

ARIZONA Domestic Violence Related Deaths 2009

Name	Date of Death	Age	Children	Cause of Death	Location	Relationship	
Vernon Cumming	1/20/2009	83	1	Stabbing	Scottsdale	Daughter's Boyfriend	Walter McCarthy, age 49, allegedly lured his girlfriend's father into his garage, where he stabbed him to death. He also attempted to attack his girlfriend, but she was able to run to a neighbor's house.
Lula White	1/2/2009	50	unk	Gunshot	Fort Defiance	Husband	Lee White reported that his marriage had been strained for several months, ever since he found out that his wife had been making calls to another man. He confronted her in a parking lot and got into her truck. The couple argued, and he reports that after she drove a short distance he told her to stop the truck. Luna was shot three times, though White reports that the gun went off when he fumbled with it but he didn't know he had shot her. He left her there. The FBI discovered that he had placed a rifle on layaway in December and had upped Luna's life insurance policy by \$15,000 on Dec. 23.
Karina M. Luna	1/9/2009	37	unk	Gunshot	Sahuarita	Husband	An officer responded to shots he heard fired; as several more officers responded, they discovered one man dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. His wife had been shot several times and died later that night. The shooting occurred after a heated fight.
Emil J. Luna	1/9/2009	39	unk	Gunshot	Sahuarita	Suicide	
Tammy Saldana	1/12/2009	46	0	Gunshot	Casa Grande	Fiance	A niece of Saldana's had been unable to contact her aunt for several days, and went to the house to check on her. She thought she saw two bodies on the floor and called police. When they arrived, they found the couple dead. Saldana had been shot multiple times while Sullivan died of a single gunshot wound.
Vincent Sullivan	1/12/2009	53	0	Gunshot	Casa Grande	Suicide	
Patricia Garcia	1/18/2009	30	2	Gunshot	El Mirage	Boyfriend	An anonymous caller reported hearing gunshots from Garcia's home, prompting a police response. Moments later, Steve Diaz Jr, 20, called police to report that Garcia had shot herself in the arm. She was found with at least one gunshot wound and was pronounced dead at the hospital. Police reported that Garcia and Diaz had been fighting before the shooting.

Joey Lively	1/20/2009	42	unk	Gunshot	Lake Havasu City	Suicide	Lively's wife called police to report that he had physically assaulted her. She had left the residence, and informed them that he was armed with a handgun and had threatened to use it if the police were called. When they arrived, they attempted to contact him, and he threatened them. He then fired his weapon once into the air and once at police before fleeing into the desert. He was found the next day dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.
Zenaida "Zennie" Valencia	1/20/2009	67	1	Undetermined	Queen Creek	Son	Vennie was a fifth grade teacher, and when she didn't show up to work one day, the school called the police for a welfare check. She was found dead in the home she shared with her son. A shallow grave had been dug in the backyard. Her son, John Valencia, 30, has been arrested on suspicion of first degree murder.
Alejandro Garcia	1/25/2009	39	yes	Gunshot	Phoenix	Suicide	Garcia was arguing with his wife, Lorena Alleranes, over children. He shot her three times before turning the gun on himself. Alleranes is in very critical condition.
William Baker	2/2/2009	31	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Girlfriend	Baker was found shot in his girlfriend's home and was declared dead at the hospital. The weapon was found in the home, and Carrie Lazona McLauren was arrested on suspicion of homicide.
Kezia Clinkscapes	2/6/2009	27	unk	Gunshot	Yuma	Boyfriend	Kezia Clinkscapes was shot to death in her apartment, and her boyfriend, Pvt. Joseph Andrew Mandel, was charged with the killing. He maintained a barracks on base, but often stayed with his girlfriend in her Yuma apartment. The case is being handled by local law enforcement and prosecution, as it was not on military grounds.
Dale Harrell	2/9/2009	34	0	Blunt force trauma	Gilbert	Wife	Marissa DeVault, 31, confessed to beating her husband to death with a hammer while he slept. She said she hit him as many times as he had assaulted her. She called 911 to report that her husband was attacking her. She reported later that he had assaulted her, strangled her, and then sexually assaulted her while she was unconscious.
Phyllis Tucker	2/15/2009	48	unk	Stabbing	Peoria	Boyfriend	Tucker and her mother were attacked by her boyfriend, Gettus "Leroy" Mintz on February 9th. He fled the scene as was arrested on the 11th. Originally charged with attempted murder, he now faces a murder charge as Tucker died from her injuries.
Angela Hudson	2/25/2009	44	0	Set on Fire	Tucson	Ex-Boyfriend	Angela Hudson, 44, dated Anthony Lewis, 51, five to ten years ago. She broke up with him, but he followed her to California, then to Phoenix, and then to Tucson. On Sept 22, 2008, he attacked her outside her home. He doused her with gasoline and set her on fire. She ran to a neighbor's house, who assisted her. Lewis was captured a month later when he attempted to enter Canada. Hudson suffered severe burns and died in a Phoenix-area burn center five months after the attack.

