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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILLS

HIGHLIGHTS

HB 488

- Includes strangulation in Second Degree Battery
- Eliminates 5 year cohabitation requirement for Domestic Abuse Battery
- Includes family members and dating partners as potential DAB victims
- First stalking conviction, including written threats, is a felony
- Violation of protective order with physicality is a felony
- No firearms for persons convicted of DAB or stalking
- Requires identification information collection from persons arrested for crimes against family or household members or dating partners
- Includes Domestic Abuse Assistance Act protective orders by consent judgment in firearm prohibition
- Requires state ID, date and relationship status when instituting prosecution of crimes against family or household members or dating partners

HB 722

- Clarifies that 46:2151 dating partners are protected by Domestic Abuse Assistance Act
- Non-physical acts included within definition of domestic abuse
- TRO requires consideration of past history of abuse to determine danger of abuse
- PO may be granted to cease threat of abuse
- Stalking and Gwen's Law POs included in law enforcement duties

HB 539

- Immediate divorce can be granted for physical or sexual abuse occurring during marriage
- Immediate divorce can be granted for POs or injunctions following a contradictory hearing during marriage
- Courts have discretion to assess attorney fees and costs for divorce against abuser
- No hearing required for Art. 103(5) default judgments unless directed by judge

HB 368

- Authorizes and establishes Family Justice Centers
- Authorizes sharing of victim information with consent among FJC agencies

SB 27

- Prohibits sentence suspension for DAB misdemeanors

SB 174

- Nullifies lease provisions limiting domestic abuse victim's right to seek law enforcement assistance or emergency treatment
- Creates accommodations for lessees who are victims of domestic abuse

HB 251

- Requires consideration of criminal history and risk factors of a defendant who commits domestic abuse upon a family member, household member or dating partner
- Allows five days (excluding weekends) for court to conduct contradictory bail hearing
- After hearing, judge may hold defendant without bail pending trial

HB 194

- Creates standards for hospitals and HCPs examining sex crime victims
- Assures confidentiality of victim's samples upon transfer to law enforcement
- Limits costs to maximum allowable reparations
- Creates procedures for reporting sex crimes committed against persons 16 and under

HB 311

- Defines forensic medical examinations
- Includes HCP's or HCP-certified victims as claimants for reparations
- Reparations capped at \$1000

HB 143

- Deposits unclaimed gaming funds into Crime Reparations Fund
- Fund used to pay health expenses of sex crime victims

SB 36

- Creates "Victims of Sexual Assault Act"
- Protects persons not covered by Domestic Abuse Assistance Act

SB 31

- Allows governing authority of Orleans Parish public schools to survey students
- Survey may include risk behaviors, including sexual health

SB 37

- Requires sexual assault awareness training for college or university police officers

SB 242

- Requires annual reports of sex crimes reported and investigated
- Directs creation of common reporting template and transfer of reports to House and Senate Judiciary Committee chairmen

SB 255

- Creates Campus Accountability and Safety Act
- Requires annual, anonymous survey of sexual climate to students, faculty and employees of each public postsecondary institution

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILLS

SUMMARIES

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HB 488

Rep. Moreno

House Administration of Criminal Justice Committee

Second Degree Battery

This amendment to La. R.S. 14:34.1 provides that “serious bodily injury” shall include strangulation defined as impeding the normal breathing or circulation of the blood by applying pressure on the throat or neck or by blocking the nose or mouth of the victim, regardless of whether the strangulation results in unconsciousness.

Domestic Abuse Battery

This amendment to La. R.S. 14:35.3 adds family members and dating partners to those victims whose perpetrators may be charged with Domestic Abuse Battery. The current co-habitation requirement excludes the majority of domestic abuse battery victims because most have never lived in the same residence with their abuser. This amendment also removes the requirement that household members must have lived with an abuser within five years of the battery. Expanding the protected classes assures that those convicted of domestic abuse battery in another jurisdiction are considered prior offenders. Finally, the amendment clarifies that any 14:2(B) act of violence, or any offense involving the use of force or threat thereof, including stalking, is considered an act of domestic abuse for consideration in any criminal and civil proceedings.

