

In 2017, there were least 90 domestic violence related deaths.

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ARIZONA Domestic Violence Related Deaths 2017

Count	Name	Date of Death	Age	Children	Cause of Death	Location	Fatality Cause By	Circumstances
1	William Carroll	1/8/2017	53	At least 1 adult son	gunshot	Glendale, Maricopa County	son	A Glendale father was pronounced dead at a hospital Sunday night after police say his adult son shot him at their home during an argument between his parents. William Carroll, 53, was killed in the shooting. His son, 22-year-old Joseph Langenbach, was arrested and interviewed after calling 911. Police determined through interviews that Carroll and Langenbach's mother were arguing at the home, and Carroll showed a firearm. Langenbach responded by shooting him. There is no other information available at this time.
2	Damion Philipps	1/9/2017	38	unknown	stabbing	Tucson, Pima County	girlfriends ex-boyfriend	James Murray Reaves accused of stabbing his former girlfriend and killing her boyfriend in Tucson turned himself in to Cochise County officials in Whetstone, AZ, according to a Pima County Sheriff's Office statement. Reaves is being held in a county jail on suspicion of first-degree murder, aggravated assault with a weapon and first-degree burglary. Reaves was suspected after San Xavier District deputies were called to a home in the 2800 block of South Sheila Avenue at about 3 a.m. on Monday on reports of a robbery. Deputies found 38-year-old Damion Philipps and a 34-year-old woman with stab wounds, later found to be Reaves' ex-girlfriend. The Pima County Sheriff's Office said in a statement that it was discovered that Reaves visited his ex-girlfriend's residence early on Monday, where a physical altercation took place between Reaves and Philipps. Deputies say Reaves drew a knife and stabbed Philipps multiple times before fleeing to a nearby Circle K, where a white pickup truck gave him a ride. Philipps was pronounced dead at a hospital, according to a department statement. The woman injured in the attack was hospitalized for treatment of minor injuries, the statement said.
3	Kahtrina Durham	1/12/2017	21	unknown	gunshot	Tempe, Maricopa County	boyfriend	The Tempe Police Department responded to a home near Elliot and Kyrene roads after receiving reports of a shooting. When police arrived on the scene, they found 21-year-old Kahtrina Durham with a gunshot wound. According to Tempe police, Durham's live-in boyfriend, 25-year-old Bryan McCarthy, allegedly shot her in the chest area. The suspect then called police, saying the shooting was accidental. Durham died at the hospital. McCarthy told officers he heard someone knock on the apartment door and he initially did not know who it was. According to police, McCarthy grabbed his gun and learned it was another roommate. He told police he was in the process of making the gun safe, when it discharged and hit his girlfriend. McCarthy has been booked into jail for manslaughter.

4	Susan Clark	1/22/2017	68	at least one adult son	blunt force trauma	Holbrook, Navajo County	son	Steven Fraser Clark, 32, of Holbrook, was arrested Jan. 22 and charged with first-degree murder in the death of his 68-year-old mother, Susan Clark. According to Holbrook Police Department, officers were called to a home at on Lizard Lane in Holbrook around 2:30 p.m. Susan Clark, the victim, crawled to a neighbor's house after Steven Clark allegedly forced her to swallow 20 blood pressure pills in an attempt to kill her. He then allegedly beat her nearly to death. Paramedics said she suffered blunt force trauma to the back of her head and had cuts on her left hand due to the beating from her son. Susan was taken to Winslow and was able to give police an account of what happened while on a gurney awaiting treatment for severe injuries. Her left arm was also broken, which paramedics said probably happened when she fell down from fleeing her son. At the hospital, Susan later died of her injuries. It was reported that Susan and Steven lived together off and on after her son moved to Holbrook from Cottonwood a few years ago.
5	Bradley J. Szakacs	1/28/2017	44	unknown	gunshot	Apache Junction, Apache County	law enforcement	The Department of Public Safety is investigating a deadly shooting that began with a reported domestic violation situation and involved an Apache Junction police officer. It happened just after midnight on Saturday, Jan. 28, at a home near Superstition Boulevard and Ironwood Drive. According to the Apache Junction Police Department, officers responded to a domestic violence call and asked the occupant to come out of the house. They were met by a man holding a shotgun. The man pointed the weapon at the officer, who then shot and killed the suspect. CPR was started at the scene and the man was transported to an area hospital where he later died. He has been identified as Bradley J. Szakacs, 44. The officer involved in the shooting was placed on administrative leave, which is standard protocol.
6	unknown baby boy	1/30/2017	5 months	n/a	stabbing	Buckeye, Maricopa County	mother	A Buckeye woman has been arrested on suspicion of fatally stabbing her 5-month-old son in the neck, police said late Monday. Andrea Portillo, 29, is being held for investigation of second-degree murder, said Buckeye police Sgt. Jason Weeks. Buckeye police were called to a home near Roeser Road and Riata Parkway just after 12:30 p.m. Monday, with a report that an infant had been stabbed in the neck, Weeks said. Portillo, along with another adult, who was not identified, and two of the infant's sisters were home at the time. According to Buckeye Fire Chief Bob Costello, the stabbing victim had neck trauma and was flown to Phoenix Children's Hospital in extremely critical condition. Police confirmed he later died. Portillo's 3-year-old daughter also told police she saw "mom cut the baby's neck." The two sisters were under the care of their father.
7	Cody Virgin	1/30/2017	25	none	unknown	Arizona City, Pinal County	girlfriend's ex-husband	William Randolph, 26, was arrested in February on suspicion of murdering Cody Virgin in a remote area of Arizona City and then disposing of the 25-year-old's charred body south of Coolidge. Virgin had been in a relationship with Randolph's ex-wife before his death. Randolph was taken into custody on charges of first-degree murder, concealing a body and hindering a prosecution. Randolph is also accused of instructing family members to harass his former wife while he's been in jail. His ex-wife filed an order of protection against Randolph a couple months before Virgin's murder.

8	Blanca Gutierrez-Calzoncit	1/31/2017	35	2 children	gunshot	Phoenix, Maricopa County	ex-husband	<p>A young mother was gunned down in front of her two children at a north Phoenix apartment complex early Tuesday morning. 12 News has since learned the victim, 35-year-old Blanca Gutierrez-Calzoncit, was in the process of distancing herself from her ex-husband, Josiah English III, the man accused of killing her. Tragically protecting her two young children is exactly what Phoenix police say the 35-year-old was doing in the days leading up to her death. Early Wednesday morning detectives arrested English and charged him with first-degree pre-meditated murder. According to family members, the day before the attack, Blanca and the suspect were in court for what police told 12 News was a custody hearing. "Apparently whatever the judge ruled, he (Josiah) was very upset and as they were walking out, Blanca told my mom and her sister that he was threatening her like, 'You know I'm going to get you back for this. You're not going to do this to me,'" David told 12 News. "And that she (Blanca) was very afraid but she just thought he was going to try and take the kids away from her." Investigators say around 6 a.m. Tuesday morning, Blanca was loading her kids, ages 3 and 4, into the car when they believe English shot her multiple times at close range. Sgt. Lewis says the couple did have previous domestic issues and that Blanca was desperately trying to distance herself from the situation.</p>
9	Christopher Miller	2/6/2017	24	unknown	run over by car	Phoenix, Maricopa County	ex-girlfriend	<p>Verena Herron, 25, was booked into jail on Monday for investigation of first-degree murder, police said. She is suspected of deliberately running down Christopher Miller, in the 4100 block of East Almeria Road, police said. Miller was walking with two others about 3:30 a.m. Monday when a 2008 Ford Taurus driven by Herron, struck and killed him, police said. A Phoenix Fire Department crew had to extricate Miller from under the car after finding his body, according to police. The fire crew pronounced Miller dead at the scene. In the probable cause statement, police called the act intentional and premeditated. Witnesses told police that Miller and Herron had been in an argument. According to court documents, Herron stated, "I will show him" and "run his a-- over." Police also stated that the couple had a history of unreported domestic violence incidents during their off-and-on relationship.</p>
10	Kasara Licea	2/8/2017	21	1 child	stabbing	Mesa, Maricopa County	boyfriend	<p>Authorities have released the names of a couple who died in a murder-suicide last month at an east Mesa apartment complex. Mesa police say they believe 23-year-old Kevin Leyva fatally stabbed his girlfriend, Kasara Licea, with a knife before he killed himself. The bodies were found inside the couple's residence on the evening of Feb. 8 after a family member reportedly couldn't reach the 21-year-old Licea. The names were released Tuesday after The Arizona Republic filed a records request with the Mesa Police Department to learn more about the circumstances of the deaths.</p>
11	Kevin Leyva	2/8/2017	23	1 child	gunshot (self-inflicted)	Mesa, Maricopa County	self (suicide)	

