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2000 Femicide Report Women and Children Murdered

The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women monitors information about women and children murdered in our state to educate the public about the lethality of woman abuse and child abuse. We pledge to remember the women, children, and family members and/or friends who die each year from domestic violence and the woman and children who die while being used in prostitution - a system of violence against women and children. Women used in prostitution are battered women in need of protection from abuse. We also remember the women and children who were murdered by acquaintances, strangers, or unknown perpetrators.

We challenge communities to respond to battered women and their children by providing safe shelter and advocacy services, prevention education for all elementary and secondary students, laws to protect women and children, effective enforcement of those laws, and aggressive prosecution of all domestic assault crimes and all prostitution crimes targeting perpetrators, pimps, and "johns". Included in this report are the names of the women and children who have died from woman abuse and child abuse in Minnesota since January 1, 2000.

In Minnesota in 2000:

At least 40 women were murdered in cases where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was a current or former husband, boyfriend, intimate partner, or household/family member of the deceased woman.

At least 6 children were murdered in cases where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was their mother's husband, boyfriend or intimate partner, or was the parent, guardian, baby-sitter, or household/family member of the child.

At least 1 family member/friend was murdered by a woman's current or former partner.

At least 5 women were murdered by an acquaintance, stranger, or an unknown perpetrator.

At least 70 children have been left without a mother.

WOMEN MURDERED:

1. Diocelina Villegas-Cortez, 27

Minneapolis

January 2, 2000

The body of Diocelina Villegas-Cortez was found in the street in front of her home. She died of multiple stab wounds. One of Diocelina's four children told police that Jorge Diaz, believed to be the father of one of her children, had been at their home that night, that the two of them argued and then left the house. About midnight residents in the area called 911 saying they heard screams and saw someone lying in the street. A sister of Villegas-Cortez told police that Diaz called her about 12:30 am and told her he had stabbed her sister and left her in the street, then asked if she would check on her sister's condition because he thought he had killed her. The sister gave police the phone number Diaz had used to call her, which was a halfway house he had stayed at recently. Diaz has been charged with second-degree murder. Diocelina's four children survive her.

2. Gam Lang, 36

Blaine

January 3, 2000

Gam Lang died nearly a month after she had been stabbed in the chest. She was attacked by a friend, Tien Phan, when she told him her goddaughter had married someone else and was living in California. Two of Gam Lang's teenage children heard her scream and came into the living room of their home where they saw her being stabbed. Phan also chased Lang's 15 yr old daughter with a knife. Gam Lang is survived by her five children and her husband. Tien Phan has been charged with second-degree murder and second-degree assault.

3. Roxanne Bloomfield, 33

Zumbrota

January 4, 2000

Roxanne Bloomfield was strangled to death by her husband, James Bloomfield. He told authorities he had used his hands and an extension cord to kill her. He was apprehended about two hours after the murder in Rochester, where he had tried to commit suicide by driving his car in front of a truck on the highway. Roxanne's sister and domestic abuse advocates said the couple had a history of abuse that started before their marriage 18 months ago. Her three children, who were not at home at the time of the murder, survive Roxanne. James Bloomfield committed suicide by hanging himself in the county jail hours before he was to plead guilty to second-degree murder.

4. Yang Her, 32

St Paul

January 31, 2000

Yang Her was gunned down by her husband, Thong Her, in front of her 4-year-old son. Thong Her then turned the gun on himself. The couple had been arguing just before the shooting and Yang Her had called a relative and asked him to come to the apartment because she was having problems – and when he arrived he found the Hers lying in a room next to their living room. Yang Her died at the scene and Thong Her died the following day. They leave 8 children orphaned.

5. Doris "Diane" Olson, 48

St Paul

February 9, 2000

Less than an hour after Doris Olson left friends and returned to her home, firefighters were called to the home she shared with her boyfriend. After extinguishing the fire, Olson was found dead in a back room. Doris Olson had often confided in her boss about her "stormy" relationship, and the evening before she died had mentioned they had again been arguing. Police arrested, questioned and released her boyfriend, Rolando Gonzalez.

