



In Memoriam

The South Carolina Silent Witness Story
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Program

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal arr. Parker
Columbia College Hi C's
Paula Wilson, Director / Allison Hilbish, Piano

Invocation

Rabbi Eric Mollo
Tree of Life Congregation – Columbia, SC

We Remember Them

by Rabbi Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer
Former DV Court Advocate
Carroll Edmond

Words of Witness

Ms. Permeco Myers

The Prayer Sager/Foster
Columbia College Hi C's

Remarks and Victim Remembrance

The Honorable Alan Wilson
South Carolina Attorney General

Benediction

Bishop C.L. "Josh" Lorick, Jr.
Rehoboth United Church of Jesus Christ – Columbia, SC

AMAZING GRACE*

PFC James F. Ryan III
North Charleston Police Department
*(Following one verse of Amazing Grace, please depart in
silence.)*

* Please stand if you are able.

The Silent Witness Story

In 2015, 47 South Carolinians were killed by their intimate partners. As citizens of this state, we have a responsibility to take a stand against this injustice. Therefore, in 1998 our state joined with more than 40 other states in a mission “to promote peace, healing and responsibility in adult relationships.”

During the 19th annual Silent Witness ceremony, wooden silhouettes represent the women and men who have died due to domestic violence in South Carolina in 2015. This year, there are 48 silhouettes; 35 are for the known female homicide victims, 12 are for the known male victims, and one represents those victims of whom we are unaware.

The South Carolina Attorney General’s Office, through the S.T.O.P. (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women program, hosts this annual remembrance. Other contributing citizens and organizations are acknowledged at the end of this book.

*This book is dedicated
to the women and men
of South Carolina
who lost their lives
due to domestic violence in
2015.**

*The stories in this book were compiled using incident reports from local law enforcement and data from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

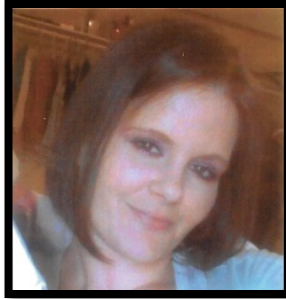
We Remember Them

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
we remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.
In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of
summer,
we remember them.
In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.
In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.
When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.
So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now
a part of us,
as we remember them.

By Rabbi Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer

*Candace
Blakley
24 years old
Aiken County*

Matthew Blakley shot his wife, Candace Blakley, at their home on June 13, 2015. Upon arrival, police were met by Mr. Blakley who admitted to shooting his wife. Mr. Blakley had been an Aiken County Sheriff's deputy for seven months at the time of the shooting and had a prior disciplinary action at work related to guns. He was also a former Marine with extensive firearms experience. Mrs. Blakley was found in the bathroom unresponsive. Mr. Blakley was arrested and charged with involuntary manslaughter. He is currently awaiting trial.



*Amanda
Smith*

*31 years old
Aiken County*

Steven Thurmond shot his live-in girlfriend, Amanda Smith, at their home on April 7, 2015. Mr. Thurmond and Ms. Smith were reportedly having a fight over possession of the gun when it was fired, hitting Ms. Smith. She was transported to the hospital and pronounced deceased upon arrival. Mr. Thurmond was charged with and pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter and possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a violent crime. He is serving 5 years consecutively for each charge.

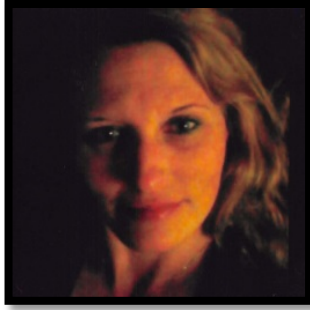
William

Todd

78 years old

Aiken County

Mary Todd shot her husband, William Todd, at their home on October 20, 2015. During a verbal fight Mrs. Todd threatened to shoot Mr. Todd if he continued arguing. When the fight continued, Mrs. Todd got a gun and shot him. She confessed repeatedly to responding deputies that she shot her husband and had been drinking too much that night. Mrs. Todd was charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. She is currently awaiting trial.



