(s) Previous injunction(s) Unknown

34) Number of previous injunctions: _____ Month/Year issued: _____

35) Previous injunction on perpetrator:
 None By decedent Unknown
 Other: (specify) _____

36) Other injunction information: (Check all that apply)
 Injunction served on perpetrator Previous injunction violated by perpetrator
 Current injunction violated by perpetrator Effort made by decedent to withdraw or remove an injunction
 Unknown

37) Conditions of injunction:
 Standard conditions
 Special Conditions (specify) _____
 Unknown

38) Perpetrator returned to previous relationship with decedent while active injunction on file:
 Yes No Unknown

39) Injunction History on Decedent Yes No If no skip to question 46.

40) At time of fatality, the decedent was respondent of:
 Active injunction(s) Previous injunction(s) Unknown

41) Number of previous injunctions: _____ Month/Year issued: _____

42) Previous injunction on decedent:
 None By perpetrator Other (specify) _____ Unknown

43) Other injunction information: (Check all that apply)
 Injunction served on decedent Previous injunction violated by decedent
 Current injunction violated by decedent Effort made by perpetrator to withdraw or remove injunction
 Unknown

44) Conditions of injunction:
 Standard conditions Special conditions (specify): _____ Unknown

45) Had decedent returned to previous relationship with perpetrator while active injunction on file:
 Yes No Unknown

DECEDENT INFORMATION46) Sex: Male Female 46) DOB: _____ (MMDDYYYY) 47) Age: _____ Years

47) Number of living minor or dependent child(ren): _____

48) Current Marital Status:

- N/A, decedent underage Never married Widowed
 Married to perpetrator Married to Other
 Separated from perpetrator Separated from other
 Divorced from perpetrator Divorced from other

49) Race:

- White Black American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian or Pacific Islander
 Unknown Other (specify): _____

50) Ethnicity:

- Hispanic (Country _____) Non-Hispanic Unknown

51) Religious Affiliation: (specify) _____ None Unknown

52) Education:

- Decedent is a minor Elementary High School/GED
 Some College Completed College Graduate School
 Vocational/Job Training Unknown Other: (specify) _____

53) Occupation skill level:

- Decedent is a minor Professional Clerical Laborer
 Technician Military Skilled Worker Homemaker
 Unknown Other: (specify) _____

54) Employment:

- Decedent is a minor Employed Unemployed Retired Unknown

55) Other source(s) of income:

- Decedent is a minor No other current source Government assistance
 Current partner support Spousal support Soley dependent on perpetrator
 Other (specify) _____ Unknown

56) Criminal History: Decedent is a minor No arrests recorded Unknown

If criminal history, please specify:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-violent crime arrest (s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence crime arrest(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Violent crime arrest(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> # with guilty conviction _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # with guilty conviction _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # with guilty conviction _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> # without conviction _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # without conviction _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # without conviction _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> # with conviction with/held _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # with conviction with/held _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # with conviction with/held _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> # without disposition _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # without disposition _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # without disposition _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |

57) Documented police response(s) to residence:

Yes	No	Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

58) Decedent victim of other offense(s): (specify) _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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59) Previous incidents of domestic violence with different partner(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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60) History of domestic violence known to other(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PERPETRATOR INFORMATION61) Sex: Male Female 62) DOB: _____ (MMDDYYYY) 63) Age: _____ Years

64) Number of living minor or dependent child(ren): _____

65) Current Marital Status:

- N/A, perpetrator underage Never married Widowed
 Married to decedent Married to Other
 Separated from decedent Separated from other
 Divorced from decedent Divorced from other

66) Race:

- White Black American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian or Pacific Islander
- Unknown Other (specify): _____

67) Ethnicity:

- Hispanic (Country _____) Non-Hispanic Unknown

68) Religious Affiliation: (specify) _____

- None Unknown

69) Education:

- Decedent is a minor Elementary High School/GED
- Some College Completed College Graduate School
- Vocational/Job Training Other: (specify) _____ Unknown

70) Occupation skill level:

- Decedent is a minor Professional Clerical Laborer
- Technician Military Skilled Worker Homemaker
- Other: (specify) _____ Unknown

71) Employment:

- Decedent is a minor Employed Unemployed Retired
- Unknown

72) Other source(s) of income:

- Decedent is a minor No other current source Government assistance
- Current partner support Spousal support Soley dependent on perpetrator
- Other (specify) _____ Unknown

73) Criminal History:

- Decedent is a minor No arrests recorded Unknown

If criminal history, please specify:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-violent crime arrest (s)
<input type="checkbox"/> # with guilty conviction _____
<input type="checkbox"/> # without conviction _____
<input type="checkbox"/> # with conviction with/held _____
<input type="checkbox"/> # without disposition _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence crime arrest(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> # with guilty conviction _____
<input type="checkbox"/> # without conviction _____
<input type="checkbox"/> # with conviction with/held _____
<input type="checkbox"/> # without disposition _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Violent crime arrest(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> # with guilty conviction _____
<input type="checkbox"/> # without conviction _____
<input type="checkbox"/> # with conviction with/held _____
<input type="checkbox"/> # without disposition _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
|---|--|--|

- | | Yes | No | Unknown | Source |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| 74) Previous incidents of domestic violence with different partner: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 75) Previous history of suicide attempt: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 76) Known allegations of stalking: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 77) Previous participation in batterer's intervention program: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 78) Previous abuse of drugs: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 79) Previous abuse of alcohol: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 80) Under medication: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 81) Previous incident(s) of animal abuse: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 82) Appeared in court for domestic violence offense: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 83) Domestic violence related charges were dismissed against perpetrator: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 84) Suspected or charged in death of former intimate partner: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 85) Former intimate partner died in accident/mysterious manner: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 86) History of domestic violence known to other entities: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 87) Known incidents of prior child abuse: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

109b) Perpetrator served with an injunction, prior to the fatality:								
110a) Perpetrator arrested for domestic violence on decedent, within a week of the fatality:								
110b) Perpetrator arrested for domestic violence on decedent, prior to the fatality:								
111a) Perpetrator arrested for domestic violence on another partner, within a week of the fatality:								
111b) Perpetrator arrested for domestic violence on another partner, prior to the fatality:								
Substance Abuse Factors								
112a) Perpetrator abused drugs, within a week of the fatality:								
112b) Perpetrator abused drugs, prior to the fatality:								
113a) Decedent abused drugs, within a week of the fatality:								
113b) Decedent abused drugs, prior to the fatality:								
114a) Perpetrator abused alcohol, within a week of the fatality:								
114b) Perpetrator abused alcohol, prior to the fatality:								
115a) Decedent abused alcohol, within a week of the fatality:								
115b) Decedent abused alcohol, prior to the fatality:								
Health / Mental Health Factors								
116) Perpetrator taking a nonprescription medication at the time of the fatality:								
117) Decedent taking a nonprescription medication at the time of the fatality:								
118) Medication prescribed for perpetrator at time of fatality:								
119) Medication prescribed for decedent at time of fatality:								
120) Perpetrator taking prescribed medication at time of fatality:								
121) Decedent taking prescribed medication at time of fatality:								
122) Perpetrator taking psychiatric medication at time of fatality:								
123) Decedent taking psychiatric medication at time of fatality:								
124) Perpetrator had/has mental health problems:								
125) Decedent had/has mental health problems:								
126a) Perpetrator attempted to commit suicide, within a week of the fatality:								
126b) Perpetrator attempted to commit suicide, prior to fatality:								
127) Decedent attempted to commit suicide prior to fatality:								
Other Factors								
128a) Perpetrator alleged to have committed act to avenge a perceived wrongdoing by decedent:								
128b) Perpetrator alleged to have committed act to avenge a perceived wrongdoing by decedent's family member:								
128c) Perpetrator alleged to have committed act to avenge a perceived wrongdoing by other party:								
129a) Immigration Status was in question pertaining to the Decedent:								
129b) Immigration Status was in question pertaining to the Perpetrator:								
130) Other factor(s): (specify) _____								