Andone Hairabedian	3/10/2009	52	unk	Gunshot	Flagstaff	Suicide	Hairabedian was wanted in California on 5 counts of child molestation. He and his wife fled after a warrant was served, and Flagstaff police saw his truck at a hotel. As agents were preparing to arrest him, police say he dashed into the room. Police heard shots and found him and his wife dead.
Unidentified Woman	3/10/2009	unk	unk	Gunshot	Flagstaff	Husband	
Frederick Flynn Tyrell	3/12/2009	38	4	Gunshot	Apache Junction	Suicide	Tyrell had been served with an order of protection on March 6 th and had a copy of the order with him when his body was found. His live in girlfriend and four children had stayed at the CAAFA shelter after the order was issued and they were still at the shelter when she was notified of his death. He committed suicide with a handgun.
Ashley Nicole Fimbrez	3/29/2009	23	1	Gunshot	Tucson	Boyfriend	The police responded to a call about an unknown problem at a house party. As they spoke with people outside, gunshots were fired in the house. They found Fimbrez dead of a gunshot wound to the head and her boyfriend, Roberto Gardea Ruiz, injured after he turned the gun on himself. He died six days later.
Roberto Gardea Ruiz	4/3/2009	30	unk	Gunshot	Tucson	Suicide	
Unidentified Woman	3/30/2009	unk	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Husband	Officers responded to a domestic violence call and found a woman in a car, dead of multiple gunshot wounds. Her husband admitted to shooting her because she was "trying to poison" him. There was a history of domestic violence, according to police reports and family members.
Valery Kim Hett	3/31/2009	45	1	Gunshot	Kingman	Husband	John Hett fatally shot his wife at 2 pm, then called police and confessed. The police were informed by other family members that Hett had a number of weapons and did not intend to be taken alive. After a standoff lasting over five hours involving SWAT and the bomb squad, officers entered the home and found Hett and his wife Valery dead.
John Timothy Hett	3/31/2009	49	1	Gunshot	Kingman	Suicide	
Dominic D. Sandoval	April	49	1	Unreleased	Tucson	Son	Sandoval was killed in the townhome he shared with his son, 25 year old Rocky. Sandoval's ex-wife, Rocky's mother, called police and reported that Rocky had killed him.
Natalia Santillan	4/7/2009	3	0	Blunt force trauma	Peoria	Uncle's Girlfriend	Ayrin Vick and her boyfriend took custody of the toddler while her mother served a jail sentence. Vick was home alone with the child when she called 911, reporting that she had collapsed suddenly and wasn't breathing. Upon arrival at the hospital, doctors noticed several injuries, including missing chunks of hair, bruises, and cuts near her eyes. An autopsy revealed she had died of blunt force trauma. Vick was arrested in July and faces possible charges of child abuse and first-degree murder.

Ana Delia Rios	4/9/2009	45	1	Gunshot	Tucson	Ex-husband	Rios and Gonzalez had been divorced for about a year, but continued living together. The day of the murder-suicide, Gonzalez was supposed to move out of the home. The two had been arguing; family members heard gunshots and called 911. Their 4-year old grandson was in the home at the time, along with their daughter-in-law and her sister.
Martin Rios Gonzalez	4/9/2009	45	1	Gunshot	Tucson	Suicide	
Samuel Valdivia	4/10/2009	18	0	Stabbing	Chandler	Girlfriend's Boyfriend	Sixto Balbuena, 20, went to his girlfriend's house and heard noises. He grabbed a knife from the kitchen, thinking something was wrong, but found his girlfriend in bed with Valdivia. He threw whatever was close at hand at Valdivia before stabbing him. He reported to police that he didn't mean to kill him.
Ayad Mizel	4/13/2009	38	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Brother-In-Law	Haider Abdullah, 38, is being sought by police for shooting his brother-in-law after an argument. Family members reported that Abdullah was seen following the victim after the dispute, moments before he was found shot to death.
Kathleen Martin	4/15/2009	53	1	Gunshot	Buckeye	Husband	Kathleen, a sergeant with the Department of Corrections, and her husband, John, were arguing when he claims he accidentally discharged a weapon he was packing for a vacation. The report stated that alcohol was a factor.
Jennifer Pablo	4/22/2009	46	unk	Trauma	Phoenix	Boyfriend	Pablo's boyfriend, Julius Kissinger, found her and another man in an alley. He assaulted the man, who fled, but he reported he could hear Pablo screaming as he ran away. Kissinger went to a nearby business and asked them to call an ambulance because he didn't feel well. Pablo's body was found by an employee of that business, and Kissinger was arrested.
Dirk Willeford	4/24/2009	unk	unk	Stabbing	Scottsdale	Stepson	Police say that Alexander Willeford is being held without bond for killing his stepfather and attempting to kill his grandparents. The report states that he stabbed his stepfather, Dirk Willeford, in the neck with a hunting knife after the man denied owing Alexander money. He also reportedly stabbed his grandparents and told police that he did so because his grandmother hated him.
Charles W. Goff	4/28/2009	37	unk	Gunshot	Gilbert	Estranged Wife's Boyfriend	Goff and his wife separated, and she began a relationship with a 42-year old man. Goff broke into the man's house and awaited his return. When the homeowner entered, Goff confronted him with a weapon. Goff held the man at gunpoint for approximately four hours, repeatedly texting his estranged wife in an attempt to lure her to the residence. The man was able to retrieve his own gun and the two fired at one another; Goff was killed and the homeowner was shot in the leg.

