

As of March 31st there were 20 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 |
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| 1 | Desiree Colter | 1/19/2021 | 33 | Unknown | Gunshot Wound | Phoenix | John Parker | Phoenix police responded to the apartment complex, near 43th Avenue and Camelback Road, around 9 a.m., a spokesperson said. Once there, officers found 33-year-old Desiree Colter and 43-year-old John Parker dead from apparent gunshot wounds. The investigation revealed that Colter and Park were in a relationship and that the two were in an argument, which at some point became physical, police said. Police said Parker shot Colter, who died from her injuries, and then took his own life. |
| 2 | John Parker | 1/19/2021 | 43 | Unknown | Gunshot Wound | Phoenix | Self-Inflicted | |
| 3 | Marissa Canedo-Gonzalez | 1/20/2021 | 29 | 3 | Multiple Stab Wounds | Glendale | Arnulfo Rivera-Jimenez | Officers were called to a home near 65th and Missouri avenues after noon on Jan. 21 where a woman was found with multiple stab wounds. The victim, 29-year-old Marissa Canedo-Gonzalez, was pronounced dead at a hospital a short time later. Investigators learned that the victim had been in an argument with her fiancé, 31-year-old Arnulfo Rivera-Jimenez, when he stabbed her and left the scene. |
| 4 | Brittany Marie Walker | 2/9/2021 | 30 | 2 | Struck by Vehicle | Peoria | Eric Maes | Witnesses told Peoria police officers that Maes showed up at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, who were babysitting the child for Martie, near 91st Avenue and Deer Valley Road around 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Police said Martie was loading her 10-month-old baby into a Chrysler minivan when Maes jumped into the driver's seat and sped away with the baby. Witnesses told investigators that they saw Martie clinging to the minivan before she was thrown off and later found wrapped around a fire hydrant. Maes told police that Martie was still in the minivan when he was driving and that she jumped out while the vehicle was going between 30 and 40 mph. He said he then turned the minivan around and intentionally struck Martie, who he said was standing on the sidewalk at the time. |
| 5 | Raquel De La Santos De La Torre | 2/17/2021 | 30 | 1 | Gunshot Wound | Sierra Vista | To Be Determined | Two adults and an infant found shot to death in an apartment is likely a case of double suicide and a murder, police said Thursday. "We are leaning toward this being a double-suicide, murder," Borgstadt said Thursday. Borgstadt said a suicide note was found inside the family's residence at the Port Royale Apartments on Wednesday after the bodies were found. "The two adults said they had agreed to a suicide pact and they were taking the baby with them," Borgstadt said. Investigators learned that Gerardo De La Torre had cancer and had been told that there was nothing more doctors could do for him, Borgstadt said. |
| 6 | Name not Released | 2/17/2021 | 5 Months | 0 | Gunshot Wound | Sierra Vista | To Be Determined | |
| 7 | Gerardo De La Torre | 2/17/2021 | 47 | 1 | Gunshot Wound | Sierra Vista | To Be Determined | |