12	Debra Elaine Fouts	2/9/2017	62	At least 1 adult son	gunshot	Marana, Pima County	son	Nathan Ray Fouts was arrested Feb. 9 after telling a Pima County sheriff's deputy that he'd killed his mother, Debra Elaine Fouts, according to a police report. The deputy said Fouts was rambling and requested a welfare check on his mother at her home in Continental Ranch, the report said. Marana police went to the home shortly before 9 p.m. and through a window saw Debra Fouts lying on her back on the living room floor. Officers reported that it was apparent she had been dead for some time, the report said. She had been shot twice in the back, and officers found three rifles and a handgun in the home, where Nathan Fouts also lived. Fouts was charged with first-degree murder and prohibited possession of a firearm, but in November accepted an agreement with the Pima County Attorney's Office, pleading guilty to one count of domestic-violence-related second-degree murder.
13	Ricky Ricardo Hernandez	2/10/2017	40	At least 1 adult son	stabbing	Tucson, Pima County	son	A Pinal County teen has been accused of stabbing and killing his father, according to the Pinal County Sheriff's Office. The PCSO said the 19-year-old Ricky Hernandez Jr. stabbed his father in his chest and back around 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10. Ricky Ricardo Hernandez, 40, died at the scene while his girlfriend was cut on the hand and taken to a local hospital, the PCSO said. Hernandez Jr. fled the scene but was located shortly after by police. He is being held in the Pinal County Jail and on charges of second-degree murder and domestic violence aggravated assault.
14	Lori Peebles	2/18/2017	62	At least 1 adult son	gunshot	Sun Lakes, Maricopa County	son	The Maricopa County sheriff's deputies are investigating after a man shot and killed his mother and then turned the gun on himself. The bodies of Brent McClain and his mother, Lori Peebles were found Saturday in a Sun Lakes home after a family member requested a welfare check. Both had been living together in the home, MCSO Sgt. Calbert Gillett said. Sheriff's officials say there weren't any signs of forced entry.
15	Brent McClain	2/18/2017	34	unknown	gunshot (self-inflicted)	Sun Lakes, Maricopa County	self (suicide)	
16	Christine Betancourt	2/19/2017	26	none	gunshot	Tucson, Pima County	boyfriend	Manuel Encinas called his girlfriend's cousin and said he planned on killing his girlfriend and then killing himself. Tucson Police responded to Encinas' home in the 3800 block of S. Palm Side Dr., near Kolb and Golf Links Roads, according to TPD. Inside the home they found 26-year-old Christine Betancourt dead with obvious signs of trauma. Pima County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call of an armed robbery at the Circle K at 9810 S. Nogales Highway at about 2 a.m. When they arrived, they found Encinas in the store pointing a gun at an employee according to a news release from PCSD. Encinas then told the employee to walk out of the store, and he followed closely behind. Once outside, the employee ran for safety toward a deputy and Encinas was fatally shot by deputies. Betancourt's car was found at the scene. Encinas had been released from prison less than a month before the murder after serving an eight year sentence for aggravated assault charges.
17	Manuel Encinas	2/19/2017	26	unknown	gunshot	Tucson, Pima County	law enforcement	

18	Wyllow Brewer	2/19/2017	6 months	n/a	blunt force trauma	Tucson, Pima County	mother	Four people are facing murder charges in connection with the murder of Wyllow Brewer, 6 months: Wyllow's mother, Kylie Brewer, 19, and her live in boyfriend, Jon-Paul Bogdanowich, 19, and friends, Kaylie Gossett, 22, and Brianna Raidy, 26, who witnesses say lived in the home and helped care for the baby have all been arrested. Shortly before noon on Feb. 19, deputies went to a home in the 2900 block of West Katapa Trail after reports that a child was not breathing. The baby was taken to Banner-University Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead, according to a sheriff's department news release. Doctors told sheriff's department investigators that the child's injuries included a bruise on her head, blood in her nose and mouth, a "deformed" and possibly fractured bone in her arm and skin that was beginning to "marble" in appearance, according to a search warrant return filed in Pima County Superior Court. The autopsy, obtained by KGUN9, says Brewer died of blunt-force trauma to the head and extremities, malnutrition and sepsis.
19	Eulises Echevarria	2/24/2017	35	unknown	gunshot	Tucson, Pima County	in-law	Roque Gutierrez was booked into the Pima County jail Monday for the shooting death of his in-law Eulises Echevarria, 35, in the 5200 block of South Fletcher Avenue, authorities said. He was also charged with an additional first-degree murder count in the fatal shooting of Saul Saucedo-Zavala, 37, said Pima County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff's and Tucson Police detectives worked collaboratively on the investigations that led to Gutierrez's arrests. In the second shooting of Echevaarria, Tucson police responded to Fletcher Avenue at about 2:30 p.m. and entered a home and found a man with gunshot trauma, police said. Tucson Fire Department paramedics assisted with treatment, however Echevarria was pronounced dead at the scene. Homicide detectives determined that Gutierrez and another family member were visiting Echevarria when shots were fired and Echevarria was struck, police said. Gutierrez fled alone in a vehicle. Detectives obtained an address in the county for Gutierrez, and sheriff's deputies went to the 10000 block of South Summit Creek and Gutierrez was taken into custody, police said.
20	Melissa Mendez	2/27/2017	26	unknown	gunshot	Avondale, Maricopa County	ex-boyfriend	Police were called out to a reported shooting at a Best Buy on 99th Avenue and McDowell Road in Avondale after a female employee had been shot and killed. She was later identified as Melissa Mendez, 26. Police believe Henry Cota Jr. shot Mendez and then turned the gun on himself in an attempted murder-suicide. The shooting began with an initial confrontation outside the store, police said. Cota fired several shots at Mendez, who ran inside the store, officials added. Cota followed her inside and fired more shots in the store. After turning the gun on himself, Cota initially survived and was taken to a hospital but later died. Police say there was a history of domestic violence between Mendez and Cota.
21	Henry Cota, Jr	2/28/2017	27	unknown	gunshot (self-inflicted)	Avondale, Maricopa County	self (suicide)	

22	Adrianna Aaliyah	3/1/2017	3 months old	n/a	blunt force trauma	Phoenix, Maricopa County	father	<p>A Phoenix man is facing murder charges after police say he twice threw his 3-month-old daughter against a headboard when she wouldn't stop crying during a sleepover, according to police. The baby, identified as Adrianna Aaliyah, died two days later. First responders were called to a home in the 1400 block of east Roosevelt Street on reports of a baby who wasn't breathing. Court records show they found the baby unresponsive with obvious signs of head trauma. The 3-month-old was rushed to the Maricopa Integrated Health System in critical condition, where she remained until her death March 1. Her father, Jose Antonio Orellana-Ruiz, 27, was initially booked on four counts of child abuse. Police said in court records that Orellana-Ruiz admitted to lying to investigators multiple times about what happened to the baby because he was scared. Police reports said that Orellana-Ruiz begged the baby's mother to let her stay with him overnight. He reportedly told police that he lost his temper after his daughter would not stop crying. Police said he claimed to have thrown a bottle full of formula at his daughter's head , shaking her, and twice threw her against a wooden headboard, striking her head. Orellana-Ruiz said the baby was unconscious and breathing irregularly after he threw her in the air and let her land on the bed, police said. He then woke up his mother, who gave the 3-month-old CPR for a short time and told Orellana-Ruiz to call the police, according to police reports.</p>
23	Tammy Mattison	3/17/2017	49	1 child	gunshot	Peoria, maricopa County	husband	<p>Police say Tammy Mattison has died after being shot her 53 year old husband David Mattison. Peoria Police Department said officers were called to the Country Village apartments near 88th and Peoria avenues when the Mattison's 12-year-old daughter called 911 after finding her mother injured. Reports said the girl heard a loud bang and then found her mother on the ground bleeding heavily from the ear. She was taken to a local hospital where she died. After killing Mattison, the husband went back to his nearby apartment where he shot himself. Peoria's SWAT team checked the man's apartment. Officers saw him on the floor and, after he failed to respond, they entered the apartment. David Mattison had a single gunshot wound to his head but was still breathing, however he died in the hospital six days later. Reports show he is the 12-year-old girl's father but had been living in a separate apartment within the same complex since he and Tammy were having relationship issues. The daughter is being taken care of by extended family.</p>

24	David Mattison	3/23/2017	53	1 child	gunshot (self-inflicted)	Peoria, Maricopa County	self (suicide)	<p>Police say Tammy Mattison has died after being shot her 53 year old husband David Mattison. Peoria Police Department said officers were called to the Country Village apartments near 88th and Peoria avenues when the Mattison's 12-year-old daughter called 911 after finding her mother injured. Reports said the girl heard a loud bang and then found her mother on the ground bleeding heavily from the ear. She was taken to a local hospital where she died. After killing Mattison, the husband went back to his nearby apartment where he shot himself. Peoria's SWAT team checked the man's apartment. Officers saw him on the floor and, after he failed to respond, they entered the apartment. David Mattison had a single gunshot wound to his head but was still breathing, however he died in the hospital six days later. Reports show he is the 12-year-old girl's father but had been living in a separate apartment within the same complex since he and Tammy were having relationship issues. The daughter is being taken care of by extended family.</p>
25	Landen Lavarnia	3/20/2017	9	n/a	gunshot	Phoenix, Maricopa County	mother and father	<p>Wendy Lavarnia called 911 and told the dispatcher she had left her gun on her bed and her 9 year old son had been accidentally shot by his 2 year old brother. Police say the 911 call was a farce, that she waited to seek help while one or more people cleaned up the scene. How much time lapsed between the shooting and the call remains unknown. She and the boy's father, Kansas Lavarnia, are being held in county jails, both charged with several felonies, including first-degree murder and suspicion of illegally possessing a weapon, for Kansas who was prohibited because of a prior felony conviction. The other children who were inside the house at the time of the shooting — boys ages 4 and 2 and a baby girl — were taken into the custody of the Arizona Department of Child Safety following Landen's death. The family had prior experience with the agency after Wendy Lavarnia had given birth to two substance-exposed newborns in 2014 and 2015. The children were initially taken into state custody but returned after the couple had engaged in services to address domestic violence and substance-abuse issues. The dependency case was closed in June 2016 after the Lavarnias successfully completed services through the department, the DCS said.</p>
26	Francisco Valdez	3/23/2017	24	unknown	gunshot	Phoenix, Maricopa County	law enforcement	<p>Police were called to the Western Acres Mobile Park near 65th Avenue and Van Buren Street about 5:30 p.m., on a report of a family fight. The woman who made the report told police her two sons were engaged in a fight that was escalating. The younger son was gone by the time police arrived, but the mother asked for help dealing with her older son, according to Phoenix Police. They reported that when Valdez was initially speaking with officers and "suddenly ran to the kitchen, armed himself with a knife and charged toward one of the officers." The officer attempted to retreat and fell backward over a couch. When Valdez again approached the officer, now on the ground, a second officer fired at the suspect, according to a police statement. Valdez was taken to a hospital where he was later pronounced dead.</p>

