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Name	Date of Death	Age	Children	Cause of Death	Location	Relationship	
Audrey Schneider	1/7/2007	82	1	Multiple Stab Wounds	Green Valley	Son	Pima County Deputies fatally wounded Glenn Pearson, 62, after he raised his weapon. Pearson was shot outside of the home of his mother, Audrey Schneider. Police say that Pearson fatally stabbed his mother multiple times with a large knife before challenging police officers with the knife.
Glenn Pearson	1/7/2007	62	unk	Gunshot	Green Valley	Law Enforcement Responding to DV	
Alma Delia Gonzalez-Trejo	1/9/2007	52	unk	Multiple Stab Wounds	Cottonwood	Estranged Husband	According to family members, the couple had not lived together for four months and were getting divorced. Tomas Octavio Meledex-Macias, Alma's estranged husband, had a history of domestic violence and had sent Alma to the hospital numerous times in the past for treatment of the injuries he caused. Police state that when they responded to the call, they found Alma dead from multiple stab wounds. Tomas has been arrested for her murder. According to family members, Tomas had been upset recently because Alma began seeing another man.
Unidentified Male Child	1/10/2007	4 mos	n/a	Undetermined	Sierra Vista	Unknown	Police state that the infant child's death is being investigated as suspicious. According to reports, neighbors overheard a loud argument prior to the call to police.
John Stussy	1/11/2007	39	4	Gunshot	Goodyear	Wife	Carmen Stussy, a preschool teacher, is believed to have fatally shot her husband, John, and before taking her own life. Police state that officers were called to the home at 2:30 am where they found the bodies of Carmen and John in the upstairs bedroom. The couple's children, all at home at the time of the murder-suicide, range in age from 7 to 17, and were found physically unharmed.
Carmen Stussy	1/11/2007	38	4	Gunshot	Goodyear	Suicide	
Unidentified Male	1/17/2007	unk	unk	Gunshot	Glendale	Girlfriend's Ex-Boyfriend	Theodore Rushing, 26, has been arrested in the shooting death of his former girlfriend's, Kimberly Simpson, current boyfriend. Police believe that the boyfriend was killed by Rushing during an argument between the two. Police say that Kimberly Simpson was also injured during the incident but her injuries were non-life threatening.
Kevin Christopher	1/19/2007	10	n/a	Gunshot	Northeast Phoenix	Father	According to police reports, a Northeast Phoenix man, Alan Christopher, shot and killed his two sons, Kevin and Cody, before fatally shooting himself. Alan was divorced from the child's mother, Jeanette Christopher, a longtime child psychologist at Phoenix Children's Hospital. Alan Christopher had filed a motion against her in October to modify his child custody arrangements, according to Maricopa County Superior Court documents.
Cody Christopher	1/19/2007	11	n/a	Gunshot	Northeast Phoenix	Father	
Alan Christopher	1/19/2007	45	2	Gunshot	Northeast Phoenix	Suicide	
Newborn Hecker	1/22/2007	newborn	n/a	Undetermined	Mesa	Mother	Tiffany Lee Hecker, 19, was arrested and charged in the death of her newborn son. Police say she gave birth in her home on a toilet, then wrapped the baby in towels and placed him in a trash can. She later drove the baby to a hospital in Chandler. Hecker was unaware she was pregnant, reported her father.

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Jeffrey Scott Roderick	1/24/2007	40	unk	Gunshot	Prescott	Girlfriend's Ex-Husband	Police say that Brad Alan Bell planned to kill his wife and subsequently take his own life. Bell's estranged wife, Tammy, had an order of protection against her husband, who police say was stalking her after she filed for divorce. According to police, Bell had been stalking her for two weeks and was hiding underneath the home and then sneaking into the basement when his wife was at home. According to police, Bell "was jealous and didn't want to be divorced." Brad Bell apparently heard Tammy and Roderick together in her home and fled to his home and retrieved a gun. After returning to the house, Bell kicked in a window and confronted Roderick while Tammy escaped to a neighbor's to call police. Bell fired five rounds, two of which struck Roderick in the upper torso. Bell was later arrested.
Roger Staats	1/28/2007	65	1	Blunt Force Trauma	Peoria	Innocent Bystander, killed by Perpetrator	Roger Staats, 65, was killed after interceding in an argument between Andrew Paul Robins, 27, and Robins' girlfriend. Robins had stopped his car by the side of the road, stepped out of the vehicle and continued arguing. Police say that Roger pedaled on his bicycle toward the parked car and asked the girlfriend if she needed any help. Robins pushed him from his bicycle, then hit him repeatedly and stomped on his head. The killing occurred 5 weeks after Roger mourned the loss of his son, a soldier killed while serving in Iraq.