*Brana
Vaughn
36 years old
Aiken County*

Edward Vaughn shot his wife, Brana Vaughn, at their home on June 18, 2015. Responding deputies were met by Mr. Vaughn at the door, where he admitted to shooting Mrs. Vaughn during an argument. Four minor children were present in the house at the time of the shooting. Mr. Vaughn pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to 30 years in prison.



*Rachel
Lech*

*32 years old
Anderson County*

James Lech shot his estranged wife, Rachel Lech, outside her friend's home on September 22, 2015. Mrs. Lech and her friend were returning home from a night out when Mr. Lech shot both of them multiple times. Mrs. Lech had been staying with her friend due to verbal abuse and harassment from Mr. Lech. Mrs. Lech's friend survived with severe injuries but Mrs. Lech died at the scene. Mr. Lech evaded police that night and took his own life the next day.

*Lisa
Loudermilk
35 years old
Anderson County*

Clyde Loudermilk, Jr., strangled Lisa Loudermilk at their home on February 25, 2015. Mr. Loudermilk then contacted relatives to tell them he had killed his wife as a result of a fight and was going to kill himself. Deputies sent to the home discovered Mrs. Loudermilk deceased. Mr. Loudermilk later took his own life in Georgia.

*Angela
Taylor*
32 years old
Anderson County

James Taylor shot Angela Taylor in their home on March 5, 2015. Mr. Taylor confronted his wife when she got home and shot her multiple times. Minutes before the shooting, he called his brother and told him he was about to do something that could never be changed. Deputies responded to a call reporting a shooting and found Mr. and Mrs. Taylor deceased from gunshot wounds. Family members told deputies that the couple had recently fought often and the fights had turned physical at times.

*Katherine
Collier
25 years old
Beaufort County*

Charles Brown shot his live-in girlfriend, Katherine Collier, at their home around December 24, 2015. He then called his brother in North Carolina and told him he had shot Ms. Collier and asked him to pick him up. Deputies later determined that Mr. Brown and his brother buried Ms. Collier in the back yard of the home. Mr. Brown is a violent felon who was prohibited from owning a gun at the time of the shooting. He was arrested and charged with murder. His brother and mother were also arrested and charged with accessory after the fact of murder. All are currently awaiting trial.

*Nicholas
Degros
30 years old
Beaufort County*

Jasmine Femia conspired to shoot Nicholas Degros, the father of her child, on January 9, 2015. Ms. Femia and her boyfriend, Anthony Ellison, plotted to kill Mr. Degros because of a child-custody dispute she had with Mr. Degros. Mr. Ellison hid behind a van at the home of Mr. Degros and ambushed him when he came into his yard, shooting him multiple times. Ms. Femia and Mr. Ellison were later arrested and charged with murder and conspiracy. Ms. Femia was found guilty of both charges in a jury trial. She was sentenced to 45 years in prison for murder and 5 years for conspiracy, to run concurrently.



*Loyde
Williams
85 years old
Berkeley County*

Cheryl Williams shot her husband, Loyde Williams, at their home on July 16, 2015. She then called 911 and stated that her husband shot himself. When police arrived, they heard another gunshot from inside the home. Mrs. Williams soon came outside and seemed upset when talking to police. Mr. Williams was found deceased inside the home. Police had no records of prior domestic problems between the couple. Mrs. Williams was later arrested and charged with murder, and she is currently awaiting trial.

*Mitchell
Taylor
53 years old
Calhoun County*

Christina Weaver shot Mitchell Taylor, the father of her children, at their home on November 7, 2015. A friend stated to deputies that Ms. Weaver was in an abusive relationship with Mr. Taylor. Ms. Weaver claimed she shot Mr. Taylor in self-defense during an argument, but evidence at the scene indicated she shot him while he was sleeping. She was arrested and charged with voluntary manslaughter. Ms. Weaver is currently awaiting trial.

*Jonathan
Argoe
53 years old
Charleston County*

Doris Argoe shot her husband, Jonathan Argoe, at their home on March 21, 2015. She then called 911 and stated that she had shot her husband after he threatened her with a knife during an argument. Mr. Argoe was taken to the hospital, where he died from his injuries. Mrs. Argoe later told police that she injured herself with a knife after the shooting to make it look like self-defense. She was arrested and charged with murder. Mrs. Argoe pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 17 years and 8 months in prison.



