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From: Janelle Melohn, Director, Crime Victim Assistance Division,
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Re: Chronicle of Women, Men, and Bystanders Killed in Domestic Violence Crimes
January 1995 through March 2017

This document includes information about the murders of **291 people killed** in domestic violence murders since January 1, 1995 in Iowa.

Please look carefully at the cases from your service area in this document. If you see corrections, additions, or deletions, contact me with that information at 1-800-373-5044 or email me at janelle.melohn@iowa.gov.

Distribute this list to your staff, outreach offices, and local collaborators. Make sure anyone who needs or wants the updated information receives this document. This information may be useful in your observance of **Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2017 and Crime Victim Rights Week 2017**.

The included **three lists tell the final stories of people who have been killed or reported to have been killed** in Iowa in domestic violence related murders from 1/1/95 through 3/31/17.

Please treat this information with the dignity and respect deserved by each of the persons noted.

8 women, 2 men, and 2 bystanders have been added to the list since it was last distributed in September 2016. There is a short summary of each murder and statistical summaries for each list. There is also a statistical list of the combined data of the three lists.

The information in this document is **public information** and was gathered from the Crime Victim Compensation Program, designated Iowa domestic abuse programs, law enforcement reports, prosecutor reports, and media. Each of the three lists gives a short summary of each homicide case:

1. **Women murdered by an intimate partner:** A woman was killed by her spouse, former spouse, intimate partner she has lived with, dated, or had a child with.
2. **Men murdered by an intimate partner:** A man was killed by his spouse, former spouse, intimate partner he has lived with, dated, or has a child with.
3. **Bystanders murdered in a domestic abuse related crime:** A person killed at the scene of a domestic abuse murder or was related to domestic abuse committed against a family member, friend, or another.

The statistical summaries include:

1. An **OVERALL** statistical summary combining data from the other three lists.
2. A statistical summary of the **women killed** by their current or former intimate partner;
3. A statistical summary of the **men killed** by their current or past intimate partner; and
4. A statistical summary of the **bystanders killed** in a domestic violence crime.

The next update of this list will be distributed **September 30, 2017**.

Thank you for the life saving work you do. And thank you for your commitment to Justice.

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**IOWANS MURDERED:
MURDER RELATED TO INTIMATE PARTNER DOMESTIC ABUSE**

Calendar Year	Women Murdered	Men Murdered	Bystanders Murdered	Total DV Murders
1995	9	2	2	13
1996	8	3	5	16
1997	8	0	1	9
1998	11	0	6	17
1999	6	1	2	9
2000	10	2	1	13
2001	7	2	7	16
2002	7	3	1	11
2003	8	0	4	12
2004	10	1	0	11
2005	11	0	4	15
2006	16	1	5	22
2007	4	5	1	10
2008	11	3	7	21
2009	9	1	0	10
2010	15	3	2	20
2011	8	1	0	9
2012	8	0	3	11
2013	5	2	0	7
2014	8	4	1	13
2015	8	0	1	9
2016	9	2	3	14
2017	2	1	0	2
Totals	198	37	56	291

**IOWA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE DIVISION
IOWANS MURDERED: RELATED TO INTIMATE PARTNER DOMESTIC ABUSE**
General Analysis of Cases*
Women, Men, and Bystanders

291 IOWANS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN DOMESTIC ABUSE MURDERS SINCE 1/1/1995:

198 women have been killed by their partners;
37 men have been killed by their partners;
56 bystanders have been killed in domestic violence murders.

Perpetrators who killed in domestic abuse murders:

250 persons were killed by men;
39 persons were killed by women (1 in collaboration with his mother);

Relationship of the victim to the offender:

258 adults were killed in domestic abuse murders

116 adults were killed by their spouse or former spouse:
96 women were killed by men; one murder had 1 female accomplice.
20 men were killed by women; one murder had 2 male accomplices.
67 adults were killed by partners they lived with or had lived with:
59 women were killed by men;
8 men were killed by a woman; 1 with a male accomplice.
41 adults were killed by people they had dated:
33 women were killed by men;
8 men were killed by women, 1 with a male accomplice.
10 adults were killed by a person with who they had a child in common:
9 women were killed by men;
1 man was killed by a woman.
13 adults were killed by a companion's former intimate partner:
11 men were killed by men;
2 woman was killed by a woman.
5 adults were parents of a domestic abuse victim;
8 adults were a perpetrator or victim's other family members, friends, or others at the scene.

29 Children were killed in domestic abuse murders

17 children were killed by their fathers;
4 in-uteri fetus were killed by their fathers
1 child was killed by her stepfather;
6 children were killed by a man that lived with them and their mother;
1 child was killed by a man who had dated her mother.

Method of Homicide:

158 women, children, and men were shot to death.
72 women, children, and men were strangled, beaten, hit by a car, or drowned to death.
46 women and men were stabbed to death.
3 persons were given an overdose of medication
4 persons were burned to death.
3 persons were killed in deliberate car crashes.
3 persons were killed by an unknown method (JC, EM)

Perpetrator outcomes:

94 perpetrators committed suicide after the murder:
90 men committed suicide; [Note: 9 other men survived suicide attempts]
1 man committed suicide in prison after conviction;
2 women committed suicide;
131 men and women were found guilty of or pled guilty to homicide or related crimes:
107 men were found guilty or pled guilty;
24 women were found guilty or pled guilty;
1 man was found incompetent to stand trial
3 women were not charged.
2 were acquitted of murder charges (1 woman; 1 man);
1 man is reported to have committed the murder in another country and remains uncharged;
1 man fled the country and remains uncharged;
2 men died of illness prior to charging;
13 defendants have charges pending against them (11 men, 2 women).

Child survivors of the women and men killed by their partners:

333 daughters and sons survive these women and men:
206 of the surviving children were minors.
87 children were present at the scene of the murder.

**IOWA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE DIVISION
IOWA WOMEN MURDERED BY THEIR INTIMATE PARTNERS
General Analysis of Cases***

198 IOWA WOMEN HAVE BEEN KILLED IN DOMESTIC ABUSE MURDERS SINCE 1/1/95:

9 women were killed in 1995;	4 women were killed in 2007;
8 women were killed in 1996;	11 women were killed in 2008;
8 women were killed in 1997;	9 women were killed in 2009;
11 women were killed in 1998;	15 women were killed in 2010;
6 women were killed in 1999;	8 women were killed in 2011;
10 women were killed in 2000;	8 women were killed in 2012;
7 women were killed in 2001;	5 women were killed in 2013;
7 women were killed in 2002;	8 women were killed in 2014;
8 women were killed in 2003;	8 women were killed in 2015;
10 women were killed in 2004;	9 women were killed in 2016;
11 women were killed in 2005;	2 women have been killed so far in 2017.
16 women were killed in 2006;	

Perpetrators who killed women:

- 97 women were killed by husbands or former husbands;
- 56 women were killed by men they lived with or had lived with;
- 32 women were killed by men they dated or had dated;
- 10 women were killed by men with whom they had a child in common.

Perpetrator outcomes:

- 90 men committed suicide after the murder
 - 1 man committed suicide in prison after conviction;
- 109 men and women were found guilty of homicide or other crimes (107 men; 2 women)
 - 1 man was acquitted of murder charges;
 - 2 men died from illness prior to charging;
 - 1 man allegedly committed the murder in another country and remains uncharged;
- 11 men have charges pending;
 - 1 man fled the country and has not been charged in the murder.

Relationships ended:

- 77 women were **known** to have left or been leaving the partner.

Method of homicide:

- 107 women were shot to death;
- 50 women were strangled, beaten, or hit by a car to death;
- 28 women were stabbed to death;
 - 2 women were burned to death in their homes;
 - 2 women were killed by an overdose of medication or drugs;
 - 2 women were killed in deliberate car crashes;
- 4 causes of death are undetermined (JC, EM, BW)

Children surviving the killed women:

- 297 daughters and sons survive these murdered women:
 - 175 of the surviving children were minors at that time of the murder.
 - 65 of the children were present at the scene of the murder.

Other persons killed in the crime:

- 27 children of the victims;
- 5 parents of a victim;
- 1 mother of the perpetrator;
- 1 sibling of the perpetrator;
- 2 friends of the victim;
- 1 woman in the care of the victim;
- 6 men were killed who were dating or living with a domestic abuse survivor.

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**Iowa Attorney General's Office
Crime Victim Assistance Division
Iowa Women Murdered by Their Intimate Partners**

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2017

- 01/25/17 **Marilyn Miller**, 83, shot to death in **Waterloo** by her husband, Neil Miller, 86. Police responded to a park in Waterloo where they found Marilyn deceased in her car with a gunshot wound along with her husband with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The family reports the couple had "medical issues and did not want to go to a nursing home".
- 02/13/17 **Rasema Keco**, 51, stabbed to death in **Des Moines** by her estranged husband, Ekrem Keco, 58. Ekrem Keco was released from jail after he was arrested and there was a protective order in place prohibiting Keco from being at the residence. Rasema and her 17 year old son were asleep when Ekrem Keco broke into the house and killed Rasema. Her son called 911 and Keco fled. After about 20 minutes, authorities spotted his vehicle, however he led them on a high speed chase on I-80 where he crashed into the back of a semi and died at the scene of the crash. Rasema is survived by three children.

2016

- 03/21/16 **Morgan Kaye**, 27, shot to death in **West Union** by her boyfriend, Anthony Hebert, 27. The neighbors report hearing yelling and then a loud bang. Later when a neighbor was walking a dog, they found Morgan's body. Morgan's daughter was also in the apartment and was found by police hiding in her bedroom. Hebert was found later 16 miles away with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Hebert died from his wounds. She is survived by that minor daughter.
- 04/29/16 **Tiffany Inghram**, 36, shot to death in **Danville** by her estranged husband, Robert Inghram, 60. The couple was separated after Inghram was charged with sexually abusing one of Tiffany's daughters. One of the daughters called 911 after the offender arrived at the home despite a no-contact order while running from the home. She heard gunshots. When the authorities arrived, Tiffany, her mother Wanda Dowell, and the offender were found dead in the home. Tiffany is survived by two minor daughters.
- 07/26/16 **Enola Neff**, 75, shot to death in **Packwood** by her husband, Franklin Neff, 79. Neff called his son-in-law telling him that he had already killed Enola and was going to kill himself because he had just found out he had cancer. When authorities arrived, they discovered Mr. Neff had died from a self-inflicted shotgun wound and Enola also had perished from a gunshot wound. She is survived by one adult daughter.
- 09/04/16 **Melissa Lewis**, 37, strangled and beaten to death in **Davenport** by her boyfriend, Thomas Lopez, 55. During an altercation between Lopez and Melissa on August 31, Lopez slapped, strangled, and pushed the victim several times. One push caused Melissa to fall back striking her head on a window sill giving her a head injury. Melissa died as a result of her injuries on September 4. Lopez pled guilty to two counts of willful injury causing serious injury. Melissa is survived by one child.
- 09/17/16 **Kathryn Weber**, 18, reported shot to death in **Glenwood** by her estranged boyfriend, Mark Troutman, 27. Authorities were called to Kathryn's work regarding a shooting. Troutman drove from his hometown of Sylvania, Ohio and shot her in her work parking lot. Kathryn had broken up with him months earlier. Troutman was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.

- 10/01/16 **Carrissa Rivers**, 29, shot to death in **Keokuk** by her estranged boyfriend, Russell Jerrud Tallmann, 39, in an alley behind a business. Carrissa had moved out of their shared home after he had assaulted her numerous times. Tallmann began stalking her after the separation and threatening her. Authorities discovered Tallman's body in his home deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Carrissa is survived by one minor child.
- 10/16/16 **Sarah Szabo**, 41, shot to death in **Decorah** by her estranged boyfriend, Craig Freilinger, 55. Freilinger also died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Authorities report they had responded to the residence multiple times for domestic disturbances and the couple had broken up weeks before the murder/suicide.
- 10/29/16 **Lourdes Flor De Leake**, 34, stabbed to death in **Perry** with a machete by her boyfriend, Carlos Hernandez-Ventura, 25. Police responded to a report of a dead body and blood in a home. When officers arrived, they found Lourdes and her minor daughter Melany Barraza, 14, dead of stab and slice wounds. Juan Jimenez Tejada, 78 had also been wounded and he was airlifted to a Des Moines hospital where he later died of his injuries. Hernandez-Ventura surrendered himself to a police department in Morrison, IL. He was found guilty of three counts of first degree murder and awaits sentencing. Lourdes is survived by one minor child a son.
- 12/12/16 **Katelynn Gould**, 19, **reported** beaten to death in **Des Moines** by her boyfriend, Nickolas Pettinger, 31. Authorities were called to a residence in NE Des Moines where they discovered the body of Katelynn in the garage. Pettinger was at the residence when they arrived, but ran from the residence sparking a community search. He was later found blocks away in a garage and taken into custody. Pettinger has been charged with 1st degree murder and awaits trial.

2015

- 02/24/15 **Sherry Haferbecker**, 44, shot to death while she was sleeping in **Cedar Rapids** by Mitchell Haferbecker, 45, her husband. Haferbecker shot Sherry and then himself. He also shot and killed two pets in the residence. Both Sherry and Mr. Haferbecker were janitors at the Cedar Rapids Schools. He had been terminated from his employment the previous day. He spent most of the day putting his affairs in order. After Sherry didn't show up for work, the police found Sherry and Haferbecker deceased. She is survived by two adult children.
- 04/19/15 **Mevlida Dzananovic**, 24, strangled to death in **Urbandale** by, Mersed Dautovic, 32, her boyfriend. Dautovic's brother called law enforcement for a welfare check because of a call from Mersed Dautovic telling them he had messed up and they would never see him again. Police arrived at the apartment and found Mevlida deceased in the back of Dautovic's car and Dautovic had killed himself by hanging. There was a current protective order in place. She is survived by one minor son
- 05/01/15 **Miranda Hogan**, 20, shot to death in **Dubuque** by her boyfriend, Andrew Birch, 27. The two had lived together for almost a year and their relationship was on again off again. Miranda told Birch she was moving to Indiana to go to school and Birch told her he wasn't going to wait for her and they broke up. She was in the process of moving out when Birch shot Miranda in the head and killed her. He turned the gun on himself and died as a result of the self-inflicted gunshot wounds. They were found when neither party showed up for work.
- 06/17/15 **Kaydyesha Lemon**, 21, stabbed to death in **Dubuque** by her boyfriend Eddie Hicks, 26. The couple had been in an intimate relationship however recently separated. Neighbors reported hearing several altercations between Kaydyesha and Hicks. She grabbed a knife in an attempt to defend herself from the brutal attack. Hicks got the knife away from her and stabbed Kaydyesha multiple times. The suspect was found in an alley and transported to the hospital for injuries. Kaydyesha died at the hospital. Hicks was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.

- 06/23/15 **Cornelia Ann Stead**, 43, stabbed to death in **Sioux City** by her boyfriend, Isack Abdinur, 35. The two lived together off and on for a few years with multiple moves to various family residences. After Cornelia refused to allow Abdinur into the bedroom where she was sleeping. He broke in, assaulted her and stabbed her 24 times with a kitchen knife while her great-nieces were in the room. Some of the children present fled the apartment while others hid in the bedroom until police arrived. Abdinur fled the apartment and was later apprehended by law enforcement a few blocks away. He was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison. She is survived by one adult daughter.
- 10/25/15 **Sabrina Hustad-Janish**, 44, stabbed to death in **Shellsburg** by David Miller, 32, her boyfriend. The day before her death, she told a very close friend that she was thinking of leaving him. The next day her body was found at Miller's residence with multiple stab wounds and evidence of strangulation. Miller was apprehended a short time later walking along a rural road in Benton County. Miller was arrested for probation violation and second degree theft charges. He later was charged with murder in the first degree. A jury trial found him guilty of voluntary manslaughter and second degree theft.
- 11/22/15 **Amy Fraaken**, 42, shot to death in **Des Moines** by Barney Fraaken, 47, her husband. Fraaken shot Amy and their 16 year old daughter. He then called 911 to report that he had shot them. When officers arrived, he had attempted to shoot himself but survived the wounds. He has recovered and been charged with two counts of first degree murder. He pled guilty to murdering his wife and will spend life in prison. The plea deal included dropping murder charges for his daughter. She is survived by one adult child.
- 12/13/15 **Michelle Key**, 51, shot to death in **Hampton** by her on again-off again boyfriend of 11 years, Ronald Rand, 61. She was shot in the neck by Ronald Lee Rand from a sawed off shot gun that he had gotten from a friend. She was spending the weekend with him and they were having a good time Ronald said in his testimony in August 2016. Ronald did not call law enforcement but texted his daughter and called his friend after he shot her. Law enforcement was called by his friend and arrived around an hour after she was shot. Rand was convicted of first degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison. Michelle is survived by a son.