Jacquelan "Jackie" Hartman	1/29/2007	19	no	Gunshot	Gilbert	Acquaintance, Dating Relationship	Jackie Hartman was on her first date with 25 year old Jonathan Ian Burns when she failed to return home. Police found her bullet-riddled, torn clothing in a Chandler dumpster near his home. Police arrested Burns in connection with her disappearance and believe she was sexually assaulted before her body was discovered weeks later.
Eugenia Louis Baca	1/30/2007	50	unk	Blunt Force Trauma	Lakeside	Husband	Police state that on January 30, Ernest Baca called police to report that his wife, Eugenia, was not breathing. Officers state that the couple had been arguing the previous day and night and that an investigation found evidence of a physical altercation. Preliminary findings show that Eugenia likely died of blunt force trauma to the head. Her husband has been arrested in connection with her death.
Luz Esthela Armenta	2/1/2007	22	2	Gunshot	Eloy	Ex-Husband	Eloy police found a woman shot to death in her car after responding to a domestic dispute call. Omar Ruelas, 26, is suspected of shooting his wife when she came to pick up her children. Upon arriving to pick up her two children, Ruelas went to her car and fired into it. Ruelas had prior convictions for domestic violence. Police later found Ruelas dead of a self inflicted gunshot wound the same day.
Omar Ruelas	2/1/2007	26	2	Gunshot	Eloy	Suicide	
Alene Knight	2/7/2007	35	3	Multiple Stab Wounds	Tucson	Ex-Husband	Shad K. Knight, 39, has been arrested in connection with the violent death of his ex-wife, Alene. Alene Knight, the mother of three children aged 14, 11 and 4, was found murdered inside of her still-running SUV outside of her home. Alene had received a protective order against her husband on December 26.

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Charmaine Ellis	2/10/2007	32	2	Gunshot	Glendale	Boyfriend	Charmaine Ellis, 32, was found shot to death at her apartment. Ellis' boyfriend, Raoul Isaac, 42, is suspected of murdering Ellis on Saturday before dropping her two children off with friends. Isaac was arrested at a bus station in Flagstaff after boarding a bus bound for Philadelphia.
Terah Danielle McDonald	2/12/2007	18	no	Gunshot	North Phoenix	Grandfather	Police say that Paris Rogers, 84, argued with his grandchildren Terah, 18, and Timothy, 20, about a family friend staying in the home. During the argument, Rogers shot Timothy in the thigh. The other teenager, an unidentified male, was fatally wounded. When Terah confronted Rogers, he turned the gun on her and she was also fatally wounded. When confronted by police responding to the scene, Rogers raised his gun at the police before being mortally wounded by police gunfire.
Unidentified Male	2/12/2007	16	no	Gunshot	North Phoenix	Family Friend	
Paris Rogers	2/12/2007	84	unk	Gunshot	North Phoenix	Law Enforcement Responding to DV	
Maria Ruiz	2/12/2007	34	3	Blunt Force Trauma	Buckeye	Husband	Maria Ruiz, 34, and her husband, Luis, argued sometime Monday morning after she came home from dropping off their children at school. According to police, the couple's teenage son returned from school to find his mother dead. Luis has been arrested in connection with her death.
Jesse Beard	2/14/2007	25	unk	Gunshot	Winterhaven	Mother	Bonnie O'Brien is charged in the Valentine's Day shooting death of her son, Jesse Beard. According to a neighbor, O'Brien said that the shooting was an accident.
Alberto Coto Escarrega	2/15/2007	30	1	Gunshot	Tucson	Suicide	Police say that Alberto Cota Escarrega, 30, shot and wounded his ex-girlfriend, Arlene Valencia, as she was putting her 20 month old son in the car and heading for work. Officers arrived and tried to apprehend Alberto, who had run into the victim's home. Alberto then fatally shot himself.
Carol Kestenbaum	2/18/2007	20	no	Gunshot	Tempe	Acquaintance, friend's boyfriend	Alexandra Wake, 18, was attending ASU and was friends with Kestenbaum and Schiffman. Wake had been dating Mendel, who was unliked by Kestenbaum and Schiffman. Wake ended her relationship with Mendel around Superbowl weekend. After a night out at the theater, Kestenbaum and Schiffman returned to Kestenbaum's apartment to find Mendel, armed with two semi-automatic handguns, sitting in a dark stairwell. Mendel confronted the pair in the parking lot, where he shot Kestenbaum in the head and Schiffman in the chest before turning the gun on himself.