*Pamela
Burgess
35 years old
Charleston County*

William Gule, Jr., shot Pamela Burgess, the mother of his child, at her home on August 5, 2015. Mr. Gule later called 911 and stated that he accidentally shot Ms. Burgess after an argument over who was keeping their child that day. He then drove to Dorchester County, where he surrendered to deputies. Ms. Burgess was found deceased from multiple gunshot wounds at her home. Mr. Gule was charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He is currently awaiting trial.



*Chad
Fern*

*20 years old
Charleston County*

Madisen Stroupe stabbed her live-in boyfriend, Chad Fern, at their apartment on April 6, 2015. She then called 911 and stated that she accidentally stabbed her boyfriend following an argument. Police arrived to find Mr. Fern deceased. Ms. Stroupe was arrested and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. She is currently awaiting trial.



*Malakia
Frazier
26 years old
Charleston County*

Ricky Short stabbed his girlfriend, Malakia Frazier, multiple times in a public street on October 10, 2015. Ms. Frazier was pregnant with his child at the time of the stabbing. A neighbor who witnessed the incident called 911 and later identified Mr. Short as the person she saw stabbing Ms. Frazier. Mr. Short told police that he was in an argument with Ms. Frazier but that someone else had attacked her. His statement was found to be inconsistent with evidence and other witnesses' statements. Ms. Frazier's child died shortly after being delivered four months' premature. Mr. Short was arrested and charged with two counts of murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He is currently awaiting trial.



Shirlee

Greene

68 years old

Charleston County

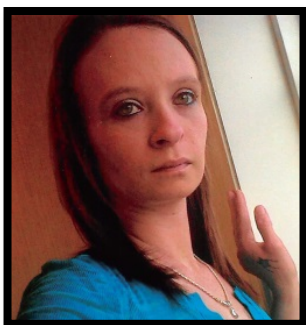
David Greene shot his wife, Shirlee Greene, following an argument at their home on October 23, 2015. Deputies responding to a shooting report found Mr. Greene sitting on the front porch holding a gun. Dispatch had informed them that Mr. Greene said he did not want to live and wanted police to shoot him, but he was taken into custody after a brief struggle. Mrs. Greene was found deceased inside the home. Mr. Greene was arrested and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He is currently awaiting trial.

*Kennitha
LaBoard
33 years old
Charleston County*

Termaine Frasier shot Kennitha LaBoard, the mother of his children, at her home on February 8, 2015. During the altercation, Mr. Frasier also shot and killed her mother. 911 had been contacted by someone from the home who did not answer questions, although dispatchers heard voices and gunshots in the background. Reports indicate that Mr. Frasier called his sister and told her he shot Ms. LaBoard and her mother. When deputies arrived at the scene, Mr. Frasier turned the gun on himself and took his own life.

*Barbara
Little
69 years old
Charleston County*

General Little beat to death his ex-wife, Barbara Little, at her home on September 22, 2015. Mrs. Little's brother found her when he went to the home to check on her. Responding deputies arrived to find Mrs. Little deceased. Mr. Little had left the house after what looked like an attempt to clean up the scene. He was located at his home and arrested later that day. Mr. Little was charged with murder. He is currently awaiting trial.



*Shannon
Little*

*33 years old
Chesterfield County*

Rashawn Little shot his wife, Shannon Little, at their home on October 23, 2015. Deputies responded to a shooting call to find a neighbor injured and another neighbor killed. Mr. Little then opened fire on deputies before getting into his car and driving away. The couple's three children were present during the shooting. Mr. Little was arrested following a shootout with law enforcement the next day and charged with multiple counts of murder, attempted murder for shooting at deputies, possession of a firearm by a violent felon, and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He is currently awaiting trial.

*Kelsey
Cousar
23 years old
Clarendon County*

Beverly Oliver stabbed the father of her child, Kelsey Cousar, on March 1, 2015. 911 was called during a fight among Ms. Oliver, her brother, and Mr. Cousar at her apartment. Police arrived to find Mr. Cousar unresponsive on the curb outside. Ms. Oliver and her brother were arrested and charged with murder. Ms. Oliver was also charged with possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. They are both awaiting trial.

