

UTAH Domestic Violence Related Deaths 2016

Count	Name	Date of Death	Age	Children	Cause of Death	Location	Fatality Caused By	Circumstances
1	Jenna Manuel	2/8/16	30	1	Gunshot	Riverdale, Weber County	Boyfriend	Police received a call from the boyfriend reporting that he shot his girlfriend, who +was armed with a knife, in self-defense. Manuel was watching the Super Bowl with friends and there was a domestic dispute after she arrived home. Manuel and Sandlin lived together with Manuel's eight-year-old daughter.
2	Justin Patrick Moses	2/19/16	35	1	Gunshot	Ogden, Weber County	Law Enforcement	Police responded to a bystander report of a man stabbing a woman multiple times in front of a home in Ogden. Officers made commands and the suspect didn't comply. Officers opened fire on the aggressor and the man died at the scene. The woman was taken to a hospital in critical condition after being treated at the scene. The woman and the man lived together at the home where the incident occurred. The woman's daughter and her daughter's friend witnessed the stabbing and were also taken to the hospital.
3	Tyler Persellin	2/22/16	29	0	Gunshot	Murray, Salt Lake County	Self	Two women were inside a Murray home when Persellin shot his way inside in an attempt to get to his ex-girlfriend. The suspect shot out the basement window

								and the two women locked the basement door and ran to a neighbor's home where they called 911. Prior to the incident, the suspect's ex-girlfriend had the locks changed and filed for a restraining order against him. Persellin ended up shooting a police officer and then taking his own life.
4	Mary Palley	3/11/2016	73	1	Gunshot	Logan, Cache County	Husband	Police made a welfare check at Palley and Johnson's home after the Logan Herald Journal received a handwritten letter from Johnson – the letter raised enough concern that the newspaper contacted law enforcement. Upon entering the home, officers found the couple dead from gunshot wounds. A possible motive has not been revealed. Investigators believe Johnson shot and killed his wife and then killed himself.
5	Del Johnson	3/11/2016	82	1	Gunshot	Logan, Cache County	Self	Police made a welfare check at Palley and Johnson's home after the Logan Herald Journal received a handwritten letter from Johnson – the letter raised enough concern that the newspaper contacted law enforcement. Upon entering the home, officers found the couple dead from gunshot wounds. A possible motive has not been revealed. Investigators believe Johnson shot and killed his wife and then killed himself.

6	Desiree Shotwell	4/9/2016	40	1	Gunshot	Beaver City, Beaver County	Intimate Partner	Police responded to a home after a concerned citizen called the police saying a woman's life may be in danger due to her live-in boyfriend. When officers arrived, they found the woman dead due to gunshot wounds. Shotwell's boyfriend, identified as Ronald Cory Fordham, was present at the home and taken into custody. Sheriff Cameron Noel said there were indications Fordham was planning a murder-suicide, but ultimately did not take his own life. The couple has been together for many years and had an adult child, but were never married.
7	Ethan Antes	4/29/2016	18-Months	0	Drowning	Millcreek, Salt Lake County	Stepfather	Ethan was found face down in his bathtub while under the care of his stepfather. He was flown to Primary Children's hospital in critical condition. He passed away later that day. The probable cause statement indicates that s on two separate occasions Ethan had sustained injuries. One where he had fallen from this high chair and hit his head on a table and another, weeks before, where he sustained second and third degree burns to his head and torso after he spilled scalding hot coffee on himself. All events were under the supervision of his stepfather, Codey Jolley. There was enough evidence to book Jolley for attempted child abuse homicide.

8	Zachary Walmer	5/22/2016	27	0	Gunshot	West Valley City, Salt Lake County	Self inflicted	Police were called to an apartment building near 3500 South and 4200 West. They responded to reports that a man was holding his girlfriend hostage. Negotiators finally persuaded the man to let her go and she left safely. West Valley City Police spokesperson told us, "eyewitnesses did hear a couple of shots fired. So we have reports that shots were fired inside the apartment and some other witnesses say that they saw him with a gun." The man stopped responding to officers so they lobbed some tear gas inside. There was still no response. So they entered and found him dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.
8	John Williams	5/22/2016	72	0	Fire	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County	Husband	Williams had filed for a divorce from his husband, Craig Crawford, on May 4; he filed for a temporary restraining order against Crawford on May 6. Williams was found in his Salt Lake City home after responders put out a fire there; he was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators ruled the death suspicious and have charged Williams' estranged husband Crawford, 47, with aggravated homicide and aggravated arson.
9	Deborah Biccum	5/22/2016	60	0	Gunshot	Huntsville, Weber County	Husband	Police were called to the Biccum home after receiving information that a man had possibly "hurt or killed his wife." Once deputies arrived at the home, they were unable to make contact with