Domestic Abuse Aggravated Assault

As above, this amendment to La. R.S. 14:37.7 adds family members and dating partners to those victims whose perpetrators may be charged with Domestic Abuse Battery Aggravated Assault. The current co-habitation requirement excludes the majority of domestic abuse battery victims because most have never lived in the same residence with their abuser. This amendment also removes that requirement that household members must have lived with an abuser within five years of the aggravated assault.

Stalking

This amendment to La. R.S. 14:40.2 adds written communications to those acts which may include threats of death, bodily injury, sexual assault, kidnapping, or any statutory criminal act to himself or any member of his family or any person with whom the stalker is acquainted. This amendment further makes a first conviction of stalking a felony.

Violation of Protective Orders

This amendment to La. R.S. 14:79 makes the first offense of a violation of a protective order which involves a 14:2(B) crime of violence or an offense involving the use of force or threat thereof against the protected person a felony. The amendment further requires repeat offenders to attend a court-monitored domestic abuse intervention program.

Possession of Firearm by Person Convicted of DAB or Stalking

This amendment to La. R.S. 14:95.10 prohibits possession of firearm by persons convicted of Domestic Abuse Battery or Stalking for 10 years following completion of sentence.

Obtaining and Filing Fingerprint and Identification Data

This amendment to La. 15:590(8) requires the collection of the name, fingerprints, description and photos of any person who has been arrested or issued a summons of any law which prohibits the use or attempted use of force, or threatened use of a deadly weapon, including stalking, against a family member, household member or dating partner.

Prohibition on Possession of Firearms by Person Against Whom a Protective Order is Issued

This amendment to La. R.S. 46:2136.3 adds court-approved consent judgments resulting in protective orders, stalking protective orders and Gwen's Law protective orders to the list of protective orders governed by this statute for the duration of the protective order.

Additional Information Required When Prosecuting Certain Offenses

This amendment C.Cr.P. Art. 387 requires the date of arrest, relationship of defendant to victim, and State ID number of defendant to be included in any indictment, information or affidavit instituting the prosecution of an offense prohibiting the use of force or a deadly weapon or stalking against a family member, household member or dating partner.

HB 722

Rep. Billiot

House Administration of Criminal Justice Committee

Domestic Abuse Assistance Act

Since 2001, the Protection from Dating Violence Act (La. R.S. 46:2151) has provided that "a victim of a dating partner shall be eligible to receive all services, benefits and other forms of assistance provided by Chapter 28 of this Title." Chapter 28 includes the Protection from Family Violence Act and the Domestic Abuse Assistance Act. The DAAA includes multiple references to "dating violence" and "dating partners": La. R.S. 46:2136.2 regarding the Louisiana Protective Order Registry (LPOR); La. R.S. 2136.3 regarding possession of firearms by a person against whom a protective order is issued; and La. R.S. 46:2140 regarding the duties of law enforcement officers. Gwen's Law (C.Cr.P. Art. 335.1) also includes dating partner offenders who may be subject to a DAAA protective order as a condition of bail. Inclusion of dating partners as victims within the DAAA clarifies existing law and eliminates the need for several LPOR protective orders created specifically for dating partners.

Definitions

The amendment to La. R.S. 46: 2131 clarifies that "any offense against the person" as defined in the Criminal Code of Louisiana may include non-physical acts. This amendment further clarifies that persons defined in the Protection from Dating Violence Act (46:2151) are eligible under current law to receive all services, benefits and other forms of assistance provided by the Domestic Abuse Assistance Act.