Tammy Hellard	4/28/2009	35	1	Gunshot	Mescal	Husband	Officers responded to a call regarding a shooting and found a 35-year old woman dead. Her husband, Alger Frederick Hellard, 42, was immediately taken into custody and has been charged with first-degree murder, second-degree murder, and endangerment. A 23-month old child was in the home at the time and was taken into CPS custody. Alger reported that the two argued when Tammy told him she planned to leave him and began packing. He stood behind her, and when she reached for a jewelry box, he picked up the gun sitting next to it. He maintains that the shooting resulted during a "scuffle" and was an accident.
Alexis Hancock	5/8/2009	4	0	Gunshot	Snowflake	Father	Amy Hancock, Ronald's ex-wife, dropped their daughter off at his mother's house for a visitation weekend. When Ronald arrived at the house, he strangled her and held a knife to her throat, attempting to kill her. She ran to a nearby residence a mile away for help, leaving her daughter behind with the girl's grandmother. After a DPS helicopter arrived to assist in the search for the girl and Hancock, they found their bodies near the residence. Amy reported a history of domestic violence and an order of protection that had been filed in late March. The order was amended to allow visitation with the girl.
Ronald Hancock	5/8/2009		1	Gunshot	Snowflake	Suicide	
Cheree Goard	5/9/2009	13 mo.	0	Trauma	Gilbert	Mother's Boyfriend	Authorities responded to a call about an unconscious child. David Reed, 22, reported that he had been watching the baby when he left her unattended and she fell from a couch. An autopsy revealed that Cheree died of blunt-force trauma to the head and that the injuries were inconsistent with Reed's report. A later report revealed previous injuries consistent with abuse. Reed has been charged with one count of first-degree murder, child abuse, and other charges. Reed and his girlfriend were raising Cheree and the 3 year old they have in common; there is no evidence the 3 year old has been abused.
Dale Aaron Webber	5/14/2009	44	unk	Gunshot	Scottsdale	Ex-Girlfriend	Webber was found in his spa by a landscaper. His death was originally ruled a drowning, but medical examiners later determined that he had been shot. His ex-girlfriend was arrested in July. Investigators believe the murder happened in conjunction with a robbery.
Sally S. Johnston-Huddleston	5/23/2009	38	1	Gunshot	Mesa	Ex-Boyfriend	Sally Johnston-Huddleston's ex-boyfriend, Brent Matthew Banks, was invited to a graduation party. He saw his ex-girlfriend and Blanks kissing in a bedroom and assaulted her. He went to his car with the intent to leave the party, but instead retrieved two handguns and shot her and Blanks. The two died at the scene. A Mesa police officer was also shot in the arm and will require several surgeries to repair the injury. Six other people at the party, including Sally and Brent's 8-year-old son, were injured by grazing bullets or impact from bullet fragments.
Auston G. Blanks	5/23/2009	32	unk	Gunshot	Mesa	Girlfriend's Ex-Boyfriend	