28	Taylorlyn Nelson	3/11/2017	21	unknown	gunshot	Phoenix, Maricopa County	boyfriend	<p>Kodi Bowe, 25, has been arrested on suspicion of first-degree murder, for killing his 21 year-old-girlfriend, Taylorlyn Nelson and dumping her body in Lake Pleasant with the help of his brother, Maxx Bowe, 27, and their mother, Kerrie Quaintance, 51. Bowe's brother, Maxx Bowe, was arrested on suspicion of hindering prosecution, police said, and now also faces charges including first-degree murder and kidnapping of Taylorlyn Nelson. Their mother, Kerrie Quaintance, 51, was arrested on suspicion of hindering prosecution and abandonment or concealment of a dead body. Nelson was first reported missing by her mother on March 14, who told police that the family was concerned for her safety after not hearing from her for three days. According to court paperwork, Nelson told a friend that Kodi threatened her several times. " The family stated Taylorlyn told them if she ever disappeared, Kodi killed her and put her under their trailer." On March 11, Kodi Bowe attacked one of Nelson's friends after he did "an errand for her." After the attack, Nelson and Kodi Bowe argued, and their fight ended only when Kodi Bowe fatally shot Nelson. Detectives searched the northwest Phoenix trailer where Nelson lived with her boyfriend, Kodi Bowe, and found "evidence, including blood, indicating foul play." Maxx is accused of holding Nelson's shoulders while Kodi shot her in the head, court documents stated. Maxx also allegedly admitted to getting rid of the gun.</p>
27	unknown woman	4/10/2017	unknown	unknown	car crash	Florence, Pinal County	DV Suspect (bystander)	<p>Investigators say it appeared that the domestic-violence suspect who had been trying to flee from police drove into oncoming lanes on U.S. 60 near Florence Junction. The suspect, an 18-year-old man, is facing charges of second-degree murder, aggravated assault, and criminal damage. It began with a 911 call out of Globe from a woman who said she was the victim of domestic violence at the hands of her 18-year-old boyfriend. Responding police officers had to move out of the way to avoid being hit by the suspect as he drove away. Police chased the vehicle as it entered westbound on the U.S. 60 toward Miami, where officers there picked up the pursuit. The Superior Police Department got involved as the vehicle entered its jurisdiction. Both departments stopped pursuing the 18-year-old man when they lost sight of his vehicle in a construction zone near the Superior Municipal Airport. The chase ended in a wrong-way collision that injured a female driver, her male passenger and another man in a second vehicle, who refused treatment at the scene. The suspect was also injured and taken to the hospital. The female driver was airlifted to a hospital but later pronounced dead. Her male passenger was flown to Chandler Regional Medical Center, where he was in unknown condition. In addition to the second-degree murder charge, the suspect will also be facing aggravated-assault charges stemming from the incident in Globe.</p>

29	Eliot Cobb	4/14/2017	57	1 adult step-daughter	gunshot	Tucson, Pima County	ex-wife's friend	<p>Mary Jo Bair, the ex-wife of a Tucson fire captain said he was upset about their divorce and had recently threatened to kill anyone she was with, when on April 14 inside a crowded restaurant at La Encantada shopping center. , who was shot in her left leg by Frederick Bair, told investigators she felt her ex-husband was stalking her because he had confronted her about information she had posted on her account at an online dating website. Mary Jo and Frederick divorced last September after 25 years of marriage because Frederick had cheated on her. They had two grown daughters, and they remained on friendly terms, but Mary Jo did not want to get back with her ex-husband. Bair had hacked into his ex-wife's account on Match.com to monitor her activity after their divorce in September. In February, Frederick bought Mary Jo earrings and insisted she take them even though she did not want the gift. Fredrick also warned her that if she ever was with anybody, "he would have to kill the person she was with," states a sheriff's investigative report. On April 14 Mary Jo and her friend, Eliot Cobb, went first to North restaurant at the Foothills center and she saw Frederick there.</p> <p>Frederick Bair had words with Mary Jo and Cobb at North. She said her ex-husband had mentioned how he "dressed nice" for Mary Jo. Mary Jo and Cobb decided to leave North and went to Firebirds in the same shopping center. Fredrick followed them there and asked Mary Jo: "Do you remember what I told you when I bought you the earrings?" referring that he would have to kill the person that he saw was with her, reports said. That's when Frederick pulled out a gun and shot Cobb. Bair then dragged Mary Jo into the restaurant's bathroom, where he shot her in the leg before killing himself.</p>
30	Frederick Bair	4/14/2017	60	2 adult daughters	gunshot (self-inflicted)	Tucson, Pima County	self (suicide)	
31	Oscar Pacheco	4/13/2017	unknown	at least 1 child	gunshot	Mesa, Maricopa County	ex-girlfriend's current boyfriend	<p>A man accused of shooting his girlfriend's former boyfriend is now facing murder charges because the victim has since died. Charges against Jose Eladio Castro-Valenzuela were recently upgraded to second-degree murder because the victim, Oscar Pacheco, died in the hospital, police said. Police were called to the area of Country Club Drive and Brown Road after receiving reports about a shooting. When officers arrived, Pacheco was found suffering a gunshot wound and was taken to the hospital in critical condition. Witnesses told investigators that Castro-Valenzuela was seen arguing with the victim before the shooting occurred. The shooting suspect was seen fleeing the area in a truck with a trailer attached. According to police, several witnesses identified the suspect as Castro-Valenzuela who was taken into custody the next day. Pacheco was reportedly on the phone with his brother during the altercation who reported to police that he heard Valenzuela say, "I don't give a who you bring down, I'm going to kill you either way." Valenzuela's girlfriend and the victim, Pacheco have a child together, and police say the argument was about the raising of the victim's child. Upon his arrest, Valenzuela allegedly told police that he shot the victim three times with a gun he purchased on the street a few days prior.</p>

32	Jennifer Eckert	5/8/2017	49	1 adult daughter	gunshot	Buckeye, Maricopa County	husband	<p>Authorities in Buckeye have arrested a man after the shooting death of his wife at their home over the weekend. Buckeye Police said 49-year-old Jennifer Eckert of Buckeye was found face down on a bed with a single gunshot wound to the back of the head. Court records show that investigators allegedly recovered handwritten notes from the scene. One, written by Jennifer, allegedly details “her willingness to follow Kenneth’s rules.” In the note, she also apologizes “for being insufficient and breaking his rules.” Another note, which authorities believe was written by Kenneth, laments that Jennifer “shouldn’t have become his enemy.” Several weapons were seized from the bedroom, according to court filings and when detectives tried talking to Kenneth, he “would not provide any information as to what took place” beyond stating that his wife had been shot, according to the police statement. Court records further allege that Kenneth told police he had been in the Marines and that “there are certain rules” one must follow.</p>
33	Christine Mustafa	5/11/2017	37	2 children	unknown	Phoenix, Maricopa County	boyfriend	<p>Robert Interval, Jr. called his girlfriend, Christine Mustafa, while she was at work about 1 p.m. on May 10, accusing her of cheating on him and threatening to kill her, according to court documents. Mustafa was last seen by co-workers as she was leaving work at about 1:30 p.m. on May 10 and did not show up to work the next day. Mustafa’s family told police she had been making plans to move out of her home and get an order of protection against Interval, court documents said. Family members also told police that Mustafa had grown fearful of Interval, who had also made threats about killing her, court documents said. Interval told police officers soon after Mustafa’s disappearance that he and Mustafa had gotten into an argument, court records said. On May 12, police went to the home to do a welfare check on Mustafa’s 8-month-old daughter. Officers made contact with Interval at the front door, noting that he was carrying a loaded .40-caliber handgun, court documents said. Mustafa’s Nissan Cube was still parked in the driveway and her purse, including a wallet and Social Security card, was discovered on the bathroom floor between the toilet and bathtub. A search warrant executed four days later revealed other clues. Investigators noted pillowcases and bedsheets that contained a small amount of “possible blood-stained material,” court documents stated. And records also show that luminol sprayed on the walls indicated the presence of blood or other biological material. Interval was arrested on June 8, 2017 nearly a month after her disappearance on suspicion of her murder. Her body has not been found.</p>