6. Elpha Gunderson, 84 **Ulen** **February 17, 2000**
Elpha Gunderson was killed by a blast from a shotgun fired by her 55-year-old son, Wallace. He then turned the gun on himself. The bodies were found by another brother.

7. Nikki Norris Washington, 32 **Minneapolis** **March 7, 2000**
Nikki Washington had separated from her husband and told him she wanted a divorce. Leevoice Washington went to her home and argued with her, then told her three children to go to a bedroom. They heard their mother screaming, glass breaking and a table being thrown across the room. They went into the living room where they saw their mother being stabbed, the assault continued onto the balcony where Leevoice Washington slashed her throat and choked her and she fell to a concrete slab below. Her three children witnessed the attack. Leevoice Washington has been charged with first-degree murder.

8. Heida Ann Weitzenkamp, 25 **Byron** **March 8, 2000**
A motorist found Heida on a frontage road, called 911 and then tried to help her. She was airlifted to St Mary's Hospital in Rochester where she was pronounced dead on arrival. She died from an open head injury consistent with hitting the pavement after leaving a moving vehicle. Heida had been with her 24 year old boyfriend who originally tried to help at the scene of the accident but then became uncooperative and struggled with officers and was arrested. A sheriff's department investigation continues.

9. Lisa Koestler, 38 **Blue Earth** **March 15, 2000**
A half hour after Lisa Mae Koestler called her estranged husband to wish him a happy birthday, he knocked on her door, walked in and said to her "So, you want half of everything." Eldon Koestler then shot Lisa 5 times as several of her family and friends looked on. He then turned the gun on himself but inflicted relatively minor injuries. Eldon pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and has been sentenced to 38 years in prison.

10. Dena Jasper, 24 **St Michael** **March 21, 2000**
Joshua Jasper, 9 months
A relative of Dena Jasper's, who came to her house to baby-sit Joshua, saw Brian Jasper lying on the steps inside his home with a gun next to his body. She ran to a neighbor's house to notify authorities. Dena's body was found on a bed upstairs and Joshua was dead in his crib. There was no sign of a struggle. Police determined Brian killed Dena and Joshua and then himself.

11. Serene Mankoff, 76 **St Louis Park** **April 1, 2000**
Police were called to Serene Mankoff's home by a friend who stayed there. The friend told them Jemel Hakim, the boyfriend of Serene's daughter, had awakened him an hour earlier and had borrowed Mankoff's car keys. A short time later the friend went into Serene's bedroom and discovered her bludgeoned body in her bed, covered with a blanket. The bedroom was spattered with blood and a dumbbell covered in blood was found on the floor. Shortly after, Hakim was involved in an accident and officers arrested him. He has been charged with murder and is being held in lieu of \$1million bail.

12. Ollie Belinda Hill, 38 **Minneapolis** **April 5, 2000**
Kevin Walker has been charged with fatally stabbing Ollie Hill after watching videos with her and then arguing with her in her apartment. Walker was arrested on a warrant related to a robbery and while being

questioned gave police his girlfriend's address and said to "check it out for something other than a robbery". Police then went to Ollie Hill's apartment where they found her body. She had been stabbed several times, including stabbing her purposefully in the neck to make sure he hit a vital area, as she slept. Walker has been charged with second-degree intentional murder.

13. Alberta Johnson, 59 **Cold Spring** **April 15, 2000**
Ivan Watkins shot Alberta and then killed himself in their home near Cold Spring.

14. Katherine Helt, 35 **Browerville** **May 11, 2000**
The bodies of Brian Helt and Katherine Helt were discovered when firefighters responded to a fire at the couple's home. Investigators determined that Katherine died of a gunshot wound to the head and Brian Helt died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The report said that Brian Helt shot Katherine, then set the house on fire and then committed suicide.

15. LeeAnn Pankow, 37 **Minneapolis** **May 25, 2000**
The body of LeeAnn Pankow of St Louis Park was found in a house in south Minneapolis. She had been stabbed to death. Later that day the body of Joseph Dyer was found in Lakeville's Lake Marion. Dyer was LeeAnn's boyfriend and police believe he killed Pankow when she tried to break off their relationship and then drowned himself.