Nicole Schiffman	2/18/2007	20	no	Gunshot	Tempe	Acquaintance, friend's boyfriend	
Joshua Mendel	2/18/2007	22	no	Gunshot	Tempe	Suicide	
Beverly Alexander	2/22/2007	33	3	Gunshot	Phoenix	Estranged Husband	The estranged husband of Beverly Alexander, 33, showed up at her place of employment and began arguing with her. After leaving, he returned with a gun and asked her to go into the CVS Pharmacy's breakroom. Witnesses at the store say that they heard Beverly scream before shots rang out. Reports state that Beverly was shot approximately 5 times before her estranged husband took his life.
Unidentified Male	2/22/2007	unk	3	Gunshot	Phoenix	Suicide	
Unidentified Female	2/24/2007	20's	unk	Not Released	Mesa	Boyfriend	Police say that Gustavo Ruvalcaba-Lopez is the lead suspect in the murder of his live-in girlfriend. Police discovered the young woman's body after responding to an unknown disturbance call.

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Eric Spencer Edsitty	2/24/2007	unk	unk	Puncture Wound	Window Rock	Relatives	Police say that Edsitty had been in a fight with two of his relatives during which he received a puncture wound to his back. Edsitty had broken away and was trying to get home when he collapsed and died at a nearby residence.
Janice O'Banion	2/27/2007	63	unk	Undetermined	Tucson	Grandson	Police have arrested Christopher Williams in connection with the February 27 slaying of his grandmother in the home she shared with her nephew.
Michael Ortiz	3/5/2007	22	unk	Asphyxiation	Lake Havasu City	Bystanders	Jesus Delosreyes, Troy Faddis, and Craig Comer have been charged with manslaughter in the death of Michael Ortiz. According to police reports, Ortiz was fighting with his girlfriend over two days when Ortiz chased her into a bedroom. The three men restrained Ortiz which caused his death.
Rosa Gallego	3/11/2007	27	unk	Blunt Force Trauma	Tucson	Boyfriend	Rosa Gallego's body was discovered by employees at the Tucson motel where she was staying. Police have arrested her boyfriend, Manuel Sanchez Hernandez, in connection with her death.
Janice Wenker	3/17/2007	unk	unk	Gunshot	Yuma	Husband	On March 17, Thomas Wenker shot his wife, Janice, then took his own life, marking the first homicide in Yuma this year.
Thomas Wenker	3/17/2007	unk	unk	Gunshot	Yuma	Suicide	
Linda Sterrett	3/20/2007	51	2	Gunshot	Tucson	Husband	Police state that John Sterrett shot and killed his wife, Linda, before turning the gun on himself. The couple's children, ages 14 and 11, discovered their parents' bodies when they returned home from school.
John Sterrett	3/20/2007	60	2	Gunshot	Tucson	Suicide	
Brandon Williams	3/22/2007	5	n/a	Overdose	Tucson	Mother	Brandon's mother, Diane Marsh, told detectives that she often tied her son up at his wrists and ankles and at times put his feet in scalding hot water to discipline him. The night before his death, Marsh gave Brandon 12 Tylenol PM pills. When paramedics arrived, he was in cardiac arrest and later died at the hospital.
Luis Venegas	3/23/2007	unk	1	Undetermined	Tempe	Son	Police arrested Christopher Venegas after an officer spotted him walking down the street with bloody hands and a gun. Venegas confessed to killing his father, who was later discovered at his home, fatally wounded.
James Amberson	3/23/2007	20	no	Gunshot	Tucson	Roommate	James Amberson was fatally shot and killed when he and his roommate, Mark Fernando Castaneda, got into an argument over a fight Castaneda was having with his girlfriend. When Amberson tried to intervene and stop the couple from fighting, he was fatally shot.
Unidentified Female	3/25/2007	unk	4	Multiple Stab Wounds	Phoenix	Boyfriend	An unidentified man was arrested in connection with the stabbing death of his girlfriend. The woman's death was discovered when police found three young children wandering around the neighborhood.
Theodore Cruz Perez	3/27/2007	23	unk	Multiple Stab Wounds	Mesa	Cousin	Erroneously released from jail 11 days earlier for the kidnapping and assault of his ex-girlfriend, Ruben Perez Rivera went to his ex-girlfriend's apartment and stabbed his cousin, Theodore Cruz Perez. Theodore was attempting to protect the ex-girlfriend.