Adreana Miller	5/30/2009	28	2	Stabbing	Glendale	Husband	Michael Miller stabbed his wife, Adreana and their 10 year old daughter to death early one morning. He also stabbed their 4-year old son, who is in critical condition. After the stabbing, he called 911 and informed them, "I just killed my family." He then waited outside and went with the police calmly. He had been arrested twice for domestic violence previously.
Daughter Miller	5/30/2009	10	0	Stabbing	Glendale	Father	
Mario Corona, Sr.	5/31/2009	52	1	Gunshot	Phoenix	Wife	The couple's 21 year old son was watching TV with a friend when he heard gunshots and found his parents in the bedroom. Mario was pronounced dead at the scene, but Patricia was taken to the hospital, where she later died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Police found a note from Patricia conveying suicidal intent, and have said that "domestic issues" may have lead to the murder-suicide.
Patricia Corona	5/31/2009	44	1	Gunshot	Phoenix	Suicide	
Troy Campbell	6/2/2009	5	0	Stabbing	Phoenix	Father	Troy's aunt called police after discovering the boy and his father, Nashawn, in a bedroom in their home with their throats slit. Troy did not survive, but his father was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover. Nashawn had sole custody of the child, but his mother had filed to change the arrangement three months ago.
Aaron Wedel	6/4/2009	26	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Mother's Boyfriend	Mark Benson, 53, is being held in the shooting death of his girlfriend's son. Benson was reportedly moving out of the residence at the time of the shooting. Four other children were in the house at the time.
Sabrina Alcantar	6/2/2009	32	yes	Multiple Methods	Youngtown	Husband	Sabrina Alcantar was found in the street after her husband, Manual Alcantar, stabbed and shot her. She had filed a complaint against him the previous day for assaulting and threatening to kill her in an incident the previous week. He had a history of assault convictions and fled the scene. Alcantar was a fugitive for 3 days. He was found hanging from an overpass by a commuter.
Manuel Julio Alcantar	6/5/2009	35	yes	Hanging	Youngtown	Suicide	
Unidentified Man	6/6/2009	24	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Police	Officers responded to a domestic violence call and found a 24 year old woman and her 11 month old child on the roof of the apartment building. She had escaped after her boyfriend had become violent while drunk. Her 6 and 4 year old children were still inside. Officers attempted to take him into custody, but he fought with them and continued to fight after they used a Taser. He reached into the closet and pulled out a black object, which the officers took for a weapon, and they shot him. The item was a wallet.

Unidentified Man	6/8/2009	35	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Police	Officers responded to a domestic violence call and found a woman and her 16 year old daughter outside the apartment. They had each been assaulted and forced to leave. As the police approached the front door, they saw a man standing with a kitchen knife. He verbally threatened them, charged, and one of the officers fired and killed him. Another woman and her three children were in the apartment at the time, but none of them were injured.
Logan Lampert	6/20/2009	14	0	Blunt force trauma	Phoenix	Uncle	After an argument with his nephew, Logan, Erick Lampert, 35, bludgeoned Logan and his mother to death with a shovel, according to police. Logan's 9 year old sister ran from the house in fear when Lampert hit Logan, and their mother found Sheila dead in the bedroom when she returned from work. Police found Logan's body in a trash bin in the backyard. Lampert was found two days later by Tempe police and arrested. Lampert has a long history of bipolar disorder, and has violated orders of protection taken out by relatives. His father also reported that Lampert had threatened to kill him in the past.
Sheila Lampert	6/20/2009	61	2 known	Blunt force trauma	Phoenix	Son	
Teigan Brown	6/21/2009	3	0	Gunshot	Jacob Lake	Father	Gilbert resident Ryan Peters failed to return Teigan to her mothers' custody on Friday before the murder-suicide. She filed a complaint; she had filed for an order of protection 5 days earlier, stating that after the divorce filing, he began stalking and harassing her, and that he had threatened to kill her and her boyfriend. On Sunday, Peters' father called authorities, fearing his son was suicidal. The police went looking for the man and the toddler, and found them both dead of gunshot wounds.
Ryan Peters	6/21/2009	29	1	Gunshot	Jacob Lake	Suicide	
Ashley DeWitte	6/24/2009	18	0	Gunshot	Mesa	Ex-Boyfriend	After dating for six months, Ashley Dewitte and Eric Serdechny broke up. He went to her house to discuss the break up, and shot her on the doorstep before turning the gun on himself. Serdechny's mother would let her son use the gun for target practice, and he had gun-related quotations on his Facebook page.
Eric Serdechny	6/24/2009	20	0	Gunshot	Mesa	Suicide	
Daughter Talavera	Late June	2	0	Head injuries	Chandler	Mother's Boyfriend	The 2 year old was taken to the hospital, where Josefa Talavera and her boyfriend, Jeremiahs Aguilar, told medical professionals that she had fallen down. Doctors found cigarette burns on her arms, legs, neck, back and face. Aguilar admitted that he had thrown the toddler onto a concrete floor because she was crying. Two weeks later, she was taken off life support and died.