ESCALATING CIRCUMSTANCES

If N/A is selected; a brief explanation MUST be provided

Did the Decedent	Yes	No	Unk	N/A	
				Provide brief explanation	Source
131) Express fear of physical danger to themselves and/or children:					
132) Express fear of losing custody of children:					
133) Isolate themselves from family and friends:					
134) Have evidence of physical injury:					
135) Exhibit signs of:					
Depression					
Anger					
Low self esteem					
Suicidal thoughts					
136) Express fear of involvement in the criminal justice system process:					
137) Show or express signs of sleeping difficulties:					
138) Express guilty feelings about the failed relationship:					
139) Show or express history of familial abuse:					
140) Express fear of being alone:					
141) Express fear of making a great life change:					
142) Express belief that partner would change and/or stop abusive behavior:					
Did the Perpetrator					
143) Abuse the decedent in public:					
144) Keep tabs on or stalk decedent:					
145) Put down the decedent's friends and family:					
146) Tell the decedent, jealousy is a sign of love:					
147) Make all decisions in the relationship (including finances):					
148) Blame decedent for abuse:					
149) Use intimidation by instilling fear through looks and gestures:					
150) Smash objects and destroy property:					
151) Tell the decedent their fears about the relationship were not important:					

SERVICES REQUESTED, ORDERED, OR OBTAINED

	Requested			Received		
	Yes	No	Unk	Yes	No	Unk
Domestic Violence Services						
152) Domestic violence counseling services:						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						
153) Domestic Violence center:						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						
154) Religious community/church:						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						
155) Children services:						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						
156) Supervised visitation center:						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						
157) Other: _____						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						
Criminal Justice/Legal Assistance						
158) Law Enforcement:						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						
159) Legal assistance/attorney:						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						
160) State Attorney/Prosecutor:						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						
161) Court/Judges:						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						

163) Court/Judges:							
Decedent							
Perpetrator							
164) Family court:							
Decedent							
Perpetrator							
165) Probation/Parole:							
Decedent							
Perpetrator							
166) Other: _____							
Decedent							
Perpetrator							
Health Care Provider							
167) EMT/Paramedics:							
Decedent							
Perpetrator							
168) Ambulance service:							
Decedent							
Perpetrator							
169) Emergency room:							
Decedent							
Perpetrator							
170) Physician:							
Decedent							
Perpetrator							
171) Mental health clinic:							
Decedent							
Perpetrator							
172) Mental health program:							
Decedent							
Perpetrator							
173) Other: _____							
Decedent							
Perpetrator							

Children Services						
174) Dept.of Social & Rehabilitation involvement:						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						
Child of Decedent						
Child of Perpetrator						
175) School involvement:						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						
Child of Decedent						
Child of Perpetrator						
176) Other:_____						
Decedent						
Perpetrator						
Child of Decedent						
Child of Perpetrator						

177) Number of prior calls for service to domestic violence centers: _____

178) Number of prior calls for service to law enforcement: _____

179) Number of prior calls for service concerning child abuse: _____

	Requested			Received		
	Yes	No	Unk	Yes	No	Unk
180) Anger Management Program:						
Decedent completed						
Perpetrator completed						
181) Batterer's Intervention Program:						
Decedent completed						
Perpetrator completed						
182) Substance Abuse Program:						
Decedent completed						
Perpetrator completed						
183) Other Court Ordered Program(s):						
Decedent completed: (specify)						
Perpetrator completed: (specify)						
				Decedent	Perpetrator	
183) Number of times Anger Management Program was attended:						
184) Number of times Batterer's Intervention Program was attended:						
185) Number of times Substance Abuse Program was attended:						

LETHALITY INDICATORS

This section should reflect if the decedent and/or perpetrator displayed any of the following factors during the relationship, prior to the fatality.

186) Emotional/Mental Deterioration	Decedent	Perpetrator
Suicidal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homicidal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of day to day function	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
History of psychiatric problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poor compliance with taking medication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Depression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic loss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of family support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
187) Ownership/Centrality of Decedent to Perpetrator	Decedent	Perpetrator
Obsessiveness about partner or family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extreme jealousy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to victim and/or family members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rage and/or depression over separation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Perceived betrayal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Perceived rejection after attempt to reconcile	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
188) Antisocial Behavior	Decedent	Perpetrator
History of domestic violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
History of assaults on others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
History of criminal activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
History of stalking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
History of substance abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Possession of weapons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
History of abusing children (physically and/or sexually)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
History of childhood abuse or witnessing violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
189) Failure of Community Control	Decedent	Perpetrator
Violation(s) of restraining order	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Violation(s) of probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arrest(s) for domestic violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Failure to complete Batterer's Intervention Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Failure to complete Substance Abuse Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Failure to complete Anger Management Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
190) Severity of Violence	Decedent	Perpetrator
Used a weapon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Death threat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unwanted sexual contact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strangulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hurt pet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Severe injury	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadistic/Threatening act	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expressed concerns that she/he would be killed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

191) Were there events that indicated level of abuse was escalating: Yes No Unknown
If **yes** list events below.

192) Indicate all known entities that had knowledge of domestic violence occurring between the decedent and the perpetrator during the relationship of the decedent and perpetrator.

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> law enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> family | <input type="checkbox"/> acquaintances/neighbors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> state/county agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> employers/co-workers | <input type="checkbox"/> abuse centers/shelters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> friends | |

193) Document any recommendations the team would make based on the findings of this case review.

194) Document any significant factor(s) evident in this case that were not addressed on this form.

195) Document all policies and/or procedures that were changed based on factors learned during the review of this case.

MULTIPLE VICTIM FORM

Complete this form if the secondary victim is involved in the domestic violence incident in a capacity which renders him and/or her as a victim of domestic violence. Note: this form should be used to record both juvenile and adult victims.

Victim # _____ of _____

Reference Fatality Review Control Number: _____ Check if revision to a previously submitted report.