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Isaiah Vargas	3/28/2007	3	n/a	Blunt Force Trauma	Mesa	Father's Fiancee	Police say that Heather Miller killed the son of her fiancee with homicidal violence. Miller first made up a story about Isaiah's disappearance, stating that he was kidnapped from the parking lot of their apartment complex. Miller later confessed to the death, stating that she had buried the body in a nearby area.
Navneet Kaur	3/29/2007	30	no	Undetermined	Phoenix	Husband	Police say that Navneet had told her husband that she wanted a divorce. Avtar Grewel, 32, who lived in Canada, flew to Phoenix and drove to his wife's home in Ahwatukee, where police say he murdered her before fleeing to India, his native country.
Daniel Freeman	4/3/2007	25	unk	Gunshot	Surprise	Acquaintance	According to police, a physical fight took place between Daniel Freeman, his wife Jessica, and Charles Knox. Witnesses heard several gunshots and then saw Jessica and Knox driving away. Daniel staggered out of the backyard and died in the street from multiple gunshot wounds. During the altercation, Knox suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen.
Veronica Feinner	4/3/2007	27	unk	Multiple Stab Wounds	Bullhead City	Husband	Ari Feinner was arguing with his wife, Veronica, about her intent to get a divorce when he grabbed a hunting knife and stabbed her repeatedly. Marie Zavala, Veronica's mother, attempted to intervene from her wheelchair but Feinner stabbed her multiple times as well. Feinner then killed the family dogs, two chihuahuas, who were making noise.
Marie Zavala	4/3/2007	67	1	Multiple Stab Wounds	Bullhead City	Son-in-Law	
Gerardo Silva-Almazan	4/5/2007	22	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Brother	Police say that an argument about a job that three brothers shared may have sparked the violence that claimed the lives of Gerardo and Alejandro and sent the third brother, Jesus, to the hospital with critical injuries. Police say that Alejandro confronted his brothers, Gerardo and Jesus, shooting them both before turning the gun on himself.
Alejandro Silva-Almazan	4/5/2007	21	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Suicide	
Sheril M Smith	4/7/2007	38	unk	Not Released	Tucson	Cousin	Sheril Smith's body was discovered in the middle of a dirt road by irrigation workers. Smith's cousin, Tyrone Cisco, has been charged with his murder.
Anita Tsosie	4/9/2007	48	2	Gunshot	Navajo	Husband	Anita Tsosie was just a few days away from obtaining a divorce from her husband of 23 years and had filed for a protective order against him. Herman Tsosie shot and killed Anita in her yard and was found a week later, dead from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.
Herman Tsosie	4/16/2007	53	2	Gunshot	Navajo	Suicide	
Summer Pettit	4/12/2007	21	1	Gunshot	Lake Havasu City	Boyfriend	Police believe Jay Vaetoe Tuimanga shot and killed his girlfriend, Summer Pettit, and their 15 month old daughter before turning the gun on himself. Officers were responding to a welfare check on Jay when he failed to show up for work and discovered the bodies inside the couple's home.
Infant Girl Pettit	4/12/2007	15 mos	n/a	Gunshot	Lake Havasu City	Father	
Jay Vaetoe Tuimauga	4/12/2007	22	1	Gunshot	Lake Havasu City	Suicide	

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Leonard Croskey	4/13/2007	38	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Law Enforcement Responding to DV	Croskey's 33 year old girlfriend called police saying that she had been held hostage overnight by her boyfriend. She told police that she awoke shortly after 11 pm to find Croskey holding a gun to her head and threatening to kill her and then himself. She was able to talk him down and he later left her apartment. When police responded to Croskey's apartment, Croskey forced a two hour stand-off with police. At one point, Croskey exited and fired on police who fired back.
Daniel Bechtel	4/17/2007	4 months	n/a	Neglect	Phoenix	Mother and Father	Katherine Hatten and Thadeus Bechtel have been charged with the death of their 4 month old son, Daniel Bechtel. Daniel was found unresponsive in his baby swing by Phoenix police, who compared Daniels jutting bones and gaunt appearance to that of a Holocaust victim.
Newborn Tureman	4/28/2007	newborn	n/a	Drowning	Scottsdale	Mother	Police believe that Cynthia Tureman gave birth in her bathtub at home and drowned her newborn daughter before dumping her in a trashbin at a gas station. Tureman has three other children and stated that she was trying to hide the pregnancy from her husband.
Eduardo Alvarado	5/5/2007	21	1	Gunshot	Mesa	Law Enforcement Responding to Shots Fired	Maricopa Sheriff's officers responded to a "shots fired" call at Bartlett Lake and discovered 21 year old Eduardo Alvarado wielding a gun. His 7 month pregnant girlfriend was at the scene. When Alvarado refused to drop his weapon and challenged officers, he was fatally shot by deputies.
