

As of June 31st there were 62 deaths.

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ARIZONA Domestic Violence Related Deaths 2020

Count	Name	Date of Death	Age	Children	Cause of Death	Location	Fatality Caused By	Circumstances
1	Mirna Ortega	1/5/2020	43	Unknown	Sharp force trauma	Tucson	Ismael Ortega	A Tucson man is in jail facing charges of first-degree murder in the stabbing death of his sister Sunday night. Tucson Police Operations Division Midtown officers were called to a residence near 2400 S. Holly Stravenue in Tucson Sunday around 8:30 p.m. on a report of a knife assault by a man on his sister. When police arrived at the home, they found Ismael Ortega, 41, inside and immediately detained him. Police then found Ismael's sister Mirna Ortega, 43, outside behind the house "with obvious signs of sharp force trauma," Tucson police reported. Mirna Ortega was unresponsive when she was found, and police administered CPR. Tucson Fire then arrived at the home and took over medical aid provision. Mirna Ortega was taken to Banner University Medical Center with what authorities deemed life-threatening injuries.
2	Emilio Smith	1/6/2020	2	None	Blunt force trauma	Douglas	Mario Alberto Toscano Jr.	According to Carol Capas, spokesperson for the Cochise County Sheriff's Office, on Sunday January 5, at approximately 6 p.m. the CCSO arrested 21-year-old Mario Alberto Toscano Jr. at his Douglas residence and booked him into the Cochise County Jail on felony charges of child abuse/domestic violence. Capas said the Sheriff's Office was initially contacted by the Douglas Copper Queen Hospital Emergency Room at approximately 10:15 a.m. that morning in reference to a child who was not breathing and suffering from questionable injuries. Medical intervention occurred and once the child was stabilized he was transported to a Tucson hospital for further treatment. Deputies interviewed medical staff, the mother of the child, and Toscano before serving a search warrant on the residence in Douglas where the mother and Toscano live. As a result of information obtained in the investigation, Toscano was arrested and booked in the Cochise County Jail pending further adjudication.
3	Gustavo Reyes	1/12/2020	Unknown	2	Stab wounds	Avondale	Gustavo Reyes Jr.	When officers arrived at the Avondale home, they found Gustavo Reyes Jr., 29, covered in blood and walking around, according to court documents released Tuesday. The man's father was lying on the floor with stab wounds to his torso and legs, the document says. Reyes was ordered to be held on a \$1 million bond after being arrested Sunday and accused of the murder. Court records say that Reyes' brother, whose name is not given in the report, had dropped him off at the house at 10:30 a.m. At 10:45 a.m. Reyes texted him to come back, the records say. A few minutes later, Reyes called his mother, who was out of the country, to tell her that he killed his father, court records say. The mother then called the brother to tell him about the possible stabbing, records say. The brother called 911 at around 10:56 a.m. asking police to check on his father, records say. Reyes' own call to police came a few minutes later. When police entered the home, they saw Reyes Jr. holding his cellphone, records say, and the screen's display showing he was on the line with 911.

4	Lisa Samaniego	1/18/2020	30	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Tempe	Antoine Hagler	Police in Tempe say the shooting deaths of a man and woman last weekend was a murder-suicide. They say two people were found suffering from gunshot wounds Saturday morning when officers were called out to a reported vehicle burglary. Police say 30-year-old Lisa Samaniego was pronounced dead at the scene while 40-year-old Antoine Hagler was transported to the hospital where he later died of his injuries. According to police, the shooting stemmed from a domestic incident. They say Samaniego's body was found outside a vehicle while Hagler was found slumped over inside a vehicle. Police say detectives believe Hagler shot and killed Samaniego before turning the gun on himself.
5	Antoine Hagler	1/18/2020	40	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Tempe	Self-inflicted	
6	Catalaya Rios	1/20/2020	7 months' old	None	Smothered	Phoenix	Rachel Henry	According to the report, Rachel Henry admitted to smothering all three of her kids, one by one, even singing to some of them as she covered their mouths and noses. The police report describes what Henry said she did next. "Rachel placed all of the children in a position on the living room couch as if they were taking a nap." She also reportedly did not tell any other family members in the home what had just happened.
7	Miraya Henry	1/20/2020	1	None	Smothered	Phoenix	Rachel Henry	
8	Zane Henry	1/20/2020	3	None	Smothered	Phoenix	Rahcel Henry	
9	Kelly Susanne Nickolson	2/2/2020	50	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Kingman	Kyle Don Axtell	DPS Public Information Officer Raul Garcia said the trooper figured out during the stop, that both the driver and passenger had felony warrants out for their arrests and were supposed to be extradited to Colorado on drug charges. They were identified as 57-year-old Kyle Don Axtell, of Kingman, and 50-year-old Kelly Susanne Nickolson. As the trooper walked back to the pickup truck, Axtell suddenly shot Nickolson, Garcia said. After this, the trooper drew his gun and fired it toward Axtell. Simultaneously, Axtell shot himself. Both Axtell and Nickolson died at the scene.
10	Kyle Don Axtell	2/2/2020	57	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Kingman	Self-inflicted	