16. Tammy Saice, 39 **New Brighton** **June 17, 2000**
Tammy Saice and her husband Terry Saice were found shot to death in their apartment less than a day after police were called there on a domestic assault. The bodies were found by one of the couple's four children, although the children were not in the apartment at the time of the shooting. Investigators believe Terry Saice killed his wife and then himself. Police had been called to the apartment seven times in 1999 and several times this year. Terry Saice's brother described the couple's relationship as tumultuous and violent, and said his brother had threatened to kill himself and sometimes would threaten to kill his wife.

17. Renee Miller, 42 **Minneapolis** **June 21, 2000**
Firefighters responding to a house fire found the body of Renee Miller. The house was destroyed by fire but medical examiners determined Renee died of gunshots. Steven Miller, 17, son of Renee, has been charged with first-degree murder. Steven told police he woke his mother and demanded money from her. When she refused, he got a handgun and tried to shoot her. The gun didn't work so he went and got a shotgun. When he came back to the bedroom, he found his mother lying next to the bed, praying and begging for her life. Steven then shot her 2 or 3 times, took money from his mother's purse and went downstairs and started a fire. He also turned the burners on the stove as high as they could go and put clothes on the flames. After setting the fire, he went to buy cigarettes and a soft drink and returned to check on the fire, then went to a sister's house, where he was found by police and taken into custody.

18. Diane Wessels, 39 **Breckenridge** **June 28, 2000**
The body of Diane Wessels was found in her burning home, the victim of a gunshot. The body of her ex-husband was also in the house, the victim of a self-inflicted gunshot. Police found a handgun and written notes in the room where they were found and stated this was a murder-suicide. Diane is survived by her three children and one grandchild.

**19. Minnetta Louise Kloek, 52
July 3, 2000**

Cass County (Minnetonka)

Minnetta Kloek was repeatedly stabbed with a steak knife, dumped from a car and left in a ditch to bleed to death. Arvid Kloek has been charged with second-degree murder and held on \$2 million bail. The police complaint states the Kloeks were driving between Bemidji and Minnetonka near Pine River when Arvid got into an argument with Minnetta and he then stabbed her and left her body at a highway intersection. He called a relative who persuaded him to turn himself in. Arvid Kloek then drove to the Brainerd Law Enforcement Center about 40 minutes away and told authorities where the body of his wife could be found. His car contained large amounts of blood in the interior and a knife was also found in the trunk.

20. Yolanda Pagan, 30

St Paul

July 20, 2000

Yolanda Pagan died of a gunshot wound to the chest but managed to call 911 to tell authorities she had been shot by her estranged husband, Aeropajito Vazquez. Vazquez then took the phone and said he had shot her. When police arrived, Vazquez was in front of the home waving a gun, he then went back into the house and officers heard gunfire. When he came out of the house he said he had shot himself twice – he had two gunshot wounds to the abdomen but was not seriously wounded. Yolanda was dead at the scene. The couple reportedly had a difficult relationship and she had attempted to leave him many times, he had threatened that he was going to kill her and she felt he would kill her. Yolanda Pagan had moved out two months ago and is survived by four children. Vazquez has been charged with second-degree murder.

21. Scot Marie Hermanson, 32

Apple Valley

August 13, 2000

It was Sunday morning when a neighbor heard frantic knocking at her door and found an 11-year-old girl crying for help. She said something was wrong with her mother. When the neighbor went across the hall and looked inside she saw Scot Marie Hermanson lying on a couch with a bullet wound to the head. According to the police charges, Hermanson, her boyfriend David J Pederson Jr. and another man had been drinking Saturday night and into Sunday morning. About 8 am Hermanson's 11 year old daughter was awakened by a gunshot and then heard Pederson say "Oh my God. Oh my God. I didn't know it was loaded. I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry." According to the other man, Pederson dropped the gun onto the floor, picked up another gun and threatened to shoot himself, ran from the apartment, put the gun in the back of his station wagon and drove away. Pederson, still at large (8/15/00), has been charged with manslaughter. Scot Marie Hermanson is survived by five children.