Ariel Allison	7/4/2009	18	0	Stabbing	Kingman	Mother's Ex-Boyfriend	Jennifer Allison obtained a handgun to protect herself from her ex-boyfriend, Darrell Ketchner. Ketchner reportedly broke into the home while Jennifer and her daughter, Ariel, were sitting at the kitchen table. A second daughter heard the attack, and went to defend her mother and sister. When she realized Ketchner was stabbing her mother, she ran to remove two toddlers from the home. Jennifer was stabbed multiple times and shot in the head with her own gun, but after several surgeries is expected to recover. Ariel was found in a bedroom, dead of multiple stab wounds. Ketchner faces multiple charges.
Unidentified	7/6/2009	unk	unk	unk	Glendale	unk	Police have not released any details regarding a domestic violence homicide other than the fact that one person was killed and one was transported to a hospital for surgery.
Aminata Moutaba	7/9/2009	38	unk	Stabbing	Phoenix	Sister-In-Law	A 25 year old woman entered her 38 year old sister-in-law's apartment. An argument ensued, and the younger woman ultimately stabbed the older woman to death. She then went to the apartment complex leasing office for help. The 25 year old had non-life threatening stab wounds on her hands and arms.
Alice Saunders	7/11/2009	40	unk	Unreleased	Phoenix	Roommate, Boyfriend's Brother	Saunders' boyfriend found her body in their apartment upon returning from a trip. His brother, Jerome Pringle, 44, told a clerk at an AM/PM gas station that he had killed his brother's girlfriend. They reportedly had been arguing before she was slain.
Edgar Dupree	7/11/2009	55	unk	Stabbing	Casa Grande	Boyfriend	Matthew Richard Reynolds, 21, called police to report a man was dead in his room after trying to attack him. Police reported a relationship between Reynolds and Dupree, and Reynolds has been indicted on charges of second degree murder.
Blanca Hernandez	7/14/2009	39	unk	Undetermined	Glendale	Unreleased	Police have not determined the cause of death, but local media reported Hernandez' murder as domestic violence related.
Brett Dillon	7/24/2009	1	0	Massive Closed Head Trauma	Tucson	Mother, Mother's Boyfriend	Police were told that the child fell in the bathtub and hit his head, and he was rushed to the hospital. After an investigation, police arrested both the child's mother, Melissa Julie Bizilia, 20, and her boyfriend, Ryan Fitzgerald Sullivan, 32.

Dennis Anderson	7/26/2009	57	1 known	Gunshot	San Tan Valley	Son	Police found Dennis Anderson dead of a gunshot wound, and are unsure of the motive behind the murder. His son, Gino Anderson, apparently fled to Mexico. A week-long manhunt ended when Anderson negotiated surrender with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with US Marshals. He voluntarily re-entered the US from Mexico in TX, and is awaiting extradition to Arizona.
Danielle Gary	7/29/2009	20	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Boyfriend	The couple returned from a birthday party in the early morning hours and were reportedly arguing. Gary was banging on doors, asking for help. A neighbor opened the door and saw her shot twice. Gary's boyfriend, Jason Perry, returned to his apartment and shot himself. He was transported to a hospital where he later died. His two children, aged 4 and 1, were inside the apartment at the time of the shooting but neither were harmed.
Jason Perry	7/29/2009	23	2	Gunshot	Phoenix	Suicide	
Stacy Want	Early August	45	2	Gunshot	Scottsdale	Husband	An out-of-state relative called police and asked for a welfare check. Upon entering the home, they discovered the family dead of gunshot wounds. They suspect Gilman shot his wife and two sons before turning the gun on himself. A note and the weapon were found in the home. The bodies had been there for several days.
Son Gilman	Early August	7	0	Gunshot	Scottsdale	Father	
Son Gilman	Early August	3	0	Gunshot	Scottsdale	Father	
Russell Gilman	Early August	48	2	Gunshot	Scottsdale	Suicide	
Holly Anderson	8/2/2009	26	1	Gunshot	Kingman	Husband	Officers responded to a domestic violence call in the early evening. One approached the house, and Holly, a Mohave County probation officer, cracked open the door and handed the couple's 20 month old daughter to an officer before being fatally shot. The bullet went through her and struck the officer, who was wounded in the arm. The toddler was unharmed. Brett Anderson then turned the gun on himself. The two were separated and had a long history of domestic violence. Holly had filed for an order of protection on the same day she filed for divorce, but withdrew the order later.
Brett Anderson	8/2/2009	28	1	Gunshot	Kingman	Suicide	