Temporary Restraining Order

This amendment to La. R.S. 46:2135 incorporates, in concept, the language of *Okechukwu v. Okechukwu*, (La. App. 3rd Cir. May 21, 2014): *“while La.R.S. 46:2135 requires that the danger of abuse be immediate and present, there is no statutory requirement that the abuse itself be recent, immediate, or present. Likewise, we have not found any statutory or jurisprudential authority setting forth how recent the abuse must have occurred in order for a party to obtain the protection afforded by La.R.S. 46:2135. ... To find otherwise would tend to punish a victim of domestic violence who suffered from years of abuse before finally deciding to seek a divorce and other relief so as to put an end to the abuse that they had suffered for far too long.”* It is well documented that domestic violence escalates upon separation and this amendment clarifies that a court shall consider any and all past history of abuse alleged by the petitioner when determining danger.

Protective Orders

This amendment to La. R.S. 2136 clarifies that a protective order may be granted to bring about a cessation of domestic abuse or a threat of domestic abuse (as defined in 46:2131) without the necessity of finding that the abuse itself is immediate or present.

Law Enforcement Officers; Duties

This amendment to La. R.S. 46:2140 adds protective orders issued pursuant to the Protection for Stalking Act (46:2171) and pursuant to Gwen’s Law (C.Cr.P. 335.1) to the list of protective order violations which shall or may require law enforcement action to protect the victim or determine the predominant aggressor.

HB 539

Rep. James

House Civil Law & Procedure Committee

Immediate Divorce

These revisions to Art. 103(4) and 103(5) clarify that it is the intent of the legislature that an immediate divorce may be granted if the physical or sexual abuse of a spouse or child of a spouse occurred during the marriage or a protective order or injunction, following a contradictory hearing, was issued during the marriage. These clarifications have no application to temporary restraining orders. These clarifications have no application to injunctions or protective orders emanating from consent decrees prior to August 1, 2014.

Attorney Fees

The addition of Paragraph B to La. C.C. Art. 2362.1 gives a court discretion to assess attorney fees and costs in an action for an immediate divorce granted pursuant to Article 103(4) or 103(5) and in incidental actions thereafter against the perpetrator of physical or sexual abuse. This revision provides consistency with the Domestic Abuse Assistance Act (La. R.S. 46:2136.1) and the Post Separation Family Relief Act (La. R.S. 9:367) which currently mandate that such costs be paid by the perpetrator of domestic or family violence.

Confirmation of Art. 103(5) Default Judgment

This amendment was requested by the New Orleans Family Justice Center to eliminate the need for a hearing in open court pursuant to La. C.C. P. Art. 1702, unless directed by the presiding judge, to persons seeking a demand for divorce pursuant to La. C.C. Art. 103(5).

HB 368**Rep. Badon****House Administration of Criminal Justice Committee**Family Justice Centers

This bill authorizes and establishes multiagency and multidisciplinary support and services to victims of abuse, sexual assault, stalking, cyber bullying, and human trafficking in a Family Justice Center and requires informed, written consent from the victim to allow sharing of information between the FJC agencies. (La. R.S. 46:1860-3)

SB 27**Sen. Broome****Senate Judiciary C Committee**Suspension & Deferral of Domestic Abuse Battery Sentences

This amendment to C.Cr.P. 894(A)(1) adds Domestic Abuse Battery to the list of misdemeanor convictions for which a defendant's sentence cannot be suspended by the court.

SB 174**Sen. Broome****Senate Judiciary A Committee**Lease Agreements Domestic Abuse Victims

This bill nullifies the terms of any lease agreement which would waive or limit the right of a victim of domestic abuse to summon law enforcement or emergency assistance or require such victim to pay a monetary penalty for summoning assistance. Qualified lessees cannot be refused a lease or evicted because the lessee or a family or household member is/was a domestic abuse victim. A lessee may seek early termination or bifurcation of a lease upon providing the lessor written proof that the lessee or a family or household member is a victim of domestic abuse. Civil actions may be brought against a lessor within two years of a violation pursuant to the proposed law. (La. R.S. 9:3236)