*Patricia
Love
29 years old
Edgefield County*

Jody Jones shot his girlfriend, Patricia Love, at their home around January 11, 2015. Mr. Jones told deputies that he was cleaning the gun when it went off, striking Ms. Love. Mr. Jones was arrested on a charge of discharging a firearm while intoxicated. Additional charges of murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime were added when Ms. Love died at the hospital two days later. Mr. Jones is currently awaiting trial.

*Paula
Hodges*
42 years old
Florence County

Alfred Bishop strangled his girlfriend, Paula Hodges, at their home on December 19, 2015. Mr. Bishop then took Ms. Hodges' car and went to his cousin's house, where he admitted that he had killed Ms. Hodges during an argument. Deputies were notified and Mr. Bishop was arrested at his cousin's house. He was charged with murder and is currently awaiting trial.

*John
Ferrell*
51 years old
Greenville County

Jane Hughes killed her estranged husband, John Ferrell, at her parents' home on January 24, 2015. There was a history of domestic violence in the relationship, which led to Ms. Hughes moving in with her parents. Ms. Hughes called 911 claiming that her husband had broken in and was threatening her family. Ms. Hughes' father told police that Mr. Ferrell assaulted him, leaving him no choice but to shoot him. Family members' statements were all inconsistent. Further investigation indicated that Ms. Hughes and her family plotted to kill Mr. Ferrell and lured him to the home on the pretense of visiting his children. Mr. Ferrell died due to blunt force trauma to the head from a hammer as well as multiple gunshot wounds. Ms. Hughes, her father, mother, brother, and boyfriend were arrested and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. They are currently awaiting trial.

*Frankie
Haney
76 years old
Greenville County*

Clifford Haney shot his wife, Frankie Haney, at their home on March 28, 2015. Mr. Haney had been living in a rehab facility as a dementia patient, and his family had returned him home to be put in hospice care when the shooting occurred. Mr. Haney called 911 prior to the shooting and indicated he was suicidal. Family members at the home heard the shots and called police, who arrived to find Mrs. Haney on the floor with multiple gunshot wounds. She was transported to the hospital, where she later died. Mr. Haney was arrested and charged with murder. He died while in jail awaiting trial.



*Vanessa
Williams
32 years old
Greenville County*

Damien Williams shot his wife, Vanessa Williams, at their home on January 1, 2015. Family members asked for a welfare check after not hearing from Mrs. Williams for several days. Deputies sent to the home discovered Mrs. Williams deceased and found a note left by Mr. Williams stating he was sorry for what he did, but didn't know what else to do. The couple had been married for two weeks at the time of the shooting, and family members stated that Mr. Williams had threatened to kill her before. Mr. Williams fled to Charlotte, where he barricaded himself in a motel room with two other people in a 12-hour standoff with a SWAT team. He turned the gun on himself and took his own life as police closed in.

*Christian
Phipps
29 years old
Horry County*

Leon Collier strangled his live-in girlfriend, Christian Phipps, around November 23, 2015. A friend of Mr. Collier called police on December 1 to report that Mr. Collier told him he may have hurt his girlfriend and was also threatening to harm himself. Police arrived to find Ms. Phipps deceased in a bedroom closet and covered with items. It was determined that her children were present in the home at the time of the strangling and were kept there afterward in poor home conditions. Mr. Collier was arrested and charged with murder and two counts of unlawful neglect of a child in connection with Ms. Phipps' death. He is currently awaiting trial.

*Lakicia
Young
46 years old
Jasper County*

Tyrone Young shot his wife, Lakicia Young, on June 11, 2015, in a public area where she was meeting with a friend to talk about wanting to leave the relationship. Mr. Young also attempted to shoot her friend, who called 911. He surrendered to officers after a brief standoff. Mr. Young was charged with murder, attempted murder, and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter, attempted murder, and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. Mr. Young is serving 16 years in prison.