11	Timothy Johnson	2/3/2020	55	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Glendale	Shata Johnson	Glendale police say Thursday afternoon, 39-year-old Shata Syreeta Johnson walked into a Phoenix police station and told them that there was a dead man inside a vehicle at her home near 59th Avenue and Thunderbird Road. She reportedly told police that she shot her husband in self-defense. According to Shata Johnson, she confronted her husband on Monday about an extra-marital affair she believed he was having. The couple argued inside and outside the home with her husband following her around, according to Johnson. She also said police had been called to her house for other domestic disputes. She then reportedly went to his car to leave home and go to the store. Once outside, her husband allegedly refused to let her leave as they locked and unlocked the car door while she was inside the car. Shata Johnson went on to tell police that at one point, her husband got into the car with her and tried taking the keys away. She then shot him in the face.
12	Chris Cadott	2/9/2020	63	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Yuma	Police	The Yuma County Sheriff's Office says the shooting happened Sunday night after deputies were called to a report of a domestic violence situation. Upon their arrival, the deputies encountered 63-year-old Chris Cadotte of Orange County. Cadotte was holding a knife. Deputies say he disregarded commands to drop it. A deputy shot Cadotte as he approached still holding the knife. Deputies administered first aid until paramedics arrived. But Cadotte died a short time later at a hospital.
13	Matthew Misener	2/10/2020	35	3	Gunshot wound	Clifton	Eduardo Montano Jr.	Georgina Misener, 33, the ex-wife of Clifton homicide victim Matthew Gerald Misener, 35, of Safford, was arrested on a warrant for murder in the first degree and conspiracy to commit premeditated murder in the first degree. According to Clifton Police Chief Omar Negrete, their investigation found information that showed Georgina Misener had communicated with Eduardo Montano Jr., 36, of Tucson, to help him commit the murder. Montano is suspected of fatally shooting Matthew Misener, as he was on his way to work at the Morenci mine in the early morning hours of Feb. 10. Matthew Misener was driving a black, Chevrolet Tahoe on U.S. Highway 191 and was shot as he began to enter the "Horseshoe Curve" between Clifton and Morenci. The incident took place just before 5 a.m., and the Clifton Fire Chief called it in after noticing the bullet-ridden vehicle. Other citizen responders in the area also stopped to help and then noticed the vehicle had been shot. Matthew Misener was scheduled to go to a hearing the day after his shooting regarding an attempt to establish full custody of his three children he shared with his ex-wife and investigators are looking into if that issue had anything to do with the homicide.

14	Sophie Bojorquez	2/11/2020	3	none	Brain injury and abusive trauma	Phoenix	Luis Medina	Phoenix police arrested 36-year-old Luis Medina, who was in a relationship with the victim's mother. Court documents say Medina was staying in the home with Sophie, another 3-year-old child, and the children's biological mother. Neighbors say they only saw them at the home for a few weeks. On February 7, court documents say the children were diagnosed with the flu. On Sunday, their mother went to work, leaving the children in Medina's care. When she came home, she found the little girl unresponsive and "cold to the touch." She told Medina to call 911 and the little girl was rushed to the hospital. Court records say she died at the hospital on February 11. A nurse at the hospital told investigators the girl suffered a "devastating brain injury" and had bruises on her back and face. The nurse said the victim's injuries were consistent with abusive trauma that you'd see in a car crash, which the girl was never in. On February 10, investigators say they responded to the same home for an attempted suicide. Documents say they found Medina in a bathtub with cuts on his wrist after he allegedly talked with an attorney about the case. He was taken to the hospital for his injuries and was arrested once he was released on February 12, after Sophie died. Documents say he told investigators that he didn't have much of a relationship with the children but previously disciplined Sophie by spanking. Court records indicate that Medina has a record for domestic violence in California. His ex-wife also filed an order of protection against him in 2018.
15	Lauren Porter	2/19/2020	32	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Phoenix	Joseph Caba	Police say officers responded to a shooting call around 4:45 p.m. Wednesday at a home in the area of 43rd and Sweetwater Avenues. Once inside the home, officers reported finding the bodies of 32-year-old Lauren Porter and 41-year-old Joseph Caba. The two were pronounced dead at the scene. Police say family members asked authorities to do a welfare check on the victims. Police say the investigation is in the early stages, but it appears Caba shot Porter before turning the gun on himself.
16	Joseph Caba	2/19/2020	41	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Phoenix	Self-inflicted	
17	Name not released	2/28/2020	4	None	Severe head injuries	Clarkdale	Joshua David Hernandez Lord	According to a news release sent out Monday, the 4-year-old boy injured in a Feb. 27 domestic disturbance at 1424 Second South Street in Clarkdale was pronounced dead on Saturday from severe head injuries. Clarkdale Police say the man who caused the fatal injuries was the boy's father, who was killed by a Clarkdale officer during a confrontation at the scene. That father is Joshua David Hernandez Lord, 33. Police say Lord struck his son in the head, causing numerous skull fractures. The suspect also struck his 51-year-old mother in the head, fracturing her skull as well. Medical personnel were dispatched to the scene, which was first reported to dispatchers as an injured person. No information was received that the injuries were the result of assaults; the 911 calls did not convey the severity of the incident nor the extent of the injuries, police said. Per Clarkdale Police protocol, Officer Carlos Godina responded to assist medical personnel. He attempted several times to deescalate Lord at the scene, but Godina's Taser was ineffective, with Lord's behavior continuing to escalate. The report says events rapidly unfolded, and within minutes, Godina discovered the injured boy. The officer continued his attempts to deescalate the situation, all while keeping the suspect in the residence and protecting the injured boy. During the encounter, the suspect carried the guitar he allegedly used to assault his son and mother. Inside the house, he grabbed a knife and used it to continually threaten Godina. He then "aggressed" the officer, the report states, "forcing Officer Godina to use lethal force."
18	Joshua David Hernandez Lord	2/28/2020	33	1	Gunshot wound	Clarkdale	Police	