2014

- 01/30/14 **Ingrid Huber Livingston**, 41, shot to death in **Cedar Rapids** by Robert Livingston, 47, her estranged husband. Livingston shot Ingrid and his mother-in-law Linda Huber, 73, and then turned the gun on himself. Two school aged children were present in the home during the murders and one of the daughters called the police after it happened. Ingrid and her two daughters had recently moved out of the family home and in with her mother. Livingston died as a result of his self-inflicted wounds.
- 2/21/14 **LuElla Koopman**, 52, shot to death in **Cedar Rapids**, by her estranged husband Dennis Lee Koopman, 54. LuElla had filed from divorce from her husband. He followed her to her apartment, blocked her in with his vehicle, and then opened fire. He then turned the rifle on himself and died from his self-inflicted wounds. The suspect was armed with both a long rifle and a handgun.
- 2/26/14 **Michaela Jordan**, 30, shot to death in **Estherville**, by her boyfriend Scott Sudbeck, 35. Michaela was shot outside her residence as she was entering her home and then died on the floor of her home while her 4 children, mother, brother and two nephews were present. Sudbeck was charged with first degree murder and pled guilty. He was sentenced to life in prison. Michaela is survived by four minor children.
- 4/11/14 **Vallerie Cory**, 49, Shot to death in **Cambridge**, by her husband Jeremy Cory, 44. Vallerie had not been seen for four days and a co-worker called police to perform a welfare check. When police arrived at the house Jeremy would not let them search the upstairs of the

house. After obtaining a warrant the police found Vallerie's decomposing body and the coroner estimated that after being shot 18 times she was left for four days. Jeremy Cory was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole. Vallerie is survived by an adult son.

6/30/14 **Chantele Crowley**, 39, strangled to death in **Cedar Rapids**, by her estranged husband Shawn Crowley, 44. Shantele was found by police deceased in a home that she shared off and on with her husband after relatives requested a welfare check. Shawn Crowley is charged with first degree murder and pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and received 32 years in prison. Chantele is survived by one adult son.

7/8/14 **Crystal Gaffney**, 29, beat to death in **Walker**, by her estranged boyfriend and father of her youngest child Shaun Hogan. Crystal was beaten and left along a rural road in Linn County. An amber alert was issued for Gaffney's three children but they were later found safe. The police arrested Hogan two days later in Waterloo. He has pled guilty to 2nd degree murder in the case and was sentenced to 50 years in prison. Crystal is survived by three minor children.

09/08/14 **Tong Shao**, 20, reported strangled to death in **Ames**, by her boyfriend Xiangnan Li. Tong was an international student at Iowa State University. Her boyfriend Li was an international student at the University of Iowa. The victim was reported missing on September 17 to the Ames Police Department. Police found her body in the trunk of a car in Iowa City on September 26. The suspect identified has left the country for China on September 8. No charges have been filed in this case.

12/15/14 **Melissa Downing**, 48, Shot to death in **Des Moines**, by her live-in boyfriend, Matthew Hansen. Hansen shot Melissa in their shared residence and then turned the gun on himself. Police were notified when Melissa didn't show up for work in the morning. Officers found the bodies of both Melissa and Hansen when they entered the residence.

2013

6/29/13 **Teresa Rowan**, 43, Shot to death in **Muscatine** by Lance Stormm, 39, live-in boyfriend. Lance shot Teresa and then turned the gun on himself. Police found Teresa deceased as the tactical team entered the house. Stormm was still alive. He was transported to the University of Iowa where he later died. Lori is survived by her two adult children, a daughter and a son.

8/5/13 **Justina Smith**, 30, stabbed to death in **Northwood** by Tyrone Washington, Jr, 39, estranged boyfriend. Tyrone stabbed Justina in a park and then fled in her car. He led police on a multi-county chase and was finally apprehended in Scott County. Justina is survived by two minor children. Tyrone was found guilty of first degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

9/25/13 **Kerry O'Clair Jefferson**, was beaten and stabbed to death in **Tama** by her husband Dustin Jefferson, 40 and his mother Ginger Jefferson, 57. Police responded to a wellness check to discover the body of Kerry. The autopsy showed stab wounds to the neck and blunt force trauma were the cause of death. After the investigation, the police arrested Ginger Jefferson and charged her with first degree murder and arrested Dustin Jefferson charging him with aiding and abetting. Kerry was assisting the Meskwaki Nation law enforcement in a sexual assault case against Dustin Jefferson. He was reported angry about her cooperation in that investigation. Ginger Jefferson has been convicted of first degree murder and will serve life in prison. Dustin Jefferson was convicted of aiding and abetting first degree murder and will serve life in prison without the possibility of parole.

10/15/13 **Millisa Cox**, 44, Shot to death in **Council Bluffs** by Darwin Cox, 55, her husband. Darwin shot Millisa and then turned the gun on himself. Cox held the police at bay for about an hour before the tactical team was able to enter the house. Darwin survived the attempted suicide and pled guilty to charges of voluntary manslaughter, intimidation with a dangerous weapon with intent, and going armed with intent. Millisa is survived by an adult daughter and a minor son.

12/08/13 **Sarah Grimmus**, 37, Beat to death in rural **Spirit Lake** by Tailer Handsaker, 21, a man she was dating. Tailer allegedly wrapped the body in bedding and duct tape and left her in the basement of his Grandmother's home. Blood was discovered on the steps to the basement, the basement floor and the bed. Handsaker pled guilty to second degree murder and was sentenced to 70 years in prison.

2012

1/13/12 **Lori Yeager**, 45, Shot to death in **Mount Ayr** by Robert Taylor, 40, live-in boyfriend. Robert shot Lori in front of their 9 year old daughter and then fled the house. Police began searching for the offender and later found him on a stretch of interstate, just inside the Iowa border. As police approached the vehicle the offender exited, faced the officer, pulled out his gun and took his own life. Lori is survived by her minor daughter, an adult daughter and a step-son from a prior marriage.

1/29/12 **Emily Fazzino**, 32, Died from multiple head and neck injuries in **Boone** allegedly by her estranged husband, Alexander Fazzino, 39. The victim had recently filed for divorce and had her husband served with the papers. He fled with the children to Missouri and she obtained a court order for him to return the children to Boone. The divorcing couple was living in the same home. She had been at a wrestling tournament with her sister and on the way home called her dad crying and said she was scared to go home and be alone with her husband. Her dad told her she would be fine. She went home and was taking a bath while their children were in the basement watching a movie. Her husband allegedly drowned her in the bathtub. He was acquitted on first degree murder charges.

3/21/12 **Lindsay Nichols**, 22, Shot to death in **Jesup** by Timothy Roses, 44, ex-boyfriend. Roses rented a vehicle and followed Nichols to Jesup. He argued with her outside of the home of her new boyfriend and tried to physically put her in his vehicle. Nichols fought back and Roses pulled out a gun and shot her in the chest. Roses then committed suicide.

05/26/12 **Lisa Techel**, 23, shot to death in **Agency**, by Seth Techel, 22, husband. Seth called police to report he had been showering when he heard a gunshot. He claimed he exited the shower and found his wife lying on their bed with a gunshot wound. Police found no evidence of an intruder, nor did they find anything had been taken from the house. The shotgun, presumed to be the murder weapon, was found 90 ft. from the door of the house. Police found evidence Seth was having an extra-marital affair and in mid-May had communicated to his mistress that everything would be okay "in a few weeks." Lisa was about 17 weeks pregnant when she was killed. The offender has been charged with 1st degree murder and non-consensual termination of a human pregnancy. The first two trials resulted in hung juries. At the third trial Seth Techel was found guilty of 1st degree murder and non-consensual termination of a pregnancy and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

06/17/12 **Judy Vanlo**, 18, beaten to death in **Des Moines**, by Raymond Benitez, 19, boyfriend. The victim was found by a family member behind a locked door in their basement, with obvious injury to her face and body. Judy was 2 months pregnant with the offender's child. The offender was listed as a person of interest in the case by police and was located a few weeks later by US Border Patrol Agents, while trying to cross the border from Texas into Mexico. He was extradited to Iowa to stand trial where he was convicted of second degree murder and willful injury. He was sentenced to 50 years and 10 years to be served consecutively.

- 07/10/12 **Sarah “Dawn” Winters**, 40, strangled to death in **Mason City**, by Aaron Harris, 35, boyfriend. A witness stated he observed the couple arguing in the parking lot earlier in the day and he assisted in separating the two and Dawn left the area. The witness assumed she must have returned again later in the day. Upon authorities’ arrival to the offender’s residence, Dawn was found unresponsive. Dawn is survived by an adult daughter. Harris was convicted of 1st degree murder and sentenced to life without parole.
- 08/09/12 **Crystal Newman**, 32, shot to death in **Burlington**, by Chico Newman, 38, husband. Police were dispatched to the home to check the welfare of the occupants after reports of a domestic dispute. Police forced entry into the home and found Crystal deceased from an apparent gunshot wound. It is unclear whether or not Crystal’s children were in the home at the time of the shooting, but police did state “DHS was contacted to assist in the investigation and ensure the safety of the children.” Crystal is survived by two minor children. Chico Newman was convicted of 1st degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.
- 10/20/12 **Jaclyn Powell**, 25, Strangled to death in **Ogden**, by Joshua Powell, 28, husband. Mr. Powell admitted to authorities that he and his wife had been arguing and he reported intentionally striking her at least one time in the face. He stated he later checked for a pulse and couldn’t find one. Mr. Powell did not report the incident until the following day. The Medical Examiner later determined the cause of death to be due to strangulation. Joshua Powell was convicted of 1st degree murder and sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. Jaclyn is survived by two minor children, a son and daughter.

2011

- 1/7/11 **Teresa Miller**, 51, Shot to death in **Knoxville** by Terry Cobbins, 31, a man hired by her husband, Michael Miller, 42 to kill her. Michael Miller was reported to be having an affair and asking Cobbins to kill his wife. On the day of the murder, Miller reportedly rented a car for Cobbins. Cobbins left the state with his wife and six children. Teresa’s sister reported that Teresa had recently told her that if anything happened to her “it’s Michael.” When Michael was questioned, he indicated Teresa may have been killed by his mistress. Terry Cobbins and Michael Miller have both been convicted of 1st degree murder. Teresa is survived by three adult children, one minor son, and five grandchildren.
- 1/17/11 **Wanda Isenberg**, 38, killed by blunt force in **Davenport** by Eric Olson, 36, who she had dated. There was a history of domestic abuse against Wanda by Eric and a protective order was in force at the time of the murder. Eric had been arrested November, 12, 2010 after he threw Wanda to the ground and stomped on her with his boots. He was arrested again January 13, 2011 after he pushed her to the ground and pulled her hair. Wanda had acquired a temporary protection order after the January 13 incident. Wanda was found dead in the street with a shoe mark on her face and tire tracks down the length of her body. Olson was convicted of Homicide by vehicle (recklessness) and leaving the scene of a fatality accident. He received sentences of 10 and 5 years in prison. Wanda is survived by three grown daughters.
- 2/24/11 **Shani Smith**, 40, Shot to death in **Dubuque** by her live-in boyfriend of 21 years, Teodoro Borrego, 52. Shani had planned to leave the offender and had disclosed this to him a month prior to her death. The offender was apprehended in Oklahoma City, brought back to Iowa and charged with 1st degree murder. He later pled to murder in the 2nd degree. Shani is survived by two adult children.
- 3/03/11 **Jamie Jackson**, 39, Exact cause of death unknown, the victim’s burned body was discovered in a rural shed in **Grand Mound** owned by her ex-boyfriend Craig Diercks. The night of the fire, the offender called a friend and told him he was going to “end it all.” He also stated, “What he did he could not replace.” The friend drove to the offender’s home after the

phone call and found the shed engulfed in flames. The offender's burned body was later recovered from the fire as well. Jamie is survived by two children.

5/01/11 **Sharon Gerot**, 54, shot to death outside of her home in **Riverside** by her longtime partner, Thomas Lee Hansen, 70. The offender confessed he had been arguing sporadically with the victim prior to her going outside to complete yard work. The offender stated he went to the garage, grabbed a semi-automatic handgun, loaded the weapon, walked through the house, exiting through a glass door leading to their deck and fired one shot at the victim as she was mowing the lawn. A neighbor saw the victim fall from the lawn mower after she had been shot and called the police. The offender has been convicted of 1st degree murder and sentenced to 50 years. Sharon is survived by two adult daughters.

5/11/11 **Karen McCoy**, 68, shot to death at her residence in **Shambaugh**, by her husband Frank McCoy Sr., 68, who then shot and killed himself. Dispatch received a call from the offender stating he had killed his wife and was going to kill himself. Karen is survived by two adult children.

6/4/11 **Judy "Renee" Petersen**, 36, stabbed to death in her residence in **Greene** by her husband Thomas Petersen, 39. Renee, Renee's 17 year old son and the offender had reportedly been arguing and the son left the residence to go fishing. When the son returned to the residence two hours later, he found Renee lying on the floor unresponsive, with blood on the floor around her and bent and bloody knives nearby. The minor 2 year old son and the offender were not in the house. Renee's son called police and an amber alert was issued for the 2 year old. The offender was spotted in South Dakota and a police chase ensued. During the pursuit Thomas rammed a police vehicle causing it to flip several times. He then left his 2 year old on the side of the road and rammed another police car head on. The offender is facing 2 counts of attempted murder, 2 counts of aggravated assault on a police officer, reckless driving, eluding and resisting arrest in South Dakota. He has been convicted of 1st degree murder in the stabbing death of Renee in Iowa. There had been a history of domestic violence between the offender and the victim. On April 7th, 2011, police were called out to the residence after an argument began between Thomas, Renee and his stepson. Thomas left before police arrived, but was called on his cell phone and warned not to return until morning or face charges. Police were called back to the house a few hours later, after Thomas had reportedly kicked in the garage door. Thomas admitted to being in the house and talking to his wife. She told him to leave and stated she was calling 911. Thomas was arrested and charged with Interference with Official Acts in this incident. Renee is survived by two minor sons and one minor daughter.

8/31/11 **Laura Welch**, beaten to death in **Des Moines** by her live-in boyfriend Kevin Sellers, 39. While the details of the crime are still unknown, autopsy results revealed the cause of death as multiple blunt force trauma within hours of her death. Sellers was convicted of attempted murder, and 2 counts of willful injury. He received sentences of 25 yrs, 15 yrs and 15yrs respectively. Laura is survived by three adult children.

2010

1/11/10 **Patricia Blum**, 67, Strangled and suffocated to death in **Washington** by her husband James Dean Blum, 70. The offender pinned his wife face down on a couch and suffocated her. He admitted to law enforcement that he wanted to kill his wife. He was convicted of second degree murder.

1/12/10 **Laura Wharff**, 51 Shot to death in **Altoona** with a deer slug by her husband Mark Wharff, 51. He then committed suicide. Laura is survived by their adult son.

- 1/16/10 **Ashley Singh**, 20 Shot to death in **Leon** by her fiancé Brandan Broich, 21. He then committed suicide. Ashley's younger sister lived with the couple and called 911 when she heard the gunshots. Ashley is survived by their 3 year old son who was not home at the time of the murder-suicide.
- 1/22/10 **Tawny Tomberlin**, 43, Shot to death in **Cedar Rapids** by Christopher Vogt, 42, who she had dated. Tawney left the offender in summer 2009 but he stalked her. When she refused to talk with him, he burst into the home she shared with her brother and shot her to death with a rifle. He also shot and wounded her brother, Duane Tomberlin Jr., 48, and James Cambell, 27. The offender had a history of conviction for harassment, assault, and felony second-offense stalking. In September 2009, he was charged with domestic assault in Iowa County and a no-contact order was filed for Tawney. Deputies tracked the offender using his cell phone signal. He had committed suicide in his truck by shooting himself.
- 3/7/10 **Sara McKay** 34, beat with a baseball bat and strangled in **Iowa City** by Eric Osborn, 24, the man she lived with. He confessed that he hit her with a baseball bat then strangled her. He then took alcohol and valium, drank bleach, and cut his wrists and neck in attempted suicide. He passed out and called his mother when he awoke. His mother contacted law enforcement. Osborn was convicted of 2nd degree murder and received a 50 year sentence. Sara is survived by her 9 year old daughter.
- 3/26/2010 **Machelle Nichols West**, 46, Shot to death in **Waterloo** by her husband, Charles West, 55. He then committed suicide. The victim's daughter told police that her mom had been a prostitute and Charles was her pimp. He had accused her of infidelity and told her "You put your friends first I will kill you" and "If I can't have you, neither can they." The daughter reported that there was a history of domestic violence not reported because her mother was afraid of the perpetrator. Machelle is survived by her 32 year-old daughter and 29 year old son.
- 4/5/10 **Randi Gilmore**, 23, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by her husband, Donte Gilmore, 25, with a gun he legally owned. The victim was shot multiple times standing on a landing then fell down the basement steps. The reported perpetrator called his parents who contacted police. He has been convicted of 1st degree murder. The victim is survived by their three daughters who are 6 years old and under. The children were present in the home at the time of the murder.
- 6/3/10 **Deborah Gardner**, 46, Shot to death in **Ottumwa** by William Gardner, 47, her husband. He then committed suicide. The couple's only son had died in a motorcycle crash a year earlier. Relatives and friends said this caused constant friction between them. On the night of the murder-suicide, William went to a friend's home, raised him from bed, and asked him to come to his home. The friend had often mediated arguments between the couple. When they arrived at the house, William told him "I just shot her in the head. I couldn't take it anymore." The victim had been shot in the head and had a burning cigarette at her side. Law enforcement and the friend later found him shot in the backyard.
- 6/11/10 **Paige Gallo**, 19, Shot to death in **Lake City** by Luke Schleisman, 20, her fiancé who she lived with. He also shot her friend Heather Campbell, 20 to death then committed suicide. The perpetrator came to the home with a gun. Paige told Heather to leave, but she refused to leave them alone. The perpetrator had threatened to commit suicide in front of a previous girlfriend in April 2009. He was released from probation two months earlier related to a domestic abuse and weapon conviction with a former girlfriend. He had threatened to make the girlfriend feel guilty by killing himself in front of her. He was barred from having guns, but had at least three in the house he shared with the victim.