Fatality Review Questionnaire

EVENT INFORMATION

1) Event Type(s):

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intimate Partner | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-Intimate Partner | <input type="checkbox"/> Familicide | <input type="checkbox"/> Parricide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Killing the Competition | <input type="checkbox"/> Killing of Children by Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide Pact | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy Killing | <input type="checkbox"/> Fratricide and/or Sororicide | <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator Kills Batterer | |

2) Provide the injury that caused the actual death, greatest trauma or most severe damage:

3) Death certified by:

- Medical Examiner Medical Doctor Other (specify): _____

4) Decedent activity prior to fatality:

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> In transit to work | <input type="checkbox"/> At work | <input type="checkbox"/> In transit to home | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Activity related to child care | <input type="checkbox"/> Household activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Asleep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | | |

5) Check the weapon type used to commit fatality of primary decedent. (If multiple weapons were involved check only the weapon used to carry out the death of the decedent).

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handgun | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle | <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firearm (other/unknown) | <input type="checkbox"/> Knife/Cutting Instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire/Incendiary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Hands/Fist/Feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |

6) Injuries sustained during fatality:

Decedent

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt trauma | <input type="checkbox"/> Stab/Puncture wounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Gunshot wounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Strangulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poison | <input type="checkbox"/> Burns | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | |

Perpetrator

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt trauma | <input type="checkbox"/> Stab/Puncture wounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Gunshot wounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Strangulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poison | <input type="checkbox"/> Burns | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | |

ENVIRONMENT PRIOR TO FATALITY

Injury History of Decedent: Yes No, if no skip to questions 13.

7) At time of fatality, the decedent was respondent of:

- Active Injunction(s) Previous Injunction(s) Unknown

8) Number of previous injunctions: _____ Month/Year issued: _____

9) Previous injunctions on decedent:

- None By perpetrator Other (specify): _____ Unknown

10) Other injunction information: (check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injunction served on decedent | <input type="checkbox"/> Previous injunction violated by decedent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current injunction violated by decedent | <input type="checkbox"/> Effort made by perpetrator to withdraw or remove the injunction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |

11) Conditions of injunction:

- Standard conditions _____
- Special conditions (specify) _____
- Unknown

12) Had decedent returned to previous relationship with perpetrator while active injunction on file:

- Yes No Unknown

DECEDENT INFORMATION13) Sex: Male Female 14) DOB: _____ (MMDDYYYY) 15) Age: _____ Years

16) Current Marital Status:

- N/A, decedent underage Never married Widowed
Married to perpetrator Married to Other
Separated from perpetrator Separated from other
Divorced from perpetrator Divorced from other

17)Race:

- White Black American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian or Pacific Islander
Unknown Other (specify): _____

18)Ethnicity:

- Hispanic (Country _____) Non-Hispanic Unknown

19) Religious Affiliation: (specify) _____ None Unknown

20) Education:

- Decedent is a minor Elementary High School/GED
Some College Completed College Graduate School
Vocational/Job Training Other: (specify)_____ Unknown

21) Occupation skill level:

- Decedent is a minor Professional Clerical Laborer
Technician Military Skilled Worker Homemaker
Other: (specify)_____ Unknown

22) Employment:

- Decedent is a minor Employed Unemployed
Retired Unknown

23) Criminal History: Decedent is a minor No arrests recorded Unknown

If criminal history, please specify:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-violent crime arrest (s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence crime arrest(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Violent crime arrest(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> # with guilty conviction _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # with guilty conviction _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # with guilty conviction _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> # without conviction _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # without conviction _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # without conviction _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> # with conviction with/held _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # with conviction with/held _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # with conviction with/held _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> # without disposition _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # without disposition _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> # without disposition _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |

24) Documented police response(s) to residence:

Yes	No	Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

25) Decedent victim of other offense(s): (specify) _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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26) Previous incidents of domestic violence with different partner(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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27) History of domestic violence known to other(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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RELATIONSHIP ISSUES

28) Relationship of decedent to perpetrator:

- | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Brother/Sister | <input type="checkbox"/> In-law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Step-parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-habitant | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-co-habitant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child | <input type="checkbox"/> Step-child | <input type="checkbox"/> Child of girlfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Child of boyfriend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girlfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-girlfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Boyfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-boyfriend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify) _____ | | | |

29) Reported prior threats made to decedent by perpetrator: (check all that apply)

- Threat to kill decedent
Threat to kill children or family member
Threat to commit suicide
Threat to harm animals/pets
Other (specify) _____

Source

Health / Mental Health Factors

41) Decedent taking a nonprescription medication at the time of the fatality:							
42) medication prescribed for decedent at time of fatality:							
43) Decedent taking prescribed medication at time of fatality:							
44) Decedent taking psychiatric medication at time of fatality:							
45) Decedent had/has mental health problems:							
46) Decedent attempted to commit suicide prior to fatality:							

Other Factors

47a) Immigration Status was in question pertaining to the Decedent:							
47b) Immigration Status was in question pertaining to the Perpetrator:							
48) Other factor(s): (specify) _____							

ESCALATING CIRCUMSTANCES

If N/A is selected; a brief explanation MUST be provided.

Did the Decedent	Yes	No	Unk	N/A	Source
49) Express fear of physical danger to themselves and/or					
50) Express fear of losing custody of children:					
51) Isolate themselves from family and friends:					
52) Have evidence of physical injury:					
53) Exhibit signs of:					
Depression					
Anger					
Low self esteem					
Suicidal thoughts					
54) Express fear of involvement in the criminal justice system					
55) Show or express signs of sleeping difficulties:					
56) Express guilty feelings about the failed relationship:					
57) Show or express history of familial abuse:					
58) Express fear of being alone:					
59) Express fear of making a great life change:					
60) Express belief that partner would change and/or stop					
61) Prior contact/confrontation with perpetrator:					

SERVICES REQUESTED, ORDERED, OR OBTAINED

Indicate only services requested, ordered, or obtained that are related to incidents of domestic violence.

	Requested			Received		
	Yes	No	Unk	Yes	No	Unk
Domestic Violence Services						
62) Domestic Violence counseling services:						
63) Domestic Violence center:						
64) Religious community/church:						
65) Children services:						
66) Supervised visitation center:						
67) Other (specify) _____						
Criminal Justice/Legal Assistance						
68) Law Enforcement:						
69) Legal assistance/attorney:						
70) State Attorney/Prosecutor:						
71) Court/Judges:						
72) Family court:						
73) Probation/Parole:						
74) Other: _____						
Health Care Provider						
75) EMT/Paramedics:						
76) Ambulance service:						
77) Emergency room:						
78) Physician:						
79) Mental health clinic:						
80) Mental health program:						
81) Other: _____						
Children Services						
82) Dept.Children & Family involvement:						
83) School involvement:						
84) Other: _____						

85) Provide the number of prior calls for service to Domestic Violence Centers: _____

86) Provide the number of prior calls for service to Law Enforcement: _____

87) Provide the number of prior calls for service concerning Child Abuse: _____

	Requested			Received		
	Yes	No	Unk	Yes	No	Unk
88) Anger Management Program: Decedent completed:						
89) Batterer's Intervention Program: Decedent completed:						
90) Substance Abuse Program: Decedent completed:						
91) Other Court Ordered Program(s): Decedent completed:						

92) Provide the number of times Anger Management Program was attended: _____

93) Provide the number of times Batterer's Intervention Program was attended: _____

94) Provide the number of times Substance Abuse Program was attended: _____

LETHALITY INDICATORS

This section should reflect if the decedent and/or perpetrator displayed any of the following factors during the relationship, prior to the fatality.