19	Name not released	3/2/2020	6	Unknown	Malnourishment and child abuse	Flagstaff	Anthony Martinez, Elizabeth Archibeque-Martinez, and Ann Marie Martinez	The parents and grandmother of a 6-year-old Arizona boy found dead in his home from apparent malnourishment have been arrested on suspicion of murder and child abuse, police said Tuesday. The boy and his 7-year-old brother were kept in a closet for about 16 hours daily for a month and denied food at the family's residence in Flagstaff, about two hours north of Phoenix, police said. The parents claimed the boys would steal food at night while the parents were asleep, police said. Anthony Martinez, 23, Elizabeth Archibeque-Martinez, 26 and Ann Marie Martinez, 50, were arrested Monday and were being held at the Coconino County jail on a \$3 million cash-only bond each.
20	Jessica Rubacalba	3/13/2020	33	3	Gunshot wound	Phoenix	Adan Chavez	Police say the bodies of 43-year-old Adan Chavez and 33-year-old Jessica Rubacalba were found inside their home just before 2 Sunday afternoon. Investigators believe Chavez shot and killed Jessica before turning the gun on himself. "This is a devastating loss to our family. She's a hard-working, responsible mom," Sergio Casillas, Jessica's cousin said. Casillas is just one of the family members who rushed to the home after hearing what happened. Police had responded to the home near 54th Avenue and Camelback Road for an attempted burglary call after neighbors reported seeing people kicking in the front door. Those people turned out to be relatives frantically trying get ahold of the couple. "They even called 911 themselves and immediately went to police and started giving us info about the folks inside," a police spokesperson said. Authorities said the couple's three children were not home at the time of the shootings. While Casillas said the couple had been arguing, nobody expected something so horrible. "It's a big loss," he said. "It's a big tragedy. [She was a] Really, really good person. Like I said, we just saw her last week. It was normal. We never thought something like this was going to happen." Family members described the couple as married but police are working to confirm that detail.
21	Adan Chavez	3/13/2020	43	3	Gunshot wound	Phoenix	Self-inflicted	
22	Rosario Angel Alvarado	3/16/2020	41	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Chandler	Police	On Friday, March 13, 2020 around 6:30pm, the Chandler Police Department Communications center received a 911 call from a female at a residence in the 100 block of North Sacramento Street. The female told the call-taker a male, identified as 41 year-old Rosario Angel Alvarado, was inside the home with a knife and was trying to kill her. Shortly after officers arrived Alvarado, who was still at the home, began yelling from inside at the officers. As the third patrol unit arrived all officers observed Alvarado exit the home from the car port area holding a gun in his hand. Alvarado ignored numerous commands from officers to drop the handgun. Alvarado raised the handgun and pointed it at officers. Three officers fired their weapons and Alvarado was struck multiple times. Officers called for paramedics and rendered medical aide to Alvarado, where he was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. The female victim was treated for a minor injury caused by Alvarado, but not hospitalized. No officers were injured. On Monday, March 16, 2020 Alvarado died as a result of his injuries.