34	Jayden Glomb	5/11/2017	13	n/a	asphyxiation	Tucson, Pima County	step-father	<p>Six weeks before her slaying, 13-year-old Jayden Glomb told a friend she had discovered something terrifying about her stepfather, a police report states.</p> <p>On May 12, Glomb's body was discovered in a desert area less than two miles from her home, with blood around her nose and mouth and a ligature mark around her throat. Her cause of death was asphyxiation. Her stepfather, Joshua Lelevier, is facing charges of first-degree murder and abandonment of a dead body in connection with her death. Authorities allege that multiple pieces of information connect Lelevier to Glomb's death, including her blood in the family's car and online searches on her computer that were made while she was in school and he was the only adult in the house, according to police documents. In June, Pima County grand jury indicted Lelevier on an additional six felonies related to an image and video that police found of Jayden undressing and using the bathroom, according to court documents.</p>
35	Jose Valenzuela	5/14/2017	10 months old	n/a	blunt force trauma	Tucson, Pima County	mother and mother's boyfriend	<p>A woman and her boyfriend are facing murder charges in the death of the woman's baby, according to the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County.</p> <p>Tucson Police said 10-month-old Jose Valenzuela died while being treated at the hospital. Salma Rodriguez, 25, and Ivan Portillo Herrera, 22, were arrested on May 11 after a doctor discovered old and new injuries on Valenzuela, according to court records. obtained court documents reveal the couple called 911, and told police baby Jose fell off the couch, was given a bottle then became unresponsive. Tucson fire took the baby to the hospital. Body camera video shows Rodriguez getting arrested hours later in the hospital's waiting room. Days later, baby Jose died. According to police reports, doctors at the hospital told police he had head injuries, a fractured skull and some older head injuries and a healing fractured rib. They said the injuries were not consistent with a fall. Neighbors told police they heard yelling coming from the home and even a baby cry just minutes before Rodriguez called 911, according to police documents. The reports also reveal when interviewed, both of baby Jose's grandmothers believe Herrera was abusing Rodriguez although they never saw anything. Herrera is facing a first degree murder and a child abuse charge. Rodriguez is also charged with first degree murder and two child abuse charges.</p>
36	Mercy Gomez	5/28/2017	63	1 adult son	stabbing	Laveen, Maricopa County	son	<p>According to court documents, On May 28 the mother, 63-year-old Mercy Gomez, was trying to break up a family fight in the living room of her home, near 43rd Avenue and Baseline Road. She requested that her son Olanzo Gomez, age 42, leave home. He refused and instead went into his room, retrieved a knife and started stabbing his mother, Mercy Gomez. Police say three other family members tackled Gomez and they fought over his knife. Other victims were also cut on the hand, wrist, and shoulders as they tried to get the knife away from Gomez. When police arrived to the home near 43rd Avenue and Baseline Road, they identified Olanzo Gomez, 42, as the suspect and took him into custody Sunday, reports indicate. Upon arrival, the mother, Mercy Gomez, was found stabbed. Gomez was taken to a nearby hospital where she later died from her injuries, police said. Police booked Olanzo Gomez into jail one count of first-degree murder and three counts of aggravated assault.</p>

37	Nancy Metz	5/29/2017	72	unknown	gunshot	Scottsdale, Maricopa County	husband	A husband and wife were found dead in Scottsdale in an apparent murder-suicide, police said. Scottsdale Police spokesman said officers were called to a home in the 7800 block of East Medlock Drive Monday evening where they found two people dead from gunshot wounds. Police identified the husband and wife as 67-year-old Mark Gustafson and 72-year-old Nancy Metz. According to police, a family friend showed up at the house to check on the couple and that's when he discovered the bodies. Hoster said it appears to be a murder-suicide, but the investigation is still ongoing. However, evidence suggests that Gustafson shot his wife as she slept and then turned the gun on himself.
38	Mark Gustafson	5/29/2017	67	unknown	gunshot (self-inflicted)	Scottsdale, Maricopa County	self (suicide)	
39	Sandra Pagniano	6/1/2017	39	2 children	unknown	Prescott, Yavapai County	husband	55-year-old David Pagniano was arrested on suspicion of second-degree murder in the death of his wife, Sandra Pagniano, according to Prescott Sheriff's Office. Sandra Pagniano's body was discovered on Friday in a remote area 10 miles northwest of the couple's home near Prescott. Sheriff's Office investigators said they had obtained sufficient evidence to believe that Sandra Pagniano could have been harmed or killed by her husband. The couple were separated but still living in the same home with their 8- and 12-year-old daughters, who D'Evelyn said are currently under "monitored care." Sandra had been missing since May 19. A friend filed a missing person's report on May 21 after Pagniano didn't show up to a scheduled social event, according to officials.
40	Matthew Franklin	6/2/2017	37	unknown	gunshot (self-inflicted)	Page, Coconino County	self (suicide)	Two Page residents were found dead early Friday morning in what law enforcement is calling a likely murder-suicide. At 6 a.m. Friday, the National Park Service received a call about two bodies near the Wahweap Swim Beach parking area. Deputies from the Coconino County Sheriff's Office, Kane County (Utah) Sheriff's Office and National Park Service rangers responded to the scene. In the parking area, they found two dead bodies. Both appeared to have died from gunshot wounds. Late Friday, law enforcement said the two Page residents were Raelle Begay, 25, and Matthew Franklin, 37. While details were not released, law enforcement said there were no suspects being sought and there were no concerns for public safety. The shootings are being investigated as a murder-suicide. Begay's mother said her daughter and Franklin had been dating for over six months, but the family didn't know him well. She believes Raelle was in an abusive relationship with Franklin, but she could not convince her daughter to leave him. "She didn't say, but I know she was in an abusive relationship with him because she ended up in the hospital once," Begay said. "A couple of days before this happened, she came by and had bruises on her face. I told her, let him go. She said, 'I know, I know.'" Raelle Begay leaves behind three children, a daughter, age 9, and two sons, ages 6 and 3.
41	Raelle Begay	6/2/2017	25	3 children	gunshot	Page, Coconino County	boyfriend	

42	Mary Dias	06/06/21017	5 months old	3 children	smothered	Glendale, Maricopa County	mother	Amber Sargarnaga, of Glendale, admitted to placing a heavy comforter over her crying daughter, Mary Dias, and pressing down on her face as she laid in a pack-and-play crib, according to police. The 23-year-old mother has been charged with first-degree murder of the child. Police say the infants father initially attempted CPR but stopped and ordered Sagarnaga to clean up the apartment because he didn't want the Department of Child Safety to take their children away, according to court records. He called 911 using a neighbor's phone about two minutes later, police said. Arriving officers took over CPR until the Glendale Fire Department arrived and took the infant to a nearby hospital. The baby was pronounced dead an hour later, said a Glendale Police Department spokeswoman. Police said it appeared that the baby had been neglected, as she wore a "soiled diaper, which appeared to have been on for more than a day," and had a severe case of diaper rash. Just two days prior to baby's death, police were called to the home on reports that Sagarnaga "struck the infant with a bottle, causing a laceration on the lip," court records show. DCS has since taken custody of the couples' children, ages 1 and 2 years.
43	Christian Pearson	6/12/2017	10	n/a	blunt force trauma	Chino Valley, Yavapai County	mother and mother boyfriend	A 10-year-old Chino Valley boy who authorities say suffered second- and third-degree burns back, extremities, torso, neck and head, along with extensive bruising, has died of his injuries. Christian Pearson died Sunday night at Phoenix Children's Hospital, the Chino Valley Police Department said and his his mother Julianna Moreno, 34, and her boyfriend Daniel Terry, 36, are now facing charges of suspicion of attempted murder, child abuse and aggravated assault after Christian was found with second- and third-degree burns police said. Evidence suggests he was bound and unable to flee when he obtained those injuries.
44	James Johnson	6/17/2017	50	1 step-son	gunshot	Prescott, Yavapai County	wife	James Johnson, age 50, was involved in a physical domestic dispute involving his wife, age 50, and his step-son, age 19. It is believed that Johnson first attacked his wife, breaking her leg in the process. Mr. Johnson then turned his attention to his step-son and began to choke him. It was during this attack that Johnson's wife was able to remove a handgun from her husband's belt and fire multiple shots into his body. The son, fearing further threat, stabbed his step-father with a kitchen knife.
45	Nicholas Johnston	6/25/2017	47	unknown	gunshot	Cave Creek, Maricopa County	law enforcement	Police shot and killed a Cave Creek man Sunday who officers said fired his rifle at a police helicopter and then at officers on the ground. Nicholas Johnston, 47, was shot by officers in the front yard of a home near Cave Creek Road and Desert Willow Parkway at about 10 a.m. Phoenix Police received a call of domestic violence at the home, said Sgt. Alan Pfohl, a department spokesman. Pfohl said police were told Johnston had been drinking, damaging property and had an argument with his mother.

