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The Massachusetts Coalition
Against Sexual Assault and
Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts

January 1, 2021 to Present (*as of September 6, 2021*)

January 2, 2021: Kristen A. Carey, 37, of Charlton was allegedly killed by her husband Keith Cuthbertson, 49, before he killed himself in their home. The couple began living together the past summer in the home Cuthbertson owned. Carey owned a cleaning business and was the mother of two. While general reports of their relationship were positive, some shared that Carey may have been thinking of leaving.

January 29, 2021: Michael Ricci, 51, of Marshfield, died from a fatal stabbing after an altercation with his wife Christine Ricci, 46, in their home. Their children reported years of verbal and physical combat between the couple, fueled by his alcoholism and her mental illness. He was a veteran Boston firefighter. She was indicted by a grand jury on one count of murder and one count of assault and battery with a deadly weapon. The couple had three children.

February 8, 2021: Danielle Taylor, 30, of Mashpee, was allegedly strangled to death by her current boyfriend, Cleber Mariano, 33, at a hotel in Falmouth. Taylor had just celebrated her 30th birthday and was the loving mother of five and worked several jobs while taking nursing and other classes. Taylor and Mariano had been together on and off for ten years and until recently had been living together when they broke up; she was at their apartment to retrieve her things. He was charged Thursday with murder, assault and battery on a family/household member and strangulation and assault with intent to murder.

March 6, 2021: Saharbanoo Rindani, 76, of Westborough was found dead in her home and her husband Abdal Rindani, 83, was charged with attempted murder and strangulation

March 26, 2021: Rhonda Pattelena, 35, of Bedford, Massachusetts, was killed by her current boyfriend Jeffrey Buchannan, 33, on a public beach in York, Maine. Pattelena died from blunt force injury to the head. Buchannan has been charged with murder. The couple had one child in common and Rhonda has two children from prior relationships.

April 20, 2021: Celeste Marte-Lebron, 49, of Lowell, succumbed to injuries after being critically injured by a fire allegedly caused by her current husband Santos Lebron De Los Santo, 42. Initial reports are that on March 31 he doused her with gasoline and set it on fire. He has been held without bail and faced initial charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon

causing serious bodily injury. A neighbor testified during a dangerousness hearing that Marte-Lebron said her husband attacked her after accusing her of infidelity.

May 2, 2021: Fatima Yasin, 27, of Boston was killed along with **Jahairi DeAlto, 42, of Boston**, by Yasin's current husband, Marcus Chavis, 34. DeAlto was a beloved member of the transgender community in Massachusetts and known for her generosity. She had invited Yasin and Chavis and their two children into their home when they were having difficulties. At the time of her death, DeAlto worked at Casa Myrna as a SafeLink Hotline Advocate; she had previously worked at Elizabeth Freeman Center in Pittsfield. Chavis was charged with two counts of murder and one count of animal cruelty.

June 22, 2021: Jamie A. Dickinson, 34, of Oxford, was allegedly shot to death by her current boyfriend Jess A. Brooks, 38, before he killed himself in their home. Three children were home at the time of the incident, and the oldest, age 13, jumped out the window with the 4-year-old sibling to go to a neighbors and seek help. The police were already on their way as they had taken two separate 911 calls. The couple was pronounced dead when police arrived. The 3-year-old was found by police when they got to the house. The couple were not married and had two children together and one child from a previous marriage. The police reported finding a lot of weapons in the home and both Dickinson and Brooks were licensed to carry firearms.

July 29, 2021: Alicia N. Heywood, 42, of Easton, was allegedly shot to death by her current boyfriend Akil S. Jackson, 41, outside of her workplace in Roslindale (a neighborhood of Boston). Heywood was a devoted single mom and had started dating Jackson five years ago. They all lived together for several years, however, two weeks prior to the murder, they broke up. Some friends and colleagues said there was turmoil and heated arguments recently. Heywood worked at Sullivan's Pharmacy in Roslindale Village. Initial reports are that she agreed to meet Jackson and while in his car, he shot her. She managed to get inside her workplace and first responders were contacted; she died later in the hospital. Jackson took off and police found him later, armed with a semi-automatic gun which he initially refused to put down and aimed toward himself. He was first arraigned in Brockton District Court for unlawful possession of a firearm, possession of a stolen firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, and violation of a restraining order. He was then brought to West Roxbury District Court where murder charges were brought.

August 29, 2021: Dianne Silveira, 71, of Taunton, was allegedly shot to death by her current husband Edmund Silveira, 86, at their home. He was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Authorities believe he also tried to kill himself and then resisted arrest, requiring a several hour standoff with a SWAT team. Silveira's sister had contacted police to do a wellness call after being concerned by a phone call where she described having difficulties with her husband. A few months prior, police had responded to the home and Silveira described his controlling and jealous behavior; no charges were filed against Edmund at the time.