*William
Corteville, Sr.
52 years old
Laurens County*

William Corteville, Sr., was doused with gasoline and set on fire on July 17, 2015, by his live-in girlfriend, Angela Berry, while he was asleep in his home. The resulting fire also caused damage to the home. A 911 call was placed and Mr. Corteville was taken to the hospital with severe burns. Ms. Berry had fled the scene when deputies arrived but was later located. Mr. Corteville died in the hospital on December 20, 2015, as a result of his injuries. Ms. Berry was arrested for arson and attempted murder, which was upgraded to murder following Mr. Corteville's death. She is currently awaiting trial.



*Wanda
Howard
61 years old
Lexington County*

Michael Blume shot his former live-in girlfriend, Wanda Howard, on June 5, 2015. Ms. Howard had moved out of their home approximately a week before the shooting and was living with her daughter. She informed her daughter that she was returning to the residence that day to have a short talk with Mr. Blume about the relationship. When she did not return, Ms. Howard's daughter drove to the residence and called law enforcement. Deputies arrived to find Ms. Howard and Mr. Blume deceased from gunshot wounds. Family members indicated the couple had a history of domestic violence.

*Karen
Jones
52 years old
Lexington County*

Randy Jones gave his wife, Karen Jones, an overdose of medicine that caused her death around December 20, 2015. Mrs. Jones' body was located in a motel with Mr. Jones still present on December 22, 2015. Mr. Jones was disoriented and agitated, but told investigators that he provided the medicine to his wife and had also planned on taking his own life in the process. Mr. Jones was arrested and charged with assisting a person with suicide, as well as with malicious injury to property for extensive damage to the motel room. He pled guilty to assisting a person with suicide and no contest to malicious injury and was sentenced to 127 days' time served in prison.

*Rachel
Peters
32 years old
Lexington County*

Sean Peters shot his estranged wife, Rachel Peters, at her home on December 13, 2015. Reports indicate that Mr. Peters unlawfully entered her home and shot her multiple times while at least one minor child was present. Mr. Peters then called 911 and stated he needed a SWAT team. He continued to make nonsensical statements when deputies arrived and surrendered to them after a short negotiation. Mrs. Peters was found deceased inside the home. Mr. Peters was arrested and charged with murder, two counts of kidnapping, burglary 1st degree, and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He is currently awaiting trial.

*Joanne
Taylor
60 years old
Lexington County*

Peter Coffey beat to death his former live-in girlfriend, Joanne Taylor, at her home around August 9, 2015. A friend of Ms. Taylor went to the home to check on her at the request of her mother, who had not been able to get in contact with Ms. Taylor. After breaking a window, he saw Ms. Taylor lying unresponsive on a bed with gashes to her head. He called 911, and responding deputies discovered that Ms. Taylor was deceased and appeared to have been sexually assaulted before her death. Mr. Coffey was arrested and charged with murder and criminal sexual conduct 1st degree. He is currently awaiting trial.

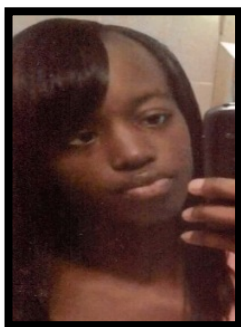


*Loretta
Bunch
38 years old
Orangeburg County*

Harold Pratt shot his former live-in girlfriend, Loretta Bunch, at his home around December 25, 2015. He then moved her body to a nearby creek, where she was located by investigators several days later. Ms. Bunch and Mr. Pratt had been in a relationship for several years but had recently separated. Reports indicate there was an argument between the couple before Mr. Pratt shot her. Mr. Pratt was arrested and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He is currently awaiting trial.

*Veronica
Butler
32 years old
Orangeburg County*

Omar Profit stabbed his ex-girlfriend and mother of his children, Veronica Butler, at her home on March 6, 2015. Ms. Butler's boyfriend told responding deputies that Mr. Profit had called the day before to say he was coming over to see her in an effort to get back together. Mr. Profit entered the home uninvited with a knife in each hand, yelling. When Ms. Butler's boyfriend tried to separate the two, Mr. Profit stabbed Ms. Butler and fled the scene. After a two hour manhunt Mr. Profit was arrested. Two young children were in the home at the time of the stabbing. Mr. Profit was charged with murder. He is currently awaiting trial.



