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October is Domestic Violence
Awareness Month

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically.

DVAM History

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and conceived by the [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](http://NationalCoalitionAgainstDomesticViolence.org). The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became an entire week devoted to a range of activities conducted at the local, state, and national level. The activities conducted were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes:

- Mourning those who have died because of domestic violence
- Celebrating those who have survived
- Connecting those who work to end violence

These three themes remain a key focus of DVAM events today. In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year marks the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline. In 1989, the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Such legislation has passed every year since with National Coalition Against Domestic Violence providing key leadership in this effort. Each year, the Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

—Adapted from the *1996 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resource Manual* of the National Coalition

Remember the Victims

36 Homicides From January 1-June 28,2018

in North Carolina DRelated to Domestic Violence

1.Date: January 4, 2018

Victim Name: Rebakah Madelynn Hart-O'Sullivan, 51

Alleged Perpetrator: Patrick William O'Sullivan, 53

Relationship: Husband

Town: Concord

County: Cabarrus

Weapon: Firearm

2.Date: January 11, 2018

Victim Name: Brittany White, 24

Alleged Perpetrator: Jonathan Bennett, 23

Relationship: Ex-boyfriend

Town: Charlotte

County: Mecklenburg

Weapon: Firearm

Note: After allegedly killing Ms. White, Mr. Bennett went to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and opened fire on officers. One officer was wounded but survived. Mr. Bennett was killed by return fire.

3.Date: January 20, 2018

Victim Name: Amanda Lindsay, 23

Alleged Perpetrator: Willie Darnell Martin, 40

Relationship: Boyfriend

Town: Winston-Salem

County: Forsyth

Weapon: Firearm

4.Date: January 24, 2018 Murder-Suicide

Victim Name: Nancy Clark, 72

Alleged Perpetrator: Johnny Clark, 72

Relationship: Husband

Town: Granite Falls

County: Caldwell

Weapon: Firearm

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5.Date: January 28, 2018 Murder-Suicide

Victim Name: Donna Katrice Richardson, 36

Alleged Perpetrator: Freddie Richardson, 57

Relationship: Husband

Town: Rocky Mount

County: Halifax

Weapon: Firearm

6. Date: February 6, 2018 Murder-Suicide

Victim Name: Sybil Hardee, 78

Alleged Perpetrator: Lloyd Hardee, 82

Relationship: Husband

Town: Greenville

County: Pitt

Weapon: Firearm

7.Date: February 23, 2018

Victim Name: Edna Strother, 76

Alleged Perpetrator: James William Strother, 76

Relationship: Husband

Town: Fayetteville

County: Cumberland

Weapon: Firearm

8.Date: March 1, 2018

Victim Name: James McNair, 51

Alleged Perpetrator: Tiara Danielle Drake, 29

Relationship: Girlfriend

Town: Battleboro

County: Nash

Weapon: Set house on fire

9.Date: March 7, 2018

Victim Name: Raymond Griffin, 74

Alleged Perpetrator: Linda Griffin, 69

Relationship: Wife

Town: Grantsboro

County: Pamlico

Weapon: Firearm

10.Date: March 24, 2018

Victim Name: Tina Marie Knighten, 61

Alleged Perpetrator: Alvin William Wilson, 54

Relationship: Boyfriend

Town: Asheville

County: Buncombe

Weapon: Firearm

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11.Date: April 1, 2018

Victim Name: Katonya Charles, 38

Alleged Perpetrator: Willie Davis, 44

Relationship: Boyfriend

Town: Lumberton County: Robeson

Weapon: Blunt force

12. Date: April 2, 2018 Murder-Suicide

Victim Name: Dana Annette Foster, 30

Alleged Perpetrator: Dustin Ricky Wilkie, 28

Relationship: Boyfriend

Town: Level Cross

County: Randolph

Weapon: Firearm

13.Date: April 5, 2018

Victim Name: Paige Rickard, 47

Alleged Perpetrator: Clarence Ray Gidderon, 56

Relationship: Boyfriend

Town: High Point

County: Guilford

Weapon: Knife

14. Date: April 8, 2018

Victim Name: Aiyonna Clarice Barrett, 18

Alleged Perpetrator: Brian Lovon Little, 18

Relationship: Ex-boyfriend

Town: Southern Pines

County: Moore

Weapon: Firearm

Note: Ms. Barrett was pregnant and full-term at the time of her murder.