HB 251**Rep. Lopinto****House Administration of Criminal Justice Committee**Contradictory Hearing Domestic Abuse Bail Release

This bill provides that a judge or magistrate may order the temporary detention of a defendant (not to exceed five days, pending a contradictory bail hearing when a defendant is charged with the commission of an offense involving the use or threatened use of force or a deadly weapon upon a household member, family member or dating partner. A court is required to consider the defendant's previous criminal record, potential threat or danger to the victim, risk factors such as substance abuse, gun ownership, employment statues, threats to harm self or others, etc. Following such contradictory hearing considering the foregoing, a defendant may be held without bail pending trial. (C.Cr.P. Art. 330.3)



HB 194
Rep. Moreno

House Judiciary Committee

Examination, Treatment & Billing of Sex Crime Victims

This bill amends and reenacts La. R.S. 13:5713(F) and La. R.S.40:2109.1 to provide for the examination of any sexually-oriented criminal offense even if the case is not under police investigation and to require hospitals and healthcare providers to comply with specific standards and procedures when treating victims, including referrals for crime victim reparations and keeping costs within the maximum allowable reparations. Bar code ID's will be assigned to samples transferred to criminal justice agencies who shall have responsibility for the same. The bill provides reporting procedures for victims 16 and under and videotaped statements from victims 14 and under. No hospital or health care provider shall directly bill a victim for services.

HB 311
Rep. Moreno

House Administration of Criminal Justice Committee

Forensic Examination Sexual Assaults – Crime Victim Reparations

This bill defines forensic medical examinations of sexually-oriented criminal offense victims and requires such examinations to remain confidential when submitted to the Crime Victim Reparations Board. Claimants for reparations can include a health care provider who provides forensic medical examinations. Reparation qualifications do not require crime reporting but does require certification from the treating health care provider. Reparations are capped at \$1000. (See La. R.S. 15:622, La. R.S. 46:1802)

HB 143
Rep. Moreno & Sen. Alario

House Committee on Appropriations

Dedication of Unclaimed Gaming Funds to Crime Victims Reparations Fund

This bill requires certain unclaimed gaming funds to be deposited after 90 days into the Crime Victims Reparations Fund to be used exclusively to pay health care expenses of victims of sexually oriented criminal offense, not including forensic medical examinations. (La. R.S. 4:176, La. R.S. 46:1816 (B)& (C) and La. R.S. 27: 94, 252 & 394)

SB 36
Sen. Amedee

Senate Judiciary B Committee

Sexual Assault Protective Orders

This bill creates the “Victims of Sexual Assault Act” and provides for TROs and Protective Orders for victims of sexual assault who do not qualify for an order of protection pursuant to the Domestic Abuse Assistance Act or the Protection from Dating Violence Act. Such orders must be sent to the Louisiana Protective Order Registry. The bill provides that a protective order may be issued as a condition of bail for the purpose of preventing nonconsensual contact following an alleged sexual assault. Adds La. 46:2181 to La. R.S. 14:79 (Violation of Protective Orders and requires that law enforcement officers shall, at a minimum, issue a summons to the violator. (C.Cr.P. Art. 327.1 & 335.1(A)(1)(a); 46:2181)

SB 31
Sen. Morrell

Senate Education Committee

Sex Education

This bill provides that the governing authority of Orleans Parish public schools may allow students to be surveyed about their risk behaviors, including those related to sexual health. (La. R.S. 17:281(A)(2))

SB 37
Sen. Morrell

Senate Judiciary B Committee

Peace Officer Standards & Training

This bill requires completion of a sexual assault awareness training program by full-time college or university police officers. The bill requires the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training to develop lead homicide investigator and sexual assault awareness training programs for peace officers. (La. R.S. 17:1805(H) & 40:2045.8)