95) Emotional/Mental Deterioration

- Suicidal
- Loss of day to day function
- Poor compliance with taking medication
- Economic loss

- Homicidal
- History of psychiatric problems
- Depression
- Loss of family support

96) Ownership/Centrality of Decedent to Perpetrator

- Obsessiveness about partner or family
- Access to victim and/or family members
- Perceived betrayal

- Extreme jealousy
- Rage and/or depression over separation
- Perceived rejection after attempt to reconcile

97) Antisocial Behavior

- History of domestic violence
- History of criminal activity
- History of substance abuse
- History of abusing children (physically and/or sexually)

- History of assaults on others
- History of stalking
- Possession of weapons
- History of childhood abuse or witnessing violence

98) Failure of Community Control

- Violation(s) of restraining order
- Arrest(s) for domestic violence
- Failure to complete Substance Abuse Treatment

- Violation(s) of probation
- Failure to complete Batterer's Intervention Program
- Failure to complete Anger Management Program

99) Severity of Violence

- Used a weapon
- Unwanted sexual contact
- Hurt pet
- Sadistic/Threatening act

- Death threat
- Strangulation
- Severe injury
- Expressed concerns that she/he would be killed

**MULTIPLE VICTIM FORM
(BY-STANDER)**

Complete this form if the secondary victim is involved in the domestic violence incident in a capacity which renders him and/or her as a victim of domestic violence. Note: this form should be used to record both juvenile and adult victims.

Victim # _____ of _____

Reference Fatality Review Control Number: _____ Check if revision to a previously submitted report.

Fatality Review Questionnaire

EVENT INFORMATION

- 1) Event Type(s):
- | | | | |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intimate Partner | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-Intimate Partner | <input type="checkbox"/> Familicide | <input type="checkbox"/> Parricide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Killing the Competition | <input type="checkbox"/> Killing of Children by Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide Pact | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy Killing | <input type="checkbox"/> Fratricide and/or Sororicide | <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator Kills Batterer | |
- 2) Provide the injury that caused the actual death, greatest trauma or most severe damage:
- 3) Death certified by:
- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Examiner | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Doctor | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |
|---|---|---|
- 4) Check the weapon type used to commit fatality of primary decedent. (If multiple weapons were involved check only the weapon used to carry out the death of the decedent).
- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handgun | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle | <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firearm (other/unknown) | <input type="checkbox"/> Knife/Cutting Instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire/Incendiary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Hands/Fist/Feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
- 5) Injuries sustained during fatality:
- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt trauma | <input type="checkbox"/> Stab/Puncture wounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Gunshot wounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strangulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Poison | <input type="checkbox"/> Burns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | |

DECEDENT INFORMATION

- 6) Sex: Male Female 7) DOB: _____ (MMDDYYYY) 8) Age: _____ Years
- 9) Race:
- | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Black | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | |
- 10) Ethnicity:
- | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic (Country _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
- 11) Decedent activity prior to fatality:
- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> In transit to work | <input type="checkbox"/> At work | <input type="checkbox"/> In transit to home | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Activity related to child care | <input type="checkbox"/> Household activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Asleep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | | |
- 13) Relationship of decedent to perpetrator:
- | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Brother/Sister | <input type="checkbox"/> In-law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Step-parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-habitant | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-co-habitant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child | <input type="checkbox"/> Step-child | <input type="checkbox"/> Child of girlfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Child of boyfriend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girlfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-girlfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Boyfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-boyfriend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify) _____ | | | |

MULTIPLE PERPETRATOR FORM

Complete this form if the secondary victim is involved in the domestic violence incident in a capacity which renders him and/or her as a victim of domestic violence. Note: this form should be used to record both juvenile and adult victims.

Victim # _____ of _____

Reference Fatality Review Control Number: _____ Check if revision to a previously submitted report.

Fatality Review Questionnaire

EVENT INFORMATION

- 1) Event Type(s):
- | | | | |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intimate Partner | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-Intimate Partner | <input type="checkbox"/> Familicide | <input type="checkbox"/> Parricide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Killing the Competition | <input type="checkbox"/> Killing of Children by Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide Pact | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy Killing | <input type="checkbox"/> Fratricide and/or Sororicide | <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator Kills Batterer | |
- 2) Injuries sustained during fatality:
- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt trauma | <input type="checkbox"/> Stab/Puncture wounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Gunshot wounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strangulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Poison | <input type="checkbox"/> Burns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | |
- 3) Perpetrator injured by:
- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decedent | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Decedent's family member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Witness | <input type="checkbox"/> Self | <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator not injured |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
- 4) Officer/perpetrator interaction / Law Enforcement: (check all that apply)
- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interaction between perpetrator and law enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Used force against the perpetrator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Used deadly force against the perpetrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Made an arrest at the scene of the fatality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Made an identification of a suspect where the fatality occurred | |
- 5) Time lapse between the fatality and the arrest of the suspect:
- | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Days | <input type="checkbox"/> Weeks | <input type="checkbox"/> Months | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator at-large | | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide/death of perpetrator | | |
- 6) Status of perpetrator:
- | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator at-large | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrested | <input type="checkbox"/> Currently incarcerated for fatality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committed suicide during (timeframe) of fatality | | <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetrator killed by law enforcement during arrest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committed suicide as a separate and distinct incident from fatality (this means that suicide was not part of the fatality) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | |

ENVIRONMENT PRIOR TO FATALITY

- Injunction History on Perpetrator** Yes No, if no skip to question 36.
- 7) At time of fatality, the perpetrator was respondent of:
- | | | |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Active injunction(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Previous injunction(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
- 8) Number of **previous** injunctions: _____ Month/Year issued: _____
- 9) Previous injunction on perpetrator:
- | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> By decedent | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
- 10) Other injunction information: (Check all that apply)
- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injunction served on perpetrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Previous injunction violated by perpetrator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current injunction violated by perpetrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Effort made by decedent to withdraw or remove an injunction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |
- 11) Conditions of injunction:
- | |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Standard conditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Conditions (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
- 12) Perpetrator returned to **previous** relationship with decedent while active injunction on file:
- | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|

PERPETRATOR INFORMATION

13) Sex: Male Female 14) DOB: _____ (MMDDYYYY) 15) Age: _____ Years

16) Current Marital Status:
N/A, perpetrator underage Never married Widowed
Married to decedent Married to Other
Separated from decedent Separated from other
Divorced from decedent Divorced from other

17)Race:
White Black American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian or Pacific Islander
Other (specify): _____ Unknown

18)Ethnicity:
Hispanic (Country _____) Non-Hispanic Unknown

19) Religious Affiliation: (specify) _____ None Unknown

20) Education:
Decedent is a minor Elementary High School/GED
Some College Completed College Graduate School
Vocational/Job Training Other: (specify) _____
Unknown