Ascencion Villasenor-Lopez	8/2/2009	53	1 known	Gunshot	Phoenix	Police	A 14-year-old boy went to his neighbor's house for help because his father, Villasenor-Lopez, was attacking his mother, Carmen Beltran Villasenor. Villasenor-Lopez threatened the neighbor. Police responded, and the boy told them his father was stabbing his mother. The officers entered and demanded that he drop his weapon; he refused, and they used a stun gun on him. When he turned on the officer who used the stun gun, he was fatally shot.
Selena Bedonie	8/7/2009	unk	1 known	Gunshot	Navajo Nation	Husband	According to Selena Bedonie's 8 year old daughter, Selena Bedonie and her husband, Wilson Ray Tsosie, were arguing in a truck when he retrieved a gun and shot her once in the head.
Alma Ramos	8/17/2009	41	unk	Stabbing	Coolidge	Husband	Alma Ramos' body was found near a carport by family members. Ramos' husband, Jesus Quinonez-Valazquez was arrested the next day and held without bond on suspicion of stabbing her to death. The two had been married, but reports indicate they were separated at the time of the murder.
Del E. Webb	8/25/2009	unk	unk	Stabbing	Phoenix	Brother	Del E. Webb's body was found in an alley the morning after the murder. He had been drinking with his two brothers when a fight ensued with one of them and he was nearly decapitated. Samuel Web told police he was trained to use knives in the Bosnian conflict and was charged with murder. He did not deny committing it, according to police, but said he blacked out.

Ricky Flores	8/28/2009	16	1	Gunshot	St. Johns	Girlfriend's Father, Solicited Killers	Ricky Flores, 16, and his teenage girlfriend dated and had a child together. Reports indicate that the relationship was a source of contention for her father, Jeffrey Johnson, 43. At some point, Johnson took out a protective order against Flores in order to keep Flores away from his daughter, but she maintained the relationship. Johnson allegedly offered to pay William Inmon, 21, and Storm Williams, 44 to kill Flores and dispose of the body. He has been charged with solicitation of murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Johnson's wife, Melissa, was arrested for hindering prosecution and giving false information to law enforcement, as she was apparently home when Inmom and Williams brought Flores' body to the Johnson home to prove they had killed him. Inmom and Williams confessed to the murder a week after it took place and brought authorities to the body. The daughter and child are now living with the Flores family.
Schala Vera	8/31/2009	3	0	Blunt force trauma	Chandler	Mother's Boyfriend	Police responded to a 911 call and found the child unresponsive. They attempted CPR, and she was taken to a hospital, where she died. Susan Witbracht, 26, and Dauntorian Saunders, 23, were arrested after an autopsy determined the cause of death. The girl was covered in bruises and what appeared to be belt and belt-buckle strikes. The couple has been booked on suspicion of first degree murder and child abuse, and Saunders admitted to repeatedly beating the girl since June. Witbracht told police she had demanded that her boyfriend stop the beatings, but he did not.
Jesus Quinones-Valazquez	9/8/2009	41	unk	Hanging	Pinal County Jail	Suicide	Quinonez-Valazquez was in jail in connection with the August 17th stabbing death of his wife, Alma Ramos. He committed suicide in his cell and left a note.
Emina Redza	9/11/2009	27	unk	Stabbing	Phoenix	Ex-Boyfriend	Authorities say that Emina Redza was in her apartment with her ex-boyfriend, Dzevad Selimovic, 39. At some point, she turned her back on him and Selimovic stabbed her multiple times with a screwdriver. Hours later, he pulled up to a police patrol car. He told officers about the stabbing, they took him into custody, and Redza was taken to a hospital. She died of her injuries.