*Lateefah
Williams
21 years old
Orangeburg County*

Malcolm Williams stabbed Lateefah Williams, the mother of his child, on July 29, 2015. Mr. Williams then called 911 and admitted to killing his girlfriend and leaving her in the woods. Mr. Williams' aunt reported to deputies that her nephew had come to see her and told her that he killed his girlfriend and where she could be located. Police searched the reported location and found Ms. Williams unresponsive. Mr. Williams was charged with murder. He is currently awaiting trial.

*Raja
Fayad
45 years old
Richland County*

Sunghee Kwon shot her ex-husband, Raja Fayad, at his place of work at USC on February 5, 2015. Mr. Fayad had notified university police several weeks before that he was concerned about Ms. Kwon repeatedly showing up unannounced to his classes and contacting him about her application to the PhD program where he taught. Neighbors said the two had a volatile relationship and that the situation worsened when Mr. Fayad entered a new relationship after their divorce. Ms. Kwon came to Mr. Fayad's office at the university and shot him before turning the gun on herself and taking her own life.

*Doris
Marshall
58 years old
Richland County*

Mimi Marshall shot his wife, Doris Marshall, at their home on August 15, 2015. Mr. Marshall then fled the scene and went to his brother's home, where he confessed to killing his wife. His brother called police and requested a welfare check on Mrs. Marshall. Deputies arrived to find her deceased. Mr. Marshall was later arrested and charged with murder and being a felon in possession of a firearm. He is currently awaiting trial.

*Marcia
Robinson
53 years old
Richland County*

Ralph Robinson shot his wife, Marcia Robinson, at their home on September 20, 2015. She also received blunt force injuries that contributed to her death. Mr. Robinson then turned the gun on himself and took his own life. Police responding to a 911 call found the couple unresponsive, and EMS responders pronounced them deceased at the scene.

*Christina
Humphries
28 years old
Spartanburg County*

Wilford Lee, Jr., beat and burned to death his former live-in girlfriend, Christina Humphries, on August 16, 2015. Her body was found in a wooded area by a passerby, who called 911. Responding officers discovered her deceased. Ms. Humphries was pregnant at the time of her death. Mr. Lee had a history of violence, including a recent Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature charge against the victim. He was charged with murder and is currently awaiting trial.

*Susan
Long
43 years old
Spartanburg County*

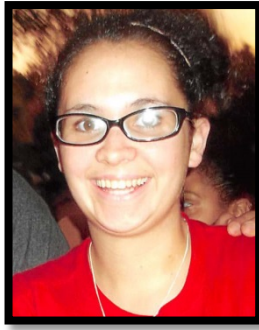
Paul Jeter shot his estranged wife, Susan Long, and her co-worker at their work place on November 20, 2015. Mr. Jeter had received information that Ms. Long was romantically involved with the co-worker. He purchased a gun shortly before the shootings, and a witness indicated he planned to kill the two. Mr. Jeter followed them to work, where he shot them in the parking lot. 911 was called and Ms. Long was found deceased at the scene. Her co-worker was shot in the head but survived, naming Mr. Jeter as the shooter. Mr. Jeter and Ms. Long's daughter also told officers that her father admitted to shooting her mother. Mr. Jeter was arrested and charged with murder and attempted murder. He is currently awaiting trial.



*Shannon
Revels*

*37 years old
Spartanburg County*

Lindsey Wilson stabbed Shannon Revels, her live-in boyfriend, at their home on October 5, 2015. Ms. Wilson and Mr. Revels both told responding deputies that he had accidentally fallen on the knife. Ms. Wilson's story was inconsistent and it was later discovered through eye-witness testimony that Ms. Wilson stabbed Mr. Revels in the stomach during an argument. He died the next day due to his injuries. Ms. Wilson was arrested and charged with murder. She is currently awaiting trial.



*Shelby
Sims*

*23 years old
Spartanburg County*

Jeremy Sims shot his wife, Shelby Sims, in their home on November 14, 2015. The couple had been playing card games and drinking with friends before the shooting. Mr. Sims' mother-in-law reported that he was waving the gun around that evening and joking about killing his friends. After the guests left, his mother-in-law heard a gunshot from another room. Mr. Sims screamed that he had shot Mrs. Sims and to call 911. EMS arrived shortly after and pronounced Mrs. Sims deceased. Mr. Sims was arrested and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter, for which he received a sentence of five years in prison, and to the use of a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, for which he received a sentence of two years.