- 6/27/10 **Anessa Johnson**, 40, Stabbed to death in **Ottumwa** by her husband, Christopher Johnson, 31. He led law enforcement on a car chase to Burlington where his car hit a bridge guardrail and flipped over. He sustained minor injuries. He has been convicted of first degree murder. Anessa is survived by a 20 year old son, an 11 year old daughter, and twin grandchildren.
- 10/2/10 **Angela Gabel**, 30, Shot to death in **Allamakee County** by Christopher Thompson, 33, the man whom she lived with and had a 7½ month old child with. The alleged perpetrator then called 911. He reported that he had argued with Angela and asked her to leave. She went to her car and made a phone call to her daughter. He thought she was calling her mother and went upstairs for a rifle that was kept loaded in their bedroom. He shot at her in the car from the house. He shot her again from about three feet when he went to the car and she was hit in the head, but still alive. He reported that he shot her the second time "to put her out of her misery." The alleged perpetrator had been arrested for domestic abuse assault in 2009 and was found negotiated a plea to simple assault. He has been convicted of 2nd degree murder and sentenced to 50 years in prison. Angela is survived by six children, an adult daughter, two adult sons, 17 year old twin daughters, and a 7½ month old son. The baby was present at the time of the murder.
- 10/9/10 **Angelina Ancer**, 43, Shot to death in **Newton** by Jay Mack, 42, her fiancé who she lived with. The alleged perpetrator went to their garage during an argument, retrieved a gun, returned and shot her several times, then called 911. He has been convicted of 1st degree murder.
- 10/11/10 **Carrie Russell**, 24, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by Robert Sears, 25, who she lived with until leaving in August 2010. Robert waited for her to return to her home after work, went to the car, fired several shots through the car window, and fatally shot her in the head. The driver of the car, Leona Fatino, was shot in the leg. He then went to the home they formerly shared and committed suicide. Carrie secured a domestic abuse protection order in September because he had been stalking her since the break-up. She wrote to the Judge, "I am afraid for my safety. I've been followed to public places. He drives past the house where I am staying. He has come to the place I work. I am very afraid he might hurt me and my family and friends. He is very angry I left him, and I don't know what he is capable of doing." Two weeks before the murder, he proposed marriage to her as she returned to her home from work. She turned him down.
- 12/21/10 **Kelsey Stahl**, 24, Shot to death in **Clinton** by Jason Tate, 32, a man she dated. Law Enforcement made a well-being check at Kelsey's apartment and found her dead. The reported perpetrator was arrested on December 25 in Chicago with her car. He has been convicted of murder in the 1st degree and sentenced to life in prison.
- 12/5/10 **Brigett Wirtjes**, 27, Sexually assaulted, contributing to her death in **Manly** by Tyler Wirtjes, 26, her husband. The couple and two friends were drinking. Brigett consumed alcohol and passed out. Tyler and the two friends then sexually assaulted Brigett while she was unconscious. At some point during the sexual assault, or later in the evening, Brigett stopped breathing and died. The cause of death was not determined, with several possibilities including alcohol overdose, blunt force head injury, and unintentional or intentional asphyxiation. All three perpetrators were convicted of varying degrees of sexual assault; however, none have been charged with her death.

2009

- 1/4/09 **Cyd Richards**, 46, Strangled to death in **Burlington** Dennis Duane Richards, 58, her former

husband and current fiancé. They were married in 2001, divorced in 2007, and engaged again in December 2008. In 2008, Cyd moved and asked family not to tell Dennis where she lived. She rode her bike to work so he wouldn't see her car. An autopsy determined that Cyd died from strangulation that shattered her voice box and head and facial wounds. She died hours before her home was set on fire. She is survived by two grown daughters. The offender was convicted of 2nd degree murder and 2nd degree arson and sentenced to 60 years in prison.

2/21/09 **Tina Marie O'Leary**, 39, Strangled to death in **Lone Tree** by Timothy Mellinger, 51, a man she had lived with. He then committed suicide by shooting himself. Sheriff Deputies had a request for a welfare check at the home and discovered the deaths. The victim and perpetrator's relationship of two years ended about three months prior to the murder. Tina had filed a criminal trespass warning on January 1 requesting that all contact and communication from the perpetrator be ceased. Tina is survived by two minor daughters and a minor son.

5/17/09 **Rachelle Vega**, 42 Shot to death in **Fort Dodge** by her husband Angel Vega Sanchez, 29. Her cell phone was in her hand when shot. He shot her in their home. He then went to shoot a man with whom he believed Rachelle was having an affair, but law enforcement arrived at the man's home first. There had been at least two domestic abuse calls to the police in recent months. He was convicted of 1st degree murder. Rachelle is survived by an adult daughter and a minor daughter.

6/29/09 **Ramona Hunt**, 43, Stabbed to death in **Winterset** by her former live-in partner, Clarence Ralph Fenton, 49. Neighbors detained the perpetrator until police arrived. The neighbors also suffered stab wounds. The perpetrator was jailed in 2006 after beating Ramona because he couldn't find the butter in the refrigerator. He broke a protection order held by Ramona in May 2009 and was jailed for three days. Ramona called police three days before the murder, a warrant was issued, but an arrest had not yet been made. Neighbors said Fenton had driven by on the day of the murder. When he broke in, she had her 8 year old grandson hide in the bathroom. Fenton escaped out a window and was detained by neighbors until police arrived. He was convicted of 1st degree murder. Ramona is survived by three adult daughters, two adult sons, and nine grandchildren.

7/18/09 **Holly Rae Durben**, 29, reported shot to death in rural **Fremont** County, Iowa. She was found shot to death in the head. The death was listed as "undetermined" although the crime scene was allegedly staged as a suicide. He claimed she committed suicide while he was in another room. The autopsy showed signs of strangulation. Davis had a significant, documented history of threats to kill her, threats with firearms and strangulation to Durben. After five years of investigation, Davis was charged with her murder. He was convicted of first degree murder in Holly's death and is awaiting sentencing.

7/12/09 **Doretta Glascock**, 56, Reported shot to death in **Cincinnati**, Iowa by her husband, Jackie Glascock Sr., 66. The reported perpetrator shot himself in attempt of suicide, but survived the wound. He was arrested in June 2009 for an assault on his wife. The perpetrator was found incompetent to be tried in November 2010.

9/18/09 **Melissa Kay Dean**, 38, Beat to death in **Des Moines** by Christopher Phipps, 42, the man she lived with. She was his secretary in his auto sales business. At 5:15 a.m. he called 911 from a strip mall pay phone reporting he accidentally killed his girlfriend. He showed police where to find her body in his truck between some wood, under a blanket and several tires. Her head was beaten and her throat slashed. Police believe she was killed at home then driven to the strip mall. Phipps had four domestic abuse or assault causing injury

convictions. He was convicted of 1st degree murder. Melissa is survived by her 13 year-old son and 8 year old twins, a boy and a girl.

11/11/09 **TereseAnn Lynch**, 30 Shot to death in **Des Moines** by her estranged husband, Randal Todd Moore, 38. The perpetrator kidnapped the victim in a mall parking lot, took her to their former home, and shot her. He shot a police officer in the hand and threatened to kill any officer entering the apartment. TereseAnn had left her husband and had a protective order in which the judge ordered him to surrender all firearms. The perpetrator also had been the respondent on six restraining orders filed by four other women. He was found guilty of 1st degree kidnapping, 1st degree murder, sexual abuse, and attempted murder. TereseAnn, murdered on Veteran's Day, had served three deployments to Iraq as a member of the Iowa Air National Guard. She was employed by the Iowa Child Support Recovery Unit. She is survived by their 10 month old son.

12/20/09 **Bobbie Jean Tucker**, 54, Beaten to death in **Council Bluffs** by her husband, Michael Tucker, 45. The perpetrator called 911 because his wife needed medical care. EMS called police when they found her dead. He told police that both he and the victim were beaten in separate incidents after leaving a party. A witness reported that he saw the perpetrator hit his wife in the face at least six times in a parking lot then drag her away. At their home, the perpetrator washed their clothing and bed sheets and gave the victim a bath before calling EMS. He was charged with 1st degree murder and domestic abuse and pled guilty to voluntary murder and willful injury causing serious injury.

2008

2/1/08 **Wendy Jane Peck**, 44, Stabbed to death in **West Liberty** by Robert Lovetinsky, 50, who she previously lived with and currently dated. He committed suicide. The victim's 17-year-old daughter found the bodies when she came home after school. Scene descriptions were that "everything in the house was broken" with holes in walls. The victim was partially clothed. She also is survived by a 10-year-old son.

2/9/08 **Sandra Badger**, 49, Stabbed to death in **Burlington** by a man she lived with, Franklin Lee Harris, 40. She told she was leaving him and he had to move out. The perpetrator was charged with 1st degree murder, convicted on 2nd degree murder, and sentenced to 50 years in prison. An adult daughter survives the victim.

3/24/08 **Sheryl Sueppel**, 42, Beat to death with a baseball bat in **Iowa City** by Steven Sueppel, 42, her husband. He then beat their four children, Ethan, 10, Seth, 8, Mira, 5, and Eleanor, 3 to death. After the murders, he left phone messages for his father, brother, and employer as well as a lengthy letter to his family. Later he unsuccessfully tried to drown himself. He called 911 to the home then left in the family's van. He crashed the van into an interstate structure, killing himself.

7/27/08 **Lacrisa Davis**, 27, Shot to death at her workplace, a convenience store, in **Ames** by Tony Hayes, 33, a man she had dated. After the shooting witnesses described the perpetrator and police found him riding a bike in Nevada. A gun battle ensued and the perpetrator fled in a police car. He crashed after police laid "stop sticks" in the road. He committed suicide by shooting himself in the police car. The victim is survived by daughters, 11, 9 and 7 years-old and a son 3 years old.

8/14/08 **Bounpanh (Bunni) Xayavongchanh**, 32, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by her husband, Nath Inthaboun, 31. He also shot their neighbor, Amelia "Mollie" Vasquez, in her car as she drove by and witnessed the murder. He then engaged in a two hour stand-off with police with their children in the house. Police used stun grenades to disorient the perpetrator

and rescued the children unharmed. The perpetrator was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder. He committed suicide in his cell at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison on July 2, 2009. Bunni survived by sons, 5 and 3 years-old, and a one year-old daughter.

9/11/08 **Michele Davis**, 41, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by her estranged husband, Randy Lee Davis, 52. She was hospitalized after her car went out of control and crashed with three other cars on the freeway and died later that night. An autopsy found cause of death was a bullet to her left head rather than crash injuries. A report by witnesses that a red pick-up truck was driving erratically by the victim's car before the crash was confirmed by Department of Transportation traffic cameras. The perpetrator was arrested five days later. He was charged with 1st degree murder and pled guilty to 2nd degree murder. The victim moved from their home in April 2008, had a restraining order, and was in the process of a divorce. The divorce papers were to be signed the day of her funeral. The victim is survived by her son, step-daughter, step-son, and grandchild.

9/11/08 **Maria Moedano**, 46, Shot to death in **Columbus Junction** by her husband, Pedro Moedano, 47. He then committed suicide. Police received a 911 call at 1:00 a.m. and found the victim dead from multiple gunshot wounds and the perpetrator dead from a single gunshot. The couple is survived by two sons and three daughters.

10/17/08 **Jessica Deemer**, 24, of **Waukee**, Shot to death in Marshal County by her estranged husband, Kyle Deemer, 27. He also shot and killed Jessica's companion Bryce Mercer, 24. Jessica called relatives as she and Mercer were chased and run off the rural highway by the offender. A passerby stopped as Jessica ran across the highway. The offender followed her and shot her through her cell phone as she called for help. Jessica had left him two months earlier due to his history of domestic abuse. He was to be served divorce papers the weekend he killed her. His guns had been confiscated due to domestic abuse. He borrowed the shotgun used in the murders "so he could go hunting." He was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder. Jessica is survived by a 6 year old son.

11/18/08 **Robin Young**, 50, Beaten to death in **Davenport** by Charles Harris, 59, who she dated. He was an alcohol and addictions counselor. Robin was last seen 11/12, reported missing 11/17, and found the next day in the back seat of her car on a Davenport street. The perpetrator hit her in the head with a blunt instrument. He had been convicted of voluntary manslaughter in 1986 for stabbing a former girlfriend in Chicago to death and served 4-years of a 16-year prison sentence. In 1995, he broke into the home of his estranged wife and nearly beat her to death and that case was pled to home invasion with injury. He served 7-years of a 16-year sentence and discharged from parole in 2004. In Robin's case, he was charged with first degree murder and robbery. His attorney negotiated a plea of attempted murder (25 yrs); Robbery 2nd (10 yrs); and Willful injury (10 yrs).

12/6/08 **Shakena Varnell**, 34, Stabbed to death in **Ames** by Atiba Spellman, 33, who she lived with. He also killed Michael Odikiro, a friend of the victim. Shakena had lived with the perpetrator on and off since 2000. He was convicted of violating a domestic abuse protection order held by Shakena in 2001. He was arrested for trespassing on Mr. Odikiro's property in November 2008. Shakena's family reported she was leaving the perpetrator. The perpetrator was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder. Shakena is survived by a 13 year old son and a 9 year old daughter.

12/22/08 **Susan Sohler**, 44, Stabbed to death in **Sioux City** by her husband, Tim Sohler, 49. After a 6:00 a.m. fight in their kitchen, Susan turned to the sink and he stabbed her multiple times. He stopped their 13-year-old daughter from calling police until Susan stopped breathing. The daughter then called to report that her mom's stomach was bleeding.

Susan was pronounced dead on the scene. The perpetrator was charged with 1st degree murder and pled to attempted murder and willful injury causing serious injury which, carry 25 and 10 year sentences. Her 13-year-old twins, a girl and boy, were present at the murder.

2007

4/19/2007 **Gabriella Perez-Ramirez**, 37, Stabbed to death in **West Des Moines** by Isaac Martinez-Zepada, 25, a man she lived with. He murdered her at a building where they worked as janitors in West Des Moines. He drove her 15 miles and left her body in a wooded area. The next day, he told her sister that she hadn't come home the night before and filed a missing persons report. Police found her body two days later using a global positioning system to track her cell phone. Daughters, 5-years-old and 9-years-old, a 15-year-old son, and two grown children in Mexico survive her. The perpetrator was charged with 1st degree murder, convicted of 2nd degree murder, and sentenced to 50 years in prison.

4/30/2007 **Kimberly Johnson**, 37, Shot to death in **Bayard** by Johnny Lee Johnson, her estranged husband. She had rented the apartment a month earlier when she filed for divorce. Their 15-year old daughter witnessed the shooting. The perpetrator also shot and killed the victim's friend Gregory Alan White, 38. The perpetrator was found guilty of two counts of 1st degree murder. The couple's 16-year old son was living with his father at the time of the murder, but was not at the scene.

6/18/07 **Mary McBride**, 41, Strangled and beaten to death in **Marion** by Christopher Murray, 32, a man she had dated for a month. He took her to a recreational trail then strangled her with a belt and banged her head on railroad tracks. He went to the home he had shared for two months with his 28 year-old fiancé and told her about the murder. Mary's daughter filed a missing person report on June 21. Three days after the murder the perpetrator's fiancé left an anonymous tip with police to search the trail, but Mary was not found. On July 4 the fiancé went to the trail with the police, and they found Mary's body. The perpetrator pled guilty to 1st degree murder. The perpetrator previously was convicted of strangling a 27 year-old man and spent seven years in Florida prison before being released in May 2003. An adult daughter, an adult son, and a 16-year-old daughter survive her.

9/2/07 **Shayla Todd**, 26, Strangled to death in **Waterloo** by Dewayne Craft, 27, a man she lived with. Her children found her the morning after her death and reported to her cousin who also lived with them. The perpetrator was charged with 1st degree murder and pled guilty to 2nd degree murder. Shayla is survived by an 8 year-old-daughter and 4 year old twin sons.

2006

1/6/06 **Jessie Renae Smith**, 22, Shot to death in **Wapello** by Kirk Massey, 25, a man who she had dated and lived with on and off for eight years. He also shot their 4 year-old son to death and committed suicide. The perpetrator was a Louisa County dispatcher and jailer engaged to the victim. She moved out of the home a week earlier and was picking up their son when the murder/suicide occurred.

3/20/06 **Laura Cox**, 74, Shot to death in **Gruver** by her husband, Marvin Cox, 74. The victim had been recovering from a broken leg and was shot in a chair. The perpetrator committed suicide. There was an open DHS case of Dependent Adult Abuse on Marvin for not getting Laura the medical care she needed. The Sheriff's Office had investigated a possible civil commitment a month earlier following reports from a local citizen that Marvin was saying that Star Wars had turned his wife into a zombie and were telling him to kill her.