Unidentified Male	5/8/2007	unk	unk	Gunshot	Chandler	Suicide	Police resonded to a 911 call from a mother whose son pointed a gun at her, threatening to kill her and then himself. Police responded and were engaged in a 5 hour standoff, which concluded when the suspect fatally shot himself.
Victor F Perez	5/12/2007	27	unk	Gunshot	Tucson	Roommate	Jose Refugio Garcia Barrajas has been charged with the death of his roommate, Victor Perez. The two were outside of their Tucson home when Garcia fatally shot Perez.
Dora Perez	5/13/2007	unk	unk	Gunshot	Chandler	Husband	Police responded to neighbor's call reporting gunshots and discovered Miguel and Dora Fuentes dead from an apparent murder suicide. Police state that Miguel shot and killed Dora before turning the gun on himself. He died later at an area hospital.
Miguel Perez	5/13/2007	unk	unk	Gunshot	Chandler	Suicide	
Unidentified Female	5/14/2007	unk	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Husband	Two people were found dead in a Phoenix apartment from what police are calling an apparent murder-suicide. The names of the victims were not released to the media.
Unidentified Male	5/14/2007	unk	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Suicide	
Abel Jimenez	6/1/2007	unk	unk	Multiple Stab Wounds	Avondale	Brother	Police say that Abel Jimenez died from a puncture wound inflicted by his brother, Hector, following an argument.
Marisol Silva Rodriguez	6/5/2007	23	1	Gunshot	Buckeye	Boyfriend	Marisol Silva Rodriguez was shot and killed by her boyfriend of several years, Antonio Figueroa, before he fatally shot himself. The couple's 9 month old baby was in the home and not physically harmed. Family members told police that there was an ongoing history of domestic violence in the relationship.
Antonio Figueroa	6/5/2007	27	1	Gunshot	Buckeye	Suicide	

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Bradley Allen Bell	6/17/2007	41	n/a	Asphyxiation	Camp Verde	Suicide	Bradley Bell was being held for first degree and attempted murder charges for the death of his ex-wife's friend Jeffrey Roderick. Bell was not on suicide watch and denied suicidal thoughts when he hung himself in his jail cell.
Kenny Van Gourder	6/18/2007	44	2	Gunshot	Gilbert	Suicide	Kenny Van Gourder had a history of domestic violence in his relationships prior to moving to Arizona from California. On June 18, Van Gourder went to his estranged wife's home and tried to break in while his wife and children hid inside. He fired shots and ultimately killed himself.
Amber LeAnn Hess	6/22/2007	17	no	Multiple Stab Wounds	Florence	Ex-Boyfriend	Hess' body was found in the desert near Florence by a police officer on June 25. An autopsy revealed that she was pregnant at the time of her murder. Two classmates of the victim, Nicolas Castillo and Todd Hoke, both 16-year olds from the Queen Creek area, were arrested. Hess' parents say that she and Hoke used to be very close friends, but never dated one another.
Unidentified Male	6/29/2007	40s	unk	Gunshot	Green Valley	Brother	Authorities state that two men sharing a home, brothers, were in an altercation that led to one brother fatally shooting the other.
Richard Thomas	7/3/2007	40	1	Gunshot	Tucson	Son	Thomas was shot in the stomach after an argument, police report. Although he had gang ties, police are unsure if the shooting was gang-related. They believe Thomas' son, seventeen-year-old Nico Mark Santa Cruz, was responsible for his death.
Infant Femal	7/4/2007	21 mo	n/a	Blunt Force Trauma	Arizona City	Mother's Boyfriend	Jose Antonio Lopez was babysitting his girlfriend's three children. Police say he beat her 21 mo. daughter, who later died at the hospital.
Rene Cuadra	7/4/2007	28	no	Undetermined	Kingman	Unknown	Authorities say that Cuadra, who was convicted in the 2004 murder of his girlfriend's infant daughter, died in prison from unknown causes. He was serving life in prison with the possibility of parole after 35 years and a concurrent sentence of 20 years for child abuse.
Brianna Wood	Approx 7/4/2007	22	2	Multiple Stab Wounds	Phoenix	Boyfriend	Ryan John Chronis, Wood's boyfriend, was arrested in Mexico and booked on a second-degree murder warrant.
James Benedict	7/8/2007	unk	unk	Gunshot	Mesa	Husband	After beating his wife with a hammer, Benedict shot himself.