21) Occupation skill level:
Decedent is a minor Professional Clerical Laborer
Technician Military Skilled Worker Homemaker
Other: (specify) _____ Unknown

22) Employment:
Decedent is a minor Employed Unemployed Retired Unknown

23) Criminal History:
Decedent is a minor No arrests recorded Unknown
Non-violent crime arrest (s) Domestic Violence crime arrest(s) Other Violent crime arrest(s)
with guilty conviction _____ # with guilty conviction _____ # with guilty conviction _____
without conviction _____ # without conviction _____ # without conviction _____
with conviction with/held _____ # with conviction with/held _____ # with conviction with/held _____
without disposition _____ # without disposition _____ # without disposition _____
Unknown Unknown Unknown

	Yes	No	Unknown	Source
24) Previous incidents of Domestic Violence with different partner:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
25) Previous history of suicide attempt:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
26) Known allegations of stalking:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
27) Previous participation in batterer's intervention program:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
28) Previous abuse of drugs:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
29) Previous abuse of alcohol:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
30) Under medication:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
31) Previous incident(s) of animal abuse:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
32) Appeared in court for Domestic Violence offense:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
33) Domestic violence related charges were dismissed against perpetrator:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
34) Suspected or charged in death of former intimate partner:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
35) Former intimate partner died in accident/mysterious manner:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
36) History of Domestic Violence known to other entities:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
37) Known incidents of prior child abuse:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

PERPETRATOR AS BATTERED VICTIM

If the perpetrator was a victim of battery by the decedent, complete this section.

- 38) Reported prior threats made to perpetrator by decedent (check all that apply):
- | | |
|--|--------|
| | Source |
| Threat to kill perpetrator | _____ |
| Threat to kill children or family member | _____ |
| Threat to commit suicide | _____ |
| Threat to harm animals/pets | _____ |
| Other: (specify) _____ | _____ |
- 39) Domestic Violence related charges were dismissed against the decedent: Yes No Unknown Source

- 40) Decedent suspected or charged in death of former intimate partner: _____
- 41) Former intimate partner of decedent died in accident/mysterious manner: _____

PERPETRATOR SUICIDE

If perpetrator committed suicide after the fatality, complete this section.
If Suicide occurred as a distinct incident separate from the time frame of the fatality, skip to question 93.

- 42) Cause of death: _____
Suicide note left: Yes No Unknown
- 43) Suicide appeared to be a part of the original homicide: (e.g., suicide pact, note indicated prior plan, etc)
Yes No Unknown

RELATIONSHIP ISSUES

- 44) Relationship of decedent to perpetrator:
- | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Brother/Sister | <input type="checkbox"/> In-law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Step-parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-habitant | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-co-habitant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child | <input type="checkbox"/> Step-child | <input type="checkbox"/> Child of girlfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Child of boyfriend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girlfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-girlfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Boyfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-boyfriend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify) _____ | | | |
- 45) Reported prior threats made to decedent by perpetrator: (check all that apply)
- | | |
|--|--------|
| | Source |
| Threat to kill decedent | _____ |
| Threat to kill children or family member | _____ |
| Threat to commit suicide | _____ |
| Threat to harm animals/pets | _____ |
| Other (specify) _____ | _____ |
- 46) Circumstances that apply to decedent's and perpetrator's relationship:
- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Yes | No | Unknown |
| They lived together at some point | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| They lived together at the time of the fatality | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| There were intimate prior to the fatality | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| They had a child(ren) in common | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| They had child(ren) in household, but not in common | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| They always maintained separate dwellings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| They had previous reported incidents of domestic violence | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| They had a significant change in relationship | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Health / Mental Health Factors

61) Perpetrator taking a nonprescription medication at the time of the fatality:

62) Medication prescribed for perpetrator at time of fatality:

63) Perpetrator taking prescribed medication at time of fatality:

64) Perpetrator taking psychiatric medication at time of fatality:

65) Perpetrator had/has mental health problems:

66a) Perpetrator attempted to commit suicide, within a week of the fatality:

66b) Perpetrator attempted to commit suicide, prior to fatality:

Other Factors

67a) Perpetrator alleged to have committed act to avenge a perceived wrongdoing by decedent:

67b) Perpetrator alleged to have committed act to avenge a perceived wrongdoing by decedent's family member:

67c) Perpetrator alleged to have committed act to avenge a perceived wrongdoing by another party:

68) Immigration Status was in question pertaining to the Perpetrator:

69) Other factor(s): (specify) _____

ESCALATING CIRCUMSTANCES

If N/A is selected; a brief explanation MUST be provided.

Did the Perpetrator:	N/A			Provide brief explanation	Source
	Yes	No	Unk		
70) Abuse the decedent in public:					
71) Keep tabs on or stalk decedent:					
72) Put down the decedent's friends and family:					
73) Tell the decedent, jealousy is a sign of love:					
74) Make all decisions in the relationship (including finances):					
75) Blame decedent for abuse:					
76) Use intimidation by instilling fear through looks and gestures:					
77) Smash objects and destroy property:					
78) Tell the decedent their fears about the relationship were not important:					

SERVICES REQUESTED, ORDERED, OR OBTAINED

Indicate only services requested, ordered, or obtained that are related to incidents of domestic violence.

	Requested			Received		
	Yes	No	Unk	Yes	No	Unk
Domestic Violence Services						
79) Domestic Violence counseling services:						
80) Domestic Violence center:						
81) Religious community/church:						
82) Children services:						
83) Supervised visitation center:						
84) Other (specify) _____						
Criminal Justice/Legal Assistance						
85) Law Enforcement:						
86) Legal assistance/attorney:						
87) State Attorney/Prosecutor:						
88) Court/Judges:						
89) Family court:						
90) Probation/Parole:						
91) Other: _____						
Health Care Provider						
92) EMT/Paramedics:						
93) Ambulance service:						
94) Emergency room:						
95) Physician:						
96) Mental health clinic:						
97) Mental health program:						
98) Other: _____						
Children Services						
99) Dept Children & Family involvement:						
100) School involvement:						
101) Other: _____						

102) Provide the number of prior calls for service to Domestic Violence Centers: _____

103) Provide the number of prior calls for service to Law Enforcement: _____

104) Provide the number of prior calls for service concerning Child Abuse: _____

	Requested			Received		
	Yes	No	Unk	Yes	No	Unk
105) Anger Management Program: Perpetrator completed:						
106) Batterer's Intervention Program: Perpetrator completed:						
107) Substance Abuse Program: Perpetrator completed:						
108) Other Court Ordered Program(s): Perpetrator completed:						

109) Provide the number of times Anger Management Program was attended: _____

110) Provide the number of times Batterer's Intervention Program was attended: _____

111) Provide the number of times Substance Abuse Program was attended: _____

LETHALITY INDICATORS

This section should reflect if the perpetrator displayed any of the following factors during the relationship, prior to the fatality.