23	Sofia Hurtado	3/19/2020	17	Unknown	Unknown	Tucson	Gerardo Salinas	<p>Tucson police arrested a man on suspicion of killing his 17-year-old cousin and burying her remains at several Pima County sites, say police officials said Thursday. Gerardo Salinas was arrested and booked into a Pima County jail on suspicion of first-degree murder, kidnapping, and abandoning and concealing a body, police said in a news release. Salinas called police March 22 from a residence near Tanque Verde and Kolb roads to report a missing person/runaway child identified as Sofia Hurtado, who lived with her mother in Mexico but was staying with Salinas, his girlfriend and their two young children, the release stated. Salinas told police he went to Mexico on March 15 and brought Sofia back to Tucson for a visit, according to the release. He reported the teen was missing since March 19. Salinas let officers inside the home and showed them where the girl had been staying. Officers found dried blood, and furniture was missing from the room where she had been sleeping, according to the news release. Detectives interviewed Salinas and his girlfriend and got a search warrant for the home. "Forensic evidence indicated a violent crime had been committed in different locations inside of the home," the release stated. "In a nearby dumpster, detectives recovered a trash bag containing items belonging to Gerardo's residence along with female clothing that appeared to be blood stained." After continuing to search for evidence and interviewing Salinas again, detectives found several burial sites around Pima County. Sofia's remains were found and recovered from each site, the news release stated. Salinas was taken into custody and booked into a Pima County Jail where he is being held on \$1 million bond. Sofia's family was notified. The investigation is ongoing, and police said updated information will be released as it becomes available.</p>
24	Caleb Hatch	3/26/2020	10	None	Gunshot wound	Sahuarita	Steven Hatch	<p>According to SPD, officers arrived at a home in the 800 block of W. Vuelta Granadina reference a shooting and found two males with gunshot wounds. Both were pronounced dead on scene. SPD identified the victim as 10-year-old Caleb Hatch. The murder suspect who died by suicide is 49 year-old Steven Hatch, the boy's father. "SPD Detectives served multiple search warrants at different locations that resulted in gathering significant evidence. The investigation has revealed that Mr. Hatch tragically killed his 10-year-old son Caleb before taking his own life. There is no outstanding suspect nor threat to the public," SPD said.</p>
25	Steven Hatch	3/26/2020	49	1	Gunshot wound	Sahuarita	Self-inflicted	

26	Greg Carnicle	3/29/2020	56	4	Gunshot wound	Phoenix	Jacob Mcilveen	A Phoenix Police Department commander has died after being shot during a domestic violence call Sunday night. Police identified the gunman Monday morning as Jacob Mcilveen, 22, who was later shot dead by police. A release from police says on Sunday afternoon, Cmdr. Greg Carnicle, a 31-year veteran of the force, was just months away from retiring when he and officers Marissa Dowhan and Alicia Hubert responded to a house at 40th Drive and Pinnacle Peak. A resident said a roommate was "acting peculiar" and other roommates wanted him to leave, the release says. It began peacefully. Police were helping Mcilveen remove some of his property from the house. At some point, he slammed the door on the officers. Police went back into the house. They couldn't see Mcilveen, but were talking to him while he was upstairs. As the officers went up the staircase, Mcilveen came out of a room upstairs and began shooting at them. Carnicle, Dowhan and Hubert were all hit. Another officer who was still downstairs shot in the direction of Mcilveen, but didn't hit him. Other police on the scene were able to get the wounded cops out of the house. Police negotiators were called to try to get Mcilveen to surrender. Hours later, Mcilveen walked outside with a handgun. An officer shot him and he was pronounced dead at the scene. Carnicle, Dowhan and Hubert were taken to a hospital. Carnicle was pronounced dead. Dowhan and Hubert suffered serious physical injuries, police say, but are expected to recover.
27	Name not released	3/31/2020	27	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Chandler	Jordan Taylor	Chandler police said they responded to the apartment about 7:45 a.m. and found a 27-year-old woman who had been shot in the chest. The apartment is located near north Metro Boulevard and south Price Road. There were two children at the apartment at the time of the shooting, according to court records. The woman was conscious when police arrived and was taken to the hospital, police said. According to court documents, the woman died in emergency surgery. The woman's husband, Jordan Taylor, 30, called 911 requesting medical assistance and indicated he had shot a woman. He told police he was "manipulating the rifle when it went off," according to court records. He said he was trying to clear the gun when it went off, and was pointing it at his wife. Taylor told police they had only owned firearms for a short time. He then admitted to having at least two other "accidental discharges" with the rifle in the last week, according to court records. Taylor was arrested and faces one charge of second-degree murder.
28	Kristie Bobbitt	4/3/2020	42	4	Gunshot wound	Gilbert	Philip Bobbitt	Court documents indicate 42-year-old Phillip Bobbitt fired 14 shots in the parking lot of the Liv Northgate apartment complex on April 3. When officers arrived at the scene, they found 42-year-old Kristie Bobbitt shot inside a vehicle in the parking lot. She was pronounced dead. According to court documents, Phillip Bobbitt texted his dad and told him he shot his estranged wife. He also allegedly texted his employer and stated, "I killed my wife this morning." He later sent a second text message stating, "she refused to have one conversation with me. She is very disrespectful to me. I couldn't take it no more. She is a [expletive]. Kids are better off without her." Two hours after the deadly shooting, police were able to locate Phillip Bobbitt in a desert area of Apache Junction. He had a handgun in one hand and his phone in the other. After negotiations with Gilbert police he surrendered and was taken into custody.