46	Katherine Linda Linker	6/27/2017	60	1 adult daughter	stabbing	Buckeye, Maricopa County	boyfriend	<p>Authorities in Arizona say a Virginia Beach man has been arrested on suspicion of second-degree murder in the stabbing death of his girlfriend. Buckeye police say 43-year-old Christopher Lloyd Peters was taken into custody Monday night. Police say Peters and 60-year-old Katherine Linda Linker of Virginia Beach and Linker's daughter recently moved into a home in Buckeye, west of Phoenix. They say Peters and Linker got into an argument inside the home and he allegedly stabbed her in the neck with a small knife.</p> <p>Police say Linker was taken to a hospital, but died of her injury. They say Peters was still armed with a knife when officers arrived and a stun gun was used on him before his arrest. Investigators said the couple was relatively new to the area and had moved in a short time ago with the woman's daughter.</p>
47	Viridiana Gonzalez-Saavedra	6/30/2017	28	3 children	stabbing	Mesa, Maricopa County	husband	<p>Mesa police received a call on June 30 from a crying 10-year-old that her father and mother were fighting, Phoenix police received another call from a man asking that officers come and arrest him. Gustavo Alejandro Ruiz Lamar, 25, was arrested in the Motel 6 parking lot at 5315 E. Van Buren St. He was crying when the police arrived and asked, "Are my kids OK? Please check on my kids," according to a court document released Monday. The 10-year-old girl called police to say she was hiding in the bathroom during the fight and that her father had pushed her mother down the stairs, the court document said. She saw a knife, blood and her mother on the kitchen floor, the court document said. Lamar's mother and stepfather told detectives that their son called them earlier, upset and crying, the court document said. Lamar told his stepfather that he and his wife had fought, and she had hit him, "causing him to lose it," the court document said. "I think I killed her," he told his stepfather, according to the document.</p> <p>Gonzalez-Saavedra and Lamar had recently told his mother and stepfather that she was pregnant. At the time of the discovery of the woman, three children below the age of 12 were located inside the house. They were not injured and were taken into the custody of the Arizona Department of Child Safety. Later in the investigation, detectives learned that Gonzalez-Saavedra had been three months pregnant and then added the second homicide charge.</p>
48	unknown baby	6/30/2017	unborn child	n/a	stabbing	Mesa, Maricopa County	father	<p>Gonzalez-Saavedra and Lamar had recently told his mother and stepfather that she was pregnant. At the time of the discovery of the woman, three children below the age of 12 were located inside the house. They were not injured and were taken into the custody of the Arizona Department of Child Safety. Later in the investigation, detectives learned that Gonzalez-Saavedra had been three months pregnant and then added the second homicide charge.</p>
49	Robert Sorensen	7/1/2017	81		gunshot	Sanders, Apache County	daughter's boyfriend	<p>Apache County Sheriff's Office says deputies captured 51-year-old Garry Wilckens Friday morning in Mesa and then transported him to the county jail. Officials were asked to do a welfare check at the home of an elderly couple in Sanders after family members made several</p>

50	Martha Sorensen	7/1/2017	75	at least 1 adult daughter	gunshot	Sanders, Apache County	daughter's boyfriend	<p>unanswered phone calls. Sheriff's deputies made a forced entry into the home and discovered a bedroom window damaged by gunfire. They found 81-year-old Robert Sorensen and 75-year-old Martha Sorensen dead inside the home from apparent gunshot wounds. Herrera says Wilckens was a live-in boyfriend of a daughter of the couple at the time and that an investigation is ongoing. Deputies said Wilckens was the boyfriend of the Sorensens' daughter. Earlier this week, the sheriff's office issued a statewide manhunt for Wilckens. Police were able to track him to Mesa, where officers arrested him on Friday. While detectives haven't said much about a motive, the Sorensen family has their suspicions. "Because of jealousy. He was a possessive guy," said William Sorensen, the grandson of Robert and Martha. "If she didn't get back together with him, he was going to kill her and my two little cousins, and any one else."</p>
51	Martha "Stella" Steagall	7/13/2017	unknown	unknown	gunshot	Mesa, Maricopa County	boyfriend	<p>On June 16, police were called to a home near Guadalupe and Sossaman roads after Teddy Vanders called 911 and allegedly admitted to killing his girlfriend. When officers arrived at the home, they located the victim, Martha "Stella" Steagall who suffered a gunshot wound to the head, court paperwork stated. Vanders told police that the pair was in an altercation before the shooting occurred. While at the home, officers also found several guns, including a loaded revolver which is believed to be the weapon used during the deadly incident, court documents said. While being driven to the police station by officers, Vanders told them the victim was very abusive and was "acting crazy," court paperwork said. He allegedly admitted that they had been drinking alcohol the night of the shooting. The suspect also told police that jail time is better than being allegedly abused by the victim, court documents said. During the investigation, police reviewed the 911 call made by the Vanders after the shooting. When asked by the operator if the victim was breathing, Vanders allegedly "chuckled" and stated she was dead. He is charged with murder in the 2nd-degree in connection with the incident. The court record also said Vanders had a previous history of domestic violence.</p>
52	Reyna Estrada	7/14/2017	15	none	gunshot	Mesa, Maricopa County	brother	<p>A 19-year-old Phoenix man, who authorities said has a history of domestic violence, faces a charge of first-degree murder in connection with the shooting death of his sister, according to court records. Ignacio Estrada told police that he had been planning to kill his entire family for the last year because of a \$20,000 loan to his mother and father. He got a 12-gauge shotgun from the trunk of his brother's vehicle on Thursday night and hid it in the backyard of the home. Estrada shot his sister, Reyna Estrada, so she would not be able to call police after he shot and killed the rest of his family. He then waited for his father to come home from work with the intention of stealing his father's wallet and PIN number before killing him. Estrada admitted he planned to shoot his father in the head but when he pulled the trigger the gun malfunctioned. The two then got into a physical fight that lasted more than 30 minutes until Estrada's mother got home from work and called the police.</p>

53	David Ramirez	7/14/2017	28	none	stabbing	Mesa, Maricopa County	brother	<p>Felipe Barajas Ramirez, 28, was arrested on one count of second-degree murder in the death of his brother, David, according to a probable-cause statement submitted by Mesa police.</p> <p>Felipe Ramirez was watching a TV show with his girlfriend while twirling a 4-inch-long knife when David asked to play a video game, according to the records. The two started arguing and then began physically fighting, the records said. While they were fighting, Felipe Ramirez stabbed his younger brother, according to the records. Officers were called to the house, where Felipe Ramirez told them he accidentally stabbed his brother with the knife, the records said. Soon after the police arrived around 6:45 p.m., David Ramirez was transported to a hospital but soon pronounced dead, the records said. Mesa police said Felipe Ramirez previously was arrested on suspicion of aggravated assault, second-degree burglary and illegal drug possession.</p>
54	unidentified minor	7/19/2017	17	unknown	gunshot	Mesa, Maricopa County	boyfriend	<p>Police arrested Luis Angel Manuel Gonzalez on suspicion of negligent homicide. Gonzalez had spent the night at his 17-year-old girlfriend's home in the 600 block of East Kino Drive, as he frequently did, and carried his .25 caliber pistol with him, according to a police statement in court documents. Gonzalez had taken the pistol out of his pocket and put it on a table Monday night. The next day, as Gonzalez was getting ready to leave, he asked his girlfriend to go to a table to get him a bowl of ice cream he had not eaten, court documents said. As she did, he picked up his pistol to place it back in his pocket. He had his finger on the trigger and turned the gun to look at it. As his girlfriend approached, he said he accidentally fired the gun one time, shooting the girl in the forehead, court documents said. She was taken to a hospital and pronounced dead. The girl's name was not released.</p> <p>Gonzalez remained at the scene and admitted to officers that he accidentally fired the weapon and also said there had been no argument or fight before the shooting. Gonzalez had been arrested on a marijuana violation in 2016, according to court records. He also had an active warrant for his arrest, records showed.</p>

55	Maria Alba Castillo	8/2/2017	55	3 children	gunshot	Tolleson, Maricopa County	daughter's ex-boyfriend	<p>Police say Jorge Luis Valerio Acosta, 44, broke into the Phoenix home of his ex-girlfriend on July 31 to steal her house key and make a copy of it. Two days later he used the key to enter the residence as his ex-girlfriend, their three children, and her mother slept. He didn't leave until after he shot the mother of his children nine times and killed their grandmother, Maria Alba Castillo. Phoenix police did not identify the ex-girlfriend or the children. Police interviewed the woman at the hospital. She said she woke up to Valerio Acosta standing over her with a gun as her young son slept next to her in bed. The woman told police that Valerio Acosta briefly left the room, and as he did, she closed and locked the door. One of the children told police she saw her father first shoot and kill her grandmother, who was trying to confront him. Acosta then fired multiple rounds into his ex-girlfriend's closed bedroom door. The woman and her son were standing on the other side of the door. She pushed her son into a closet and then fell. She was shot nine times, the bullets lodging in her back and arms. Acosta left the house in a taxi and went to his mother's, where he took her truck and drove to Nogales. On the way he threw his gun and his ex's cellphone, which he had stolen, out of the moving vehicle. Valerio Acosta crossed the border into Mexico and buried his cellphone there. The manhunt for Valerio Acosta continued until Sunday, when he turned himself in at Phoenix Police Department headquarters. He was booked into jail on suspicion of first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder and first-degree burglary, among other charges.</p>
56	Lee Edward Knowlton	8/10/2017	55	unknown	unknown	Scottsdale, Maricopa County	Brother	<p>A Scottsdale police spokesman, said a woman called 911 at 7:10 p.m. Monday to report her son was physically attacking her and her husband. The woman appeared to have been beaten when she met officers outside her home. Scottsdale police said arriving officers found Lee Edward Knowlton and his father, who is in his 80s, lying on the floor covered in blood inside an apartment at the Andara Senior Living community, near 115th Street and Via Linda Drive. Monday night, Knowlton violently attacked his father and mother and at one point using a stun gun on his father. Authorities said Knowlton stopped breathing as he was being handcuffed by officers. Firefighters transported Knowlton and his parents to a hospital. Knowlton was pronounced dead just after midnight Tuesday. The elder Knowltons were said to be in stable condition Tuesday.</p>