								anyone inside. SWAT was called to enter and, once inside, they found Debbie Biccum deceased with "signs of trauma." Based on interviews with those who knew the Biccums, and other undisclosed evidence, detectives believe the couple had a history of domestic violence that had not previously been reported to the police.
10	James Leo Veyette	05/30/2016	47	3	Gunshot	Heber,	Self inflicted	The person who contacted police said a man had drugged and sexually assaulted a teenager and when confronted, the alleged abuser pulled a gun on two people in the home. After standoff, officers found a man, 47-year-old James Leo Veyette, dead from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.
11	Marco Carmona	6/10/2016	57	1	Strangulation	Provo, Utah County	Son	"Provo Police responded to a home family member reported 57-year-old Marco Carmona missing. Senior Officer Nisha King, Provo Police Department, said officers made a disturbing discovery at the home Carmona shared with his wife and 27-year-old son, Omar. "They did locate Marco Carmona's body in a deep freezer," King said. Police said Omar Carmona has been cooperative with police during the investigation, and they learned things began with an argument between father and son. "Omar was upset with his father because he hadn't locked the residence, and he'd gotten in the shower," King said. "So, as we

								<p>understand, that's how it all began." King said Omar and Marco were home alone, and what began with an argument ended in an alleged murder. Omar has been booked into the Utah County Jail on charges of murder, obstruction of justice and theft. "At some point Omar took money out of Marco's wallet," King said. "...I'm not sure if it was before or after [the alleged murder], but it was all in the same incident." A medical examiner is working to determine the cause of death, but police say Marco's body displayed evidence of a struggle. Omar Carmona has at least one previous incident of domestic violence on his record, a situation that also involved his father and occurred in 2014."</p>
12	Daniel B. Edwards	6/12/2016	23	1 niece	Gunshot	Eagle Mtn., Utah County	Law Enforcement	<p>"A man holding his teenage niece hostage was shot and killed by a deputy after he announced he would kill the girl following a "60-second countdown," investigators said. Daniel Bennett Edwards, 23, died from a single gunshot to the head during a standoff with police when deputies rushed into his Eagle Mountain home to prevent him from harming the girl who was being held at knifepoint. Deputies were called to a home at 2198 E. Summit Way shortly after 8:30 p.m. when Edwards' wife</p>

								<p>reported her husband was threatening suicide and was holding a large knife on the girl, Utah County Sheriff's Sgt. Spencer Cannon said. The wife and two small children were outside when police arrived, but the teenager was still inside the home and her uncle wasn't allowing her to leave, Cannon said. "When the threat to the victim's life became immediate, a deputy fired one shot at the suspect, killing him," Cannon said. "He still had hold on her when the shot was fired.""</p>
13	Greysen Rodriguez	7/15/2016	20 months	0	Beaten (child abuse)	Taylorville, SL County	Mother's boyfriend	<p>"Teton was originally charged in April with child abuse homicide, a second-degree felony, nearly six months after the toddler's death. He is now charged with murder, a first-degree felony, and four counts of child abuse, a second-degree felony. Teton, who left the home before police arrived, was later interviewed and told officers he was carrying Greysen when he fell down the stairs of the split-level Taylorville home, 3323 W. 4960 South, on Nov. 1, charges state. Teton later said he fell down the stairs twice with Greysen because of a "bum knee" that gave out, according to court documents. It wasn't until a third conversation with police that Teton told officers he had been using drugs. His blood tested positive for prescription medication, THC, cocaine and alcohol, charges state. Greysen's</p>

								<p>mother was outside when the boy was hurt. Through the morning the baby had been fine and was playing with his toys, she said. At the time of Greysen's death, the mother told police her infant had not been hit or abused, saying the child had caused the marks on his body himself and that Teton "took care of him like he was his dad." She later told police that her son had been hurt multiple times through the summer of 2015, describing "rug burn type injuries," according to the amended charges. In those instances, Teton claimed the boy had fallen out of his crib, run into the wall or run into a table, she said. In the two weeks before he died, Greysen would not go near Teton, the mother told police.</p> <p>An autopsy revealed the cause of Greysen's death to be blunt force trauma to the head, court documents say. The boy had eight broken bones in his two forearms, a skull fracture, a jaw fracture and broken orbital bone, according to the autopsy. He was also found to have suffered bleeding in both eyes, face and neck scratches, and bruising and swelling, among other injuries, according to investigators."</p>
13	Kristi Maxwell	7/17/2016	47	At least 1	Gunshot	Orangeville, Emery County	Husband	"A daughter of Kristi Maxwell had called and asked police to accompany her to the Maxwell home on July 17 after she