112) Emotional/Mental Deterioration

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal | <input type="checkbox"/> Homicidal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of day to day function | <input type="checkbox"/> History of psychiatric problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor compliance with taking medication | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of family support |

113) Ownership/Centrality of Decedent to Perpetrator

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obsessiveness about partner or family | <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme jealousy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to victim and/or family members | <input type="checkbox"/> Rage and/or depression over separation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perceived betrayal | <input type="checkbox"/> Perceived rejection after attempt to reconcile |

114) Antisocial Behavior

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> History of domestic violence | <input type="checkbox"/> History of assaults on others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History of criminal activity | <input type="checkbox"/> History of stalking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History of substance abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Possession of weapons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History of abusing children (physically and/or sexually) | <input type="checkbox"/> History of childhood abuse or witnessing violence |

115) Failure of Community Control

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violation(s) of restraining order | <input type="checkbox"/> Violation(s) of probation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest(s) for domestic violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to complete Batterer's Intervention Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to complete Substance Abuse Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to complete Anger Management Program |

116) Severity of Violence

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Used a weapon | <input type="checkbox"/> Death threat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unwanted sexual contact | <input type="checkbox"/> Strangulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hurt pet | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sadistic/Threatening act | <input type="checkbox"/> Expressed concerns that she/he would be killed |

APPENDIX D



KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

11 October 2004

**Governor Forms Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board;
Names Former Attorney General Bob Stephan, Chair**

Governor Kathleen Sebelius signed an executive order establishing a 14-member Governor’s Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and signed a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence awareness month. The Board is charged with reviewing all adult domestic violence-related fatalities, describing trends and patterns regarding the facts and circumstances of these fatalities, recommending improvements to prevent future fatalities, and determining if adequate resources and training are in place for those who respond to domestic violence crimes.

Governor Sebelius’ commitment to addressing domestic violence started long before she was elected as governor. As one of the founding members of the Battered Women’s Task Force in Shawnee County, she used to facilitate weekly group meetings with victims of domestic violence at the YWCA, helped to raise funds and organize the Topeka Shelter. She also fought successfully for the mandatory arrest law and for additional fees for shelters in the Kansas Legislature.

“I am deeply committed to improving services for domestic violence victims and survivors and recommending improvements to prevent domestic violence-related fatalities,” said Governor Sebelius “I look forward to working with this outstanding group and appreciate their knowledge and expertise in victims’ rights issues as we strive to improve the safety and prevention of domestic violence victims in Kansas.”

Governor Sebelius selected former Kansas Attorney General Robert Stephan to chair the Board in recognition of his dedication and commitment to crime victims. During his tenure, he created a task force to look into the status of victims’ rights in Kansas. Through these efforts, laws were enacted to afford basic rights for victims of crime. Stephan’s leadership also led to numerous laws regarding domestic violence, such as, the requirement that all law enforcement agencies adopt written policies when responding to domestic violence calls and to make an arrest if probable cause exists. Additionally, clarification to the Protection From Abuse Order law was strengthened, making it a crime if violated.

“I am grateful that Governor Sebelius realizes the enormity of the problem of domestic violence and has formed a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board to assist victims and seek solutions,” said Stephan. He continued, “As the son of a beloved mother who was a victim of domestic violence I assume the position as chair of the board with first hand knowledge of the problem and a commitment to do everything possible to find ways to stop this despicable crime.”

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The other Board members include Judge Harold Flaigle, Dave Warry, Dr. Mary Dudley, Steven Halley, Sandra Barnett, Brandelyn Nichols, Sara Welch, Janice Norlin, Margaret Hagherian, Carol Rood, Susan Moran, Andria Cooper and Sgt. Troy Hensley. Governor Sebelius selected members who are in the field and work on domestic violence issues on a daily basis.

Judge Flaigle, Sedgwick County, is a Sedgwick County District Court judge in Division Six. He served on the Attorney General's Violence Against Women Committee from 1995-2000. Judge Flaigle is a former administrative judge for Wichita Municipal Court where he developed a domestic violence court program. As former President of the Kansas Municipal Court Judges Association he provided statewide training to judges on rights for domestic violence and crime victims.

Warry, Reno County, is the Assistant Director for the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. He is responsible for basic training of law enforcement officers. He has instructed thousands of law enforcement officers on the topic of domestic violence through basic and advanced training courses. Warry is a retired Police Captain and Commander of the Wichita Police Training Academy.

Dr. Dudley, Sedgwick County, is a District Coroner for Sedgwick County. She is an associate professor for the University of Kansas School of Medicine and member of the Trauma Review Team for three hospitals in Wichita. Dr. Dudley also is a former member of the Arizona State Child Death Review Board.

Halley, LSCSW, Crawford County, is the Clinical Director of Halley Counseling Services, P.A. in Girard, Kansas. He is a co-facilitator of the "Alternatives to Battering Program" that is delivered to domestic violence perpetrators.

Barnett, Shawnee County, is the Executive Director of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence in Topeka. Barnett serves on several national, regional and local boards regarding domestic violence and has provided training and presentations on domestic violence and sexual assault.

Nichols, Wyandotte County, is a city prosecutor with the Unified Government of Wyandotte County Legal Department. She prosecutes misdemeanor domestic violence cases in municipal court, assists domestic violence victims in finding community resources and participates in organizations aimed at ending domestic violence in Kansas City, Kansas.

Welch, Johnson County, is an Assistant District Attorney in the Trial Division for Johnson County. She was co-counsel on the St. v. John E. Robinson trial in 2000 to 2002. Welch also is a certified Kansas law enforcement officer and worked for the Arvada Colorado and Leawood Kansas Police Departments and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

Norlin, Saline County, is an attorney in private practice with Marietta, Kellogg and Price in Salina. She is a former Staff Attorney for the Kansas Legal Services.

Hagherian, Wyandotte County, is a Parole Officer with Kansas City, Kansas. She is a member of the Domestic Violence Committee for Kansas Parole Services.

Rood, Sedgwick County, is a Court Services Officer with Sedgwick County District Court. She conducts child custody investigations, protection from abuse intakes, protection from stalking intakes and presentence investigations. In addition, she has served on the Victims Access to the Courts Project Advisory Committee.

Moran, Lyon County, is the Executive Director of SOS, Inc. in Emporia. She has been affiliated with SOS both as a volunteer and board member since 1976. SOS aids domestic violence and sexual assault victims, provides emergency response and follow-up assistance for victims and collaborates with other community agencies in meeting the special needs of victims of personal violence.

Cooper, Ellis County, serves as Assistant Professor of Justice Studies at Fort Hays State University. Her areas of research are victimology, victim advocacy, criminal and civil law and her work has been published in a variety of outlets. She is former Assistant Ellis County Attorney where she prosecuted domestic and sexual violence cases.

Hensley, Riley County, has served as a Domestic Violence Investigator for three years with the Riley County Police Department. He has been with the department for nine years.

10 February 2005

Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Receives Assistance from National Expert

The Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (FRB) hosted a national expert to share his expertise and knowledge on reviewing domestic violence fatalities at the board's meeting today in Topeka.

Neil Websdale, author of *Understanding Domestic Homicide, Policing the Poor: From Slave Plantation to Public Housing and Rural Women Battering and the Justice System*, assisted the board in developing procedures for gathering information on and reviewing domestic violence fatalities in Kansas. Websdale is a consultant and associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Northern Arizona University. He also serves as director of the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative, a clearinghouse and resource center that reviews domestic violence homicides.