*Katrina
Sova
32 years old
Spartanburg County*

Donte Noble stabbed Katrina Sova, the mother of his child, multiple times at her home on April 15, 2015. Officers responding to a 911 hang-up call heard a female crying inside but could not get anyone to come to the door. It appeared that the back door had been kicked in. When officers attempted to break down the front door, a male inside the home responded that everybody was fine. Both the front and back doors to the residence had been barricaded. Officers were able to break down the upper half of the front door that had been blocked by a couch. Shots were then fired and Mr. Noble was shot by an officer. Ms. Sova was found severely injured and EMS was unable to revive her. Mr. Noble also died at the scene.

*Brent
Tessnear
36 years old
Spartanburg County*

Angelita Wright struck Brent Tessnear, her estranged husband, with a truck in a hit-and-run incident. Ms. Wright was driving when she saw Mr. Tessnear walking down the street. She pulled up behind him, sped up, struck him with the truck, and then drove away. Mr. Tessnear died at the hospital from his injuries. Ms. Wright was arrested and charged with hit-and-run resulting in death. She is currently awaiting trial.

*Sara
Wallace*
33 years old
Spartanburg County

Anthony Gaston stabbed Sara Wallace, the mother of his child, on August 1, 2015 in a car that they and other family members were riding in. A neighbor and employees of a nearby auto store witnessed Ms. Wallace get out of the car bleeding and collapse on the ground. They called 911 and also tried to intervene when Mr. Gaston dragged Ms. Wallace back into the car. He drove to another residence, where he shot Ms. Wallace and then turned the gun on himself. Police called to the scene found Ms. Wallace and Mr. Gaston deceased. There was a history of domestic violence in the couple's relationship. Mr. Gaston was out on bond and was not supposed to have contact with Ms. Wallace as a condition of bond after being charged in July 2015 with second-degree domestic violence against Ms. Wallace.

Anna

Moore

50 years old

York County

Randy Moore shot his wife, Anna Moore, at their home on July 5, 2015. After shooting Mrs. Moore with a gun that she had bought years before, he walked outside and shot Mrs. Moore's son and his girlfriend in the back yard. Mr. Moore then went back inside and shot himself. A friend who had been invited to the home for a cookout that evening discovered their bodies when he arrived. He sought help from a group of mutual friends, who called 911. Deputies arrived to find all four deceased. There was no indication of previous physical violence between the couple, although they had been having marital problems. Mr. Moore had a criminal history with unrelated felony convictions that would have prohibited him from owning a firearm.

*Tiffany
Williams*
32 years old
York County

John Coddington killed his live-in girlfriend, Tiffany Williams, at their home around December 4, 2015. About a week later deputies were called to meet with two of Mr. Coddington's co-workers, who said he told them that he had beaten and killed Ms. Williams. Mr. Coddington initially told investigators that he had beaten her during a fight and she left him. Later during the interview he stated that he beat her and watched her die before putting her body into a suitcase, taking it to a co-worker's house, and burning her body in a barrel. Mr. Coddington was arrested and charged with murder. He pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to 45 years in prison.

Unknown

Domestic violence affects us all.

Domestic violence cuts across gender, race and ethnicity. People in every socioeconomic status experience this type of violence. Domestic violence victims are all around us: in our neighborhoods, workplaces and our places of worship.

Therefore, let us have a moment of silence to remember those victims of whom we are unaware.

Domestic Violence Organizations

South Carolina

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Abbeville County

Laurens County Safe Home

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Clinton, SC 29325

Hotline 866-598-5932

Phone 864-682-7270

Aiken County

Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons

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Domestic Violence Organizations

Berkeley County

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Chesterfield County

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Silent Witness Information

The South Carolina Office of the Attorney General works diligently throughout the year to collect information about domestic violence homicides. This is the 19th year the office has held the Silent Witness Memorial during October to recognize the victims of this horrific crime.

The information for the Silent Witness Memorial is compiled with the assistance and cooperation of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and the offices of South Carolina solicitors, sheriffs, coroners, and police departments.

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