15. Date: April 11, 2018 Murder-Suicide

Victim Name: Kacey Case Haney, 39

Alleged Perpetrator: Jeffrey Dale Haney, 48

Relationship: Estranged husband

Town: Marion

County: McDowell

Weapon: Firearm

16.Date: April 11, 2018 Murder-Suicide

Victim Name: Christopher Scott Childress, 49

Alleged Perpetrator: Jeffrey Dale Haney, 48

Relationship: None

Town: Marion

County: McDowell

Weapon: Firearm

Note: Mr. Haney allegedly killed Mr. Childress at the same time that he allegedly killed

Mrs. Haney, his ex-wife, before killing himself. Alleged Perpetrator: Jackie Marie Jacobs, 50

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17. Date: April 11, 2018
Victim Name: Kelly James Taylor, 50
Alleged Perpetrator: Jackie Marie Jacobs, 50
Relationship: Girlfriend
Town: Kannapolis
County: Cabarrus
Weapon: Firearm

18. Date: April 11, 2018 Murder-Suicide
Victim Name: Bennett Pladl, 7 months old
Alleged Perpetrator: Steven Pladl, 42
Relationship: Father
Town: Knightdale
County: Wake
Weapon: Unknown

Note: Bennett Pladl was allegedly killed by his father, Steven, at Steven's home in Knightdale, NC, before Mr. Pladl drove to New York to kill Katie Pladl, 20, his daughter and Bennett's mother, with whom he was in an incestuous father-daughter relationship. Mr. Pladl allegedly also killed Katie's adoptive father, 56-year-old Anthony Fusco, in New York before killing himself.

19. Date: April 14, 2018
Victim Name: Adedayo Oke Odifa, 32
Alleged Perpetrator: Khadija Renee Johnson, 23
Relationship: Girlfriend
Town: Raleigh
County: Wake
Weapon: Knife

20. Date: April 18, 2018 Murder-Suicide
Victim Name: Erica Nichelle Smith, 32
Alleged Perpetrator: Maurice Laron Garner, 35
Relationship: Boyfriend
Town: Asheville
County: Buncombe
Weapon: Firearm

Note: Mr. Garner allegedly shot Ms. Smith and her five children, age 15, 13, 12, 10, and 8, before killing himself. Two of the children died as a result of their injuries.

21. Date: April 18, 2018 Murder-Suicide
Victim Name: Harmony Smith, 13
Alleged Perpetrator: Maurice Laron Garner, 35
Relationship: Mother's boyfriend
Town: Asheville
County: Buncombe
Weapon: Firearm

Note: Mr. Garner allegedly shot Ms. Smith and her five children, age 15, 13, 12, 10, and 8, before killing himself. Two of the children died as a result of their injuries.

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22. Date: April 18, 2018 Murder-Suicide

Victim Name: Keithan Whitmire, 15

Alleged Perpetrator: Maurice Laron Garner, 35

Relationship: Mother's boyfriend

Town: Asheville

County: Buncombe

Weapon: Firearm

Note: Mr. Garner allegedly shot Ms. Smith and her five children, age 15, 13, 12, 10, and 8, before killing himself. Two of the children died as a result of their injuries.