29	Linda Meyer	4/6/2020	57	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Phoenix	Stanley Justice	Meyer was found dead with a gunshot wound April 6 in a parking garage near the area of Morten Avenue and 16th Street, police said. Stanley Justice, 64, was identified as the person accused of fatally shooting Meyer, Phoenix police Sgt. Maggie Cox said. Throughout the investigation, detectives learned Meyer was in a relationship with the suspected shooter. A citizen found Justice on April 8 in a wooded area of Williamson County, Tennessee, which is south of Nashville, Cox said. Justice was found dead with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.
30	Stanley Justice	4/8/2020	64	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Tennessee	Self-inflicted	
31	Name not released	4/9/2020	69	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Buckeye	John Elwyn Smith	John Elwyn Smith, 72, called 911 shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday and told Buckeye police dispatch that he had shot and killed his wife while she slept in their home near Horsham Drive and Canyon Springs Boulevard, according to a Buckeye police news release. Smith also told dispatch he planned on shooting himself, according to the documents. Married for 49 years, Smith told dispatch his 69-year-old wife had numerous health issues and that sickness was weighing on them both. Police found Smith's wife dead in the master bedroom. After obtaining a search warrant, police found gunshot wounds on her body and blood splattered across the bed. While being questioned, Smith said that numerous things were weighing heavily on him and his wife's minds, including health issues and financial burdens. Additionally, Smith was feeling stressed about not being able to leave his house due to COVID-19, according to the documents. Smith said that his wife decided to take a nap an hour before he killed her. Before his wife fell asleep, she told Smith to get in touch with their "financial guy" and to gather documents to file their taxes. Smith decided the only way to get out of his current situation was to kill his wife. Smith went into the master bedroom and shot his wife multiple times, according to the documents.
32	Elissa Landry	4/20/2020	28	Unknown	Unknown	Chino Valley	Mitchell Allen Mincks	A former Waterloo man has been charged with murder and other offenses in the deaths of his girlfriend and her stepfather. Prosecutors with the Yavapai County Attorney's Office in Prescott, Ariz., charged Mitchell Allen Mincks, 25, with two counts each of first-degree murder, concealment of a dead body and tampering with evidence in the slayings of Elissa Landry, 28, and David Batten, 45. Batten and Landry, of Chino Valley, Ariz., were reported missing in April and their bodies were found buried in Landry's Subaru in an Evansdale neighborhood in May. Mincks, who had moved to Arizona after being released from federal prison in June 2019, was also charged with burglary for allegedly taking Batten's firearms; theft of transportation, identity theft and credit card theft for allegedly driving Landry's Subaru to Iowa following the killings and funding the trip with his victims' cards. He was also charged with two counts of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm after two of Batten's guns that were found in Iowa, police said.
33	David Batten	4/20/2020	45	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Chino Valley	Mitchell Allen Mincks	



34	ZI-khai	4/25/2020	2 months	None	Child abuse	Tempe	Marquey Delon West	The Phoenix Police Department said they arrested Marquey Delon West this week after he confessed to his wife he shook and threw their baby. Court documents say police responded to a call near E. Broadway Road and S. 48th Street of a child not breathing around 6:30 a.m on Monday. When investigators arrived the child was already on the way to the hospital but later died. At the time, the doctor said the death appeared natural and ZI-khai did not have external injuries, court paperwork says. The next day, the medical examiner reported finding fractures to the baby's head and ribs, however, the fractures showed signs of healing, police say. West initially said he did not have any idea how ZI-khai was hurt. On Thursday, police say his wife contacted them and said West confessed to hurting 2-month-old ZI-khai. He reportedly told investigators he was feeling frustrated after losing his job. He admitted to shaking the baby and throwing him on the bed hitting his head on a car seat, police say. West also allegedly wrapped a blanket around the baby's head covering his nose on more than 10 different occasions.
35	Steve Bassett	4/26/2020	64	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Mesa	Teri Basset	Steve Bassett died more than a week after police say he was shot by his wife, Teri Bassett, inside their Mesa home, near Higley and Brown. On social media, Steve and Teri appeared to be a happy couple. But on April 19 their home was surrounded by cops who had their guns drawn and pointed at 63-year-old Teri. "When they asked her to put her hands up, she couldn't simply do it normal[ly], she was very much going all over the place. She even fell down at one point," said Robert Donofrio, who lives across the street. Mesa officers were there because Teri called 911 and told dispatchers she shot her husband. She also implied she acted in self-defense. Courts documents say Teri told officers "they had been drinking and got into an argument...[then Steve] came at her and she shot him." Once she was in handcuffs, investigators wrote that Teri told them "we should check their history and we would know what we needed to know." Detectives also noted a bullet hole through the master bedroom door and blood in the hallway. Steve was carried out of his home by men who were wearing the same badge he proudly did for 20 years, from 1978 to 1998, according to a Mesa police spokesperson. "We knew he was a police officer. He was a pretty nice guy," said Tim Mishler, who also lived across the street. But neighbors also knew the couple had a volatile relationship filled with turmoil. "I had heard they had a rocky relationship, to put it lightly, for a very long time. It wasn't the first time the police had come out." Officers also noted in the report a "prior history of domestic violence." "She was always yelling from her backyard, and acting crazy," said Sarah Cohen, who lived next door. Teri was only in jail for three days before being released. It is unclear why she was released, but Mesa officials say the investigation is ongoing.
36	Jose Oropeza	4/27/2020	67	2	Gunshot wound	Claypool	Abram J. Oropeza	Authorities in east-central Arizona say the victims in a double homicide were the grandparents of the 18-year-old man who lived with them and who was arrested in the case on suspicion of murder and other crimes. The Gila County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday identified the victims as 67-year-old Jose Oropeza and 70-year-old Katherine Oropeza and the arrested grandson as 18-year-old Abram J. Oropeza. The Sheriff's Office says the victims were apparently shot and that their bodies were found April 27 in their Claypool residence following a fire. GCSO says the grandson was arrested after a traffic stop by the Sheriff's Office and the state Department of Public Safety. The grandson was jailed on suspicion of two counts each of first-degree murder, arson of an occupied structure and tampering with physical evidence.
37	Katherine Oropeza	4/27/2020	70	2	Gunshot wound	Claypool	Abram J. Oropeza	
38	Tammy Welch	4/28/2020	50	2	Gunshot wound	Scottsdale	Lawrence Labine	A fatal double shooting at a Scottsdale park on Tuesday apparently was a murder-suicide involving a divorced couple, police said Wednesday. Investigators believe that the man who died at a hospital shot himself after first shooting a woman found dead at Cholla