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| 8 | Anthony Bulerin | 3/5/2021 | 37 | Unknown | Gunshot Wound | Tempe | Sterling Evans | Police responded to multiple calls about a shooting at a residence near Rural Road and Alameda Drive and found Bulerin inside with a gunshot wound. Court documents said a shell casing and a "significant amount" of blood were found on the floor. Bulerin was transported to a local hospital and later pronounced dead. An investigation revealed Evans and his girlfriend were in an argument in the home, police said. When the woman's brother tried to intervene and de-escalate the argument, Evans reportedly took out a handgun and fatally shot his girlfriend's brother. |
| 9 | Name not Released | 3/6/2021 | Unknown | 1 | Gunshot Wound | Phoenix | Maureen Wahl | Police say a woman was arrested Saturday night after she allegedly shot and killed her ex-boyfriend at his apartment. When they arrived, police found a man with a gunshot wound who was later pronounced dead. According to court documents, Wahl was spending the night at her ex-boyfriend's apartment and had begun to argue. Wahl told police she pulled out her own firearm, aiming it at her ex-boyfriend and claiming she was fearful of her safety. Wahl tried to leave the apartment but her ex-boyfriend allegedly got in her way. Court documents say the ex-boyfriend attempted to slap the gun from her hand when the gun discharged, with authorities saying Wahl's finger was on the trigger. |
| 10 | Ana Guerra | 3/8/2021 | 49 | 2 | Gunshot Wound | Mesa | Ruben Sanchez | When officers entered the house, George says they found three people inside dead. Police later identified them as 51-year-old Ruben Sanchez, 49-year-old Ana Guerra, and 18-year-old Amy Sanchez. Sanchez and Guerra, who police say were married, were found lying on the first floor of the home with large amounts of blood. Amy was found on the second floor, George confirmed Thursday that Ruben Sanchez was the shooter. Police say all three had gunshot wounds. They also say investigators found a handgun and ammunition in the house. |
| 11 | Amy Sanchez | 3/8/2021 | 18 | Unknown | Gunshot Wound | Mesa | Ruben Sanchez | |
| 12 | Ruben Sanchez | 3/8/2021 | 51 | 2 | Gunshot Wound | Mesa | Self-Inflicted | |
| 13 | Latisha Bizer | 3/15/2021 | 37 | 4 | Blunt Force Trauma | Sanders | Wade Curtis Carter | The case started at around 8:30 a.m. on that day when an Apache County Sheriff's Deputy responded to reports of a fight. Up arrival, the deputy discovered the deceased lying on a floor covered with a blanket. Victim Bizer was found to have the back of her head bashed in and multiple stab wounds. The "blunt force trauma" as the deputy described it, was apparently caused by a "wood splitting maul". Investigators also found a "large knife secured to an axe handle," near the deceased's body. As well as the head trauma, the victim also was found to have "multiple stab wounds to the body," according to a deputy's statement. |
| 14 | Delia Noriega | 3/16/2021 | 66 | Unknown | Gunshot Wound | Phoenix | Gilbert Gonzalez | According to earlier reports, the incident happened in a home near 59th Avenue and Camelback Road. Crews at the scene found five people who had been shot. Police say the shooting began at around 6:45 p.m. A man and woman, identified by police on March 17 as 66-year-old Delia Noriega and 62-year-old Isaias Tovar Sr., died at the scene. Another victim, identified as 31-year-old Isaias Tovar Jr., also died at the hospital. "The evidence indicates that Gilbert had been drinking and making suicidal statements prior to shooting his grandparents (Isaias Sr. and Delia), his uncle (Isaias Jr), and another family member who survived. At some point during the shooting, one of the family members returned fire, striking Gilbert," read a portion of a statement by Phoenix Police. |
| 15 | Isaias Tovar Sr. | 3/16/2021 | 62 | Unknown | Gunshot Wound | Phoenix | Gilbert Gonzalez | |
| 16 | Isaias Tovar Jr. | 3/16/2021 | 31 | Unknown | Gunshot Wound | Phoenix | Gilbert Gonzalez | |
| 17 | Gilbert Gonzalez | 3/16/2021 | 26 | Unknown | Gunshot Wound | Phoenix | Self-Inflicted | |
| 18 | Brandon Smith | 3/21/2021 | 50 | 1 | Gunshot Wound | Phoenix | Diane Smith | The shooting occurred near the intersection of 35th Avenue and Deer Valley Road at approximately 2 a.m., according to a probable cause statement police filed in court. The husband had called 911 and said his wife had shot him, police said. Police directed the daughter to exit the house, where police found her. Fire crews then rushed the victim to a nearby hospital in extremely critical condition. He was later pronounced dead. Police also found a dead dog with apparent gunshot wounds in the living room. The victim's family reported they were fearful Smith was going to do something to the victim, said documents. |

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| 19 | Steven Allen | 3/23/2021 | 62 | Unknown | Stab Wounds | Maricopa | David Holmes | <p>A man was arrested Tuesday night after Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies say he stabbed his ex-girlfriend's parents and set their mobile home on fire west of Maricopa. After the woman's parents, 65-year-old Steven Allen and a 52-year-old unnamed woman were outside, Holmes walked up and stabbed Allen. Holmes then attacked the woman and stabbed her. Allen and the woman were flown to a Valley hospital, where Allen later died. According to court documents, when detectives asked Holmes what happened, he told them he had wanted to see his kids, and he felt his ex-girlfriend's parents were preventing that by "controlling them with a spell." He went on to tell investigators that they were controlling his thoughts, "almost as if they were performing black magic on him." Holmes told investigators that "the only reason he didn't kill his ex-girlfriend was because she was with their kids and he did not want to kill her in front of them," court documents say.</p> |
| 20 | Devon Dee Lewis | 3/29/2021 | 42 | Unknown | Gunshot Wound | Tucson | Torey Rashad Brown | <p>Officers located an adult male with obvious signs of gunshot trauma. Officers began lifesaving measures using their Individual First Aid Kits (IFAKs) until Tucson Fire arrived. Officials say the victim sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital. Sadly, he succumbed to his injuries upon arrival and was pronounced deceased. Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit responded to continue the investigation. Through interviews conducted by officers and detectives, it was learned that Lewis was in an argument with his roommate.</p> |