The FRB is charged with reviewing all adult domestic violence-related fatalities, describing trends and patterns regarding the facts and circumstances of these fatalities, recommending improvements to prevent future fatalities and determining if adequate resources and training are in place for those who respond to domestic violence crimes.

"I'm pleased the board is drawing on the expertise of a national expert in developing its procedures in reviewing fatalities," Governor Kathleen Sebelius said.

"We were anxious to learn more about the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative's approach to examining domestic violence fatalities and seeing what procedures we can incorporate in our reviews in Kansas," Bob Stephan, former Kansas Attorney General and FRB Chair said. "We want to ensure that our reviews are conducted in the most comprehensive and efficient manner in order to help identify trends and patterns that ultimately will lead us to solutions to prevent this abuse."

The FRB meeting was held in conjunction with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence's Safe Homes, Safe Streets Awareness Day on February 10 from 8 to 4:30 p.m. at the State Capitol, the coalition's news conference at 11 a.m. featured Governor Kathleen Sebelius and Chair Stephan and includes a reception at 6 p.m. The reception will highlight Don McPherson, a former NFL quarterback who leads a movement challenging men to take responsibility for inappropriate and abusive behavior. Megan Bushell, Miss Kansas 2004, and Stephan will co-host the reception.

APPENDIX E

Appendix E—Governor’s Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Columns



KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

16 March 2005

Governor’s Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Column:
Submitted by Bob Stephan, Board Chair, who serves in honor of his mother

The following is a column written by Bob Stephan, Chair of Governor Kathleen Sebelius’ Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board:

In September 2004 Governor Kathleen Sebelius telephoned me and said, “I want to bring you back to public service and have you chair a Governor’s Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board.” Without hesitating I accepted the offer and when the Governor and I finished our conversation, I looked out the window at the heaven above and said with a tear in my eye –“This one’s for you, Mom.”

I am briefly relating the suffering of my Mother as a victim of domestic violence so all of those concerned will know that this is not just another committee to me, but a cause and concern that has followed me all my life. I have never been able to shut out the horrible beatings my Mother received at the hands of my father. Even in my sleep I often have dreams that bring back the awful events.

When I was a child, on one occasion my father started beating my Mother in the house and dragged her into the car. I hid in the bushes until he returned. She was unconscious and he carried her into the house. On another occasion the police came and my Mother was pitifully lying on the couch, black and blue from a beating and yelling, “He is going to kill me.” These types of events occurred over and over.

During one violent episode when I was seven years old, I ran out of the house and climbed up a tree. I fell but only got the wind knocked out of me. At first I thought I was going to die and I was glad.

Finally, after twenty years of living hell my Mother said enough was enough and divorced my father. He was a friendly man but an alcoholic, and when he got drunk, he was as mean as anyone on the face of the earth could be.

There has been too little progress over the last 50 years in regard to assisting victims of domestic violence. There is still a lack of empathy and understanding by the public, the law enforcement community, the judiciary and our lawmakers. Domestic violence is a brutal crime hoisted on the defenseless and we must do all that we can to stop it.

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I believe the creation of the Board is long overdue and I look forward to working with the talented group that the Governor has assembled to serve on the board. The board's goals are to continue informing the public about the insidious nature of domestic violence and motivating the public to find solutions to end domestic violence; and identify systemic changes within all the organizations and agencies that work with domestic violence victims, offenders and families to learn new ways of reducing the number of fatalities by better identification of risk factors and improvement in the coordination of services that Kansas provides.

There is a statewide toll-free number to assist victims of domestic violence. If help is needed, please call 1-888-End Abuse (1-888-363-2287).



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KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

26 April 2005

Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Column:
Judgments must fit the crime

The following is a column by Bob Stephan, Chair of Governor Kathleen Sebelius' Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board:

Among other issues, I have never understood why domestic violence is so misunderstood by those in the justice system. As a former district court judge I realize the difficult problems that face a judge, but on too many occasions the pain and anguish of a battered woman is not understood.

It is true that in numerous circumstances a woman will file a domestic battery charge and then later refuse to appear in court or to testify. Certainly this is frustrating to courts and prosecutors alike. There is a need to understand that more often than not the woman is afraid, is dependent on the batterer or believes the system will be lenient with the batterer and for one or more of these reasons does not fully cooperate. Appropriate counseling, understanding and advocacy are a must in every domestic violence case.

Many years ago I clipped a list of Municipal Court cases out of a local Kansas community newspaper. My attention was drawn to four cases of domestic battery and one case of beating a dog. Four women and one dog were beaten. The resulting judgment of the court reveals the benign attitude regarding victims of domestic violence. The judgment in that court was no different than that which occurred in many courts throughout the state. I fear that in the last 13 thirteen years and probably the last 50 years very little has changed.

The Municipal Court docket showed the following: (The cases are real but the last names have been deleted.)
Frank, 44, was placed on six months diversion on a charge of domestic battery. He also was ordered to pay \$5.50 in court costs.

Thomas, 42, was placed on six months diversion on a charge of domestic battery. He also was ordered to pay \$5.50 in court costs.

Mearl, 29, was placed on six months diversion on a charge of domestic battery. He also was ordered to pay \$5.50 in court costs.

Timothy, 24, was placed on six months diversion on a charge of domestic battery. He also was ordered to pay \$5.50 in court costs.

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Kyle, 22, pleaded no contest to a charge of unlawfully beating a dog and was sentenced to two days in jail and six months probation. He also was fined \$100.

Neither of these acts should be condoned but shouldn't human beings who have been assaulted receive justice commensurate with the act against them? We need to work together to protect the defenseless – both human and animal.



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Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Column: In Honor of Harvey County Deputy Sheriff Kurt Ford

The following is a column by Bob Stephan, Chair of Governor Kathleen Sebelius' Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board:

Domestic Violence involves the battering of a spouse, partner or children by a coward. It is perceived to be violence directed at a specific person or persons. In all too many instances we fail to recognize the role of law enforcement officers in assisting victims of domestic violence.

When law enforcement officers respond to a domestic violence call it may be one of the most dangerous duties they undertake because they don't know what they are walking into. This proved to be true on a tragic night in April in Harvey County.

According to news articles detailing events from that tragic night, the Harvey County Sheriff's office received an emergency call at 11:50 p.m. on April 8, 2005, from a 14-year-old girl who said her mother was being held against her will and she was being beaten. In response deputies went to the home where the woman was being held. As it turned out she was being held by Greg Moore, a boyfriend. The officers attempted to communicate with Moore but initially were unsuccessful. Finally around 3:00 a.m., the woman spoke to deputies on the telephone and they were told she or Moore would meet them at the door. She spoke to deputies through a screen door and said she wanted to leave. At that point the door was slammed shut. A woman's screams were heard and there were sounds that indicated she was being beaten.