Damien Blaine Thorn	7/13/2007	43	unk	Gunshot	Tucson	Girlfriend	Thorn was found dead when police arrived after his girlfriend, Danielle Marie McFarland, called 911 and reported she shot her husband. McFarland was treated and released from a hospital before being booked on one count of first-degree murder. Neighbors report that they never heard arguments from the couple's apartment, but that McFarland appeared to have been in a struggle on the night of Thorn's murder.

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Peter Blanco	7/13/2007	13 mo.	n/a	Trauma	Tucson	Mother's Boyfriend	Christina Blanco, 22, left her two children in the care of her boyfriend, Alvara Andres Ramos-Cardenas, 24, for several hours. He later called her to say that Peter had stopped breathing. Peter had a fractured skull, internal bleeding, and a lacerated liver. Ramos Cardenas and Blanco were charged with first degree murder and child-abuse.
Candice Plumb	7/15/2007	22	unk	Gunshot	Mesa	Boyfriend	Police found Plumb seriously wounded in an apartment and took her to a local hospital, where she died shortly thereafter. Her boyfriend, Renato Colorado Molina, was booked on suspicion of second-degree murder.
Martha Acosta	7/15/2007	Unk	1	Gunshot	Phoenix	Son-in-Law	Acosta was shot and killed when her son-in-law, Jose Antonio Coronel, broke into her apartment. Coronel proceeded to chase and shoot Acosta's daughter, Rosario Adriano, the mother of his two children. He fled with the two young children, who were later found unharmed by police. Adriano survived the attack.
Louise Calhoun	7/17/2007	60	unk	Strangulation	Mesa	Roommate	Donald Whitaker was arrested in his car after admitting to killing his "best friend" and roommate, Calhoun. He also says he was using methamphetamine the day he killed Calhoun and he has a history of domestic violence. Whitaker served time in prison for flight from a law enforcement vehicle, and while in prison was disciplined numerous times.
Michael Luna	7/28/2007	unk	unk	Hit and Run	Greenlee County	Girlfriend's Ex-Husband	Luna was dating Tommy Lozano's soon-to-be ex-wife. According to the Greenlee County Sheriff's department, Lozano and Luna had been feuding for some time. On the morning of the incident, Lozano saw Luna at a local convenience store and pinned him with his truck. Luna later died from his injuries.
Infant Chaparra-Atondo	7/28/2007	7 weeks	n/a	Undetermined	Tempe	Father	The infant's father has been booked for investigation of child abuse and a possible second-degree murder charge in the death of his 7-week-old daughter. The baby was unresponsive when she was brought to the hospital on Friday and died Saturday night.
Unknown Male	7/29/2007	40	unk	Gunshot	Prescott	Suicide	An unknown male reportedly beat his wife and set fire to her personal documents before killing himself. He and his wife had been fighting earlier that night.
Demi Cuccia	8/1/2007	15	no	Stab Wounds	Phoenix	Boyfriend	John Mullarkey Jr., 18, stabbed Cuccia to death just one day before her sixteenth birthday. He later committed suicide.
Halbert Gates	8/6/2007	88	yes	Gunshot	Phoenix	Suicide	Gates apparently shot his wife before killing himself. Margaret was in poor health, and the couple was discovered by their children.
Margaret Gates	8/6/2007	82	yes	Gunshot	Phoenix	Husband	

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Rusty Riggins	8/7/2007	40	unk	Gunshot	Flagstaff	Wife	Riggins' estranged wife, Jessica, was indicted for first-degree murder, vehicle theft and credit card theft. She allegedly shot Riggins, stole her mother-in-law's car, and fled to Mexico and was arrested when trying to re-enter the country. Police suggest that Jessica might have been plotting to kill Riggins for some time. Her attorney said the couple had a history of domestic violence and that Rusty had previously been convicted twice of DV felonies. They were in the process of divorcing at the time of the shooting.
Kevin Yazzie	8/11/2007	unk	no	Stab Wounds	Safford	Brother	Police arrived on the scene to find Eric Yazzie, 20, standing over Kevin with a knife in his hand. Eric was taken into custody and confessed to the stabbing. He said that he and Kevin had been drinking earlier in the day and had a history of fighting.
Lyle R. Narcia	8/15/2007	27	unk	Gunshot	Tucson	Girlfriend's Ex-Boyfriend	A woman called police to report that her ex-boyfriend, Walter Gabriel Baker, 25, shot her current boyfriend, Narcia. Witnesses said they heard the two men arguing before the shooting.