SB 242
Sen. Morrell

Senate Judiciary B Committee

Reporting of Sexually-Oriented Criminal Offense Data

This bill requires each criminal justice agency, including college and university campus police departments, to annually report the number of sexually-oriented criminal offenses reported and investigated and the number of sexual assault collection kits submitted for analysis. The bill further requires that the La. Chiefs of Police, the La. Sheriffs' Association and the legislative auditor create a common reporting template and, upon receipt of such reports, transfer the same to the Senate Judiciary B Committee Chair and the House Judiciary Committee Chair. (La. R.S. 15:623)

SB 255
Sen. Morrell

Senate Education Committee

Sexual Assault Climate Survey/Campus Accountability & Safety Act

This bill requires each public postsecondary institution to administer an annual, anonymous sexual assault climate survey (established by the Board of Regents) to its students, faculty and employees. The bill creates the Campus Accountability and Safety Act and requires compliance by any institution who receives Title IX funding from the U.S. DOE. Each institution shall provide a "responsible employee" charged with redressing or reporting sexually-oriented criminal offenses to appropriate school officials. Each institution shall further enter into a MOU to clearly delineate responsibilities between the institution and first responder law enforcement agencies. (La. R.S. 17:3351(H) & 17:3399.11)

WHAT IS STALKING?

While legal definitions of stalking vary from one jurisdiction to another, a good working definition of stalking is a *course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.*

STALKING VICTIMIZATION

- 7.5 million people are stalked in one year in the United States.
- 15% of women and 6% of men have experienced stalking victimization at some point during their lifetime in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed.
- The majority of stalking victims are stalked by someone they know: 61% of female victims and 44% of male victims of stalking are stalked by a current or former intimate partner, 25% of female victims and 32% of male victims are stalked by an acquaintance.
- About half of all victims of stalking indicated that they were stalked before the age of 25. About 14% of female victims and 16% of male victims experienced stalking between the ages of 11 and 17.
- Approaching the victim or showing up in places when the victim didn't want them to be there; making unwanted telephone calls; leaving the victim unwanted messages (text or voice); and watching or following the victim from a distance, or spying on the victim with a listening device, camera, or global positioning system were the most commonly reported stalker tactics by both female and male victims of stalking.

[Matthew J. Breiding et al., "Prevalence and Characteristics of Sexual Violence, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence Victimization - National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, United States, 2011", *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, Vol. 63, No. 8 (2014)]

- 46% of stalking victims experience at least one unwanted contact per week.
 - 11% of stalking victims have been stalked for 5 years or more.
- [Katrina Baum et al., "Stalking Victimization in the United States," (Washington, DC: Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2009).]

STALKING AND INTIMATE PARTNER FEMICIDE

- 76% of intimate partner femicide victims have been stalked by their intimate partner.
- 67% had been physically abused by their intimate partner.
- 89% of femicide victims who had been physically assaulted had also been stalked in the 12 months before their murder.
- 79% of abused femicide victims reported being stalked during the same period that they were abused.
- 54% of femicide victims reported stalking to police before they were killed by their stalkers.

[Judith McFarlane et al., "Stalking and Intimate Partner Femicide," *Homicide Studies* 3, no. 4 (1999).]

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RECON STUDY OF STALKERS

- 2/3 of stalkers pursue their victims at least once per week, many daily, using more than one method.
- 78% of stalkers use more than one means of approach.
- Weapons are used to harm or threaten victims in 1 out of 5 cases.
- Almost 1/3 of stalkers have stalked before.
- Intimate partner stalkers frequently approach their targets, and their behaviors escalate quickly.

[Kris Mohandie et al., "The RECON Typology of Stalking: Reliability and Validity Based upon a Large Sample of North American Stalkers," *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 51, no. 1 (2006).]

IMPACT OF STALKING ON VICTIMS

- 46% of stalking victims fear not knowing what will happen next.
 - 29% of stalking victims fear the stalking will never stop.
 - 1 in 8 employed stalking victims lose time from work as a result of their victimization and more than half lose 5 days of work or more.
 - 1 in 7 stalking victims move as a result of their victimization.
- [Baum et al.]