39	Lawrence Labine	4/28/2020	59	2	Gunshot wound	Scottsdale	Self-inflicted	Park, said Officer Kevin Watts, a Police Department spokesman. Watts identified the woman as Tammy Welch, 50, and the man as Lawrence Labine, 59. There was no indication anybody else was involved in the incident, Watts said.
40	Christopher Dayton Young	5/4/2020	30	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Kingman	Christopher Robin Kacos	Mohave County Sheriff's officials said 30-year-old Christopher Dayton Young of Kingman was found dead in a roadway early Monday with gunshot wounds to the head, neck and face. They said 33-year-old Christopher Robin Kacos has been arrested and jailed on suspicion of felony second-degree murder. Sheriff's officials said Young had been living at the home Kacos owns for about a month. About 2:40 a.m. Monday, deputies responded to a reported assault at a residence on John Norman Lane, near Stockton Hill Road and Jagerson Avenue, in Kingman, according to a Mohave County sheriff's news release. A woman alleged that Young hit her on the head after she complained about loud music coming from the house. Kacos told authorities that Young told him about the assault before running into the desert. Deputies searched the area with no results, according to the news release. Dispatchers later received a report of gunshots in the area just after 4:45 a.m. and returned to Kacos' residence, the release stated. Deputies found Young dead in the road with three gunshot wounds. A shotgun and three spent shells were found near Young's body. After further investigation, deputies determined four rounds had been fired, the news release stated. Sheriff's officials said Kacos later admitted his involvement in the shooting, was arrested and taken to the Mohave County Adult Detention Facility. Kacos revealed to authorities during interviews that he and Young were in a domestic relationship, and Young lived at the residence for about a month, the news release stated.
41	Johnny Watson	5/5/2020	39	2	Gunshot wound	Glendale	Self-inflicted	Police say 36-year-old Janine Lily died at a hospital several hours after she emerged from the apartment Tuesday night after being shot and that 39-year-old Johnny Watson was later found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after barricading himself in the unit. Sgt. Mercedes Fortune said officers in the interim were able to rescue the children and that officers originally went to the apartment to check on the welfare of the residents. Fortune said Lily and Watson lived together and that the children were theirs.
42	Janine Lily	5/6/2020	36	2	Gunshot wound	Glendale	Johnny Watson	
43	Jeffrey Joseph Dufour	5/10/2020	50	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Topock	Jennifer Priole	Jennifer Priole, 48, was arrested on suspicion of second-degree murder, the Mohave County Sheriff's Office said. Deputies made the arrest after responding to a domestic violence call at a home in the 13000 block of Cove Parkway in Topock about 8 p.m. Sunday, authorities said. "The female caller, later identified as Priole, advised that she shot the involved male subject," the Sheriff's Office said in a statement. "Deputies arrived on scene and observed the male subject deceased in the driveway with multiple gunshot wounds." Priole told investigators that she and the victim were arguing and that a physical altercation took place, "but no marks or injuries were found to confirm the allegations," according to the Sheriff's Office.

