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Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts

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Domestic Violence Homicide Victim Deaths

January 29, 2020: Andy Savitz, 66, of Brookline died after collapsing in his home following a confrontation with his ex-wife, Penelope McGee, 53. Originally, McGee was charged with assault and battery and assault and battery on a person over the age of 60 in January 2020 and the case was classified as domestic violence by police. More than a year after his death, authorities have charged McGee with manslaughter based on new evidence suggesting that her actions led to a cardiac dysrhythmia, an abnormal rhythm of the heartbeat that can be fatal. Savitz had a long public service career including time as assistant secretary for law enforcement in the state executive office of environmental affairs, press secretary of Kitty Dukakis during Governor Dukakis' 1988 presidential bid, and other positions. He is survived by three children.

March 26, 2020: Sandra L. Kumar (or Corfield), 53, of Mashpee was found unresponsive by first responders in the apartment she shared with her boyfriend Marc Audette, 46. Kumar had suffered from obvious signs of blunt force trauma, officials said. Audette was arrested and charged with her murder. Audette was hospitalized due to injuries he sustained during the assault. On March 30, Audette was arraigned via video conference at Brigham and Women's Hospital on one count of murder. Audette was ordered to be held without bail by the Falmouth District Court. A neighbor reported that she had seen the couple coming and going from the apartment building, but never noticed any prior history of abuse or violence between them. Kumar, 53, a native of Martha's Vineyard, studied fashion design at Newbury College. After graduating from college she worked different jobs, including time as an art teacher at Ellis Elementary School in Boston. She is remembered fondly by her mother, who called her a natural-born artist and said her daughter had a way of making the best out of all circumstances.

March 27, 2020: Mardiette Deboyes, 57, of Wareham, was fatally stabbed to death by her live-in boyfriend, 57-year old Danny Sherman. Wareham Police received a call for a man in distress in a canoe on a waterway at 8:15 am. First responders arrived, located Sherman, and transported him to Tobey Hospital. Police also received information of a possible death at the address of Deboyes' residence, where they found the victim bleeding and unresponsive. She was determined to be dead at the scene. An investigation commenced and police determined Sherman

lived with the woman in the home and allegedly stabbed her, and was arrested later that afternoon. Sherman was ordered held without bail on a single charge of murder following his arraignment on Monday, March 30, 2020 via remote hearing in Plymouth District Court.

May 14, 2020: Kathleen McLean, 45, of Dover, was strangled to death by her spouse Ingolf Tuerk, 48, in their home in Norfolk County. After friends of McLean and Tuerk received a suspicious text from Tuerk, McLean's ex-husband contacted authorities to report her missing. Police entered the couple's hotel room to reportedly find Tuerk "unresponsive" with cuts on his body. He confessed to police that after an argument broke out, he reacted to the situation by strangling McLean and carried her dead body to her vehicle, drove to a pond nearby, and dumped her in the water. Tuerk has two teenage boys and McLean has three children of her own. McLean's children told police they saw McLean and Tuerk inside the Dover home on Thursday and into the morning of Friday. Tuerk has been charged with murder. He pleaded not guilty during his arraignment and was held without bail according to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office. Family and friends described Tuerk as controlling and said that problems had increased since Tuerk, a renowned urologist and former Olympian, was fired from the Steward Medical Group last year and faced charges around false billings. McLean had a restraining order against her husband but then had it vacated earlier in May. McLean, a Belmont, MA native, was a teacher and master of Reiki. She studied Occupational Therapy at Mount Ida College. She conducted workshops and classes that helped people "nourish mind, body, and soul."

June 27, 2020: Amber Pereira, 30, of Somerset was shot to death by her estranged husband, Joshua Peteira, 31. A relative of Amber's called 911 when she discovered both bodies in their home Saturday morning. Police arrived to the house to find the two dead of apparent gunshot wounds. A gun was underneath Joshua, in what the Bristol County District Attorney's office described as an "apparent murder-suicide." Officials said Joshua had recently moved out of the home after the couple had separated, but had driven back to the residence sometime before 8 a.m. No one else is believed to have been in the home during the shooting besides the pair. An investigation of this homicide is ongoing.

August 8, 2020: Migdalia Perez, 47, of Gardner, was apparently shot to death by her partner Jose Munez Badillo, 49, outside of her home. Neighbors reporting hearing an argument before the shooting. Police were called and found the couple outside her apartment in the hallway. No further information has made public at this time.

August 17, 2020, Megan McNeil, 27, of Worcester: On Monday morning, Worcester Police reported that a 27-year-old man shot his 27-year-old girlfriend and then turned the gun on himself. The man was identified as Trey Mahone and was declared dead at the scene. Megan was rushed to the hospital in critical condition and succumbed to her injuries on August 25. Those close to her say Megan was a very dedicated mother to her 5-year-old daughter. She was a

registered nurse who worked at St. Vincent Hospital and UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester and was a caregiver in every aspect of her life. As noted in the obituary, “Even as she passed, Megan continued to be a caregiver as her participation as an organ donor brought the precious gift of life to recipients and their families.”

September 12, 2020: Isaander Perez-Gonzalez, 26, of Springfield, was shot to death by his girlfriend’s former partner Christian Velez, 37. According to reports, Perez-Gonzalez had gone to Velez’ home to speak with him. Velez left the scene and nearly a week later found and charged him with murder, possession of a firearm without a license and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling.

December 20, 2020: Tina Amore, 49 of Beverly, was allegedly killed by her boyfriend John T. Shairs, 51 in their home. Very few details are available as all cases have been sealed for the time being. Amore was a mother of two grown children and loved cooking and helping others.

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December 28, 2020: Bryan Cruz-Soto of Dorchester, was shot by police when they responded to a domestic violence call in Brockton. An 11-year old child called 9-1-1 to report that there was fighting in the home. According to reports, Cruz-Soto assaulted his girlfriend and other family members, and firefighters and paramedics were already on the scene caring for the wounded when the police arrived.