

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW COMMITTEE

Data Form

I. General Information

Review Panel Case Number _____ Date Review Initiated _____
Date Review Completed _____

Victim information: Zip code of residence _____ Age _____ Gender _____ Race _____
Perpetrator information: Zip code of residence _____ Age _____ Gender _____ Race _____
Homicide _____ Suicide _____
Date of death _____

1. Relationship of victim to perpetrator -- Victim was perpetrator's:

- Spouse
- Ex-spouse
- Parent
- Step-parent
- Grandparent
- Child
- Sibling
- Intimate partner (live-in; heterosexual relationship)
- Intimate partner (live-in; same sex relationship)
- Intimate partner (not live-in; heterosexual relationship)
- Intimate partner (not live-in; same sex relationship)
- Ex-intimate partner (live-in; heterosexual relationship)
- Ex-intimate partner (live-in; same sex relationship)
- Ex-intimate partner (not live-in; heterosexual relationship)
- Ex-intimate partner (not live-in; same sex relationship)
- Other (Specify: _____)

Length of relationship: ___ Years ___ Months

2. Number of children living in the victim's home _____ Age(s) _____

a. Relationship of victim to children:

- parent
- stepparent
- relative (Specify _____)
- none
- other

- b. Relationship of perpetrator to children:
 parent
 stepparent
 relative (Specify _____)
 none other
3. Number of others living in the victim's home _____
4. Victim's source of income:
 employed
 public assistance
 spousal support
 other
5. Perpetrator's source of income:
 employed
 public assistance
 spousal support
 other

II. Homicide Information

6. Was the victim attempting separation at the time of the homicide?
 yes
 no
7. Was victim/perpetrator pregnant at time of homicide?
 yes
 no
- If yes, was the victim/perpetrator the father?
 yes
 no
 unknown
8. Where did death occur?
 home victim and perpetrator shared as a couple
 victim's home
 perpetrator's home
 other (Specify complete address) _____

If the incident occurred in a home, specify which room: _____

Bond or Probation (Specify _____)
 Parole

17. Was the offender or victim receiving batterer intervention or other treatment at the time of the fatality?

Yes (Specify _____)
 No

18. Were criminal charges filed that were related to the death?

yes
 no

If yes, what was the charge(s)? _____
What was the disposition? _____

III. History of Domestic Violence

19. Number of known police jurisdictions involved with victim in case: _____

Number of known police runs or calls to the victim's residence:

0 1 2-5 6-10 11+

Reason: _____

20. Number of known police jurisdictions involved with perpetrator in case: _____

Number of known police runs or calls to the perpetrator's residence:

0 1 2-5 6-10 11+

Reason: _____

21 a. Does the perpetrator have a previous criminal history?

yes
 no

b. Arrest information:

Date	Charges	Victim	Jurisdiction	Disposition

22 a. Did the victim have a previous criminal history?

yes
 no

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23. Were domestic violence related charges with the deceased victim ever dismissed against the perpetrator?

yes
 no

If yes, how many times? _____

Official reason for dismissal:

24. Is there an indication that the victim testified for the defendant, changed the story, or did not want to testify?

yes

no

a. If known, describe why the victim was reluctant:

b. What was the outcome of the case(s)?

25. Had the deceased victim suffered prior injuries as a result of domestic violence?

yes

no

unknown

a. If yes, specify nature of each injury:

b. Was treatment administered?

yes

no

unknown

c. Was the perpetrator of these injuries the person who killed the deceased?
 yes
 no
If no, list perpetrator _____

26. Was there any history of pet abuse? Yes No
If yes, specify: _____

27. Did the victim or perpetrator have a history of substance abuse?
 yes
 no

a. If yes, specify whom:
 victim
 perpetrator
 both
If known, list the substance(s): _____

IV. Systems Contact

28. To the committee's knowledge, were any of the following agencies involved with the victim or the perpetrator in the past five years prior to the victim's death? (Y = yes, N = no, U = unknown.)

Victim	Perpetrator	Agency
_____	_____	Law Enforcement (Specify) _____
_____	_____	City Prosecutor (Specify) _____
_____	_____	County Prosecutor (Specify) _____
_____	_____	Common Pleas Court
_____	_____	Municipal/County Court (Specify) _____
_____	_____	Domestic Relations Court
_____	_____	Juvenile Court
_____	_____	Mental Health Provider (Specify) _____
_____	_____	Drug Addiction Services (Specify) _____
_____	_____	Artemis
_____	_____	YWCA
_____	_____	Other Shelter (Specify) _____
_____	_____	Batterer Intervention (Specify) _____
_____	_____	Health Care Services (Specify) _____
_____	_____	Children's Services (Specify) _____
_____	_____	Humane Society/Animal Shelter (Specify) _____
_____	_____	Other Social Service Agency(ies) (Specify) _____

If victim or perpetrator were involved with any of the above, please specify the services provided, type of contact and dates of contact:

29. Systems problems/issues identified during team review related to death. (Check all that apply and explain)

V. Lethality Indicators

30. Check all that apply:

A. Severity of Violence

Was there a history of:

- serious injury
- threats to kill
- use of weapons
- threats with weapons
- repeated or escalating violence
- strangulation/choking of victim
- sexual assault/abuse
- abuse of animals
- sadistic/terrorist/hostage acts
- violence during pregnancy
- property damage intended to intimidate or control
- forcible entry to gain access to victim

B. Child Endangerment

- child abuse
- violence in presence of children
- threats to abduct child

C. Centrality of Victim to Perpetrator

- obsessive behavior (following, monitoring, substantiated telephone harassment)
- stalking behavior
- ownership - sees victim as property
- isolation of victim (social/physical/financial)

D. Anti-Social Behavior

- history of assaults on others
- pending criminal charges
- history of criminal activity
- violence or threats in public
- threats to/harassment of victim's family/friends

E. Failure of Community Control

- numerous police calls
- prior domestic violence arrests/convictions
- prior violation of protection/restraining orders
- ignores police/court/probation orders
- prior treatment for domestic violence

F. Psychological Disturbance

- homicidal and/or suicidal threats
- depression as evidenced by:
 - * extreme external life stressors, such as death in family, job loss
 - * previous hospitalizations for depression
 - * previous suicidal attempts

G. Other Danger Signals

- victim is currently attempting separation from perpetrator
- perpetrator has access to weapons
- perpetrator has weapons training
- perpetrator is interfering with victim's access to emergency services such as police, fire, medical (ex., pulling phone from wall)
- drug/alcohol abuse
- any other unusual or concerning behavior reported by victim

31. Total number of lethality factors present _____

32. What does the committee consider to be the most significant indicators/predictors of the death?

VI. Recommendations

33. What, if any, recommendations does this committee make as a result of this case review?