23. Date: April 22, 2018

Victim Name: Ruth Antionette Mallette, 59

Alleged Perpetrator: Michael Talley, 47

Relationship: Boyfriend

Town: Henderson

County: Vance

Weapon: Firearm

24. Date: May 7, 2018 Murder-Suicide

Victim Name: Melitha Metaits Lee, 41

Alleged Perpetrator: Edwin Colon Jr., 30

Relationship: Husband

Town: Winston-Salem

County: Forsyth

Weapon: Firearm

25. Date: May 7, 2018

Victim Name: Elizabeth Lauren Smith, 33

Alleged Perpetrator: Alvin Nathanael Smith, 30

Relationship: Husband

Town: High Point

County: Guilford

Weapon: Firearm

26. Date: May 9, 2018

Victim Name: Wayne Curry, 54

Alleged Perpetrator: John Price Jr., 62

Relationship: None

Town: Sneads Ferry

County: Onslow

Weapon: Firearm

Note: Mr. Price allegedly shot Mr. Curry during an argument regarding Mr. Price's estranged wife, who was living with Mr. Curry.

27. Date: May 10, 2018

Victim Name: Whitney Jo King, 27

Alleged Perpetrator: Michael Brown, 30

Relationship: Boyfriend

Town: Charlotte

County: Mecklenburg

Weapon: Firearm



28. Date: May 11, 2018

Victim Name: Cynthia Roundtree, 43

Alleged Perpetrator: Lewis Roundtree, 43

Relationship: Husband

Town: Rowland

County: Robeson

Weapon: Firearm

29. Date: May 12, 2018 Murder-Suicide

Victim Name: Lashayna Petrice Hunt, 31

Alleged Perpetrator: Rafael Elmont Harper

Relationship: Ex-boyfriend

Town: Wilkesboro

County: Wilkes

Weapon: Firearm

30. Date: May 21, 2018

Victim Name: Shalamar Venable, 39

Alleged Perpetrator: Santario Miller, 22

Relationship: Boyfriend

Town: Charlotte

County: Mecklenburg

Weapon: Firearm

31. Date: May 29, 2018

Victim Name: Jennifer Cantu, 28

Alleged Perpetrator: Plemon Jared Aker, 29

Relationship: Boyfriend

Town: Cameron

County: Harnett

Weapon: Firearm

32. Date: June 3, 2018

Victim Name: Jameriane Ardrey, 40

Alleged Perpetrator: James Mangus Brewer, 41

Relationship: Boyfriend

Town: Charlotte

County: Mecklenburg

Weapon: Unknown

33. Date: June 28, 2018

Victim Name: Jimmy Williams, 66

Alleged Perpetrator: Beverly Williams, 54

Relationship: Wife

Town: Orrum

County: Robeson

Weapon: Firearm

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34. Date: July 4, 2018 Murder-Suicide
Victim Name: Ashley Talarico, 30
Alleged Perpetrator: Nicholas Talarico, 34
Relationship: Husband
Town: Raleigh
County: Wake
Weapon: Firearm

35. Date: July 24, 2018 Murder-Suicide
Victim Name: April Anglin, 43
Alleged Perpetrator: Raymond Anglin, 43
Relationship: Husband
Town: Salisbury
County: Rowan
Weapon: Firearm

36. Date: July 29, 2018
Victim Name: Roger D. Jones, 57
Alleged Perpetrator: Taloria McDonald, 43
Relationship: Girlfriend
Town: Fayetteville
County: Cumberland
Weapon: Firearm



Remember the Victims

How to Recognize Domestic Violence

There may be signs that domestic violence is happening

A person who is being battered may:

- Worry that their partner will be jealous
- Be afraid of their temper.
- Go along with anything they say or do.
- Avoid friends.
- Seldom be seen with them in public.
- Have low self-esteem.
- Apologize a lot for their behavior.
- Let them make all the decisions
- Drink heavily or use other drugs.



A person who is being battered may:

- Be very jealous.
- Have a bad temper.
- Have a hard time showing feelings other than anger.
- Sulk silently or go into a rage when upset.
- Threaten to hurt the person, themselves or the children.
- Criticize, blame and put down their partner, often in front of others.
- Control all the money.
- Drink heavily or use other drugs and insist the person join them.
- Throw things at the person, or hit, shove or kick them.

Battering won't go away. It usually gets worse with time. The person must recognize the problem and seek help.

Hyde County Hotline

Serving victims of Domestic Abuse
and Sexual Victimization

24 Hour Crisis Line

252-925-2500

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Advocacy Office 252-925-2502



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