Isabella Hopf	9/14/2009	3 weeks	0	Blunt force trauma	Chandler	Father	The three week old was taken to the hospital by her mother, who noticed a large bruise. The infant was unresponsive and suffered from irreversible brain damage, swelling, and bleeding from multiple blows to the head. She also had bruising suggesting sexual abuse. Her father, Brian Mark Hopf, has a history of domestic violence against the his girlfriend, the baby's mother. The baby died one week after the attack.
Ryan Mullaly	9/19/2009	15	0	Gunshot	Mesa	Mother	Susan Mullaly's husband discovered his family dead after returning from work. According to police, Susan shot Ryan, 15, and Nicolas, 12, before turning the gun on herself. A Mesa detective said the two had been having marital issues.
Nicolas Mullaly	9/19/2009	12	0	Gunshot	Mesa	Mother	
Susan Mullaly	9/19/2009	50	2	Gunshot	Mesa	Suicide	
Lisa Grondin	9/20/2009	31	2	Asphyxiation	Village of Oak Creek	Husband	Jared Grondin, 32, killed his wife Lisa, 31, using unknown means before shooting himself in the head. The couple showed no outward signs of strife, and the community expressed shock at the murder-suicide. Jared Grondin was a soccer coach for a local high school boys' team.
Jared Grondin	9/20/2009	32	2	Gunshot	Village of Oak Creek	Suicide	
Aaron Lyle Ham	9/21/2009	25	unk	Stabbing	Tucson	Unreleased	Aaron Lyle Ham, 25, was stabbed multiple times during an incident with a man at his residence. Police indicated that the crime was classified as domestic violence.
Margaret McCormick	9/24/2009	49	1	Gunshot	Tucson	Husband	Deputies responded to a call from the McCormick's adult daughter. They arrived to find that Gary McCormick, 57, had shot and killed his wife, Margaret, 49, before shooting himself. Detectives learned that the two were quarreling before the shootings.
Gary McCormick	9/24/2009	57	1	Gunshot	Tucson	Suicide	
Geraldine Chico	9/27/2009	43	unk	Stabbing	Coolidge	Boyfriend	Officers responded to a domestic violence call made by a man who left the residence when the incident started. They found Geraldine Chico, 43, dead on the floor with multiple stab wounds to her torso and head. Lashaun Vaughn, 24, had fled the scene but was arrested on charges of first degree murder.

Kandice Sue Smith	10/6/2009	21	0	Gunshot	Tucson	Boyfriend	Kandice Sue Smith, 21, and her boyfriend, Rodney Lavon Kirk, 23, were visiting family members when she was fatally shot. Kirk initially told police that the gun discharged accidentally, but further investigation showed inconsistencies between his statement and the gathered evidence. He was charged with second-degree murder.
Dawn Axsom	10/16/2009	26	1	Gunshot	Peoria	Ex-Boyfriend	Dawn Axsom, 26, successfully petitioned the court for an Order of Protection against the father of their 2-year-old boy. It was issued 4 days before a hearing in which the same judge ordered joint parental counseling for the two. The judge also denied Axsom's request to relocate to Maryland because she feared Swartz would harm her or their son. Two weeks after that hearing, Schwartz fatally shot Axsom's mother, Linda Braden, 56. He then went upstairs and shot and killed Axsom before killing himself. Friends went to the home after Axsom did not arrive at work and heard the 2 year old crying. They called police, who discovered the bodies and the unharmed toddler. The boy was placed in CPS custody.
Linda Braden	10/16/2009	56	1 reported	Gunshot	Peoria	Daughter's Ex-Boyfriend	
Gabriel Schwartz	10/16/2009	28	1	Gunshot	Peoria	Suicide	
Michael Carter	10/19/2009	31	unk	Gunshot	Phoenix	Sister's Ex-Boyfriend	Joseph B. Ochoa, 36, went looking for his ex-girlfriend and became angry when she wasn't there. He began a verbal altercation with her brother, Michael Carter, 31. According to police, Ochoa shot both Carter and his mother, Joann Deanda, 51. Carter was killed and his mother was taken to the hospital with serious gunshot wounds. Ochoa fled the scene but was arrested and charged with murder and attempted murder. Ochoa had been previously convicted of killing a girlfriend's brother in 1997 over an unpaid drug debt.
Christina Mendivil	10/22/2009	28	1	Gunshot	Mesa	Suicide	Christian Mendivil, 28, paid an unexpected visit to Carmen Lara, 25. They began arguing, and Mendivil shot Lara in the face before turning the gun on himself. He was killed, and Lara was taken to an area hospital. The shooting occurred as their 8-year-old son slept on the couch. He woke up to the sound of a shot and ran down the hallway; Mendivil shot himself shortly after.