Gregory Friederich	8/24/2007	2 mo.	n/a	Trauma	Mesa	Father	Gregory McMillan, 21, admitted to losing his temper and hurting two-month-old Gregory Friederich. McMillan brought the baby to an emergency room, saying he wouldn't eat. Doctors suspected child abuse and noted the baby suffered from a fractured skull, broken ribs, and an injured liver.
William Wright	9/2/2007	73	unk	Gunshot	Lake Havasu City	Wife	Candice Wright, 57, was arrested on first- and second-degree murder charges in the death of her husband of two years, William. William was shot five times. Candice told police that she discovered her husband's body on the kitchen floor when she returned home from the store. Police found an empty holster in her truck.
Robert Smith	9/8/2007	21	no	Gunshot	Phoenix	Police	Smith's father called police after they two had been fighting and Smith threatened his mother with a knife. When police arrived, Smith confronted them and was ordered to drop his weapon. Police used a taser, but Smith continued to challenge police who shot him from ten feet away.
Lunde Hixon	9/14/2007	46	4	Strangulation	Yuma	Brief Acquaintance	Theodore Joseph Moyer, 36, was arrested and admitted to strangling Hixon while having sex. The two met in a bar the night she was murdered.

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Christina Josephine Diaz	9/25/2007	32	2	Trauma	Rimrock	Husband	Manual Gonzales Diaz was arrested for murdering his wife after he called neighbors and 911 to report her death. Police report making a domestic violence call to their residence the day before Christina was killed. No one was arrested during that call.
Christopher McIntyre	9/26/2007	14	n/a	Gunshot	Tucson	Brother	Tucson police charged Tyler McIntyre with the death of his twin brother, Christopher. They report that Tyler was recklessly handling a firearm, which discharged and killed his brother.
Unidentified Woman	9/30/2007	42	unk	Stab Wounds	Phoenix	Ex-Boyfriend	Police say a woman was stabbed numerous times outside an apartment and suspect her ex-boyfiend, Martin Saladana, 42, of the murder.
Sherry Taub	10/4/2007	60	unk	Undetermined	Green Valley	Husband	David Taub, 63, plead not guilty to first-degree murder charges in his wife's death. The two were driving to Texas when they stopped at a truck stop. David Taub told police that when he returned to the car, Sherry, who was paralyzed, had been beaten and robbed. He said after he discovered her, he drove 120 miles to a Las Cruces, NM hospital.
Alberto James	10/11/2007	4	n/a	Trauma	Window Rock	Aunt	Police discovered the body of James in an ice cooler at his aunt's house. She was watching the child and reported him missing when his family returned. She later admitted to hitting and kicking him.
Jaden A. Encinas	10/26/2007	3 weeks	n/a	Blunt Force Trauma	Tucson	Mother's Boyfriend	Rene E. Barrios, the live-in boyfriend of Encinas' mother, was charged with first-degree murder in the baby's death. His mother left Barrios to care for the child while she was out of the house. Barrios reportedly shook the baby, who was crying, and put him back in his crib. When his mother returned, she saw Barrios attempting CPR.
Ryan Gallagher	10/31/2007	17 mo.	n/a	Undetermined	Phoenix	Mother	Ashly Duchene, 22, left her infant son in her car during a seven hour work shift. He died from heat-related injuries and police arrested Duchene for gross negligence.
Barry Wayne Recker	11/4/2007	44	2	Gunshot	Mesa	Police	Deborah Rohn called police when her ex-boyfriend, Recker, violated her order of protection by showing up at her house. She called police and when they arrived, the man displayed a handgun. Officers demanded he drop his weapon, and when he didn't he was shot by police.
Pamela Ann Kapala	11/5/2007	55	1	Trauma	Phoenix	Ex-Husband	Thatcher and Kapala were found dead in their home after Kapala's son went to check on her, policed reported. She had obvious signs of trauma and her death appears to be a homicide. Court records

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Robert M. Thatcher	11/5/2007	57	unk	Undetermined	Phoenix	Suicide	show that the two filed for divorce in August 2004, but might have remarried.
Young Girl Duchane	11/8/2007	12	n/a	Burns and blunt force	Phoenix	Parents	The 12-year-old daughter of Jeffrey Duchane Jr., 34, and Reiko Troupe, 25, was found dead in their home. Duchane and Troupe have been charged with murder and child abuse in her death. The girl's younger sister was also found burned and severely beaten. The younger girl told authorities that her older sister had been forced into a bathtub with scalding water and then punched repeatedly until she passed out as punishment for not cleaning her room.