- The prevalence of anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction, and severe depression is much higher among stalking victims than the general population, especially if the stalking involves being followed or having one's property destroyed.

[Eric Blauuw et al., "The Toll of Stalking," *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 17, no. 1 (2002):50-63.]

STALKING LAWS

- Stalking is a crime under the laws of 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Territories, and the Federal government.
- Less than 1/3 of states classify stalking as a felony upon first offense.
- More than 1/2 of states classify stalking as a felony upon second or subsequent offense or when the crime involves aggravating factors.
- Aggravating factors may include: possession of a deadly weapon, violation of a court order or condition of probation/parole, victim under 16 years, or same victim as prior occasions.

For a compilation of state, tribal, and federal laws visit www.victimsofcrime.org/src.

THE STALKING RESOURCE CENTER

The mission of the Stalking Resource Center is to enhance the ability of professionals, organizations, and systems to effectively respond to stalking. The Stalking Resource Center envisions a future in which the criminal justice system and its many allied community partners will effectively collaborate and respond to stalking, improve victim safety and well-being, and hold offenders accountable. Visit us online at www.victimsofcrime.org/src. Contact us at 202-467-8700 or src@ncvc.org.

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Report: 15 Percent of Louisiana Women Have Been Stalked

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Fifteen percent of all women living in Louisiana have been stalked at least once, according to results of a new state survey by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

The rate found in the recent survey of 1,171 women was almost double the national rate of 8 percent, said Madeline McAndrew, assistant secretary of the department's Office of Public Health.

Signs of stalking for the survey's purposes included unwanted or threatening phone calls, e-mail or mail; vandalized property; finding notes or letters in cars, at home or at work; or learning that family and friends had been asked for information about them.

In addition to the 15 percent of women who reported being stalked, 2 percent of the respondents said they are currently being stalked. Of those who reported stalking, 75 percent said they felt the situation was life-threatening and 67 percent reported their concerns to police.

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Intimate Partner Violence and Stalking Behavior: Exploration of Patterns and Correlates in a Sample of Acutely Battered Women

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Abstract

The aims of this study were to provide descriptive data on stalking in a sample of acutely battered women and to assess the interrelationship between constructs of emotional abuse, physical violence, and stalking in battered women. We recruited a sample of 114 battered women from shelters, agencies, and from the community at large. Results support the growing consensus that violent and harassing stalking behaviors occur with alarming frequency among physically battered women, both while they are in the relationship and after they leave their abusive partners. Emotional and psychological abuse emerged as strong predictors of within- and postrelationship stalking, and contributed a unique variance to women's fears of future serious harm or death, even after the effects of physical violence were controlled. The length of time a woman was out of the violent relationship was the strongest predictor of postseparation stalking, with increased stalking found with greater time out of the relationship. Results suggest the need to further study the heterogeneity of stalking and to clarify its relationship to constructs of emotional and physical abuse in diverse samples that include stalked but nonbattered women, as women exposed to emotional abuse, and dating violence.

- Intimate partner violence is remarkable for its serial and repetitive nature, with acts of actual or threatened violence often continuing after separation or divorce, at times ceasing only upon the death of one or both parties.
- Majority of female stalking victims (59%) report being stalked by a current or former intimate partner.
- 81% of women who were stalked by a current or former (marital/cohabiting) partner also experienced physical assaults by those partners.
- 31% also reported being sexually assaulted by them.
- There is compelling evidence of the link between stalking and controlling and emotionally abusive behavior in intimate relationships.
- The aims of this paper were to describe the frequencies and patterns of stalking behaviors experienced in a heterogeneous sample of acutely battered women and to examine the relationship of stalking to emotional abuse and physical violence in battered women.
- With the number and range of stalking behaviors reported by these women, it is not surprising that many battered women report feeling terrorized. It was distressing to find that nearly half of the battered women reported that their
- partner violated an order of protection within the past 6 months.
- Battering, emotional abuse, and stalking tend to be serial and ongoing and can occur during and after the termination of the romantic relationship.