Deputy Sheriff Kurt Ford and Hesston Police Detective Chris Eilert were called upon to carry out their duty to protect and serve. In an attempt to rescue the woman they forced their way into the house. Shortly after entering the house Deputy Ford was shot with a .45 caliber handgun and was killed instantly. Chris Eilert was directly behind Deputy Ford and he also was shot. The bullet nearly severed a finger, then deflected off Eilert's forearm and lodged in his shoulder. He also was shot in the calf. Although critically wounded, he survived.

Domestic violence claimed the life of a brave 38 year-old Harvey County Sheriff's Deputy. He was an innocent victim of collateral damage in the war against domestic violence.

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It is appropriate to pause and be thankful for the dedication to duty of Deputy Ford and other law enforcement officers throughout our state who put themselves in harms way to protect victims of criminal acts.

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Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Column: Statewide Coalition Helping Victims

The following is a column by Bob Stephan, Chair of Governor Kathleen Sebelius' Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board:

There are many wonderful organizations that assist domestic violence victims in Kansas and we owe them our appreciation and thanks. Over the next few months I will spotlight these humanitarian organizations, but I want to commence with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV).

When Governor Kathleen Sebelius formed the Kansas Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, there were two members with whom I had worked to assist victims when I was Kansas Attorney General. I had not seen Sandy Barnett, Executive Director of KCSDV or Susan Moran, Executive Director of SOS, Inc., Lyon County for 10 years and now we are once again working together in a common cause. I have discovered that each and every member of the Fatality Review Board is committed to do everything possible to lessen the incidents of domestic violence.

The KCSDV is a network of organizations throughout the state whose goal it is to end domestic violence and sexual assault and to assist the victims of these criminal acts.

There is a network of 31 sexual and domestic violence programs whose primary goals are safety, accountability and justice. Individuals can find the cities where the programs are available by going to the website (www.kcsdv.org) or by calling toll free 1-888-363-2287.

The statistics are horrifying.

In Kansas there were 96 domestic violence murders between 1993 and 2003. In 2003 one domestic violence murder occurred every 24.3 days. One domestic violence incident occurred every 28 minutes 17 seconds. Law enforcement made one domestic violence arrest every 54 minutes and 32 seconds. There were a total 14,554 domestic violence incidents in 2003 and 9,793 arrests.

Approximately 2.3 million people in the United States are raped and/or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend.

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In the United States the costs of intimate partner rape, physical assault and stalking of women ages 18 and older exceed \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health care services.

The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence is working to unify programs to:

1. Promote communication, support and networking to ensure comprehensive services,
2. To develop research and data collection services,
3. To expand services for victims of sexual and domestic violence with a primary focus on women and children,
4. To educate the public about the human and financial toll that results from sexual and domestic violence,
5. To advocate public policy changes.
6. To maintain an ongoing evaluation of organizational structure and future funding, and
7. To confront and affirm issues of empowerment affecting women and children without regard to race, color, age, physical limitations, national origin, sexual preference, religious affiliation, marital/parental status education and income.

Because of the dedication of all of the people involved in the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence the suffering of victims is acknowledged and confronted with care and understanding.

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**Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Column:
Crawford v. Washington 124 S. Ct. 1354, March 8, 2004
"Another Formula for Confusion"**

The following is a column by Bob Stephan, Chair of Governor Kathleen Sebelius' Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board:

Because of the difficulty encountered in the prosecution of a domestic violence case that often results from the failure of the victim to be present and testify, courts have been liberal in allowing exceptions to traditional hearsay rule. Hearsay is defined as evidence based on the statements of others that are not present in court and generally is not admissible against an accused.

Studies show that approximately 80 percent of victims decline to assist the government in the prosecution of domestic violence cases. In an attempt to continue the prosecution of a domestic violence case, the courts generally allowed the prosecutor to present certain hearsay evidence in lieu of live testimony.

In order to admit hearsay testimony in a trial, the courts generally devised an exception that applied a two part subjective test. First, "the prosecutor must either produce or demonstrate the unavailability of the declarant whose statement he/she wishes to use against the defendant. Second, "if the declarant is unavailable, the statement must have been made under circumstances providing sufficient indicia of reliability."

In the case of Crawford v. Washington the United States Supreme Court set out a new and novel test to determine the admissibility of hearsay evidence. Even though the court may have intended to further the goal of providing a solid test for the admission of hearsay, it is, in my opinion, just as confusing as ever and maybe even more so.

The Crawford case stated that if a statement, when made, was not made with the intent or expectation that it would be used in a prosecution, it would be admissible hearsay. Statements that are made which one would naturally assume would be used in a criminal trial are not admissible hearsay. What you have to figure out is which statement, at the time it is made; you could anticipate would be used in a criminal trial and which statement was made for another purpose (perhaps just a call for help, etc.)

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For example, one court has held that victims' calls to 911 operators are admissible hearsay statements because the victim had initiated the communication rather than the police, and her motive was to ask for help and not to bring criminal charges. In the same jurisdiction another court held that although a 911 call was made by a witness to a murder, the call intended to summon assistance from the police and the caller should realize that the call would be used in a criminal prosecution. As a result, it was a hearsay statement that could not be used.

There are many reasons why victims refuse to cooperate with the prosecution. Among those reasons is the risk of reprisal by the batterers, economic dependence, continued emotional attachment to the batterer, desire to keep the family together, fear of loss of custody of children, and deportation in the event the victim is illegally in this country.

Unfortunately, the Crawford rule is subject to a number of interpretations and the result is that it is as clear as mud.

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Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Column: **Focus on Wichita YWCA Women's Crisis Center**

The following is a column by Bob Stephan, Chair of Governor Kathleen Sebelius' Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board:

In a previous article I acknowledged with appreciation the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. I am now pleased to recognize the work of the Wichita YWCA Women's Crisis Center.

The Crisis Center works to reduce domestic violence and its consequences by sheltering and protecting victims and by helping individuals develop positive relationship skills. The Center carries out its mission by also being involved in advocacy and community education.

The Wichita YWCA shelters approximately 450 women and children each year and receives more than 6,000 crisis calls each year. The Crisis Line is (316) 267-7233. Through the court advocacy program, advocates have helped more than 500 individuals obtain protection from abuse orders as well as protection from stalking orders. Victims are provided support in criminal cases as well as in civil cases.

The YWCA has a working partnership with the Wichita Police Department. That partnership is a community-based advocacy program focused on follow-up contact with victims after a domestic violence incident is reported to police. Advocates in this program reach approximately 1,000 victims per year. A partnership has also been entered into with Correctional Counseling of Kansas and the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office to provide comprehensive services to families where one member has been charged with a felony-level domestic violence offense and the victim has chosen to remain in the relationship with the offender.

Recently the YWCA has developed a program to reach victims of domestic violence through the area's 450 hair salons. The goal of the program is to make salons a safe place where victims can find connections to information and resources for help.

There are many other services offered by the Wichita YWCA that put them at the forefront of efforts to aid victims of domestic violence. We applaud and appreciate their efforts to educate the public about the causes of domestic violence and preventive measures to assist in reducing the horrendous crime of domestic violence. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Wichita YWCA at (316) 263-7501 or outside the area call toll free at 1-888-End Abuse (1-888-363-2287).

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