Rosalin Guss	11/9/2007	56	unk	Gunshot	Scottsdale	Boyfriend	Randall Korelc, 57, was arrested on suspicion of second-degree murder in the death of his girlfriend, Rosalin Guss. Police arrived at the scene to find her shot to death and discovered a gun in his car. Korelc confessed to shooting Guss in an argument.
Robert Louis Roberts	11/11/2007	43	2	Gunshot	Chandler	Suicide	Gina Roberts filed for divorce from Robert Louis Roberts in September after eight years of marriage. Records show that Gina cited physical and emotion abuse in her divorce papers. She also asked the court for full custody of her two children, Michael and Carleigh. Gina believes that her husband was threatening to kill himself and told the children so. Robert Roberts shot his two children and committed suicide.
Michael Roberts	11/11/2007	6	n/a	Gunshot	Chandler	Father	
Carleigh Roberts	11/11/2007	4	n/a	Gunshot	Chandler	Father	
Jaime Gaeta-Somoel	11/14/2007	20	unk	Gunshot	Mesa	Police	Police were called to an apartment because of a reported fight between a man and his mother, 43. When they arrived, the woman had a bloody nose and facial injuries and when the man opened his apartment door, he was holding a knife. He ignored officers' demands to put the knife down, charged at officers, and was shot and killed by the police.
Felicia Alarcon	11/17/2007	22	unk	Gunshot	Chandler	Ex-Boyfriend	Ivan Hernandez Olvera, 27, was fighting with Alarcon, his ex-girlfriend, while in car. He pulled the car over and the two got out but continued to argue. Olvera shot Alarcon several times.
Unidentified Man	11/19/2007	unk	yes	Gunshot	Phoenix	Son-in-law	An unidentified older man was killed after he and his son-in-law shot each other. The younger man was critically injured.

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Carolina Almeraz	11/19/2007	21	no	Strangulation	Tonopah	Ex-Boyfriend	Almeraz had reportedly broken up with Thomas Eric Wilkerson, 21, recently, citing his possessiveness as the reason. The two got in an argument after a party, and Wilkerson allegedly strangled Almeraz to death and left her body on the side of a road. Wilkerson confessed to the murder during questioning.
Ronald Black	11/25/2007	67	1	Gunshot	Avondale	Unknown	The couple's adult daughter discovered the bodies of her parents at their home. Each died of a single gunshot wound, and investigators suspect the incident was a murder-suicide or a double-suicide.
Cheryl Black	11/25/2007	52	1	Gunshot	Avondale	Unknown	
Michael Malley	11/26/2007	37	2	Gunshot	Peoria	Police	Police responded to a domestic violence call at Malley's home and when they arrived at the scene, Malley approached them armed with a rifle. Malley ignored police demands to put down his gun and was shot with a Taser, which had no effect. After the second Taser shot, Malley pointed his gun at officers and his wife. Police, fearing for their safety and the safety of Malley's wife, shot and killed him with a gun. Malley's wife and two children, ages 10 and 12, were present at the scene.
Jordan Iacovetta	11/29/2007	8	n/a	Poisoned	Tucson	Mother	Iacovetta's grandmother discovered his body in a hotel room, along with his mother, who was also unresponsive. Police believe Jordan's mother, Jennifer E. Jansma, gave him prescription painkillers and then attempted suicide.
Unidentified Infant	12/12/2007	11 mo.	n/a	Undetermined	Surprise	Mother's Boyfriend	Andrew Posey, 29, was babysitting his girlfriends young daughter. Firefighters were called to the home and took the girl to the hospital, where she was later taken off life support. Posey admitted to fatally injuring the infant.
Gabriela Parasca	12/13/2007	30	2	Gunshot	Glendale	Husband	Gabriela Parasca was dropping off her 2 children at school when Daniel approached her car and fired several shots, killing Gabriela and wounding their 4 year-old daughter. He then took the children and dropped the young girl off at a hospital where she was treated for her injury. The young boy was dropped off at a family member's house. Daniel spent the rest of the day with a friend, who was unaware of the murder. When he tried to return home, he spotted police and asked to be dropped off several blocks away. He later committed suicide. Gabriela had an order of protection against Daniel.
Daniel Paulo Parasca	12/13/2007	37	2	Gunshot	Glendale	Suicide	
Paul Anthony Carlson	12/15/2007	23	unk	Stab Wounds	Phoenix	Brother	Carlson had been hitting his girlfriend when he began fighting with his mother. When he began choking his mother, his younger brother Guillermo Lujan, 20, stabbed him. Police had been called to the scene earlier that night but left when they couldn't find Carlson. He later returned to continue fighting with his girlfriend before he turned on his mother.

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