22. Kimberly Kaye Harmon, 40

St Paul

August 16, 2000

Kimberly's 7-year-old daughter told police that she survived by playing dead and then running downstairs for help. Two persons visiting the building found her and law enforcement was called. Kimberly Harmon was stabbed 130 times and was dead when police found her – her daughter was stabbed 36 times and is hospitalized in good condition. The attack is described as particularly brutal and investigators do not know why it went on for so long and the motive is not clear. Samuel P Mitchell had been visiting Harmon and the three had watched a movie just before the attack. Mitchell has been indicted on two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted first-degree murder and is being held in the Washington County jail in lieu of \$1 million bail.

23. Marie H. Heu, 34**Eagan****August 22, 2000**

As office manager of the St Paul Police Dept's homicide unit, Marie Heu had seen enough domestic abuse cases turn into homicides to know that she needed help when her marriage began to unravel. But despite obtaining an order for protection and getting rides home from the cops she worked with, Heu was found fatally shot in the Eagan home she shared with her 3 daughters. A family friend found her body about 1 am and it appeared she was alone at home at the time of the killing. She had been shot in the abdomen and the chest. Fu Joseph Heu, who was estranged from Marie, is being held and has been charged with first-degree murder.

24. Ruma Hamid, 23**Jordan****Killed 5/00****Body Recovered 8/24/00**

A man who was arrested in New York State on a traffic violation told authorities there that he murdered his wife in Minnesota at a campsite in Jordan in May. Jeffrey Thompson said he then drove to Tennessee where he buried her body on a tract of land he had purchased. Law enforcement subsequently found the body of Ruma Hamid buried under 2 feet of dirt and decking material at the spot described by Thompson. Thompson has been convicted of rape in Oregon, custodial interference in California, and fraud in Florida. He reportedly met Ruma Hamid while working in Bangladesh and married her in 1998. . Hamid and Thompson's son, 11 months old at the time of the murder, has been placed with Thompson's parents in Oregon. In January of 2002, Thompson pled guilty to second-degree murder in the case and was sentenced to 29 years in prison. "Her last moments on earth were filled with terror, brutality and horror as she had her life breath choked out of her by her husband," said Scott County Attorney Tom Harbinson.

25. Nicole Mae Wittkop, 23**Duluth****August 29, 2000**

A Duluth man has been charged with beating and strangling his wife, Nicole Mae Wittkop, to death and dumped her body in the woods before calling the police the next day and saying he had something to confess. Lawrence Walter Wittkop has been charged with second-degree murder in her death. A local man called the St Louis County Sheriff's office after Lawrence Wittkop knocked at his door requesting someone call 911 and saying he had been beaten up and dumped off – "although he didn't look like he had been beaten up". When police arrived he told deputies he wanted to confess to a crime, and led authorities to the body. Lawrence Wittkop has not formally confessed and is being held on \$400,000 bail.

26. Linda Roberson, 47**Savage****Estimated death 8/30/00****Body Found 9/5/00**

A co-worker of Linda Roberson's called police to report that she had not shown up at work since August 29 and that phone calls had gone unanswered. When officers arrived at the home they found the back door unlocked and Linda Roberson's body inside. Donald Roberson's body was found in a bedroom with a 12-gauge shotgun nearby. The investigation indicates that Donald Roberson shot his wife and then shot himself.

27. Jilmarie Hann VonHennchen,37**Duluth****September 5, 2000**

Motel workers discovered the body of Jilmarie Hann VonHennchen. Others at the motel reported hearing loud noises during the night, and investigation revealed that Douglas Michael Edling – who was renting the room – left the motel by cab about 4:30 am, and he boarded a bus for Minneapolis later that morning.

Jilmarie, who had been strangled and beaten, was the girlfriend of Edling. Edling is being held and has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

28. Margaret Purdie, 70

New Richland

September 17, 2000

Early Sunday morning Waseca Sheriff's Dept responded to a 911 call reporting a possible gunshot coming from an apartment in New Richland where Eric Jon Purdie lived with his mother. Officers found Eric Purdie leaning out of a window, he then left the window and returned with a gun. The officer then looked inside the apartment and saw that Eric Purdie had blood on his body and was holding a knife – and when Eric Purdie returned to the window the officer maced him. He then screamed "I killed my mom", officers entered and found the body of Margaret Purdie, dead of a gunshot wound. Eric Purdie has been charged with second-degree murder.