- 4/17/06 **Amy Anderson**, 34, Shot to death in **Armstrong** by her husband, Nathan Anderson. He had told his mother he was going to divorce Amy. On the date of the murder/suicide he told his mother he was going to kill himself and Amy because his children would be better off. She immediately called her other son and police to go to the house but the murder/suicide had already happened. Amy was shot while sitting in a chair paying bills. She still had the pen in her hand when found. Nathan called police to report the murder then went outside and shot himself. The couple is survived by an eight-year-old daughter and sons six and four years old. The children were upstairs sleeping at the time of the murder/suicide.
- 5/4/06 **Tracy Tribble**, 35, Beaten and asphyxiated to death in **Council Bluffs** by her husband, Stanley Tribble, 40. The victim reported domestic abuse April 30 and charges were filed against Stanley May 11. She had reported domestic abuse in 2003 but “dropped” the charges. She talked about divorce. Stanley called police May 5 to report that he hadn’t seen his wife since the previous day when he left for work. Her purse, cell phone, and car were there. There was an extensive search and flyers about the victim were distributed nationwide. The victim’s body was found in the Missouri River May 19. The autopsy showed a severe head injury with several front teeth missing and death by asphyxiation, probably drowning. On August 8, the perpetrator was extradited from Nebraska to Iowa. He was convicted of 1st degree murder.
- 5/10/06 **Marilyn Hayden**, 37, Shot to death in **Lemars** by her husband, Tim Hayden, 39. She had just showered and was in a bath towel. Tim also shot their children Shawn, 17 and Lindsay, 15 in their beds. He then committed suicide. A neighbor called police after seeing the victim’s body through the window of a garage door. Both the front door of the house and the door between the garage and the house were barricaded with heavy furniture. The note left by the perpetrator said he did not want his children to live with his suicide.
- 5/8/06 **Lois Jean Tomich**, 28 Strangled to death in **Council Bluffs** and found after missing since 1983. Thomas Tomich, 27, the victim’s ex-husband had strangled her with a coat hanger which was around her neck when her body was found in a barrel on a landfill. The barrel was $\frac{3}{4}$ filled with cement, probably from the paving company where Thomas worked. DNA from their daughter confirmed her identity. The victim had dated her brother-in-law after divorce from Thomas. He told people he wouldn’t accept his brother dating his ex-wife and raising his daughter. Thomas committed suicide jumping off a building on 11/16/2006 before his interviewed by law enforcement. The victim was survived by her 5 year-old-daughter.
- 5/30/06 **Anne Overman-Moore**, 46, of **Council Bluffs** shot in the back to death in Omaha by James Dragon, 46, a man she had dated. Two years after the six-year relationship ended, he began to stalk her relentlessly when he learned she was dating again. Anne was reported missing on May 29 in Council Bluffs. The perpetrator called law enforcement May 30 to report there was something in his home police would want to see. Anne’s body was found in his basement. The perpetrator was convicted of murder in Nebraska and received a 50-year sentence. Sons, 22 and 11-years-old and a 13-year-old daughter survive her.
- 7/5/06 **Maria Zamora**, 35, Shot to death in **Grandview** by her estranged husband Gustavo Sierra, 40. They were not living together at the time of the murder. Maria’s neighbors heard gunshots and found her outside her home face down. Gustavo was charged with 1st degree murder and pled guilty to 2nd degree murder. Sons, 13, 15, and 6-years-old, and a 17-year-old daughter survive her.

- 7/11/06 **Tracy Davis**, 23, Stabbed to death in **Des Moines** by Troy Bresley, 34, the live-in father of her two youngest children. After the murder, he took the two children from the scene to a relative and turned himself in. Police had investigated domestic abuse at the home at least three times in the past year and charged him with harassment once. His brother told police in April that Troy was making credible threats to kill their mother and Tracy. Tracy had a protection order against Troy since January 2005 when he strangled her. He moved back into her home four days before the murder. He told police he was thinking of killing her recently. She is survived by two daughters, 5 years and 6 months old, and a son 2 years old. The perpetrator pled guilty to 1st degree murder.
- 7/15/06 **Nancy Suverkrup Allen**, 46, Beat to death with blunt force to her chest in **Davenport** by her former husband Randy Allen, 41 with whom she lived. He then committed suicide by hanging. The victim's sister discovered the deaths two days later when she couldn't reach her. Randy had a long history of abuse against the victim. In 1999 he was sentenced to five years in prison for third offense domestic abuse. A month prior to the murder, the victim's sister took her to the hospital where she was found to have three broken ribs. On the day of her death, she told a friend on the telephone "He beat me bad." The victim is survived by an adult son.
- 7/22/06 **Michelle White**, 23, Shot to death in **Bettendorf** by Jason Crowe, 25, her estranged intimate partner with whom she had a child. The victim was shot in the head while she sat in her car at a grocery store with windows up, doors locked, and her cell phone flipped open. The keys to her car were found in Jason's pocket who had committed suicide. Jason had purchased the shotgun three hours earlier then dropped their daughter at his mother's home. He called the victim's parents several times demanding to meet Michelle in a park. Her parents advised her to meet at a grocery store parking lot for safety. The couple had not lived together for 3 to 4 months. A minor daughter survives Michelle.
- 9/9/06 **Brenda Renae Curnes**, 36, Shot to death in **Clinton** by Edward Brown, 44, who she lived with in her home. He then committed suicide. Family members contacted police to check on her the day the bodies were found. Brenda had last been seen about two weeks earlier on August 21 and Edward was last seen on August 29.
- 9/2006 **April Corter**, 24 Strangled to death in **Red Oak** by her live-in boyfriend Dan Miller, 25. She was last seen September 26 with Dan. Her family reported her missing October 13. She was found November 27. A tip from Dan's sister led officers to search 46 well sites before finding her in a well near Oakland. The victim had her bags packed to leave the state and get away from Dan who threatened to kill her if she left. Nearly 20 witnesses were to testify about ongoing domestic abuse and drug use by the perpetrator. All but four recanted. The 1st degree murder charge was pled to willful injury causing serious injury and kidnapping with a sentence of 10 years for each count. A minor son survives her.
- 10/22/06 **Miriam Carmona**, 22, Strangled and beaten to death in **Muscatine** by Victor Seratto, 20, her estranged boyfriend. He disposed her body in Illinois. Miriam was 5-months pregnant. The perpetrator was charged with 1st degree murder, 1st degree kidnapping, and nonconsensual termination of a pregnancy. He was convicted of 1st degree murder.
- 12/6/06 **Cinda LaRue**, 41, Beaten to death in **Grundy Center** by Edward Neeson, 42, who she lived with. He punched her in the stomach and pushed her down. Getting up, she had an asthma attack and pulled a TV on her. She was comatose for 3-days and then died. Her children were in the room during the attack and were also injured. He was charged with 1st degree murder, pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter and two counts of child endangerment, and received three 5-year prison sentences. Cinda is survived by a 13 year-old daughter and 12 year-old son.

12/25/06 **Terri Petit**, 32, Killed when intentionally hit with a car in **Guttenberg** by Curtis Pierce, 44, with whom she lived. Witnesses reported a dead woman on Highway 52 to Guttenberg Police near midnight. Terri and Curtis had been arrested for separate incidents of domestic abuse against one another. The perpetrator was charged and convicted of homicide by vehicle (10 years) and stalking (5 years).

2005

- 2/20/05 **Michelle Proud**, 30, Shot to death in **Clinton** by Mark Moeller, 36, a man she dated. The victim was found slumped and bleeding in the driver seat of her car in the parking lot of Mercy Medical Center where she had just finished her shift as a radiology technician. The perpetrator negotiated with law enforcement for five hours on a rural road in Clinton County before committing suicide.
- 2/23/05 **Maria Antonia Rivero**, 34, Shot to death in **Muscatine** by Luis Gomez-Rodriguez, her estranged husband. The victim had left him in Florida and moved around the country with her new partner to avoid her husband. Her husband hired private detectives to find her. He came to her home heavily armed, shot her partner, chased her down the street and shot her. He was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder.
- 4/5/05 **Michelle Barnhart**, 45, Shot to death in **Muscatine** by Shawn Taylor, 38, a man she had been dating. He then drove to a State Park and committed suicide. Two daughters and a son survive her.
- 4/12/05 **Renee Walker**, 39, Shot to death in **Clinton** by her former husband, Marice Walker Sr. He also shot to death her current live-in partner, Steven Kersey, 32. Domestic abuse charges had been filed against the perpetrator a year earlier in relation to this victim. An adult daughter and eight minor children survive her. The perpetrator was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder
- 4/14/05 **Wendy Barnes**, 22, Stabbed to death in **Cedar Rapids** by Robert Stanley Davis, 26, who she lived with. She routed telephone calls from home for a New York firm. Her NY supervisor called Cedar Rapids Police April 15 for a welfare check. The victim had disappeared from her shift. She confided to the supervisor that she had problems with the perpetrator. The perpetrator was arrested at a bus station in Wyoming, charged with 1st degree murder, and convicted of 2nd degree murder.
- 5/16/05 **Laurie Reyes**, 41, Strangled with a lamp cord in **Marshalltown** by Pedro Perez, 39, the man she lived with. The victim's sister discovered her when she went to check on her welfare. He was found guilty of 1st degree murder.
- 5/20/05 **Marie Farrell**, 28, Beat and suffocated to death in **Oelwein** by Tonie Barrett, 40, who she had dated. The victim was low functioning and the perpetrator was a convicted sex offender. He believed she was dating another man. He and his twin brother moved the victim's belongings from her apartment after her death to make it appear she was moving. On June 28, the brother and his girlfriend told police that the perpetrator had buried the victim in Waterloo. The perpetrator then led the police to the victim's body. He was convicted of 1st degree murder.
- 6/19/05 **Jeanne Flaherty**, 48, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by James Samuel, 52, a man she had dated. There was a history of two reports of domestic abuse in the past six months made by the victim against the perpetrator. On the day of the murder, the victim went to the hospital with a black eye and swollen face. She reported that the perpetrator had hit her and told

her that he would kill her if she told the police. When he came to her home three hours later, she told him that she had reported the earlier abuse. He shot her in the head and then committed suicide.

8/4/05 **Darcie Scott**, 33, Killed in a deliberate car crash in **Des Moines** by Raymond Miller, 44, the man she lived with. The perpetrator chased the victim in her car with his car. She ran into a tree and he rammed her car two or three times from the rear. The back of her car was pushed flush with the rear window. Police freed her from the wreck, and she died later at the hospital. The perpetrator was found hiding under a car in a business district a few blocks from the scene of the crash. He was found guilty of vehicular homicide and leaving the crash scene.

8/18/05 **Debra Mead**, 46, Stabbed to death in **Davenport** by Daniel Dawson, 49, a man she lived with. She also had a head injury, bruised eye, and multiple old bruises covering her body. After he stabbed the victim, he called police and told them she was dying. The perpetrator had been arrested in the past for abusing the victim and had attended a Batterer Education Program. Two women he had been previously married to had divorced him due to domestic abuse. He was convicted of 2nd degree murder. She is survived by two grown sons and a grown daughter.

10/15/05 **Brenda Cuevas**, 39, Strangled and beat to death in **Eldora** by her husband Jess Espinoza Cuevas. He then burned their house down to the ground with her body still inside. He was convicted of 1st degree murder. Daughters, 8-year-old and 10-year-old survive her.

2004

01/06/04 **Alexis Jordan**, 16, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by Corara Lewis, 16, who she dated. The perpetrator and his sister reported that the teenagers were playing with the loaded gun when it fired. The victim died from a bullet to her head. The perpetrator was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

1/12/04 **Patricia Rapacki**, 43, Strangled to death in **Jessup** by Lynn Lamasters, 38, who she lived with. Patricia was reported missing by her former husband on 1/6/04 when she failed to pick up her daughter. She had last been seen between 12/27 12/29. On 1/6/04, the perpetrator led police on a high-speed chase in the victim's car which had the victim's purse and other belongings. While he was hospitalized for eight self-inflicted stab wounds, he gave law enforcement many false leads to Patricia's location. On the 3rd search of her home 1/12/04, law enforcement found her body in a locked basement freezer chest belonging to the Lynn. Patricia was leaving Lynn at the time of her death. She is survived by 3 & 10 year old daughters and 22 & 26 year old sons. Lynn was convicted of 1st degree murder.

1/14/04 **Sara Palumbo**, 26, Killed by forced drug intake in **North Liberty** by Erich Newton, 31, her fiancé. A man dropped Sara at an emergency room door and sped away. She died of drug overdose. Erich was charged with federal crimes including conspiracy to traffic a controlled substance causing a death and possession of a firearm after conviction of domestic abuse. He pled guilty in to one drug and one weapon charge. Sara is survived by her 8 year-old son and 2 month-old daughter.

2/01/04 **Michelle Streeter**, 33 Shot to death in **Sioux City** by Vaughn Brewer, 36, a man who she lived with. After shooting her in the back of the head, he committed suicide. She was in bed wearing her pajamas and he was in his clothes and winter coat. The victim's sister and brother-in-law found the bodies later in the day. She is survived by a 14-year-old son and a 10-year-old daughter who were not at home at the time of the murder/suicide.

- 3/20/04 **Janel Cadden**, 46, Killed in **Jefferson** by Jerry Murphy, 43. She lived with the perpetrator and his 16-year-old-son. The perpetrator had served time in prison for domestic abuse third offense against the victim. Her body was discovered in her home, but the cause of death has not been determined. The perpetrator was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and domestic abuse third offense. A grown daughter and a 16-year-old daughter survive her.
- 5/10/04 **Carole Zartman**, 32, Asphyxiated in **Dubuque** by Brett Zartman, 34, her husband. The police first investigated the death as a suicide because the victim was found in a closed garage in a running car. The investigation showed that the death was caused by asphyxia and was staged to appear as a suicide. It is unclear whether she died in or was moved to the car. The perpetrator was charged with first-degree murder and released on bail by his family. He committed suicide by asphyxiation before his trial and left notes about murdering his wife. Daughters, 2-month-old and 2 ½-year-old, and 4 and 8 year-old sons survive her.
- 5/23/04 **Sally Kennedy**, 46, Shot to death in **Council Bluffs** by Michael Gunther, 48, a man she had dated. Investigation of the Michael Zawodny murder in Omaha the same day, led police to the casino parking lot in Council Bluffs where Sally Kennedy's body was found shot multiple times. Zawodny and Gunther both worked for the victim who was the owner of a traveling carnival. The perpetrator was charged with and convicted of both murders. Friends said that the victim, who lived in Climbing Hill, Iowa, had been attempting to end her relationship with the perpetrator and fire him. The victim is survived by a daughter, 18, and a son, 16.
- 6/19/04 **Linda McQuerrey**, 60, Stabbed to death in **Des Moines** by Hubert Hardesty, 64, a man who she had dated. Her body was found near an observatory in Jasper County where he killed her or took her body after her death. The perpetrator was convicted of 1st degree murder.
- 8/1/04 **Angela Unger**, 26, Killed in **Des Moines** by Adrien Unger, her estranged husband with an overdose of oxycontin. The perpetrator was visiting the victim at her mother's home, where she lived. He stated that he gave her four to eight times the dose of oxycontin normally prescribed and it interacted with her Prozac to cause her death. The victim's brother stated the couple had "broken up" seven months earlier and that the perpetrator knew she was dating an old boyfriend. When police charged him with involuntary manslaughter and delivery of a controlled substance, he was in the county jail charged with failure to register as a sex offender. A 4-year-old daughter survives her. He was convicted of a controlled substance offense and given a 10-year sentence. The involuntary manslaughter charge was dismissed
- 11/14/04 **Rogena Fisher**, 48, Stabbed to death in **Des Moines** by Henry Clemons, 48, a man she dated off and on for three years. She had not been seen by her sister with whom she lived since the previous Thursday night when she went out with the perpetrator. The perpetrator was a homeless man who walked into the police station Sunday morning and told police he had stabbed the victim and discarded her body in a ditch southwest of town. She is survived by a grown daughter and three grandchildren. The perpetrator pled guilty to 1st degree murder.

2003

- 1/12/03 **Karen Kay Duncan**, 62, Shot to death in **Spencer** by her husband Harold Duncan, 71. He then shot himself in the face in a suicide attempt. The perpetrator was found guilty of 1st degree murder. Three adult daughters survive the victim.
- 7/28/03 **Shelly Razor-Markwell**, 36, Strangled to death in **Hiawatha** by Christopher Wheeler, 21, a

man she lived with. Her daughter found her the next morning on the floor of her bedroom with her legs under the bed. An 11-year-old-daughter and a 3-year-old-son who were at home at the time of the murder survive her. A 14-year-old-son who was at a friend's house also survives her. The perpetrator was convicted of first-degree murder.

8/6/03 **Lisa Jo Hering**, 41, Shot to death in rural **Stockton** by her husband David Hering, 42. The couple's four children and two visiting children were at the farm home at the time of the murder. The alleged perpetrator hid inside a hog shed and engaged in a three-hour gun battle with law enforcement. A tactical unit shot him in the leg as he ran for the farmhouse. Officers shielded and secured the safety of five children during the gun battle. They later found the sixth child inside the house. Daughters, 14, 11, and 10-years-old, and a 10-year-old son survive her. The alleged perpetrator was convicted of 1st degree murder.

8/15/03 **Dora Hernandez**, 21, Shot to death in **Denison** by Esteban Ramirez, 22, a man she had dated. She had ended the relationship. The alleged perpetrator came from his home in Nebraska and shot the victim in the parking lot of her workplace. He was found guilty of 1st degree murder.

8/20/03 **Marjorie Beck**, 43, Beaten to death with a brick in **Davenport** by Anthony Brown, 44, a man with whom she had lived. Her family reported her missing the day after she disappeared. The next day police found her body in a secluded back yard. The perpetrator admitted that he hit the victim in the head with a brick. A grown daughter, 13-year-old-daughter, and 11-year-old-son survive her. The perpetrator was charged with 1st degree murder and convicted of 2nd degree murder.

9/05/03 **Cynthia Johnson**, 19, Stabbed to death in **Ankeny** by the father of her son, Joel Kramersmeier, 24. A person in Waukee where the victim lived reported a distraught man traveling with a child and woman around midnight. At 1:00 AM, a convenience clerk in Ankeny reported that a man in the alleged perpetrator's car had threatened to cut his throat. At 1:30 a driver reported the victim's body lying by Interstate 35, about the same time law enforcement detained the alleged perpetrator. He had left the child at a relative's home before being stopped. A 2-year-old-son survives her. The perpetrator was convicted of 1st degree murder.