- Taken together, the experiences of stalking and emotional abuse create a climate of unrelenting fear that haunts battered women even after they separate from their abusive partners. Undoubtedly, the severe physical violence perpetrated against many of these women by their partners serves to legitimize their fears that stalking behavior
- may escalate into more serious, life-threatening violence.
- Stalking behavior escalated among women who left their abusive partners.
- The length of time a woman was out of the abusive relationship was the single strongest predictor of postseparation stalking, even after accounting for previous levels of stalking in the relationship.



The Impact of Severe Stalking Experienced by Acutely Battered Women: An Examination of Violence, Psychological Symptoms and Strategic Responding

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Abstract

Stalking has been relatively understudied compared to other dimensions of intimate partner violence. The purpose of this article was to examine concurrent and subsequent intimate partner abuse, strategic responses and symptomatic consequences of severe stalking experienced by battered women. Thirtyfive battered women classified as "relentlessly stalked" and 31 infrequently stalked battered women were compared. Compared to infrequently stalked battered women, relentlessly stalked battered women reported:

- More severe concurrent physical violence, sexual assault and emotional abuse.:
 - Increased post-separation assault and stalking;
 - Increased rates of depression and PTSD; and
 - More extensive use of strategic responses to abuse. Results underscore the scope and magnitude
 - Of stalking faced by battered women and have implications for assessment and intervention strategies.
- At least in the context of intimate partner violence, stalking has been identified as a risk factor for severe, even lethal violence.
 - One recent study identified stalking as a lethal precursor to attempted and completed femicides.
 - More than 75% of the murdered or nearly murdered women were stalked.
 - While stalking and partner abuse were more likely to co-occur, 19% of attempted or completed femicides were associated with histories of recent stalking in the absence of physical violence.
 - As expected, relentlessly stalked battered women reported higher rates of post-separation stalking than infrequently stalked battered women.

This article represents one of the first efforts to examine the experiences of relentless stalking among battered women who were also subjected to high levels of concomitant and subsequent emotional, physical and sexual abuse. The sheer magnitude of stalking faced by the battered women was notable.

- Relentlessly stalked women in our sample were defined by having experienced a minimum of six different stalking events occurring at least weekly.
- For some women, stalking events were daily occurrences.

- The staggering persistence and relentless pursuit of battered women during and after leaving their relationships is alarming and aptly fitting within the rubric "obsessional following" (Meloy, 1996) that has been applied as a label to describe unwanted, unremitting pursuit by romantic partners.
- Relentlessly stalked women reported extremely high levels of concurrent emotional abuse, sexual assault, and physical violence resulting in severe injuries such as loss of consciousness.
- The severity and frequency of the violence continued to persist and escalate despite repeated efforts at help-seeking and separating, and these acts may have even elevated the risk of the violence erupting in ways that have lethal potential. Our findings are consistent with those of our previous report which found that stalking was related to fears of future lethal violence perpetrated against battered women who left their abusive partners.
- Relentlessly stalked women also evidenced greater psychological distress as indexed by symptoms of PTSD and depression. Depression scores for women in the complete sample were in the "severe" range of the scale and were higher than those reported in some other studies of battered women.
- Moreover, the relentlessly stalked battered women reported having made a greater number of attempts to leave their partners, which may have been a trigger for increased violence.
- Despite numerous efforts to leave and seek help, the relentlessly stalked women were more likely to be physically assaulted and stalked after they left their abusive partners. The postseparation stalking was not confined to the women themselves. Threats to harm, abduct or threaten child custody were more often experienced by the relentlessly stalked women.

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How Lax Gun Laws In The U.S. Let Domestic Abusers Buy Guns



There are at least 11,986 convicted stalkers living in the United States right now who can walk into a store, pass a background check and legally purchase a firearm, [according to a report](#) released Wednesday by the Center for American Progress.