29. Norma Jean Thirlwall, 72

Shoreview

September 20, 2000

Neighbors say Norma Thirlwall was just seconds from safety when she was attacked in an alley behind her home. Police were on their way, responding to several calls about a disturbance at the home. Witnesses said Norma Thirlwall appeared to have been stabbed in the back. Officers arrested her 41-year-old son, Todd Thirlwall as he attempted to walk away from the scene and briefly struggled with the first deputy on the scene. Todd Thirlwall has been charged with intentional second-degree murder but is currently incompetent to stand trial.

30. Donna Mimbach, 29

See Family Members Murdered

Todd Mimbach, 32

See Family Members Murdered

John Mimbach, 12

See Children Murdered

Amber Duval, 9

See Children Murdered

Daniel Mimbach, 22 months

See Children Murdered

Lino Lakes

October 19, 2000

Donna and Todd Mimbach twice sought help from authorities on October 18, fearing violence by Donna's brother Lawrence Scott Dame. Hours later however, the couple and their three children were found dead in their Lino Lakes home. Dame had served prison time for slashing a man's throat in 1995. Dame had been released from the Anoka County jail on Wednesday, October 18 and was picked up by Todd Mimbach who took him to the hospital for a mental health crisis evaluation – Dame had reportedly told another family member that he heard spirits say "Your family is going to kill you" and had responded by saying "Well, I better kill everyone before they kill me." The hospital did not find cause to admit him and Todd took him to his home. Later that evening the police received a call from the Mimbach home requesting assistance, but did not ask for officers to come. The following afternoon officers went to the home when they were asked to check on the family and found the bodies of Donna and Todd and their three children. They all had been killed in their beds, with blunt and sharp instruments. Dame was arrested 3 days later in Coon Rapids. He is being held on five counts of second-degree murder. Lawrence Dame had served time in prison for a previous violent assault when he slashed the throat of an acquaintance. Dame has been found competent to stand trial but has pleaded not guilty and not guilty by reason of mental illness. The jury rejected Dame's insanity defense. On June 5, 2002 Dame was sentenced to 150 to life in prison.

**31. Michele Savage, 26
Perpetrator charged 10/25/00**

Virginia

Disappeared January 00

Michele Savage's family last saw her around Christmas. Michele was reported missing in January 2000. The St Louis County prosecutors charged James Sharbonda with second-degree murder and a count of interference with a dead body. The criminal complaint says Sharbonda confessed to a Washington state trooper last week that he had killed Michele in January and disposed of her body. Authorities took him back to Minnesota where he is being held.

32. Latisha M Barnes-Froysland, 25

St Paul

November 5, 2000

The three sons of 25-year-old Latisha Barnes ran to tell a neighbor that something was wrong with their mother. The oldest one, 7, said "My mom is dead. He beat her. There's blood coming out of her mouth." Investigators said one of her children, a 5-year-old boy, was in the room when Areece Manley allegedly placed a gun in his mother's mouth. The boy then went to his room to play, heard a loud noise and returned to find his mother on the floor with blood around her mouth. "You shot my mother," the boy told Manley and Manley said "So," as he left the home. Family members said the 2 yr relationship Barnes-Froysland had with Manley was marred by abuse. Latisha had this fall filed a report against Manley with St Paul police, who were considering charges of domestic assault, violating an order for protection and interfering with a 911 call. She had obtained an order for protection against Manley on 10/12/00 but the Sheriff's Dept never located him to serve it. Besides the three boys, she is survived by a 23-month-old daughter. Areece Manley had been sought by law enforcement for 2 weeks before he turned himself in. He has been charged with second-degree murder.

33. Connie Schreck, 41

Plymouth

November 6, 2000

Investigators believe the deaths of Connie Schreck and her husband Kevin Schreck are a murder-suicide. Their sons ages 9 and 11 ran to a neighbor's home and asked someone there to call 911 because their mom and dad had blood all over them. The investigation continues.