10/18/03 **Rachel Fischer**, 22 Shot to death in **New Hampton** by Rick Allen Devries, 39, a man with whom she lived. The perpetrator went to a neighboring farmhouse with a gunshot wound to the chest. The victim's body was later found at their farmhouse. A two-year-old daughter survives her. The perpetrator was charged with 1st degree murder and pled guilty to 2nd degree murder.

10/26/03 **Tina Conde**, 24, Reported shot to death in **Mexico** after being taken from **Estherville** by her husband, Lobo Conde on 10/16/03. She thought they were moving to Michigan where her son would later join them. Her daily calls home abruptly stopped on 10/26/03. The family said she sounded drugged and confused on the phone. She told family that she thought they were traveling the wrong direction. Her body was discovered in Mexico. It is unknown which country the murder took place in. The reported perpetrator remains in Mexico and the countries have not decided what to do about charges. A six-year-old son survives her.

- 1/04/02 **Angela Devries-Woltjer**, 32, Shot to death in **Hampton** by her husband Gordon Woltjer, 37. He then committed suicide. The couple's 1½-year-old son witnessed the murder. Their 5 and 8-year-old daughters came from upstairs and witnessed the suicide.
- 2/23/02 **Rachael Talli**, 23, Shot to death in **St. Charles** in the presence of her 5-year-old son by Howard Iseton, 28, the man she lived with. After shooting the victim, the perpetrator sent the boy out of the house, set the house on fire, and committed suicide. The boy sat in his mom's car and watched the fire until police arrived an hour later. The tires on the car had all been slashed. Also killed in the fire was a 94-year-old woman who owned the home. The couple had been hired to care for the woman and had lived with her for about a year. The perpetrator's 8-year-old daughter was not home at the time of the murder-suicide.
- 8/01/02 **Melinda Persons-Termaat**, 44, Strangled to death in **Rock Valley** by Phil Termaat, 51, her estranged husband. An early morning jogger found Melinda among trees on a walking trail. Melinda had left her husband of 10 months in May after an assault. She lived in the local shelter for a month and had lived in her own apartment since June. She had a protection order on him and had filed for divorce. The day after the murder, he was scheduled to appear in court on domestic abuse charges from May. Phil Termaat was charged with 1st degree murder. He pled guilty to attempted murder and voluntary manslaughter. He was ordered to serve the 10-year and 25-year sentences consecutively and to pay \$150,000 restitution to the victim's estate.
- 9/13/02 **Michelle Richards**, 34, Shot to death in **Cedar Rapids** by Duane Richards, 28, her estranged husband. He then committed suicide. She had gone to their home with police and her sister to retrieve some belongings. When her husband would not let her into the home, she broke a window to enter. A dozen guns including assault rifles were found in the home by law enforcement after the murder-suicide. The perpetrator had filed for a protection order from the victim in July while they still lived together. He alleged that she was harassing him at home and work. A Linn county Judge rejected the request. The victim is survived by a 14 year-old son and a 10 year-old daughter.
- 10/22/02 **Amber Parks**, 20, Shot to death in **Council Bluffs** by John Higgins Jr., 17, a man she lived with. Neighbors had heard about an hour of loud argument, then a gunshot. The victim was seen shot and falling down a flight of stairs as the perpetrator fled the scene. The neighbors immediately called the police who found the perpetrator driving on the interstate. A friend who had come over to intervene in the argument drove the victim to the hospital where she died. Her 2 year-old-son survives her. He was asleep in his bedroom at the time of the murder. The perpetrator was charged with 1st degree murder and pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter, which carries a maximum sentence of 7 years.
- 10/26/02 **Sarah Harvey**, 19, Shot to death with a rifle in **Hospers** by John Turpin III, 20, a man she had dated. He was also the father of her child. One of his friends arranged for Sarah to go to the home knowing of the perpetrators murder plan. He was convicted of voluntary manslaughter. Sarah was shot in the bedroom of the perpetrator at his parent's home. His parents arrived home as he left and he told them he had murdered Sarah. As his mother tended to Sarah, he came into the bedroom, called to his mother, then shot and killed himself. Their 7 month-old-daughter survives them.
- 11/25/02 **Khieeda Brinson**, 29, Stabbed to death in **Des Moines** by her former fiancé, Andra (Anthony) Peterson, 40. He is the father of her youngest child. He claimed that he was in New York at the time of the murder but was found traveling east in Ohio on that same day. He hung himself in his Ohio jail cell the day before he was to be transported to Des Moines and charged with 1st degree murder. Two sons 11 and 1 years old, and a 5 year-old daughter survive the victim. The children were in school and day care at the time of the murder.

2001

6/15/01 **Kathleen Gillen**, 37, Strangled and beat to death in **Waterloo** by Jerry Lee Michael Newell, 42, the man she lived with. He was convicted of 1st degree murder 3/3/03. She is survived by a 2 month old son.

07/08/01 **Joni Manning**, 42, Beaten to death in **Fort Dodge** by Mark Wilson, 42, a man she had lived with and dated for eight months. She was found dead by her son on her bedroom floor with her hands bound. The perpetrator took her car and was at large until August 11, 2009 when he turned himself in to California authorities. He was found guilty of 1st degree murder in March 2010. Joni is survived by five children ages 7, 10, 15, 20, and 26.

07/09/01 **Angela Hyke**, 25, Strangled to death in **Cresco** by Clay Thomas, 25, a man she had dated for about one month. He strangled her 8 year-old-daughter to death. He then stole her car and drove the bodies to Missouri where he and his wife buried them in a ditch. The perpetrator's wife told authorities where to find the bodies. The perpetrator was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder.

8/27/01 **Leticia Aguilar**, 31, Stabbed and beat to death in **Sioux City** by Adam Moss, 23, who she lived with. He also killed her 12 and 7 year-old daughters and her 11, 9, and 6 year-old sons. The children were killed in their sleep by hammer blows to their heads. The victim died from hammer blows to the head and a knife wound to her neck. He put a note on the front door that they had gone on vacation. Their childcare provider discovered the bodies of the six victims on 8-30-01. The defendant pled guilty to seven counts of 1st degree murder.

9/07/01 **Stephania Bojdol**, 45, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by her estranged husband Janusz Bojdol, 46. She had had a protection order filed on the perpetrator since July. He came to her home with a shotgun after getting off of the night shift at work. The victim told her 15-year-old-daughter to leave and call the police. When police arrived, the perpetrator had shot the victim in the head, set fire to the house, and committed suicide. In addition to their 15 year-old, a 22-year-old son and a 24-year-old daughter survive her.

9/23/01 **Keo Gail Pittman**, 33, Stabbed to death in **Storm Lake** by her husband George Pittman Jr., 33. He stabbed her in their bedroom. He was charged with murder. The perpetrator was released early from an Iowa prison on September 19. He was scheduled for release October 19. The perpetrator was serving a sentence for terrorism that resulted from threats he made against witnesses in a courtroom in 1999. The victim is survived by 4 children ages 2 to 10 who were present in the home at the time of the murder. The perpetrator was found guilty of first-degree murder.

10/06/01 **Pamela Hansen Schrier**, 51, Shot to death in **Stuart** by her husband Richard Schrier, 71. They had been married for two weeks and were in the process of moving from Fontanelle to Casey in Iowa. They were visiting friends in Stuart when the perpetrator shot the victim and then committed suicide.

2000

2/06/00 **Jane Ruby** 45, Stabbed to death in **Creston** by the man she lived with, Barry Chubbick Jr., 35. She had gone to the home with her 23-year-old daughter to retrieve her belongings after leaving him. He also stabbed her daughter in the leg. He was charged with 1st degree murder and pled guilty to 2nd degree murder.

2/16/00 **Lida Jones** 37, Strangled to death in **Des Moines** by the man she lived with, James Clemons,

33. The couple had a 3 year-old daughter. He was charged with 1st degree murder, convicted of willful injury and voluntary manslaughter, and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

4/16/00 **Cora Ann Okonski**, 23, reportedly murdered in **Tama** by Tait Purk, 34. Cora reportedly left home the evening to go to the store and did not return. She was reported missing by Purk. After 16 years, information was received by authorities to open a cold case in her disappearance. State and local authorities convened a grand jury with additional evidence. The jury returned an indictment for Purk. He has been charged with first degree murder and awaits trial.

5/28/00 **Roberta Abernathy**, 22 Shot to death in **Belle Plaine** by Ricardo Jackson Jr. 25, who she previously dated. The perpetrator broke into her trailer and waited for her with a sawed-off shotgun. He shot and killed Jerry Williams, a man dating Roberta, then committed suicide. A 2-year-old daughter, present in the room where the murders took place survives her. Jerry's 9-year-old niece was also present at the murders and ran next door to call police. Roberta was six months pregnant.

6/17/00 **Shelley Westlund**, 56, Shot to death in **Urbandale** by her husband, Larry Westlund, he said that she abused him and attacked him with a knife. Several knives were found on the person of the perpetrator and none were found on the body of the victim who was shot multiple times as she entered the front door of their home. He was convicted o 1st degree murder. He died in prison.

6/20/00 **Nancy Sinnard**, 39 Shot to death in **Knoxville** by her former husband Randy, 40. He went to her home on their child's 16th birthday and shot her in the pelvis and chest, then committed suicide. Sons, 16 and 11-year-old, and an 18-year-old daughter survive her.

7/12/00 **Chung Thi Lee**, 43 Stabbed to death in **Sioux City** by the man she lived with, Thuyet Van Nguyen, 47. Sons, 11 and 18-year-old, survive her. He was charged with 1st degree murder. He was convicted of voluntary manslaughter, attempted murder, willful injury, and assault with intent to commit serious injury. He was sentenced to 67 years in prison.

9/7/00 **Carla Wehrle**, 41 Shot to death in **Burlington** by her former husband Mark, 43. He left a suicide note at his own residence, then went to her home and shot her with a .38-caliber handgun. Their son found the note at his father's house and called his mother. He then left to go to her home. The murder-suicide happened between the time he talked with her and his arrival at her home. Daughters, 21 and 16-years-old, and an 18 year-old son survive her.

9/14/00 **Joann Thomann**, 68 Shot to death in **Agency** by her husband Dean Thomann, 73 with a .22 caliber handgun. He called the police and then committed suicide. Three grown daughters survive her.

10/06/00 **Karon Eckert**, 57, Shot to death while she hung clothes out on the line in **Carson** by her estranged husband Gary Eckert, 63. He then committed suicide. She had filed for divorce. Daughters, 37, 36, and 7-years-old survive her.

1999

1/9/99 **Angela Holland** 25, Shot to death in **Estherville** by her husband, Donald Holland, 30, who then attempted suicide but survived. Angela was four months pregnant and holding her infant son when shot in the head. Her 5 year-old son called police from the neighbor's house. Police rescued her 18-month-old son who was trapped under her body. Her 4 year-old

daughter also witnessed the murder. Donald was charged with 1st degree murder, but committed suicide prior to trial.

2/14/99 **Dolores "Toni" Martinez Hornung** 48, Shot to death in **Keokuk** by Lewis Ray Greer, 33, a man she was dating. He was acquitted of 1st degree murder. An adult daughter and an adult son survive her.

3/17/99 **Anna Keosay** 35, Shot to death in **Sargeant Bluff** by her husband, Sounthaly Keosay. He also shot to death Ammy Douangsibounthan, his 15-year-old stepdaughter. He then committed suicide. Sounthaly had been charged one month earlier of sexually abusing Ammy.

4/4/99 **Pamela Donahue** 46, Shot to death in **West Des Moines** by her estranged husband, Michael Donahue, 41. He also shot and killed Helenjane Rasmussen, 67, Pamela's mother, then committed suicide. Pamela had a protective order and divorce proceedings starting 4/5/99. Michael was arrested for domestic abuse in 8/97 and found not guilty 1/98. Their children, sons 12, 11, and 10 year-old, and a daughter 2-year-old were home during the shootings. Her son called 911.

7/11/99 **Sharon Sydness** 60, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by Carroll Sydness, 58, her husband. She had talked with him about ending the marriage. They argued on the day of the murder and she left home. When she returned hours later, he was waiting and shot her. He went to the jail the next morning and turned himself in. A grown son survives her. Carroll was convicted of 1st degree murder.

9/29/99 **Rebecca Paulson** 43, Shot to death in **Coulter**, where she was Mayor, by Delbert Paulson, her estranged husband. He then committed suicide. They separated three weeks earlier. She filed for divorce on 9/27/99. Sons 17 and 20 years-old from a previous marriage survive her. Her youngest son found the bodies.

1998

1/1/98 **Mai Chao (Lee) Vang** 28, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by Young Lee, 37, her estranged husband. He then committed suicide. The victim had seen an attorney about divorcing the perpetrator. Their 11-year-old daughter found their bodies and called police. Also surviving are 9 and 1 year-old daughters and 11, 4 and 3 year-old sons. Four of the children were home at the time of the murder/suicide.

1/02/98 **Kelsey Bitting**, 20, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by Bobby Joe Morris, 31, her husband of a few weeks and Courtney Nelson who helped him. Kelsey left Bobby the day before the murder and was at her mother's home. Bobby slashed her mom's car tires before the slaying and tried to enter the apartment. After he left, Kelsey, her daughter, her mother, and a friend went to the parking lot. Kelsey was shot as she sat in her vehicle. A 2 year-old daughter survives her. Bobby was convicted of 1st degree murder. Courtney Nelson, 16, was convicted of assault with intent to commit serious injury.

1/29/98 **Linda Frahm**, 47, Shot to death in **Prescott** by her estranged husband, Henry Frahm. He then set her house on fire, went to his recently deceased mother's home in Nebraska and committed suicide. The victim had filed for divorce. A 17-year-old son survives her. A fire in Orient on the same day at the home of a male friend of the victim is suspected related to the murder.

3/30/98 **Michelle Ann Gibson**, 22, Beat to death in **Gowrie** by the Randy Allen Zaabel, 26, the man she

lived with. Michelle was 6 months pregnant. He was convicted of 2nd degree murder and non-consensual termination of pregnancy.

- 4/13/98 **Susan John**, 20, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by Darrel Miller, 24, a co-worker who she had dated. He set her home on fire and then drove Susan's car to his home, shot his mother and sister to death, set fire to their home, and committed suicide.
- 6/24/98 **Maribeth Schwark**, 56, Shot to death in **Conrad** by her husband Jerry Schwark, 57. He then committed suicide. A grown daughter survives her.
- 8/24/98 **Ruth Ann Downing**, 30, Beat to death in **Cedar Rapids** with a baseball bat after an attempted rape by her estranged husband Scott Allen Downing, 32. He had drugged their children so that they would not hear the crime. He strangled their 7-year-old daughter, Cassie, to death and pushed her head into the toilet and attempted to strangle and drown their 4-year-old daughter Abbie. He threw her in the river where she was found wandering near a dam. Ruth had gone to Scott's home to pick up the children after visitation with their father. He was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder and one count of attempted murder. He committed suicide by hanging himself in prison in August 1999.
- 8/31/98 **Ana Laticia Quezada**, 29, Shot to death in **West Liberty** by Estevan Marroquin, 32, the man who she lived. He then committed suicide. Police were called about a disturbance by neighbors and found the murder/suicide upon arrival.
- 9/04/98 **Jean Steele**, 46, Beat to death with an iron skillet in **Sioux City** by the man she lived with, Robert R. Butler, 47. He was charged with 1st degree murder. In April 2000, he pled guilty to willful injury, assault while participating in a felony resulting in serious injury, and going armed with intent.
- 9/18/98 **Gwendolyn Wilson**, 36, Shot to death in **West Okoboji** by her estranged husband, Jerry Wilson, 37. He also killed their 7-year-old daughter, Brittany, and then committed suicide. The victim and perpetrator were living apart and a divorce was pending. There was past domestic abuse reported to law enforcement.
- 12/03/98 **Deborah Wright** 32, Shot to death in **Evansdale** by her estranged husband Glen Wright, 71. He then committed suicide. The couple had separated and the crime occurred in her home. Surviving is a 10-year-old son.

1997

- 1/19/97 **Jennifer Caskey**, 19, Stabbed to death in **Sioux City** by Fabian Andrade, 28, a man she had dated. He then stabbed the man she was currently dating. The perpetrator was convicted of 1st degree murder and attempted murder.
- 2/03/97 **Marguerite Kirkpatrick**, 58, Reported beat to death with an iron bar in **Council Bluffs** by her husband Robert Kirkpatrick, 58. Her body was discovered three days later when her husband called police to the home. He told them that he had attempted suicide and that his wife was upstairs. They had one grown child together and she had two additional grown children. He was hospitalized with terminal cancer immediately after the murder and was never charged with a crime.
- 2/19/97 **Linda Trenkle**, 47, Beat to death with a hammer in **Creston** by Rick Bird, 49, a man she had lived with. Two weeks earlier she had gone to his home accompanied by law enforcement to retrieve her possessions. On the day she died, she returned without law

enforcement to get more of her property. Two grown sons survive her. The perpetrator was convicted of 1st degree murder.

4/11/97 **Faith Nylin**, 21, Stabbed to death in **Clinton** by Jeremy Harris, 25, who she had dated. He put her body in a closet. He then kidnapped another woman assaulted her in a cemetery and kept her in handcuffs for two days in the room where he had killed Faith. He committed suicide in front of police when they confronted him in his car.

9/26/97 **Erin Miller-Darnall**, 26, Beat and strangled to death in **Shellsburg** by her estranged husband, Kent Darnall, 31. He was charged with 1st degree murder on July 17, 1999. He pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and to being a habitual offender. Two minor sons survive her.