44	Kassondra Maloney	5/13/2020	29	Unknown	Blunt force trauma	Apache Junction	Carl Hansen	Carl Hansen is accused of second-degree murder after reporting to police that he found Maloney's body when he returned to their home near Ironwood Drive and Lost Dutchman Boulevard on May 13, said Marshall Harshman, a spokesman for Apache Junction Police Department. Preliminary investigation showed "obvious signs of trauma" to Maloney's body and prompted investigators to notify the Criminal Investigations Division, police said. Police obtained a warrant to search the home and investigated further, Harshman said. A medical examiner declared Maloney's death a homicide on May 14, and Hansen was brought in for questioning, according to officials. Hansen was booked into the Pinal County Detention Center with a bond set at \$275,000.
45	Christina Leeann Nunley	5/17/2020	34	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Tucson	Jahkwez D. Wilson and Chad E. Edmondson	Police have arrested two men in the recent shooting death of a woman at a motel. The pair is charged with first-degree murder, robbery and aggravated robbery in the May 17 death of Christina Leeann Nunley at Days Inn, 1440 S. Craycroft Road, just south of East 22nd Street. One of the suspects Jahkwez D. Wilson, 27, is Nunley's boyfriend, with whom she'd been living at the motel, the Tucson Police Department said in a May 27 news release. The second suspect is Chad E. Edmondson, 32. Tucson police said Nunley, 34, was killed after she arranged to meet up with a man who was not her boyfriend inside a different room at the same motel. Edmondson was sentenced in 2017 to 1½ years in state prison for aggravated domestic violence, according to online records of the Arizona Department of Corrections.
46	Cristina Palmares	5/18/2020	30	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Phoenix	Estevenico Palmares	Phoenix police say they have arrested a man they believe shot and killed his wife and their roommate at their Phoenix home earlier this week. Estevenico Palmares, 37, was booked on suspicion of first-degree murder. The shooting happened Monday afternoon in the area of 48th Street and Broadway Road near where Interstate 10 and State Route 143 intersect. According to police, a neighbor reported hearing gunshots earlier in the day and then saw that the door to an apartment had been left open. Officers found the bodies of two people inside-- Cristina Palmares, 30, and a 35-year-old man. The unidentified victim was said to have been a roommate of the couple. According to court documents, there was a history of domestic violence within the couple and police records from August 2019 indicated that Cristina was having an affair and Estevenico wanted a divorce. According to court records, police discovered a gun in the upstairs bedroom and found four casings at the crime scene that matched the gun. Officers then received an anonymous tip that Estevanico was near 48th Street and East Broadway Road with shopping bags. He was seen throwing the gun under a vehicle when police arrived and he started running. Phoenix police spokeswoman Sgt. Maggie Cox said that detectives spoke with Estevanico "and developed probable cause to book him into jail ...." He now faces two counts of first-degree murder. His arrest came one day after the shooting. Estavanico told police after his arrest that he wasn't supposed to have a gun because of his prior arrests, according to court documents. He admitted to being at the scene of the crime. When police asked if he shot his wife and the other person, he
47	Name not released	5/18/2020	35	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Phoenix	Estevenico Palmares	
48	Deborah L Powers	5/20/2020	59	2	Gunshot wound	Goodyear	Leonard Payne	Police say the incident occurred on May 20 at around 6:15 p.m. at a home near Sarival Avenue and Yuma Road. Officials say they arrived on scene and found a man, later identified as Leonard Payne, 57, who had died from a gunshot wound. Goodyear police say they later discovered two other potential victims, Payne's wife, identified as Deborah Powers, 59, and her son 29-year-old Matthew Oliver. Officials say Payne is the step-father to Oliver who later died at a hospital after succumbing to his injuries. It appears to be related to a domestic violence incident, but did not give further information,
49	Matthew Oliver	5/20/2020	29	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Goodyear	Leonard Payne	

50	Leonard Payne	5/20/2020	57	1	Gunshot wound	Goodyear	Self-inflicted	Goodyear police say.
51	Ryan Whitaker	5/21/2020	40	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Ahwatukee	Police	Police say officers responded to a domestic violence call late Thursday night at an apartment near Desert Foothills Parkway and Chandler Boulevard. When officers knocked on the door, they say a 40-year-old Ryan Whitaker armed with a gun opened the door. Police say Whitaker moved towards one of the officers and was shot by police. He was pronounced dead at the scene. "They [officers] made contact at the door. An individual, a 40-year-old man, came to the door. He was armed and based on that encounter, one of the officers fired at that individual, struck him, and he was pronounced deceased on the scene," Sgt. Tommy Thompson said.
52	Monique Leon	5/21/2020	28	3	Severe Injuries	Tucson	Dante Edden	They said 44-year-old Dante Edden was taken into custody Wednesday in Los Angeles on a warrant for suspicion of first-degree murder, kidnapping, robbery, burglary and theft of property. Edden is being held in the Los Angeles County Jail awaiting extradition. It was unclear Thursday if he has a lawyer yet. Tucson police said 28-year-old Monique Leon was found severely injured and died in her apartment May 21. There were no signs of a break-in and Leon's boyfriend called 911 after returning home from work, according to authorities. But police said that several days prior to the homicide, Leon had allowed an acquaintance to temporarily live with her and her family. Through interviews and evidence recovered at the scene, detectives said they identified that acquaintance as Edden.
53	Donna Archer	5/28/2020	76	Unknown	Suffocation	Scottsdale	Roger Lee Paris	Police say a family dispute led to a murder-suicide situation at a Scottsdale home where three people were found dead. Officers were called to a home on Thursday afternoon near Hayden and Osborn roads for reports of shots fired. When they arrived, they found two bodies lying in a driveway and another inside a vehicle. Detectives say a male suspect, identified as 50-year-old Roger Lee Paris, killed his aunt, 76-year-old Donna Archer, by suffocating her in a vehicle parked outside the home. He then shot his sister, 53-year-old Cheryl McCarthy, in the driveway before turning the gun on himself, according to Scottsdale police. The killings stemmed from a family disagreement, police said, but did not elaborate what the disagreement may have been about.
54	Cheryl McCarthy	5/28/2020	53	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Scottsdale	Roger Lee Paris	
55	Roger Lee Paris	5/28/2020	50	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Scottsdale	Self-inflicted	