57	Juan Pablo Rodriguez-Fregoso	9/6/2017	37	2 children	gunshot (self-inflicted)	Casa Grande, Pinal County	self (suicide)	<p>Juan Pablo Rodriguez-Fregoso, 37, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after he was stopped while westbound on the Loop 202 freeway, Casa Grande Police Department spokesman said. Rodriguez-Fregoso was suspected of shooting off-duty police Cpl. Robert Price, 40, and civilian CGPD employee Yvette Rodriguez, 39, at 10 a.m. in the Villago subdivision. Rodriguez-Fregoso was Yvette Rodriguez's estranged husband. Price was found with multiple gunshot wounds to his torso and leg. Yvette Rodriguez had one gunshot wound to her upper back. Anderson said late Wednesday both were in Phoenix-area hospitals in stable condition. "Shortly after 3 p.m., Rodriguez-Fregoso was located by the United States Marshals Service Arizona Wanted Task Force on the Loop 202 westbound (in Mesa)," Anderson said. "The suspect stopped his vehicle, a white sedan, and law enforcement officers prepared to initiate contact. Rodriguez-Fregoso was found inside the vehicle deceased with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound." Rodriguez and Price were both off duty and were inside a vehicle at the time they were shot. Details of the shooting weren't immediately known, although the issue appeared to be domestic. Court records show that Rodriguez filed for divorce from her husband Tuesday in Pinal County Superior Court.</p>
58	Sherri Ponsanti	9/7/2017	33	2 children	blunt force trauma	Casa Grande, Pinal County	husband	<p>Mark-Eric Ponsati, 36, is facing one count of second-degree murder in the Sept. 7 death of his wife, 33-year-old Sherri Ponsati. He was a major in the U.S. Army reserves and military counsel, and tried to destroy evidence and staged the crime scene at the couple's home. Mark-Eric Ponsati called 911 to report that his wife had slipped and hit her head in the bathroom. She was taken to Banner Gateway Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead about an hour later. An autopsy indicated Sherri Ponsati suffered "multiple blunt force injuries, multiple rib fractures, multiple skull fractures, spine and brain bruising consistent with violent shaking, and a large laceration of the back of her head." "Ponsati's injuries could not have been caused by a single slip and fall injury, as described" by her husband, police wrote in court records. Police say, there were indications of staging in the bathroom, including an odd blood pattern and a large amount of bath soap on the floor. Ponsati attempted to destroy evidence by washing the clothes his wife had been wearing. Ponsati told officers he and his wife had no recent arguments or a history of marital issues. But police said family members and friends described the relationship as volatile, noting jealousy and control issues. They detailed a troubled marriage that included a long separation and infidelity claims. One relative said Ponsanti had threatened to kill Sherri if she attempted to end the marriage, according to police.</p>

59	Michelle Lynne Johnson	9/25/2017	53	3 children	gunshot	Mesa, Maricopa County	husband	54-year-old Alvin Johnson Jr. was arrested in connection with the shooting death of his 53-year-old wife Monday night in Mesa, police said. Johnson gave contradictory statements to police following the 11:30 p.m. shooting near 14th and Center streets, Mesa police said. Upon arriving at the residence, officers saw Johnson, who had his hands up and repeatedly said, "I did it, arrest me," to officers, police said. The body of an adult female, later identified as 53-year-old Michelle Lynne Johnson, was found inside the residence, police said. The couples 3 daughters were present during the incident and witnesses stated Alvin Johnson Jr. was heard saying "I killed her" and "I'm going to prison, call the cops," police said. Alvin Johnson Jr. told officers he "did not mean to kill her," and that he had been drinking at a football game and that when he returned home and climbed into bed the gun accidentally went off and struck his wife, police said. Police said some of the man's statements indicated his wife was awake at the time of the shooting while others indicated she was sleeping. He said his drinking "may have impaired his memory of what happened," and said he was recklessly handling the gun, Mesa police said. He was arrested and is facing one count of second-degree murder.
60	Maria Escobedo	10/1/2017	52	1 adult daughter	unknown	Tucson, Pima County	ex-boyfriend	Police say the family of 52-year-old Maria Escobedo asked them to do a welfare check Sunday after not hearing from her for days. On Oct. 1 shortly before 5 p.m., officers responded to a call to check the welfare of Maria Escobedo in the 5500 block of South Tyndall Avenue. Before officers arrived, a family member entered the house and found Escobedo dead, reports indicate. Her boyfriend Mario Jesus Dorame, 43, has been charged with first-degree murder.
61	Michael Ferrell	10/4/2017	67	unknown	gunshot	Mesa, Maricopa County	law enforcement	A Mesa man shot by police after officers responded to a call that he threatened to kill a woman he was living with has died, Mesa Police Department said. Michael Ferrell, 67, was shot by police in the backyard of his Mesa home Wednesday morning. The incident stemmed from a call to police regarding a family fight at a home in the area shortly before 11:30 a.m. According to Mesa Police, a woman said Ferrell was trying to kill her. She also said that he was armed. Mesa police officers responded to a distress call from the woman and found Ferrell in the backyard with a gun in his waistband, he said. The officers told Ferrell to put his hands up, but he ignored the command. The officers shot Ferrell with a non-lethal bean-bag round that proved ineffective, Rasheta said. After he refused to comply to several orders, Rasheta said, Mesa police shot Ferrell. He was taken to the hospital where he later died of his injuries.
62	Justin Allen Yates	10/5/2017	32	unknown	gunshot	Casa Grande, Pinal County	friend's husband	Casa Grande Police say Thursday's fatal shooting was the result of domestic violence. It appears to have been the deadliest shooting in Casa Grande in recent history. Casa Grande officers arrested 31-year-old Alec Javier Perez and 22-year-old Rodney Ortiz Jr. Thursday night on suspicion of premeditated murder in the first degree for allegedly shooting and killing Perez's estranged wife, Crysta Proctor, 29, along with three of her friends. CGPD Sgt. Palmer said police still are trying to determine the relationship between the two suspects, Perez and
63	Jose Martin Aguilera	10/5/2017	27	unknown	gunshot	Casa Grande, Pinal County	friend's husband	

64	Connie Carrera	10/5/2017	31	unknown	gunshot	Casa Grande, Pinal County	friend's husband	Ortiz. According to Casa Grande Police Department records, Perez was arrested on Sept. 6 on suspicion of disorderly conduct, criminal damage and threatening and intimidating. The officer's notes indicate that Perez and Proctor were fighting and that Proctor reported Perez said "he would kill her if she called the police and he would be back with the right people next time." Court records indicated Perez and Proctor obtained a marriage license in February. Proctor called police in August when Perez allegedly verbally assaulted her and broke down the door to her apartment. In July, records show, Perez allegedly hit Proctor in the arm after a verbal altercation. He was arrested on suspicion of assault and domestic violence at that time. Palmer said officers counseled Proctor after each incident, assisting her with filling out domestic violence forms and urged her to obtain a protective order against Perez. Records show the protective order was issued on Sept. 11.
65	Crysta Proctor	10/5/2017	29	unknown	gunshot	Casa Grande, Pinal County	husband	
66	Cathryn Gorospe	10/7/2017	44	none	stabbing	Williams, Coconino County	boyfriend	Police in Flagstaff say they found a body believed to be that of missing teacher Cathryn Gorospe in Mayer, Arizona. The 44-year-old teacher went missing Friday, October 7 after she bailed 27-year-old Charlie Malzahn out of jail in Coconino County. Gorospe was believed to have been in a romantic relationship with Malzahn. The Glendale kindergarten teacher was last seen on Oct. 6, when she posted bond at Coconino County Jail for her friend, 27-year-old Charlie Malzahn. Malzahn's sister, Lauren Mossman, says her brother has battled with a long history of drug and mental health issues. According to police reports, Malzahn stole Mossman's car in August. He's accused of pulling out a gun before Mossman and her kids got out of the car. The police report says Malzahn thought his sister was going to have him "sniped" by another car. Malzahn was working at a Williams restaurant in July when he met Gorospe. The two immediately became romantically involved. "I knew he was going to snap," Mossman said. "But I never thought he'd do this." It's believed Malzahn took Gorospe's car the night she bailed him out of jail and then allegedly attempted to get drugs and a gun from an acquaintance on Oct. 7. He then went to Tucson, where he used Gorospe's debit and credit cards at a local mall. Malzahn is also accused of assaulting a female student at her ASU dormitory on the night of October 8. On October 9, Malzahn was driving Gorospe's car in Phoenix and was arrested after crashing the SUV following an officer-involved pursuit. Police say that he has not been cooperative in their efforts to find Gorospe. As of Monday, he was the only suspect being considered in her disappearance.
67	Anjelica Garcia Moraga	10/8/2017	28	2 children	run over by car	Phoenix, Maricopa County	boyfriend	Phoenix police say a 26-year-old driver killed his girlfriend Sunday night when he intentionally ran over the woman after an argument. Ricardo Garcia was booked into jail on suspicion of first-degree murder and aggravated assault, police said. Anjelica Garcia Moraga, 28, was taken to a hospital, where she died of her injuries, police said. While in a strip club parking lot, the couple began to argue. The incident escalated when Garcia backed his vehicle into Moraga's vehicle and then hit it a second time. The woman's two minor children and two unidentified adults were in her vehicle when Garcia hit it, police said. After Moraga got out of her vehicle, Garcia ran her over and fled the scene, Howard said. Police later found Moraga's family members fighting with Garcia in an alley near 1st Avenue and Apache Street, police said.