Dwight Tobbyne	Nov-09	57	3	Gunshot	Scottsdale	Wife	Dwight Tobbyne, 57, disappeared in November. His wife, Sheri Tobbyne, told their three adult children that their father had gone to Mexico. In the summer of 2010, the children reported their father missing. Sheri Tobbyne told police that she was about to kill herself with a firearm when Dwight Tobbyne reached for it and was accidentally shot in the head. She reported that she disposed of the body in the desert out of fear that no one would believe her. She has been charged with first degree murder.
Noor Almaleki	11/2/2009	20	0	Ran Over With Car	Peoria	Father	Noor Almaleki, 20, was walking across a parking lot with her boyfriend's mother, Amal Khalaf, 43. Her father, Faleh Almaleki, 48, hit them both with his Jeep and drove away. He attempted to flee to England, but was denied entry into the country and deported back to the US. He reportedly killed his daughter because he felt she was becoming too Westernized.
Jeffrey Scot Heinze	11/6/2009	unk	unk	Gunshot	Mesa	Law Enforcement	Jeffrey Scot Heinze, who went by the name of "Scot," had a history of violence against his girlfriend. She called police because he was attempting to pop her tires, and called back later to enquire about an Order of Protection. In court documents, she detailed several violent instances, including one where Heinze placed a pillow over her face. He also hit her and said that she needed to "be slapped around when out of line." When police returned to serve the Order of Protection, Heinze drew a knife out and one of the officers shot and killed him.
Vicente Villegas-Guarneros	11/15/2009	34	0	Stabbing	Mesa	Girlfriend	Mesa police arrested Sindy Nohemi Ventura, 26, after an anonymous call directed police to a residence. A friend informed police that Ventura had called her and told her she had just killed someone. When police arrived, she said, "I didn't kill anyone. I did bad but I'm not bad. I didn't kill anyone." They told her there was a deceased male in the bedroom and she asked for a lawyer.
Dario Morales	11/30/2009	16	0	Gunshot	Tucson	Father	Police found the family dead of gunshot wounds after a family member visited the home and discovered the bodies. Stephanie and Mario were married, but had separated and were living apart. Dario was their son. The investigation showed that Mario shot his son and estranged wife before
Stephanie Morales	11/30/2009	34	1	Gunshot	Tucson	Husband	

Mario Morales, Sr.	11/30/2009	35	1	Gunshot	Tucson	Suicide	turning the gun on himself.
Lisbeth Hernandez	12/1/2009	34	5	Stabbing	Phoenix	Domestic Partner	Roman Feliz, 37, is accused of stabbing Lisbeth Hernandez, 34, during an argument. The two were domestic partners and shared five children, some of whom were present at the time of the stabbing.
Angelita Francisca Montano	12/6/2009	26	1 known	Strangulation	Mesa	Boyfriend	Gilbert police received a call from a relative of Montano's boyfriend, Dartanion Terrial Stroud. The caller said that Stroud had called and said that he killed his girlfriend. The police department worked with the Mesa police to check the couple's last known address. Two hours after the initial call, Stroud arrived in an emergency room with Montano's body, seeking treatment. Her injuries were consistent with strangulation. There was a previous history of domestic violence, including two police responses. Montano had petitioned for an Order of Protection against Stroud in August, in which she detailed incidents beyond the police reports. Stroud had petitioned for joint custody of their nine month old child; his petition was denied while her Order of Protection stood.
Adolfo Leyva	12/6/2009	42	1	Stabbing	Phoenix	Daughter's Ex-Boyfriend	Jaime Arturo Olivas, 18, went to his ex-girlfriend's house to confront her about their recent breakup. He assaulted her outside the home, and her father, Adolfo Leyva, 42, ran outside to help. He struggled with Olivas and was stabbed multiple times. Her mother, Dora Leyva, 42, also suffered serious injuries in the attack. Police believe there may have been a history of violence between Olivas and the teen.
George Lajeunesse	12/7/2009	43	unk	Stabbing	Surprise	Suicide	George Lajeunesse reportedly assaulted his girlfriend before fleeing the scene. The police performed a traffic stop, to enquire about the incident, where they found Lajeunesse holding a large knife. The police tasered him in an attempt to make him drop the weapon, but he managed to inflict a lethal wound to his neck.

Terrel Casher	12/7/2009	50	unk	Gunshot	Peoria	Suicide	Terrel Casher, 50, reportedly attempted to shoot his girlfriend, but missed. She fled to find help, and patrol officers found him as he was leaving the scene. They followed him into a parking lot, where he would not comply with officers' directions. The SWAT team responded, and their robot found his body, dead of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head.
Marciela Noriega	12/26/2009	46	1	Stabbing	Peoria	Husband	Julian Noriega, 42, was arrested after the couple's 11 year old daughter called police to report that her parents were fighting. Law enforcement found Marciela Noriega, 46, with multiple stab wounds. She was transported to a local hospital, where she died. Police had previously been called to the house for verbal disputes, but no arrests were made in those incidents. Julian Noriega reported to authorities that he began choking her and then grabbed a knife, stabbing her more than 30 times, because he thought she was having an affair. He said he had not intended to stab her, but that he "just couldn't stop."
Maria Louisa Isla	12/26/2009	54	unk	unk	Glendale	Murder-Suicide	Glendale police responded to a welfare check by a concerned family member who could not reach the couple. When they arrived at the home, they found Maria Louisa Isla, 54, and Chris Trujillo, 48, dead in an apparent murder-suicide. Law enforcement has not released the cause of death or identified the perpetrator.
Chris Trujillo	12/26/2009	48	unk	unk	Glendale	Murder-Suicide	

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