56	Rachel Lena Sheridan	6/10/2020	25	Unknown	Gunshot trauma	Tucson	Keith Colbert	<p>Around 11:30 a.m. Sunday, a shooting occurred at the Days Inn located at 1440 S Craycroft Road. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded and found 25-year-old Rachel Lena Sheridan in a hotel room with gunshot trauma. She was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries, where she later died on June 10. Next of kin has been notified. Detectives with the Tucson Police Aggravated Assault Unit responded to continue the investigation. Detectives learned that Sheridan was in a domestic violence relationship with Colbert. Sheridan was at the hotel hiding from Colbert when he forced his way into her room and shot her according to police. Authorities say Colbert fled the scene after the shooting. There were several witnesses in the area that observed the incident when it occurred. On June 8, 2020, Operations Division Midtown Community Response Team located Mr. Colbert at America's Best Value Inn located at 810 East Benson Highway and he was detained without incident. Colbert was charged with Domestic Violence Aggravated Assault, Attempted First Degree Murder, and Prohibited Possession of a Firearm. Colbert was booked into Pima County Jail. First Degree Murder charges are now pending.</p>
57	Donald Ward	6/16/2020	27	Unknown	Gunshot wound	Phoenix	Police	<p>According to police, multiple neighbors heard a fight in an upstairs apartment just before 9 p.m. Police said a call came into 911, but the caller didn't speak to the dispatcher and instead left the line open. The dispatcher heard a woman screaming and pleading not to be shot. When officers got to the apartment, they announced their presence and quickly went inside because they heard screaming. While making their way to the back bedroom, they noticed bullet holes in the apartment and heard gunshots. The police entered the room to rescue the woman and found her being held in the bathroom by a 27-year-old man. Police say the man fired another shot. That's when officers fired back, hitting him. He died at the scene.</p>
58	Lori Williams	6/23/2020	58	Unknown	Severe injuries	Phoenix	Jeffrey Michael Rhine	<p>According to Tommy Thompson, a spokesman for the Phoenix Police Department, police suspect 43-year-old Jeffrey Michael Rhine of murdering his girlfriend, 58-year-old Lori Williams. On Tuesday around 4 p.m. police responded to a call for an injured woman who had been assaulted by a man in the area of 19th Avenue and Beardley Road, Thompson said. When officers arrived to the area they found Williams seriously injured and she later died from her injuries, Thompson said. Police did not say what those injuries were.</p>
59	Jessica Biakeddy	6/23/2020	34	Unknown	Multiple gunshot wounds	Flagstaff	Justin Colorado	<p>Jessica Biakeddy, 34, of Gilbert, was taken to Flagstaff Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead after Flagstaff police discovered her body outside at an apartment complex on the west side of Flagstaff. Biakeddy's boyfriend, 29-year-old Justin Colorado, was then arrested on the Navajo Nation, being allegedly tied to a second shooting that occurred near Tuba City and Kaibeto. At 11:06 p.m. Tuesday, a man living in the nearby area of the incident called police to report that Biakeddy had been shot. Once officers arrived at the scene they tried to stabilize the woman until medics arrived. It is not clear how many gunshots were fired, and police searched the area and found multiple bullet casings, according to Charles Hernandez, spokesman for the Flagstaff Police Department. Biakeddy was found with gunshot wounds all over her body.</p>
60	Meadn Meles-Hebtom	6/28/2020	7	None	Stab wounds	Phoenix	Mulu Yeman-Merach	<p>The stabbings happened at an apartment complex near 17th and Glendale avenues. Relatives told 12 News at the time, the mother of 7-year-old Meadn and 9-year-old Arsema returned home to find her children and her sister Abraha Danait slaughtered at</p>
















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