34. Xia Mee Vang, 22

St Paul

November 25, 2000

Xia Mee Vang's estranged husband, Lue Lee, called her and asked to see their 2-year-old daughter who had celebrated a birthday the day before. Xia Mee Vang brought the child to Mounds Park and met the father. They were taking pictures when a shotgun toting masked man interrupted the family outing. The man demanded money and fired a single shot to the head, instantly killing Xia Mee Vang. Police have determined that the killing was a result of a plan between Lue Lee and two friends after Lee decided to kill his wife rather than pay child support. Several previous attempts were called off when the men decided there were too many witnesses, but this plan appeared to work – the men even spoke to each other with walkie-talkies in the moments before the shooting. The story quickly unraveled as police questioned Lue Lee and his two accomplices, Thao Vue and a 16 year old juvenile (who fired the shot). Lue Lee finished a jail sentence in October for an assault on Xia Mee Vang. Lue Lee and Thao Vue have been charged with second-degree murder and are being held on \$1 million bail.

35. Marcella Wieczorek, 81

New Brighton

November 29, 2000

A 911 call brought police to the home of Marcella Wieczorek and her daughter Sue Wieczorek. A standoff lasting more than an hour took place between police and Sue Wieczorek, who was still in the house. When the sheriff's department SWAT team entered the house they found the suspect and a nearby

gun, but she did not resist arrest. They also found Marcella Wieczorek dead of a bullet wound. Sue Wieczorek was arrested and charged with her mother's death and with wounding her sister – who had escaped to neighbor's to call 911. Police had been called to the home at least six times before and records show Sue Wieczorek has a history of alcoholism and depression leading to disputes between her and her family.

36. Zoua Thao, 31 **Minneapolis** **December 3, 2000**

Police found Zoua Thao and her husband Ying Lee dead of gunshot wounds when they responded to a 911 call. The couple's 13 children were all home at the time of the shooting and the oldest son placed the 911 call. Two sons had tried to stop the suicide after Ying Lee had killed his wife - by grabbing a gun away from their father but he ran and got a second gun and turned it on himself. Relatives said the couple had been having problems but did not believe they would lead to killing. Family and relatives expect to keep the children together.

37. Mayra Calderon, 23 **St Paul** **December 18, 2000**

Hours after crying to neighbors about his crumbling marriage, Mayra Calderon was shot and killed by her husband. Amando Calderon then returned to the neighbor saying he had killed his wife and they needed to get the 3 kids out of there. The neighbor didn't want to "get in the middle" so Amando then called his brother and mother-in-law to say Mayra was dead and he was next. Mayra's mother rushed to the apartment and found them both dead. Police arrived and took the children out of the apartment – they are now with relatives.

38. Melissa Stammer, 23 **Starbuck** **December 18, 2000**

When authorities responded to a house fire, they found two people dead of gunshot wounds. Melissa and her live-in boyfriend Kent Amundson jointly owned the house. Melissa had told Amundson she was leaving him the night she was murdered. Police believe Amundson killed Melissa, then set the house on fire and turned the gun on himself.

39. Joanne Olson, 54 **Oronoco** **December 24, 2000**

Joanne Olson died of strangulation from an object. Her husband called authorities to the couple's home Christmas morning saying his wife was not breathing. He told deputies they had argued Christmas Eve and he used a belt to strangle her. He then cut the belt into pieces and flushed them down the toilet – authorities pumped the septic tank and found the belt pieces. Daryl Ray Olson, who had a history of being physically abusive, has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and will be sentenced to no longer than 25 years and five months, sentencing to be 2/26/01.

40. Tricia Rosberg, 27 **Duluth** **December 31, 2000**

Tricia Rosberg was visiting friends, relatives and her former fiancé for the holidays. While visiting Thomas Dougherty with who she had an on-again, off-again relationship, she was shot and killed by him. Dougherty then shot himself. Relatives of Dougherty say he has been struggling with mental illness.