								<p>had been unable to contact her mother that day, according to the release Monday. No one answered and other family members arrived with a key. Once inside, the sheriff's deputy and the family found Richard Maxwell inside pointing a gun at himself, the release states. As the deputy took the family members out of the home, a single gunshot was heard. After additional officers arrived and attempted to convince Maxwell to come out, they eventually forced entry into the home where they found the man with a self-inflicted gunshot to the torso, police said. He survived and was hospitalized. As officers searched the home, they found the body of Kristi Maxwell, who appeared to have been dead for several hours, according to the release. Investigators have not said how she died."</p>
14	Moses Waters	7/26/2016	46	1	Homemade Firearm	SLC, Salt Lake County	Self Inflicted	<p>"It all happened around noon Tuesday inside the apartment where the victim and suspect lived on Center Street. Police received a 911 call regarding a domestic dispute. The boy's mother also lives in the apartment and is the one who police believe made the call. The suspect is boy's father. "There was an incident that took place, a fight that was going on, between these individuals," said Salt Lake City Police Det. Greg Wilking. When police arrived the</p>

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15		7/26/2016	8	0	Homemade Firearm	SLC, Salt Lake County	Father	"The boy's mother also lives in the apartment and is the one who police believe made the call. The suspect is the boy's father. . "There was an incident that took place, a fight that was going on, between these individuals," said Salt Lake City Police Det. Greg Wilking. When police arrived the suspect was dead. The boy was taken to the hospital, and was pronounced dead a short time later. The boy's mother was not hurt. The murder weapon is only being described as a homemade firearm."
16	Richard Maxwell	8/8/2016	55	At least 1	Gunshot	Orangeville, Emery County	Self	"An Orangeville man suspected in his wife's death killed himself after being released from the hospital. He had been in the hospital for a self-inflicted gunshot wound he received after deputies came to his house and discovered his wife was dead. The body of Richard Maxwell, 55, was found when deputies were called to check on him at the home where he had been staying since his

								release, according to a release from the Emery County Sheriff's Office."
17	Siri Anderson	8/19/2016	1 year	0	Starvation	Monroe, Sevier County	Father	"Siri had spent a lot of time at Shire's (mother) home when Siri's mother had been living there. Siri's mom told Shire she needed to escape from her abusive partner, David Anderson, who had full custody of Siri. "If he was as abusive as she says, it was all about power for him, to keep control," Shire said. "He didn't want those kids, but yet he didn't want her to have them at the same time." When Siri was found unresponsive in her crib back in June, Shire said she had a feeling Anderson was responsible. "I had felt at the beginning that he had really done something to her," Shire said. According to the Sevier County District Attorney, Anderson was not providing Siri with food or water, which ultimately led to her death the day before her first birthday."
18	Avery Hatton	10/8/2016	8 weeks	1	Drowning	Ogden, Weber County	Father	"According to a statement from Ogden police, on Oct. 2 emergency workers responded to a report of an 8-week-old child not breathing at an apartment on the 1400 block of Brinker Ave. They met the mother and child near the 2300 block of Harrison Ave. as the mother was rushing her daughter to the hospital. The child, Avery Hatton, was taken to Primary Children's Hospital in

								Salt Lake City, but "efforts to save Avery weren't successful," the police statement said."
19	James Peterson	11/3/2016	23	0	Gunshot	Hiawatha, Carbon County	Brother	" A mother of 15 and one of her adult sons were shot and killed by another son of the woman near a ranch in a remote area of Carbon County Wednesday, sheriff's investigators said.Susan Peterson, 45, and James Peterson, 23, were killed by Seth Gordon Peterson, 25, just before 6 p.m. in a field near a farmhouse outside of Hiawatha, Carbon County Sheriff Jeff Wood announced Thursday. All three are from Ferron, Emery County. Seth Peterson was arrested following a short car and foot chase and was booked into the Carbon County Jail for investigation of two counts of aggravated murder, attempted murder, theft of a vehicle and failure to stop at the command of law enforcers."
20	Susan Peterson	11/3/2016	45	15	Gunshot	Hiawatha, Carbon County	Son	"A mother of 15 and one of her adult sons were shot and killed by another son of the woman near a ranch in a remote area of Carbon County Wednesday, sheriff's investigators said. Susan Peterson, 45, and James Peterson, 23, were killed by Seth Gordon Peterson, 25, just before 6 p.m.

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21	SueAnn Sands	12/4/2016	39	At least 1	Gunshot	American Fork, Utah County	Former Intimate Partner	“Video surveillance from the woman's business shows she was talking on her cellphone when she got into her car and drove off without telling anyone, Ludlow said. Just before 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 911 dispatchers received a call from Sands who screamed that someone was shooting at her car. Police believe there was "somewhat of a chase through the entire Meadows shopping area" between the man and woman. Sands was later found dead with a gunshot wound to the head.”
22	James Dean Smith	12/4/2016	33	Unknown	Gunshot	American Fork, Utah County	Either police or self, TBD	“About eight minutes after Sands (above story) was found dead,

								<p>police spotted the Tahoe that the gunman was believed to be driving. After a brief chase, "An American Fork officer, a Lehi officer and a Utah County Sheriff's Office deputy confronted the suspect and saw that he had a handgun. They ordered him to drop the weapon and he refused. Both officers and the deputy fired at the suspect," according to American Fork police. As of Monday, it was unknown if Smith died as a result of being shot by officers or from a self-inflicted gunshot wound."</p>
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