9/27/97 **Frances Bloomfield**, 57, Allegedly strangled to death in **Iowa City** by her husband John Bloomfield, 56 at the time. Her body was found in a ditch in Rockford, IL bound in garbage bags and duct tape. The case became a cold case when no evidence could connect Mr. Bloomfield to the murder. In November of 2013, John Bloomfield was arrested for the murder after forensic evidence connected him to the ligatures used to bind her. Mr. Bloomfield died before he could stand trial for her murder.

11/6/97 **Denise Dallner**, 19, Shot to death in rural **Ottumwa** by Christopher Adams, 24, who she was dating. He then committed suicide. He shot her in each thumb, then in the back of her head as she got out of his vehicle.

12/20/97 **Rachel Boer**, 24, Shot to death by Darin Burck, 31, a man she had dated "off and on" for six years in **Oskaloosa**. He locked them in the bathroom of her apartment and shot her then committed suicide. Witnesses reported he had threatened her over the past month and he had been pursuing her. He was turned away from a party she was at the night of the murder. Police were in the hallway of her apartment at the time of the murder, coming to respond to a neighbor's call about a fight.

1996

2/25/96 **Janice Kay Crispin**, 53, Shot to death by William Heskett, a man she lived with in **Des Moines**. She had asked him to leave their home. After the shooting he set fire to the house in an asserted suicide attempt. She is survived by two sons and a daughter, all grown. The perpetrator was convicted of 1st degree murder.

4/10/96 **Khong Sengaroun**, 31, Shot to death in **Storm Lake** by Paeng Sengaroun, her estranged husband. He also killed her father. A 14 year-old daughter and a 9 year-old son found her within minutes of the crime and survive her. The perpetrator was convicted on two counts of 1st degree murder.

6/18/96 **Kathryn Rowley**, 44, Beat to death in **Webster City** by Steven Rowley, her estranged husband. She had separated from him and moved from Lehigh to Webster City. He was living with her at the time of the murder. She is survived by a grown son and 4 year-old granddaughter. He was found guilty of 2nd degree murder.

6/20/96 **Elizabeth Luna-Todd**, 35, Shot to death in **Indianola** by her husband, Christopher Todd. He then committed suicide. She is survived by a 15 year-old daughter and an 11 year-old son. During the crime the daughter tried to shield her mother from the gunshots. Both children witnessed the murder and suicide.

- 7/25/96 **Jillene Long**, 41, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by her estranged husband, Gerald Long. He had shot at the victim a week earlier then sought psychiatric in-patient services. He was discharged from one hospital and sent to another for a chemical dependency assessment. The first hospital failed to notify the victim of his release as promised. The perpetrator walked away from the second hospital. He went to her home, waited for her to return that evening, and shot her multiple times. Jillene filed for divorce the day before she was murdered. An adult daughter survives her. Gerald was found guilty of 1st degree murder. The conviction was overturned and a new trial ordered. He died of cancer prior to retrial.
- 11/06/96 **DeLane Buttz**, 38, Shot to death in **Ankeny** by Larry Buttz, her husband. He also shot to death their children, 12 year-old Lindsey and 15 year-old Ryan. He then committed suicide.
- 11/04/96 **Krista Rankin**, 34, Shot to death in **Gilbert** by Daniel Hillock, her husband. He then committed suicide. Her 12-year-old daughter was present at the time of the murder-suicide and called law enforcement from the neighbor's home.
- 12/26/96 **Sandra Keyes**, 26, Burned to death in **Springville** by her husband, Stephen Keyes, who burned down their home. Also killed was their 2 year-old son Joshua. Their 8-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter escaped the fire. The perpetrator was convicted of 1st degree murder.

1995

- 2/27/95 **Melissa Morrison**, 35, Shot to death by her husband in **West Liberty**. He committed suicide. She is survived by three sons.
- 3/02/95 **Vicki Kimball**, 30, Beaten to death by her husband, Daniel Duane Kimball in **Creston**. He was convicted of 2nd degree murder and willful injury.
- 3/04/95 **Alicia Hawkins**, 21, Stabbed to death in bed in **Marion** by Michael Couser, who she dated. He stabbed himself but survived the wound. He maintained that he and she had agreed to commit suicide. He was convicted of voluntary manslaughter.
- 3/05/95 **Gail Marshall**, 35, Shot to death by a man she was dating in **Davenport**. He then committed suicide.
- 8/06/95 **Kristin Tyrell**, 41, Shot to death by her estranged husband in **Underwood**. He then committed suicide. She had filed for divorce and requested a protection order. He also shot and injured an elderly man who lived in her home.
- 11/08/95 **Janine Venzke**, 47, Beat and strangled to death in **Independence** by her estranged husband of 23 years, Gary Venzke. He was a child psychologist at the Iowa Mental Health Institute. She is survived by 17 and 19 year old sons. He was found guilty of 1st degree murder.
- 11/10/95 **Lucille Rankin**, 41, Shot to death by her estranged husband, an attorney in private practice in **Des Moines**. He then committed suicide.
- 12/03/95 **Debbie Slycord**, 33, Shot to death by her husband in **Pella**. The perpetrator then committed suicide.

12/20/95 **Angela Marie (Wilson) Xayavong**, 24, Shot to death by her estranged husband in **DeSoto** on their son's birthday. She had filed for divorce. He also killed their 4-year-old son and then committed suicide.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE DIVISION
IOWA MEN MURDERED BY THEIR INTIMATE PARTNERS
General Analysis of Cases***

36 IOWA MEN HAVE BEEN KILLED IN DOMESTIC ABUSE MURDERS SINCE 1/1/95:

2 men were killed in 1995;	5 men were killed in 2007;
3 men were killed in 1996;	3 men were killed in 2008;
0 men were killed in 1997;	1 man was killed in 2009;
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2 men were killed in 2000;	0 men were killed in 2012;
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3 men were killed in 2002;	4 men were killed in 2014;
0 men were killed in 2003;	0 men were killed in 2015;
1 man was killed in 2004;	2 men were killed in 2016;
0 man was killed in 2005;	1 man has been killed in 2017.
1 man was killed in 2006;	

Perpetrators who killed men:

- 18 men were killed by a wife or former wife (4 women had accomplices: 1 woman, 5 men)
- 1 man was killed by a woman with whom he had a child;
- 7 men were killed by women they lived with;
- 11 men were killed by a woman they had dated.

Perpetrator outcomes

- 2 women committed suicide;
- 32 women were found guilty of homicide or other crimes;
- 1 woman was acquitted of 1st degree murder;
- 5 men were convicted of homicide;
- 3 women were not charged;
- 2 women have charges pending.

Relationship ended:

- 9 men were **known** to have left, been leaving, or been left by the partner.

Method of homicide:

- 18 men were shot to death;
- 3 men were beat to death;
- 15 men were stabbed to death;
- 1 man was administered an overdose of medication;
- 1 man was strangled.

Child survivors of the men:

- 42 daughters and sons survive the victims;
- 22 children were minors at the time of the murder;
- 10 minor children were present at the time of the murder.

Other persons killed in the crime: None

* This data is limited to current public information from the Crime Victim Compensation Program, a domestic abuse program, law enforcement, a prosecutor's office, or the media.

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2017

01/02/17 **Andre Brown**, 52, reported stabbed to death by his girlfriend, Helen Frazier, 52, in **Des Moines**. Authorities responded to their home reporting a stabbing had occurred. The initial report stated that another person had confronted Andre regarding money that was owed to him. Upon further investigation, the police discovered the alleged suspect was cleared and Frazier was arrested. Frazier has been charged with first degree murder and is awaiting trial.

2016

01/04/16 **Gary Breckenridge**, 72, reported beaten to death in **Dubuque** by Dolores Flynn, 62, his ex-wife whom he lived with at the time. The neighbors reported an argument between the two with loud verbal discussion. When the police arrived they found Gary dead in the apartment and Flynn was a short distance away at an area laundromat. The police recovered a baseball bat they believe was used in the murder. Flynn has been charged with second degree murder and awaits trial.

10/21/16 **Harland Cummings**, 36, reported shot to death by his wife, Candace Cummings, 35, in **Ames**. Candace reportedly shot Harland in his sleep. Their two children were sleeping in the home at the time. Harland is survived by two minor children. Cummings has been charged with first degree murder and awaits trial.

2015

No men were murdered in an intimate partner homicide in 2015

2014

3/3/14 **Steven Fisher**, 20. Bludgeoned to death on March 3, 1983 – note this is included in 2014 as the arrest of the offender happened this year. The victim's body was found on a ranch where he worked in **Jasper County**. His body was so severely beaten that it had to be identified by dental records. It was determined by an FBI profiler that the crime was definitely a crime of passion from someone that was very angry. The victim was separated from his wife and had started dating a new woman, Melisa Gregory, 17. Both Steven and his girlfriend were found beaten to death. This became a cold case in Iowa as they didn't have enough evidence to charge anyone. Thirty-one years to the exact date the bodies were found, the victim's estranged wife was charged with two counts of first degree murder because of new evidence.

4/23/14 **Steven Malson**, 56, shot to death in **Bedford** by his wife Cindy Malson and his son Zachary Malson. Police were called by Zachary to the home reporting a struggle with a gun that was discharged hitting Steven in the head. Steven died after being airlifted to the hospital. Cindy and Zachary were charged with 1st degree murder. Charges have been dismissed against Cindy. Zachary pled guilty to two counts of willful injury and was sentenced to 25 years in jail. Steven is survived by two adult daughters.

5/31/14 **Jerry Brueggeman**, 36, strangled to death in **Des Moines** by his girlfriend Stephanie Moses. Police were dispatched to a Des Moines motel for an unresponsive male. There they found

Brueggeman deceased. The motive has not been established and Moses has been charged with first degree murder. Moses pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter.

7/4/14 **Douglas Richt**, 52, stabbed to death in **Council Bluffs** by his estranged girlfriend Jodie Sherman. Police were called to a home where Jodi was staying due to a victim of a stabbing . Witnesses report that Richt pulled up to the house and Sherman entered the vehicle. A short time later, Richt stumbled from the car and asked for help and collapsed on the porch of the front of the house. Richt died after being transported to the hospital. Sherman was charged with 1st degree murder and willful injury. Sherman was found guilty of murder in the second degree. She awaits sentencing. Douglas Richt is survived by two adult daughters.

12/7/14 **Jack Duane Dennis**, 68, reported shot to death in **Des Moines** by his live in girlfriend Pamela Bullington. Police were called to a home after receiving a 911 call from Bullington stating that she shot him after he punched her in the face. She has been charged with first degree murder and awaits trial. Jack Dennis is survived by an adult daughter.

2013

3/25/13 **Keon Dale**, 38, stabbed to death in **Waterloo** by his estranged girlfriend Kristie Clark-Richardson, 35. Police were dispatched to a home for a domestic disturbance where they found Dale with stab wounds. Clark-Richardson also called police to report an assault and multiple strangulation attempts by Dale. Dale was pronounced dead at the scene. At trial Clark-Richardson was acquitted of all murder charges.

9/29/13 **John Ladale Bass**, 29, stabbed to death in **Waterloo** by his girlfriend Keisha Magee, 39. Police were dispatched to a home after a domestic disturbance and stabbing. During the altercation, Magee stabbed Bass in the chest. Bass transported to the emergency room where he died of his wounds. Magee pled guilty to 2nd degree murder and was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

2012

No men were murdered in an intimate partner homicide in 2012

2011

4/03/11 **Terry Sauser**, 59, Shot to death in **Ryan** by his wife Revette Sauser, 42. Police were dispatched to the home of the victim after a 911 call reporting someone had been shot. Upon arrival the victim was found to have suffered a gun shot wound to the chest. The perpetrator had made several allegations on her Facebook page in the days leading up to the shooting alluding to "fighting" in the home and stating she was going back to Illinois to live. The offender has been convicted of voluntary manslaughter-10 years, kidnapping 2nd degree-25 years, going armed with intent-5 years. Terry is survived by three adult children and one grandchild.

2010

2/28/10 **Levi Hofer**, 50, Shot to death in **Rock Rapids** by the woman he lived with, Laura Lowe, 51. They argued and drank alcohol all day with a third person who lived in the basement of their home. Levi retrieved a .22 rifle from the basement of the home. He and Laura struggled for control of the rifle. He pulled it from her hand causing a significant cut. She turned her back to him to wash her injury when he hit her in the head with the butt of the rifle. She took the rifle from him and held it under her arm with the barrel facing away from her. The struggle for the rifle resumed. Laura pushed Levi away from her and shot him in the head. When police came, she and the third person in the house reported that Levi had shot himself. She pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 5 years in prison. Levi is survived by a 16 year old daughter, adult daughter, and adult son.

6/15/10 **Michael Monegro Reyes**, 27, Stabbed to death in **Muscatine** by his wife, Alishia Taylor, 25. Four people were in the home where Michael and Aleshia were staying with her sister. Michael became angry, got a knife from the kitchen, and threatened the other three. He began to beat his wife. When her sister intervened, he began beating the sister. Aleshia thought Michael still had the knife which he had actually dropped. Believing her sister's life was in danger, Alishia stabbed Michael three times in the back. Michael had a long history of arrest for domestic abuse. He recently was released after 19 months in an Ohio prison for assault on an officer who was responding to a domestic abuse call. Three children were in the room during the fight and the stabbing, including Michael and Aleshia's daughter. One child called police. The investigation concluded that Alishia was defending herself and her sister. No Charges were filed. Michael is survived by their minor daughter.

11/14/10 **Douglas Brake**, 19, Stabbed to death in **Hamburg** by Jennifer Tierney, 17, his girlfriend, and Cayla Binder, 18. The three were arguing in a parking lot when he was stabbed. Cayla Binder pled guilty to Accessory After the Fact and Going Armed with Intent. Jessica Tierney was tried as an adult and was convicted of voluntary manslaughter.

2009

9/19/09 **Curtis Bailey**, 33, Beat to death in **Marengo** by Denise Frei, 43, his common-law-wife, along with her son, Jacob Hilgendorf, 19, and his friend Jessica Dayton, 19. The three had planned the murder for a week. Denise was to get Curtis drunk and when he passed out, she would suffocate him with plastic wrap. While the three were wrapping his head and hands with plastic wrap, he woke up and struggled. Jacob and Jessica hit him with glass and rock objects in the head at least 30 times. Denise called police and reported the death as a drug-deal gone-bad. Jacob and Jessica have been convicted of 1st degree murder. Denise has been convicted of 1st degree murder and sentenced to life in prison. Curtis is survived by a 14 year old son.

2008

3/5/08 **Anthony Castro**, 46, Stabbed to death in **Davenport** by a woman he had dated for two weeks. Vail Collins, 49. They had argued in his apartment. She stated that he punched her in the face after which she stabbed him multiple times. The perpetrator was charged with 1st degree murder, convicted of 2nd degree murder, and sentenced to 50 years in prison.

7/10/08 **Mauricio Droguett**, 52, Stabbed to death in **Davenport** by his former wife, Debi Joy Olson, 53. The victim and the perpetrator were both from Sarasota, Florida. He was an accountant for a traveling circus, which was set up at a Davenport mall. The stabbing took place in the mall. They had been married for 20 years and divorced a few years ago. Police in Eaton, Ohio had arrested the perpetrator ten days earlier for domestic battery and carrying a concealed weapon. She had hit him in the face with a hammer and was carrying two knives in a fairgrounds parking lot. The victim had filed restraining orders against his former wife in at least three states for stalking. He is survived by their adult daughter. The perpetrator pled guilty of 2nd degree murder with a 50 year prison sentence.

9/6/08 **Vernon Lumpkin**, 49, Stabbed to death in **Davenport** by Caroline Lumpkin, 47, his wife. They had moved to Davenport in 2003 to reunite after an 11 year separation. Police had been called six times in the past year for domestic abuse. In February 2006, the husband was charged and convicted of punching and choking his wife. He completed a batterer's education course. The wife was charged in June 2007 with hitting her husband in the head with a glass bottle. Her charges were dismissed. The day of the death, she called asking that a police squad car be sent to their home. Her husband told her she would be the one arrested. She

then stabbed him once in the chest and he died later at the hospital. She was charged with 1st degree murder and pled to attempted murder, willful injury causing serious injury, and going armed with intent. The charges respectively carry a sentence of 25, 10, and 5 years. The victim is survived by five children, ages 8 to 17. Three of the children were in the home at the time of the murder.

2007

1/5/07 **Allen Johnson**, 33, Stabbed to death in **Davenport** by Megan Price, 21, a woman he dated. The perpetrator stated the murder was self-defense to a history of domestic abuse, including an incident immediately prior to the stabbing. The reported perpetrator stated that the victim had hit her in the face several times. She was charged with voluntary manslaughter. Her first trial ended in mistrial when the jury failed to come to a verdict after deliberating for three days. She was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the second trial.

2/7/07 **Barry Blanchard**, 42, Shot to death with a rifle in **Muscatine** by Cathryn Linn, 43, a woman he dated. The perpetrator stated that she and the victim often had consensual violent sexual relations but she had not wanted to participate that night. She said that he abused her, she reached for a rifle, and it went off in the struggle shooting him in the chest. She called the police. She was found guilty of 1st degree murder.

5/28/07 **Michael Hill**, 30, Shot to death in **Pilot Mound** by his wife, Jessica Hill, 24, her lover, Daniel Blair, 26, and Blair's roommate, Aron Moss, 26. The victim was working on a farm when he called police to report that he had accidentally shot himself when he was attempting to shoot a dog. The victim later died and the investigation showed that he had been shot by another rather than accidentally shooting himself. Daniel Blair was convicted of 1st degree murder. Aron Moss was convicted of 2nd degree murder. Jessica Hill was convicted of 2nd degree murder. A 3-year-old son and a 4-year-old daughter survive the victim.