CHILDREN MURDERED

- 1. Aubin James Klassen, 6 weeks** **Saginaw** **January 7, 2000**
The medical examiner determined that Aubin Klassen died of traumatic head injuries, consistent with shaken baby syndrome. Peter Klassen called 911 to report the injuries and the baby was taken to the hospital. Aubin died 3 days later. Peter Klassen has been charged with killing his son and is held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.
- 2. Joshua Jasper, 9 months** **St Michael** **March 21, 2000**
See Dena Jasper, No. 10, under Women Murdered
- 3. John Mimbach, 12** **Lino Lakes** **October 19, 2000**
See Donna Mimbach, No. 30, under Women Murdered
- 4. Amber Duval, 9** **Lino Lakes** **October 19, 2000**
See Donna Mimbach
- 5. Daniel Mimbach, 22 months** **Lino Lakes** **October 19, 2000**
See Donna Mimbach
- 6. Kailynn Montgomery, 2 ½** **Maplewood** **December 4, 2000**
Kailyn Montgomery was beaten to death by her mother's boyfriend, who was baby-sitting Kailyn. Kyle Kelbel has been taken into custody and is being held without bail. Kelbel made a 911 call to report the child was not breathing and emergency personnel transported her to the hospital where she was pronounced dead. Kailyn had numerous bruises on her chest and a large bruise on her forehead – the autopsy showed many bruises and scrapes on Kailyn's scalp, face, torso and arms and legs. The medical examiner told investigators that Kailyn would have been in extreme pain from her injuries and would have been crying and yelling. Kelbel reported no crying or yelling. Kailyn had been taken into protective custody in September and returned to her mother, Lindsey Ostler.

OTHER WOMEN MURDERED:

- 1. Andrea Kay Applebee, 25** **Minneapolis** **April 7, 2000**
Andrea's body was found in the street in south Minneapolis. During the night, neighbors heard someone running across several front yards and then heard people fighting in the street. When police arrived they found her badly beaten body. Police continue to investigate.
- 2. Brenda Townsend, 27** **Minneapolis** **May 21, 2000**
Brenda's nude body was recovered from the Mississippi River. Someone had strangled and suffocated her and thrown her body into the river. Police continue to investigate.
- 3. Jolene Stuedemann, 18** **Woodbury** **July 11, 2000**
Jolene was with her boyfriend near his house when they ran into Tony Roman Nose, who attended the same school. The three of them "hung out" at the boyfriend's house. About 4:30 the next morning, Jolene

began walking home. Tony Roman Nose left about 30 minutes later, and told police he used drugs at the Stuedemann home, began sexual contact with Jolene, then became angry and punched her in the head. Roman Nose admitted to police that he had repeatedly stabbed her with a screwdriver, then stood over her, the screwdriver in his hand, as she lay bleeding and moaning. Jolene Stuedemann's sister found Jolene's body about 11 am the next morning. Tony Roman Nose has been charged with two counts of first-degree murder.

4. Trina Langenbrunner, 33

Cloquet

September 3, 2000

Trina Langenbrunner's body was found along a rural road west of Duluth. She had been stabbed to death in what police described as an incident of "great violence". Trina was last seen alive around midnight at her home in Cloquet and told friends she was going to hitchhike to Grand Rapids where she has family. Trina's assailant is unknown and police are looking for the owner of a black satin jacket with a Camel cigarette logo on the sleeve that was found near her body. Trina Langenbrunner is survived by three children.

5. Keke Yvette Jefferson, 25

Golden Valley

September 23, 2000

Keke's body was found in Theodore Wirth Lake in Golden Valley. Although her death is a homicide, police have not determined if she died at the lake or elsewhere. The investigation continues.

FAMILY MEMBERS MURDERED:

1. Todd Mimbach, 32

Lino Lakes

October 19, 2000

See Donna Mimbach under Women Murdered, #30.

In reporting the total number of deaths, it is important to note that at least this many women and children have been murdered. We cannot be certain we have not missed some deaths since we must use a method of data collection that relies upon news accounts. No state or federal agency collects comprehensive data on femicides or domestic homicides. In addition, the murders of women of color, poor women, rural women, lesbians and women and girls used in prostitution may be underreported in our listing as they may be unreported or under reported in mainstream newspapers.

2000 Femicide Report – Women & Children Murdered is compiled from news accounts and information provided by law enforcement agencies, county attorneys, court administrators, battered women's programs and family members and friends of murder victims. Please contact us if we have missed a death or if you have updated or more complete information on any femicide.

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