68	Lauri Vandegrift	10/8/2017	59	at least 1 adult son	blunt force trauma	Tucson, Pima County	son	<p>Deputies arrested a man they said killed his mother on Saturday in the 7400 block of South Cactus Thorn Lane. The Pima County Sheriff's Department arrested 28-year-old Justin Vandegrift for homicide after finding 59-year-old Laurie Vandegrift dead inside her home, PCSD said. Laurie Vandegrift had obvious signs of trauma and was the only person located at the residence, PCSD said. PCSD said during the initial 911 call, a woman believed to be Laurie Vandegrift requested law enforcement and medical services before the phone quickly disconnected. When the number was called back, a man believed to be Vandegrift's 28-year-old son, Justin, answered, PCSD said. Justin Vandegrift told authorities he had been arguing with his mother, but that everything was okay. Justin Vandegrift was told deputies were responding and the phone again disconnected, according to PCSD. Several hours later Justin Vandegrift was located at a nearby convenience store where he was arrested for homicide and booked him into the Pima County Adult Detention Complex, PCSD said.</p>
69	Brandon Wade Rucker	10/12/2017	43	unknown	gunshot	Marana, Pima County	law enforcement	<p>Brandon Wade Rucker, 43, was armed with a gun when police went to The Springs apartment complex, 7901 N. Cortaro Rd., at about 10 p.m. for a reported domestic dispute, Marana Police Department spokesman, Sgt. Chriswell Scott, said in a news release. After a confrontation, an officer fired at the man, Scott said. Officers and Northwest Fire paramedics rendered first aid, but the man died at the scene.</p>
70	Luis David Flores	10/17/2017	34	unknown	gunshot	Tucson, Pima County	law enforcement	<p>A Tucson man was killed in a shootout with Pima County deputies on Monday, officials said. Luis David Flores, 34, and his mother were involved in a domestic dispute just before 7 a.m., according to the Pima County Sheriff's Department. Flores barricaded himself in the home when deputies arrived on the scene, in the 11000 block of West Massingale Road, officials said. The Pima Regional SWAT team was called and negotiators tried for several hours to talk Flores into surrendering, officials said. Pima County Deputy Cody Gress said Flores would not surrender and came out of the home with two guns in his hands about 2:30 p.m. SWAT ordered him to drop the weapons and shot him after he refused, Gress said. The Pima County Sheriff's Department is investigating whether the guns were pointed at the officers, Gress said. SWAT medical personnel tended to Flores' injuries until he was transported to Banner-University Medical Center Tucson, where he was pronounced dead, Gress said. Flores was charged with one count of threatening or intimidating with damage to property in May 2017, court records show. The case was moved to domestic-violence court, where he was supposed to have a hearing in March 2018.</p>

71	John Norton	10/23/2017	59	2 children	gunshot	Tonopah, Maricopa County	daughter's boyfriend	<p>Authorities arrested a 15-year-old girl and her 21-year-old boyfriend in the shooting death of her father Monday afternoon in Tonopah, a killing prompted by the girl's anger over her father demanding she stop seeing the older man, according to court records. The teen and Daniel Stroh planned 59-year-old John Norton's death in advance. She told police that her ex-boyfriend had arrived at her house unannounced, forced his way in and started an argument with her while her father was out running errands. When her father arrived, the teen told detectives that her ex-boyfriend shot her father. Deputies interviewed the 15-year-old again, when she admitted she had lied the first time, and said she had plotted with Stroh Sunday night to kill her father, providing him with a gun that was hidden in a couch. She said she had grown increasingly angry with her father because he was forbidding her from seeing Stroh. The girl told authorities that Stroh came to the home Monday morning after Norton left with her 7-month-old child and 13-year-old sister. She admitted giving Stroh a .45 Long Colt Revolver, adding that "she wanted him to take care of the problem (John), which was preventing them from seeing one another." She told authorities that when her father returned with her baby and her sister, he approached the front door and she warned him that he would die if he walked in. Her dad moved her aside, and then was shot in the head by Stroh. The teenager was booked into Durango Juvenile Detention Facility on suspicion of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder and tampering with evidence. The Arizona Republic is withholding her name because she is a juvenile and has not been charged as an adult.</p>
72	Jasmine Ponce	10/30/2017	23	1 child	gunshot	Phoenix, Maricopa County	boyfriend	<p>Police say a 36-week-pregnant woman is dead, but her baby survived, after she was shot in north Phoenix early Sunday morning. Phoenix police say 23-year-old Jasmine Ponce was shot near 19th Avenue and Union Hills Drive at 2:45 a.m. by 34-year-old Christopher Kraft. Investigators say Kraft became involved in a dispute with residents of a nearby apartment, and when he returned to his apartment to retrieve a gun, Ponce attempted to stop him and she was shot by Kraft. Ponce was taken to a hospital in extremely critical condition where she later died. Her baby was delivered during emergency surgery and is in good condition. Kraft was booked into jail on counts of second-degree murder and tampering with evidence after he allegedly disposed of the handgun.</p>
73	Rusty Coblyn	11/8/2017	49	2 stepsons	gunshot (self-inflicted)	Tucson, Pima County	self (suicide)	

74	Willa Coblyn	11/8/2017	59	2 children	gunshot	Tucson, Pima County	husband	<p>A convicted felon killed his wife, stepson and then himself Wednesday inside a midtown home, Tucson police said. A second stepson arrived at the house after the slayings and narrowly escaped being shot after fighting with his stepfather who tried to shoot him twice with two separate guns that both malfunctioned, said Sgt. Pete Dugan, a Tucson Police Department spokesman on Thursday. The slayings occurred in a house in the 6000 block of East 20th Street, in a neighborhood west of South Wilmot Road and north of East 22nd Street. Homicide detectives were able to piece together that Rusty Coblyn, 49, killed his wife, Willa Coblyn, 59, earlier Wednesday. She was found in a back bedroom with obvious signs of trauma, Dugan said. An autopsy will have to determine the wounds and cause of death, he said. At about 3 p.m. Wednesday, Matthew Johnson, 26, came home and was shot multiple times by Rusty Coblyn in the living room. Then, just after 4 p.m., Matthew's twin brother arrived home and was confronted by his stepfather at gunpoint, said Dugan. Detectives said it appears Rusty Coblyn attempted to shoot his second stepson, but the gun malfunctioned. He then forced the stepson to a back bedroom where he retrieved a second gun that also malfunctioned, Dugan said. Both men fought and the stepson, who suffered cuts to his head and several abrasions, escaped from his home and ran to a neighboring house where he yelled for help, said Dugan. Detectives believe a gunshot heard by officers who responded to the scene was from Rusty Coblyn taking his life. The bodies were found after a robot with a camera was sent into the house, and Special Weapons and Tactics team members used a second camera to see inside the bedroom, Dugan said. Shortly before 5 p.m., police received a 911 hangup call from a cellphone, and police responded to the area where the call originated. As officers were arriving, a second call from a resident in the 6000 block of East 20th Street reported a neighbor came to his house and said he found a family member dead in his home and needed help. Officers went to the house of the second caller and spoke to him and his neighbor who asked for help. While talking to the men, officers heard a gunshot from the home of the neighbor. The officers took cover, along with the men, and then the men were walked out of the area by the officers who then began evacuating nearby houses. The SWAT team, the bomb squad and hostage negotiators were called in. After speaking through a loud speaker for about two hours trying to make contact with people inside the house, and not hearing anything, police obtained a search warrant for the house, and used the robot to enter the house. The body of a man was found inside the front area of the home, and a second camera showed the bodies of a man and woman in another room. SWAT members entered the home and confirmed the three were deceased. Rusty Coblyn has a long criminal history, being sent to prison for criminal damage, auto theft and three aggravated assaults in crimes dating back to 1995, according to court and Arizona Department of Corrections records. Records show he and Willa Coblyn were married in 2003.</p>
75	Matthew Johnson	11/8/2017	26	none	gunshot	Tucson, Pima County	father	
76	Jason Fairbanks	11/10/2017	39		gunshot (self-inflicted)	Scottsdale, Maricopa County	self (suicide)	

77	Annie Fairbanks	11/10/2017	39	2 children (also deceased)	gunshot	Scottsdale, Maricopa County	husband	<p>A family of four was killed in an apparent murder-suicide, according to police. Jason Fairbanks, 39, Annie Fairbanks, 39, and their 3-year-old daughter and 9-month-old son died Friday afternoon, the Scottsdale Police Department said Saturday morning. Jason Fairbanks shot and killed his wife and children in their home near Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard and Thunderbird Road, said Sgt. Ben Hoster, Scottsdale Police Department spokesman. He then shot and killed himself. The two-story stucco home is in a quiet upper-middle-class neighborhood. Homemade art adorned one of the family's windows. When Jason did not show up to work, a co-worker went to the home and discovered the bodies, Hoster said. Hoster said the couple had been experiencing financial struggles.</p>
78	unnamed child	11/10/2017	3	n/a	gunshot	Scottsdale, Maricopa County	father	
79	unnamed child	11/10/2017	9 months	n/a	gunshot	Scottsdale, Maricopa County	father	
80	Michael Zukoski	11/14/2017	81	1 adult son	gunshot (self-inflicted)	Phoenix, Maricopa County	self (suicide)	<p>The Phoenix Police Department is investigating a deadly shooting that occurred near 52nd Street and Bell Road Tuesday morning. According to police, this was a dispute between a father and his adult son. Authorities say that the father, identified as 81-year-old Michael Zukoski, shot his son in the back and then shot himself. When officers arrived on scene at around 7:35 a.m., they found the son, a 49-year-old male, with a gunshot wound. He was taken to a local hospital where he remains in serious condition. Officers also found Zukoski with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Zukoski was pronounced dead on scene.</p>