8/15/07 **Charles Denham**, 65 Shot to death in **Ottumwa** by Sheri Locke, 50, his business partner and woman he dated. He called the police and told them that she shot him on purpose in bed. Police found him outside his home shot six times and he died the next day. Sheri told police that she shot at an unknown intruder with a gun she kept in a bucket by her bed. She was acquitted of 1st degree murder. His wife, five grown sons, seven grown daughters, and 35 grandchildren survive him.

8/25/07 **Larry Brown**, 39, Stabbed to death in **Ames** by Catricia Shellburg, 33, the woman he lived. The perpetrator stabbed the victim in his hand earlier that day when he refused to give her money. They argued throughout the day. She stabbed him in the chest as he lay on a couch. She left and was found by police later in the day. Catricia was charged with 1st degree murder. She was convicted of 2nd degree murder and given a 50-year sentence. Three minor children survive him.

2006

5/15/06 **Leo Stanley Lyman**, 64, Shot to death in **Anthon** by his wife, June Betty Lyman, 63. The perpetrator had divorced her husband in 1998 and they remarried. They sold clothing made by the perpetrator from their home. The victim is survived by an adult son. The perpetrator called police to the home after the shooting and surrendered. She was charged with 1st degree murder. She was convicted of second-degree murder and received a sentence of 50 years in prison.

2005

No men were murdered by an intimate partner in Domestic Abuse homicide in 2005.

2004

7/11/04 **Frank Chiavetta**, 60, Killed with insulin injections in **Cedar Rapids** by his wife, Kim Chiavetta, 36. The perpetrator is a nurse. The victim had been given two doses of insulin and went into a coma. He died three days later. The perpetrator stated that she gave him a dose in the middle of the night, and then gave the second dose by mistake in the morning. She attempted suicide by overdose of prescription medication. She was convicted of 2nd degree murder.

2003

No men were murdered by an intimate partner in Domestic Abuse homicide in 2003.

2002

2/13/02 **Robert Taylor**, 28, Stabbed to death in **Independence** by a woman he had dated, Debra Wierck, 38. She was charged with 1st degree murder and convicted of voluntary manslaughter and assault while committing a felony.

3/30/02 **Jerry Walk**, 41, Shot to death in **Council Bluffs** by his estranged wife Tracy Walk, 30. The victim's wife had filed for divorce after he was charged with 2nd degree sexual abuse of her daughter. The perpetrator reported that the victim came to her home to ask her to reconcile, which she refused. She stated that she left the room, heard the gunshots, and called 911 reporting that the victim shot himself. The autopsy concluded that Jerry could not have self-inflicted all three shots to the chest, back of the head, and hip. In addition to a 13 year-old stepdaughter, the victim is survived by the couple's two daughters 9 and 1 years old. The perpetrator pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter.

8/29/02 **Scott Shanahan**, 40, Shot to death in **Defiance** by his wife Dixie Shanahan, 36. His body was discovered 10-21-2003 when the Shelby County Sheriff Office was asked to look into the victim's whereabouts. The couple had no relatives in town and neighbors assumed the victim had left town or gone into drug rehabilitation. The perpetrator led the community to believe her husband had left her. The husband was twice convicted of domestic abuse, once for hitting his wife in the head with a metal object and once for locking his wife and children in a closet until law enforcement broke in to let them out. The perpetrator had left him once and sought a protection order, which she later dropped. A 7-year-old son, 5-year-old daughter, and 8 month-old-child survive him. The perpetrator was charged with 1st degree murder and convicted of 2nd degree murder with a 50-year, mandatory 35-year serve sentence. After three years in prison the Governor commuted her sentence to 10-years mandatory serve sentence.

2001

1/16/01 **Larry Lee Curtis**, 57, Shot to death in **Centerville** by his common-law wife, Cheryl Watts Curtis, 40. There was a long history of domestic abuse and death threats committed by Mr. Curtis during the couple's 22-year relationship. He is survived by daughters 33, 31, and 16 years old and a 27 year old son. Cheryl Watts Curtis was not charged by the Grand Jury or the County Attorney.

12/12/01 **Richard Nelson**, 54, Stabbed to death in **Cedar Rapids** by his estranged wife, Phyllis Nelson,

54. The victim's wife had gone from her home in Iowa City to his home in Cedar Rapids early in the morning. She stabbed him with a kitchen knife once in the heart. She was charged with 1st degree murder and convicted of voluntary manslaughter. Two grown daughters survive him.

2000

1/24/00 **Deontrae Wise**, 22, Stabbed to death in **Waterloo** by his wife, Bonnie Jean Wise, 39. The perpetrator went to the house of the victim's female friend, slashed his tires and called him on a cell phone to come out. When he came out, she stabbed him. She was charged with 1st degree murder. She was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and received a 10-year prison sentence.

7/27/00 **Robert Willers**, 43, Stabbed to death in **Davenport** by Nancy Lee, 45, who he lived with "off and on" for 12 years. Neighbors and friends reported that the couple had a "rocky" relationship with occasional violent episodes. The perpetrator was charged with 1st degree murder. She was convicted of willful injury and voluntary manslaughter. She received a 10-year prison sentence for each count.

1999

2/26/99 **Daniel Webb**, 33, Shot to death in **New Hampton** by Jaqueline Goodman, a woman who he had dated. She was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and received a deferred judgment, 24 months probation, 100 hours of community service, and \$1,000 in court costs and fees.

1998

No men were murdered by an intimate partner in Domestic Abuse homicide in 1998.

1997

No men were murdered by an intimate partner in Domestic Abuse homicide in 1997.

1996

1/16/96 **Robert Foley**, 33, Shot to death by his wife in **Ottumwa**. She then committed suicide. The victim was in the process of filing for divorce.

2/14/96 **Larry Grove**, 29, Shot to death by a man who was hired by a woman he had dated in **Sigourney**. The woman was convicted of domestic abuse against the victim in November 1995. The victim had a no-contact order. The woman pled guilty to 2nd degree murder. The man was found guilty of homicide.

4/10/96 **Tracy Ash**, 38, Shot to death by his wife, Julia Ann Ash, in **Strawberry Point**. She committed suicide. The victim was police chief in Strawberry Point. Each had grown children.

1995

5/31/95 **Jerome Gordon**, 40, Shot to death by the ex-husband of the woman he lived with in **Davenport**. The woman and the shooter said that the victim had been abusing his former wife. The former wife and shooter were convicted of 2nd degree murder.

7/20/95 **Ronald Howell**, 36, Shot to death by Jill Waite, a woman with whom he had a child in common at her home in **Adel**. The perpetrator reported he had been breaking windows on her house and car and threatening her. Their 2 year-old-daughter was present at the time of the murder. Jill Waite was charged with 1st degree murder and convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

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**Bystanders Murdered: Related to Domestic Abuse of Intimate Partners
General Analysis of Cases***

54 IOWANS WERE BYSTANDERS KILLED IN DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES SINCE 1/1/95:

2 bystanders were killed in 1995;	0 bystanders were killed in 2011
5 bystanders were killed in 1996;	3 bystanders were killed in 2012
1 bystander was killed in 1997;	0 bystanders were killed in 2013;
6 bystanders were killed in 1998;	3 bystanders were killed in 2014;
2 bystanders were killed in 1999;	1 bystander was killed in 2015;
1 bystander was killed in 2000;	3 bystander were killed in 2016;
7 bystanders were killed in 2001;	0 bystanders have been killed in 2017.
1 bystander was killed in 2002;	
4 bystanders were killed in 2003;	
0 bystanders were killed in 2004;	
4 bystanders were killed in 2005;	
5 bystanders were killed in 2006;	
1 bystander was killed in 2007;	
7 bystanders were killed in 2008;	
0 bystanders were killed in 2009;	
2 bystanders were killed in 2010;	

Perpetrator's gender:

2 bystanders were killed by a woman;
56 bystanders were killed by men.

25 Adult bystanders were killed:

14 were killed by the husband/former husband of a female victim;
2 were killed by a male victim's former wife;
9 were killed by a woman's former date or live-in partner;
2 were killed by their son/brother after he killed a woman;
2 were killed by the intimate partner of a friend.

29 Child bystanders were killed:

17 children were killed by their father;
4 in-utero fetus were killed by their father;
1 child was killed by her stepfather;
6 children were killed by a man that lived with them and their mother;
1 child was killed by a man her mother was dating.

Method of homicide:

33 bystanders were shot to death;
4 bystanders were stabbed to death;
17 bystanders were strangled, beaten, or drowned to death;
2 bystanders were burned to death in their home;
1 bystander was killed in an intentional car crash.

Outcome for the killer's partner (primary domestic abuse victims):

34 men also killed (or attempted to kill) the primary targeted domestic abuse victim;
13 men and women did not kill the primary domestic violence victim

Perpetrator outcomes:

18 men committed suicide after the murder;

(3 men who are not counted on the women or men murdered lists)

27 men and women were convicted of homicide (25 men; 2 women);

(4 men not counted on women or men murder lists)

0 men or women are currently pending trial;

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2016

04/29/16 **Wanda Dowell**, 62, shot to death in **Danville** by Robert Inghram, 60, the estranged husband of her daughter. Wanda from Florida, was visiting her daughter. Inghram had just been charged with sexually abusing one of Wanda's granddaughters and was subject of a no-contact order. He entered the home and shot both Wanda and her daughter Tiffany Inghram.

10/29/16 **Melany Barraza**, 14, stabbed to death in **Perry** with a machete by her mother's boyfriend, Carlos Hernandez-Ventura, 25. Police responded to a report of a dead body and blood in a home. When officers arrived, they found Lourdes and her minor daughter Melany Barraza, dead of stab and slice wounds. Juan Jimenez Tejeda, 78 had also been wounded and he was airlifted to a Des Moines hospital where he later died of his injuries. Hernandez-Ventura surrendered himself to a police department in Morrison, IL. He was then arrested for first degree murder and found guilty of all three murders. He awaits sentencing.

10/29/16 **Juan Jimenez Tejeda**, 78, stabbed to death in **Perry** with a machete by her tenant's boyfriend, Carlos Hernandez-Ventura, 25. Police responded to a report of a dead body and blood in a home. When officers arrived, they found Lourdes and her minor daughter Melany Barraza, 14, dead of stab and slice wounds. Juan was alive and was airlifted to a Des Moines hospital where he later died of his injuries. Hernandez-Ventura surrendered himself to a police department in Morrison, IL. He was then arrested for first degree murder and found guilty of all three murders. He awaits sentencing.

2015

11/22/15 **Amber Fraaken**, 16, shot to death in **Des Moines** by Barney Fraaken, 47, her father. Fraaken shot her mother, Amy and then Amber. He then called 911 to report that he had shot them. When officers arrived, he had attempted to shoot himself but survived the wounds. He has recovered and been charged with two counts of first degree murder. He pled guilty to first degree murder of Amy Fraaken in exchange for dropping the murder charges against Amber. He was sentenced to life in prison.

2014

1/30/14 **Linda Huber**, 73, Shot to death in **Cedar Rapids**, by her daughter's husband, Robert Livingston, 47. Linda's daughter, Ingrid Huber Livingston, had moved in with her mother after separating from the offender. After shooting Linda, Robert Livingston turned the gun on himself and committed suicide. Her school aged granddaughters were in the house at the time of the shooting, but none were injured. One of the daughters contacted the police to report the shooting.

3/3/14 **Melisa Gregory**, 17. Bludgeoned to death on March 3, 1983 – note this is included in 2014 as the arrest of the offender happened this year. The victim's body was found on a ranch where her boyfriend Steven Fisher worked in **Jasper County**. It was determined by an FBI profiler that the crime was definitely a crime of passion from someone that was very angry. The victim was dating Fisher who was separated from his wife. Both Melisa and Steven were found beaten to death. This became a cold case in Iowa as they didn't have enough evidence to charge anyone. Thirty-one years to the exact date the bodies were found, the victim's estranged wife was charged with two counts of first degree murder because of new evidence.

11/25/14 **Shawonyta Marquis “Marq” Norman, Sr**, 38, stabbed to death by his sister’s boyfriend in **Waterloo**. Earlier in the evening, Marq’s sister was involved in a domestic disturbance with her boyfriend Martez Smith. Marq intervened in that domestic disturbance and was stabbed by Smith and later died from his injuries. Smith was convicted of first degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

2013

No bystanders were murdered in Domestic Abuse homicide in 2011.

2012

5/03/12 **Kay Straw**, 59, Shot to death in **Waterloo**, by her daughter’s fiancé, Kevin Ambrose, 33. Kay’s daughter, Marlene Buss, had received an order of protection earlier in the day and Kay was at the residence, assisting Buss in packing up her belongings so she could leave. The offender entered the property, allegedly pointed the gun at a male and pulled the trigger, but the gun malfunctioned. The offender then racked the slide, ejecting the jammed cartridge, continued into the house and shot both Kay and Marlene at point blank range. Marlene survived gunshot wounds to the abdomen, back and hip, but Kay was rushed to the hospital where she was pronounced dead. Several children were in the house at the time of the shooting, but none were injured. Ambrose was convicted of murder in the second degree and two counts of attempted murder and received life in prison plus 25 years for each count of attempted murder. Besides Marlene, Kay is survived by an adult son, two adult daughters, a step-son and three step-daughters.

5/26/12 **Baby Techel**, 17 week in-utero fetus, shot to death in **Agency**, by her father, Seth Techel, 21. After shooting his 17 week pregnant wife, the offender is reported to have called the police, concocting a home invasion story. The perpetrator was convicted of 1st degree murder and nonconsensual termination of a pregnancy after two trials resulted in hung juries. Techel was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

6/17/12 **Baby Vanlo**, 2 month in-utero fetus beaten to death in **Des Moines**, by her father, Raymond Benitez, . After beating his 2 month pregnant girlfriend to death, the offender reportedly fled the state. He was arrested in Texas while trying to cross the border into Mexico. The perpetrator was convicted in the death of the mother; however, charges were not filed for the death of Baby Vanlo.

2011

No bystanders were murdered in Domestic Abuse homicide in 2011.

2010

4/23/10 **Susan Overton**, 51, Shot to death in **Burlington** by her son-in-law, Len Painter, 42, who committed suicide in West Branch where he lived on 4/27/10. The victim moved into her daughter’s home shortly before the murder. Her 10 year old grandson found her body when he came home from school. Mutual domestic abuse protection orders had been filed by the victim’s daughter and her husband. He missed a 4/26/10 court date for charges he violated the protection orders. He complained to the local victim service agency that they should serve him as well as his spouse. Susan is survived by two grown daughters and four grandchildren.

6/11/10 **Heather Campbell**, 20, Shot to death in **Lake City** by Luke Schleisman, 20, the fiancé of a

friend. He also shot his fiancé, Paige Gallo, 19, to death then committed suicide. The perpetrator came to the home with a gun. Paige told Heather to leave, but she refused to leave them alone. The perpetrator had threatened to commit suicide in front of a previous girlfriend in April 2009. He was released from probation two months earlier related to a domestic abuse and weapon conviction with a former girlfriend. He threatened to make that girlfriend feel guilty by killing himself in front of her. He was barred from having guns, but had at least three in the house he shared with the victim.

2009

No bystanders were murdered in Domestic Abuse homicide in 2009.

2008

3/24/08 **Ethan Sueppel**, 10, Beat to death with a baseball bat in **Iowa City** by Steven Sueppel, 42, his father. The reported perpetrator also beat his wife, Sheryl Sueppel, 42, and other three children, Seth, 8, Mira, 5, and Eleanor, 3 to death. After the murders, he left phone messages for his father, brother, and employer. He left a lengthy letter to his family. A few hours later he unsuccessfully tried to drown himself in the river. He called 911 asking that police come to the home then left in the family's van. He crashed the van into an interstate structure killing himself.

3/24/08 **Seth Sueppel**, 8, Beat to death with a baseball bat in **Iowa City** by Steven Sueppel, 42, his father. The perpetrator also beat his wife, Sheryl Sueppel, 42, and other three children, Ethan, 10, Mira, 5, and Eleanor, 3 to death. After the murders, he left phone messages for his father, brother, and employer. He left a lengthy letter to his family. A few hours later he unsuccessfully tried to drown himself in the river. He called 911 asking that police come to the home then left in the family's van. He crashed the van into an interstate structure killing himself.

3/24/08 **Mira Sueppel**, 5, Beat to death with a baseball bat in **Iowa City** by Steven Sueppel, 42, her father. The perpetrator also beat his wife, Sheryl Sueppel, 42, and other three children, Ethan, 10, Seth, 8, and Eleanor, 3 to death. After the murders, he left phone messages for his father, brother, and employer. He left a lengthy letter to his family. A few hours later he unsuccessfully tried to drown himself in the river. He called 911 asking that police come to the home then left in the family's van. He crashed the van into an interstate structure killing himself.

3/24/08 **Eleanor Sueppel**, 3, Beat to death with a baseball bat in **Iowa City** by Steven Sueppel, 42, his father. The perpetrator also beat his wife, Sheryl Sueppel, 42, and other three children, Ethan, 10, Seth, 8, and Mira, 5 to death. After the murders, he left phone messages for his father, brother, and employer. He left a lengthy letter to his family. A few hours later he unsuccessfully tried to drown himself in the river. He called 911 asking that police come to the home then left in the family's van. He crashed the van into an interstate structure killing himself.

8/14/08 **Amelia "Mollie" Vasquez**, 60, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by Nath Inthaboun, 31. The perpetrator also shot to death his common law wife, Bounpanh (Bunni) Xayavongchanh. The victim witnessed the reported domestic murder as she drove by the scene of the crime. The perpetrator then engaged in a two hour stand-off with police with his children in the house. Police used stun grenades to disorient the perpetrator and rescued the children unharmed. The perpetrator was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder. Amelia is survived by her adult son.

10/17/08 **Bryce Mercer**, 24, of **West Des Moines**, Shot to death in rural Marshal County by Kyle Deemer, 27, the estranged husband of a woman he was dating. The offender also shot and killed Jessica Deemer, his estranged wife. Jessica called relatives as she and Mercer were chased and run off the highway by the offender. She had left him two months earlier due to a history of domestic abuse. She left town with Bryce Mercer 10/17 in anticipation of the offender perpetrator being served with divorce papers that weekend. The offender's guns had been confiscated because of domestic abuse. He was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder.

12/6/08 **Michael Odikiro**, 32, Stabbed to death in **Ames** by Atiba Spellman, 33, a man who lived with his friend. The perpetrator also stabbed to death Shakena Varnell, 34, who he had lived with off and on since 2000. The perpetrator was convicted of violating Shakena's domestic abuse protection order in 2001. He was arrested for trespassing on Mr. Odikiro's property in November 2008. Shakena's family reported that she was working to leave the perpetrator. The perpetrator was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder.

2007

4/30/2007 **Gregory Alan White**, 38, Shot to death in **Bayard** by Johnny Lee Johnson, the estranged husband of a woman he dated. The perpetrator also shot his estranged wife, Kimberly Johnson, 37, who had filed for divorce a month earlier. The 15-year old daughter of Kimberly and Johnny witnessed the shooting. The perpetrator was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder. The 16-year old son of the victim and the perpetrator was living with his father at the time of the murder and was not at the scene.

2006

1/6/06 **Evan Massey**, 4, Shot to death in **Wapello** by Kirk Massey, 25, his father. His father and mother had dated on and off for eight years and were engaged to be married. His grandfather stated that his father had moved out of the home a week earlier due to ongoing problems. The perpetrator also shot and killed Jessie Renae Smith, 22, the victim's mother. He then committed suicide. The perpetrator was a County dispatcher and jailer.

5/10/06 **Shawn Hayden**, 17, Shot to death in **Lemars** by his father, Tim Hayden, 39. The perpetrator also shot to death the victim's sister, Lindsay, 15 and his mother Marilyn Hayden, 37. The mother was shot in the garage. The children were shot in their beds. The perpetrator then committed suicide. A neighbor called police after seeing the mother's body through the window of a garage door. Both the front door of the house and the door between the garage and the house were barricaded with heavy furniture. The note left by the perpetrator said he did not want his children to live with his suicide.

5/10/06 **Lindsay Hayden**, 15, Shot to death in **Lemars** by her father, Tim Hayden, 39. The perpetrator also shot to death the victims brother Shawn, 17 and her mother Marilyn Hayden, 37. The mother was shot in the garage. The children were shot in their beds. The perpetrator then committed suicide. A neighbor called police after seeing the mother's body through the window of a garage door. Both the front door of the house and the door between the garage and the house were barricaded with heavy furniture. The note left by the perpetrator said he did not want his children to live with his suicide.

10/15/06 **Gregory Lewis Jr.**, 27, Stabbed to death in **Des Moines** by Ryan Mulcahy, 26, his sister's

boyfriend. The victim and his girlfriend were sitting in a car outside his sister's home and heard a fight inside. The victim's sister came from the home screaming that the perpetrator was pulling her hair out "like before." The victim went into the home with his sister and the perpetrator stabbed him in the arm and neck. The perpetrator was not charged with murder, but received 2 years probation for domestic abuse. Two daughters and a son, all minors, survive him.

10/22/06 **Baby Carmona**, 5-month in-utero fetus, beat to death in **Muscatine** by her father, Victor Seratto, 20. After beating Miriam Carmona, his 5-month pregnant estranged girlfriend, to death, he disposed of her body in Illinois. The perpetrator was charged with 1st degree murder, 1st degree kidnapping, and nonconsensual termination of a pregnancy. He was found guilty of 1st degree murder and nonconsensual termination of a pregnancy.

2005

2/23/05 **Julio Cesar Sarole-Sepero**, 41, Shot to death in **Muscatine** by Luis Gomez-Rodriguez, the estranged husband of Maria Antonia Revero, the woman he lived with. The woman left her husband in Florida with this victim. They moved around to avoid him. The perpetrator found them using private detectives. He came to their home heavily armed, shot the victim, and then chased his wife down the street, fatally shooting her. He was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder.

3-13-05 **Patricia Ann Baker**, 62, Shot to death in **Murray** by Kevin Vander Linden, 49, her former son-in-law. He came to the victim's home where she lived with her daughter, Debra Vander Linden, 41, who had divorced Kevin in December 2004. He shot through the front door with a rifle and said, "Somebody is going to die." As the women ran to a neighbor's home, he shot Patricia in the leg. She died on the porch of the other home. He then shot holes in the house where Debra was hiding. He returned to his mother-in-law's home and committed suicide. Police found suicide notes at his home. Debra had protection orders against Kevin since 2003. In one order, Debra stated that she didn't call police when he was abusive because he told her "he would get me for it and I believed him." Patricia is survived by two grown sons and two grown daughters, including Debra.

4/12/05 **Steven Kersey**, 32, Shot to death in **Clinton** by Marice Walker Sr., the former husband of his live-in partner. The perpetrator also shot to death Renee Walker, his former wife. Domestic abuse charges had been filed against the alleged perpetrator a year earlier in relation to his former wife. The female victim is survived by one adult daughter and eight minor children. The perpetrator was convicted of two counts 1st degree murder.

5/23/05 **Brenda Guyton**, 33, Shot to death in **Davenport** by Willie Haynes, 34, the father of her sister's child. The victim's sister was fearful after being abused by the perpetrator so the victim was staying with her. The perpetrator came to the home, shot the victim, then went upstairs and sexually abused her sister. He then committed suicide in front of his child. The sister then ran from the home with her 3 year-old child and a neighbor called police. The victim is survived by three minor daughters, a minor son, and a granddaughter for whom she was the guardian.

2004

No bystanders were murdered in Domestic Abuse homicide in 2004.

2003

2/17/03 **Jordan Walker**, 8, Strangled to death in **Dubuque** by his father, Michael Walker, 38, during visitation at his apartment. The father then suffocated his daughter Lindsay. Then he walked two blocks and attempted to kill their mother, Karen Walker, 34, by stabbing her more than 20 times. She was able to get to a phone and call the police. She survived the attack. Police found the perpetrator in a neighboring yard with blood on his clothing. The parents had been estranged for a year and were in the process of getting a divorce. Michael Walker was found guilty of two counts of 1st degree murder.

2/17/03 **Lindsay Walker**, 9, Strangled to death in **Dubuque** by Michael Walker, 38, her father, during visitation at his apartment. The father also suffocated his son Jordan. Then he walked two blocks and attempted to kill their mother, Karen Walker, 34, stabbing her more than 20 times. She got to a phone, called police, and survived. Police found the perpetrator in a neighbor's yard with blood on his clothes. The parents were estranged for a year and in the process of getting a divorce. He was found guilty of two counts of 1st degree murder.

6/15/03 **Tyra Marie Doherty**, 2 ½, Shot to death in **Greenfield** by her father Troy James Doherty. The perpetrator also shot Amanda Doherty, Tyra's mother, and she survived. He then committed suicide.

12/3/03 **Duncan Walker**, 30, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by Jamon Allen, 30, the former husband of his girlfriend, Sheila Allen, 26. The victim had been seeing Sheila Allen for about seven months. She and her three children were asleep in the bedroom when the perpetrator shot the victim in the living room at 5:30 a.m. The perpetrator had a history of domestic abuse against Sheila Allen. Police had been to the home at least five times in the previous year including once on a report that the perpetrator had punched his wife. Charges were not filed. He was arrested earlier in the year as a felon in possession of a firearm but the charge was dismissed. He was convicted of 1st degree murder.

2002

2/25/02 **Edith Bice**, 94, Killed by smoke inhalation in a fire set at her home in **St. Charles** by Howard Iseton, 28. The perpetrator, along with his partner was the victim's caretaker. The perpetrator shot his partner, the woman he lived with, sent their 5 year-old son out of the house, set the house on fire and committed suicide. The couple had been hired to care for the woman. Their family, including the son and an 8 year-old daughter, had lived with her for about a year. The perpetrator's 8 year-old daughter was not home at the time of the murder-suicide.

2001

7/09/01 **Ashley Lucas**, 8, Strangled to death in **Cresco** by Clay Thomas, 25, a man her mother dated for about one month. He also strangled her mother, Angela Hyke, to death. He then stole her mother's car and drove the bodies to Missouri where he and his wife buried them in a ditch. The perpetrator's wife told authorities where to find the bodies. The perpetrator was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder.

7/28/01 **Jacinto Caldera**, 29, Shot to death in **Davenport** by Juan Lazano, 26, the former boyfriend of the woman he was dating. The perpetrator broke down the door of the woman's apartment and shot the victim in the head. The victim was sitting next to the perpetrators three children and the woman. The children include a 2 year-old son and 3 year-old and 5 month-old daughters. The perpetrator was convicted of 1st degree murder.

8/27/01 **Claudia Saldana**, 12, Beat to death in **Sioux City** by Adam Moss, 23, a man who lived with her

and her mother. The perpetrator also killed her 31 year-old mother, her 7 year-old sister and her 11, 9, and 6 year-old brothers. The children were killed in their sleep by hammer blows to their heads. The mother died from hammer blows to the head and a knife wound to her neck. He put a note on their front door that they had gone on vacation. Their childcare provider found the bodies of the six victims on 8-30-01. The defendant pled guilty to seven counts of 1st degree murder. He also murdered a friend in a separate act.

8/27/01 **Michael Aguilar**, 6, Beat to death in **Sioux City** by Adam Moss, 23, a man who lived with him and his mother. The perpetrator also killed his 31 year-old-mother, his 12 and 7 year-old sisters and his 11 and 9 year-old brothers. The children were killed in their sleep by hammer blows to their heads. The mother died from hammer blows to the head and a knife wound to her neck. He put a note on their front door that they had gone on vacation. Their childcare provider found the bodies on 8-30-01. The defendant pled guilty to seven counts 1st degree murder. He also murdered a friend in a separate act.

8/27/01 **Lisa Saldana**, 7, Beat to death in **Sioux City** by Adam Moss, 23, a man who lived with her and her mother. The perpetrator also killed her 31 year-old mother, her 12 year-old sister and her 11, 9, and 6 year-old brothers. The children were killed in their sleep by hammer blows to their heads. The mother died from hammer blows to the head and a knife wound to her neck. He put a note on their front door that they had gone on vacation. Their childcare provider found the bodies of the six victims on 8-30-01. The defendant pled guilty to seven counts of 1st degree murder. He also murdered a friend in a separate act.

8/27/01 **Larry Saldana**, 9, Beat to death in **Sioux City** by Adam Moss, 23, a man who lived with him and his mother. The perpetrator also killed his 31 year-old-mother, his 12 and 7 year-old sisters and his 11 and 6 year-old brothers. The children were killed in their sleep by hammer blows to their heads. The mother died from hammer blows to the head and a knife wound to her neck. He put a note on their front door that they had gone on vacation. Their childcare provider found the bodies on 8-30-01. The defendant pled guilty to seven counts 1st degree murder. He also murdered a friend in a separate act.

8/27/01 **Zach Saldana**, 11, Beat to death in **Sioux City** by Adam Moss, 23, a man who lived with him and his mother. The perpetrator also killed his 31 year-old-mother, his 12 and 7 year-old sisters and his 9 and 6 year-old brothers. The children were killed in their sleep by hammer blows to their heads. The mother died from hammer blows to the head and a knife wound to her neck. He put a note on their front door that they had gone on vacation. Their childcare provider found the bodies of the six victims on 8-30-01. The defendant pled guilty to seven counts 1st degree murder. He also murdered a friend in a separate act.

2000

5/28/00 **Jerry Williams**, 25 Shot to death in **Belle Plaine** by Ricardo Jackson Jr. 25, a man who had previously dated his current dating partner, Roberta Abernathy. The perpetrator broke into Roberta's trailer and waited for them with a sawed-off shotgun. He shot and killed them, then he committed suicide. A 2 year-old daughter who was found in the room where the murders took place survives her. Jerry's 9 year-old-niece was also present at the murders and ran next door to call police. Roberta was six months pregnant.

1999

3/17/99 **Ammy Douangsibounthan** 15, Shot to death in **Sergeant Bluff** by her stepfather, Sounthaly Keosay. He also killed her mother, Anna Keosay, 35 then committed suicide. Sounthaly had been charged with sexually abusing Ammy.

4/4/99 **Helenjane Rassmussen** 67, Shot to death in **West Des Moines** by her daughter's estranged husband, Michael Donahue, 41, who also shot and killed his wife, Pamela Donahue, 46. He then committed suicide. Pamela and Michael's divorce proceeding was to start April 5. Pamela had obtained a protective order and the perpetrator was arrested for domestic abuse in August 1997. He was found not guilty in January 1998. On the day of the shooting, one of the couple's sons called 911 from a neighbor's home. The couple's surviving sons, 12, 11, and 10 years-old, and 2 year-old daughter were home at the time of the shootings.

1998

3/30/98 **Baby Gibson**, 6-month in-utero fetus, Beat to death in **Gowrie** by Randy Allen Zaabel, 26, the man who her pregnant mother lived with. He also killed Michelle Gibson, the pregnant mother. He was convicted of 2nd degree murder and non-consensual termination of pregnancy.

4/13/98 **Crystal Miller**, 18, Shot to death by Darrel Miller, 24, her brother, in **Des Moines**. He killed Susan John, a woman he had dated and set her home on fire. He drove Susan's car to his home, shot his mother and sister to death, set that home on fire, and committed suicide.

4/13/98 **Theresa Miller**, 45, Shot to death in **Des Moines** by her son Darrel Miller, 24. He shot to death Susan John, a woman he had dated and set her home on fire. He drove her car to his home, shot his mother and sister to death, set that home on fire, and committed suicide.

8/24/98 **Cassie Downing**, 7, Strangled and drowned to death in **Cedar Rapids** by her father, Scott Allen Downing, 32. Her father also killed her mother Ruth Ann Downing. He attempted to strangle and drown her 4 year-old-sister in the river. She was later found wandering in by the dam. The mother had come to the father's apartment after he failed to return the children to her after a visitation. He was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder and one count of attempted murder. He committed suicide by hanging himself in prison in August 1999.

9/18/98 **Brittany Wilson**, 7, Shot to death in **West Okoboji** by her father, Jerry Wilson, 37. He also killed her mother, Gwendolyn Wilson, and then committed suicide. Her parents had a divorce pending. Brittany lived for one day after the shooting.

12/31/98 **Edward Wright**, 44, Shot to death in **Cedar Rapids** by Mark Marshall, 39. The victim dated a woman who had dated the perpetrator. She had broken up with the perpetrator in the past week. The perpetrator left the scene, shot himself, jumped in the river, but was rescued by police. He was convicted of 2nd degree murder.

1997

5/16/97 **C. Douglas Hertz**, 47, Killed in a traffic crash in **Story County** by Robert Arnette, 39. Robert Arnette was fleeing in his car from the home of a woman he had dated who he had stabbed several times. He fled her home when others in the home escaped and screamed for passers-by to call the police. Authorities suspected that the perpetrator deliberately swerved into a lane of oncoming traffic in an attempt to commit suicide and caused the crash with this victim. He was charged with 1st degree murder and convicted of vehicular homicide in this death.

1996

4/10/96 **Rapsythong Sengaroun**, 51, Shot to death in **Storm Lake** by Paeng Sengaroun, the estranged husband of his daughter, Khong Sengaroun who was also killed. Rapsythong had come from California to help his daughter deal with the marriage. Her surviving children, a girl 14 and

boy 9, came upon the scene within minutes of the crime. The perpetrator was convicted of 1st degree murder.

5/08/96 **Donald Larkin Jr.**, 48, Shot to death in **Garner** by Robert Richey who was the former husband of a woman he was dating. The perpetrator, who was divorced from his wife in 1995, was convicted of 1st degree murder.

11/06/96 **Ryan Buttz**, 15, Shot to death in **Ankeny** by his father Larry Buttz. He also killed his 12 year-old-sister Lindsey and mother Delane. He then committed suicide.

11/06/96 **Lindsey Buttz**, 12, Shot to death in **Ankeny** by her father Larry Buttz. He also killed her 15 year-old brother Ryan and her mother Delane. He then committed suicide.

12/26/96 **Joshua Keyes**, 2, Burned to death in **Springville** by his father, Stephen Keyes, who burned the family home down. Also killed was the victim's mother, Sandra Keyes. The perpetrator escaped the fire along with his and Sandra's 8 year-old son and 5 year-old daughter. He was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder.

1995

7/16/95 **Amy Wilson**, 23, Shot to death in **Carlisle** by Tracy Hardin, the former wife of a man she was dating. Tracy Hardin was convicted of 1st degree murder.

12/20/95 **Michael Xayavong**, 3, Shot to death in **Desoto** by his father on his birthday. His father also killed his mother, Angela Wilson Xayavong, who had filed for divorce. The perpetrator then committed suicide.