81	Steve Steenhard	11/24/2017	51	unknown	gunshot	Yuma, Yuma County	law enforcement	<p>Yuma police say a man was taken to a hospital where he died from injuries after a shot was fired during an encounter with police. A Police Department news release says one shot was fired when two officers responding to a domestic violence call at a residence encountered a 51-year-old armed man Friday night. The man was identified as Steve Steenhard, according to police. Steenhard was pronounced dead at Yuma Regional Medical Center. The news release doesn't specify whether a police officer fired the shot or provide information on the man's injuries that later killed him. A Police Department spokeswoman did not immediately respond to requests for additional information. The release says no officers were injured and that the department is investigating the shooting. The department wants anyone with information about the case to contact police at 928-373-4700.</p>
82	Jesus Real	12/11/2017	unknown	1 child	gunshot	Avondale, Maricopa County	sister's boyfriend	<p>Cleophus Cooksey had been dating Jesus Real's sister Desaree Coronado. Desaree broke up with Cooksey the night before. Cooksey then went to the home the following night and found Real home alone sleeping. Cooksey shot him twice in the face using a stolen gun he had taken from a previous person he had murdered. Cooksey killed 9 people in a 3 week span between Nov.-Dec 2017.</p>
83	Morgan Koepp	12/13/2017	3	n/a	blunt force trauma	Phoenix, Maricopa County	Mother's boyfriend	<p>Officers arrested Sidney Michael Landers, 33, on suspicion of child abuse Monday morning. That charge will likely change now that the little girl has died. According to Landers' court paperwork, doctors at Phoenix Children's Hospital told police the child was on life support and her prognosis was not good. According to the toddler's mother, Landers was out and about with the girl "for the majority of the day" Sunday. When he and the girl arrived home, the mother noticed her daughter had some swelling near her mouth and cheek that had not been there earlier in the day. "When the defendant was questioned about the injury he did not provide a reasonable explanation," according to the probable cause for arrest statement. The mom took her little girl to Phoenix Children's Hospital. The staff found "multiple bruises on the front and back of her torso" and "multiple broken ribs." According to court documents, Landers told police he was "frustrated" because the child "had several accidents in her pants and would not sit still when he cleaned her." "The defendant stated he held his hand over the victim's mouth when she was screaming during her diaper change," the arresting officer wrote in his report. "The defendant stated he had to use force to hold the victim to change her diaper The defendant stated he did not mean to cause the injuries but was frustrated." Police said Landers is from out of state and tried to run when officers showed up at his home to arrest him. According to his court paperwork, Landers is the subject of an "active" order of protection.</p>

84	Hudson Pettibone	12/15/2017	2	n/a	Gunshot	Buckeye, Maricopa County	Mother	Alyssa Pettibone was booked Monday into a Maricopa County jail on suspicion of second-degree murder. Officers encountered a bloody scene when they entered Pettibone's Buckeye home on Friday, court records show. Buckeye police received a call around 4 p.m. Friday from the woman's mother, who told police that Pettibone had shot her 2-year-old son, Hudson Pettibone, and tried to kill herself, records show. Officers arrived at the residence near Pima Street and 230th Avenue to find the toddler, deceased on a bathroom floor near a 9 mm. handgun. Pettibone was also lying on the floor, bleeding from her neck. When officers inspected the gun, they found a round in the magazine that had been loaded backward, causing the gun to jam and not fire again, according to the court records. Pettibone's mother told police that, before her daughter stabbed herself multiple times, she held the gun to her head, records show. Pettibone would later state that she "shot her baby, and tried to kill herself," records show one officer as saying.
85	Rene Cooksey	12/17/2017	unknown	at least 1 child	Gunshot	Phoenix, Maricopa County	Son	Rene was killed by her son, Celophus Cooksey during a 3 week killing spree where he shot and killed 9 people. One week prior, he shot and killed his ex-girlfriends brother.
86	Edward Nunn	12/17/2017	unknown	unknown	Gunshot	Phoenix, Maricopa County	Step-son	Edward was killed by his step son, Celophus Cooksey during a 3 week killing spree where he shot and killed 9 people. On the same day Celophus killed his mother, the wife of Edward and one week prior, Celophus shot and killed his ex-girlfriends brother.
87	Ezekiel Resendiz	12/21/2017	6 months	n/a	blunt force trauma	Phoenix, Maricopa County	Father	On Dec. 19 Ezekiel was in the care of his father Robert Resendiz. Robert became frustrated when Ezekiel would not stop crying. Robert admits to folding Ezekiel in half with his legs up by his head until he stopped responding. Ezekiel suffered from a liver laceration, left wrist fracture, laceration to the pancreas, and bruising on his thigh. Police and Fire officials were called to the home where Robert said his son was not breathing. Ezekiel was taken to Phoenix children's hospital where he succumbed to his injuries on Dec. 21, 2017.

88	Iris Ross	12/25/2017	38	2 children (also deceased)	gunshot	Phoenix, Maricopa County	Husband	<p>The man who kept police at bay during a six-hour standoff on Christmas Day is charged with three counts of first degree murder. Phoenix police say that 45-year-old Anthony Ross killed his wife and two children. He also shot a police officer who is expected to be okay, police say. Police identified the victims as 38-year-old Iris Ross and their children, 10-month-old Anora and 11-year-old Nigel. Officers had responded around 3:45 in the afternoon to 1601 East Highland Avenue where they found Iris who had been shot to death. Witnesses said that they had seen Ross shoot Iris as she ran away from him. When they asked if she was okay, he told them "no," and pointed a gun at them. They quickly determined that Ross, who was married to her as the suspect. Police say that the two were no longer together. They were able to make contact with him and, at first, he told police that he had killed his wife and two children. Police say that he then changed his story, saying that his children were alive but if police came to get him, he would kill them.</p> <p>Around 10 p.m., officers from the department's Special Assignments Unit, were able to get a robot inside the apartment where it discovered the girl, Anora. She was dead. As the robot continued to search the apartment, Ross started firing a gun, police say. At that point, officers made their way into the apartment. One officer, a 46-year-old man who has been on the force for 23 years, was struck by a bullet as he made his way into the apartment. He was brought to a hospital where he is in stable condition and expected to be okay. He managed to fire his gun as he made his way in to the apartment. A second officer, a 34-year-old with 11 years in the department, also fired his gun. Neither struck Ross, who was arrested. Inside the apartment, officers also found the 11-year-old boy, Nigel. He was dead as well. Police say both children had been shot. In addition to the murder counts, Ross is charged with assault, assaulting an officer, and firing a weapon within the city limits..</p>
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90	Anora Ross	12/25/2017	10 months	n/a	gunshot	Phoenix, Maricopa County	Father	<p>The man who kept police at bay during a six-hour standoff on Christmas Day is charged with three counts of first degree murder. Phoenix police say that 45-year-old Anthony Ross killed his wife and two children. He also shot a police officer who is expected to be okay, police say. Police identified the victims as 38-year-old Iris Ross and their children, 10-month-old Anora and 11-year-old Nigel. Officers had responded around 3:45 in the afternoon to 1601 East Highland Avenue where they found Iris who had been shot to death. Witnesses said that they had seen Ross shoot Iris as she ran away from him. When they asked if she was okay, he told them "no," and pointed a gun at them. They quickly determined that Ross, who was married to her as the suspect. Police say that the two were no longer together. They were able to make contact with him and, at first, he told police that he had killed his wife and two children. Police say that he then changed his story, saying that his children were alive but if police came to get him, he would kill them.</p> <p>Around 10 p.m., officers from the department's Special Assignments Unit, were able to get a robot inside the apartment where it discovered the girl, Anora. She was dead. As the robot continued to search the apartment, Ross started firing a gun, police say. At that point, officers made their way into the apartment. One officer, a 46-year-old man who has been on the force for 23 years, was struck by a bullet as he made his way into the apartment. He was brought to a hospital where he is in stable condition and expected to be okay. He managed to fire his gun as he made his way in to the apartment. A second officer, a 34-year-old with 11 years in the department, also fired his gun. Neither struck Ross, who was arrested. Inside the apartment, officers also found the 11-year-old boy, Nigel. He was dead as well. Police say both children had been shot. In addition to the murder counts, Ross is charged with assault, assaulting an officer, and firing a weapon within the city limits..</p>
	Pet Fatalities							
1	Bella	9/21/2017	6 months	n/a	beaten/stabbed	Phoenix, Maricopa County	woman's boyfriend	<p>Police say a man has been arrested after he killed and beheaded a 6-month-old puppy in north Phoenix. According to court documents, 29-year-old Decarlos Jones killed his girlfriend's 6-month-old puppy, named Bella, after he became angry when the dog urinated inside the house. Prior to beating and stabbing the pup, Jones and his girlfriend had argued over another man speaking to her at work, according to court documents. Police say Jones told them he is bipolar and has PTSD. Jones faces animal cruelty charges</p>
<p>This report, despite the best efforts of all of those working at ACESDV over the years, is not intended to be an official record of all domestic violence fatalities in Arizona. The names and stories included in this report were added if they met a set criteria created by those who monitor and track fatalities. Some of the data collected in this report is incomplete due to a multitude of variables including a lack of information available to the public. In 2017, ACESDV staff changes may have contributed to decreased tracking. ACESDV Fatality reports from the last 5 years have indicated an average of 116 domestic violence related fatalities. If you have any additional information on these cases, or cases we may not have listed, please contact ACESDV at info@acesdv.org.</p>								