Between 2001 and 2012, more women were shot to death in the U.S. by an intimate partner than the total number of U.S. troops killed in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars combined. But while U.S. federal law prohibits persons convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence from purchasing a gun, the law has so many gaps and loopholes that tens of thousands of known domestic abusers can still either legally buy a gun or are never properly reported into the background check system.

Convicted stalkers and non-married, non-cohabiting dating partners who commit domestic abuse, for instance, are not included in U.S. gun restrictions relating to domestic violence. But these categories of abusers can be just as dangerous with a gun as a spouse convicted of misdemeanor abuse. The CAP report cites a study of female murder victims in 10 cities that found that three-quarters of women murdered, and 85 percent of women who survived a murder attempt by a current or former intimate partner, had been stalked in the previous year. And nearly half of all intimate partner homicides are committed by a dating partner who is not covered by federal gun restrictions.

"Stalkers and dating partners are critical loopholes in our gun laws," said Arkadi Gerney, one of the authors of the report.

Gerney noted that Elliot Rodger, the Santa Barbara, California student who went on a shooting rampage last month, admitted to having [stalked a sorority house](#) in the previous year. "Not all stalking behavior is going to be caught before a shooting," Gerney said, "but in cases where they are and there is a restraining order, those people shouldn't have access to guns."

While [nine states have laws that prevent convicted stalkers from purchasing guns](#), federal law only applies to spouses and perpetrators living under the same roof as the victim. Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) has introduced a bill, the Protecting Domestic Violence and Stalking Victims Act, that would close that loophole.

But legally prohibiting domestic abusers from purchasing guns is toothless if states do not provide all records of prohibited abusers to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

And the CAP report has found that only three states appear to be submitting "reasonably complete" records -- Connecticut, New Hampshire and New Mexico. Seventy-nine percent of all records submitted to the FBI for background checks are from those three states alone.

"That doesn't mean other states aren't attempting to check for restraining orders, but in some cases, people with restraining orders out against them are slipping through the cracks," Gerney said. "We want to make sure all dangerous people are prohibited from purchasing guns, and all prohibited people have been researched and put into the FBI's NICS index so there is a definite red light when those people attempt to buy a gun."

Until this year, passing legislation to prevent domestic abusers from owning guns has been very difficult on a state level, due to heavy opposition from gun rights groups like the National Rifle Association. But even the NRA [is now backing down from the fight](#) and adapting to changing public opinion on the issue. A number of gun-friendly states, including Louisiana, Minnesota, New Hampshire and Wisconsin, have passed legislation in the last year that strengthens or adds gun restrictions for domestic abusers.

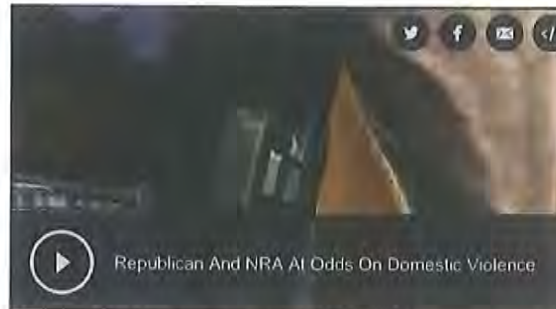
On a federal level, the Senate was unable to pass a bill last year that would have strengthened background checks on gun sales. But Klobuchar's bill to broaden the definition of domestic abusers to include stalkers and dating partners could be an easier political lift this year. Americans for Responsible Solutions, the well-funded gun violence prevention PAC started by former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.), has calculated through its polling that independent and Republican women voters in swing states are aligned with Democrats in wanting to pass legislation that keeps guns out of the hands of domestic abusers. One of ARS' recent polls in Texas found that 85 percent of women and 68 percent of men in that state favor a law requiring that stalkers turn in their guns.

Closing a few major loopholes through Klobuchar's bill, a stronger federal background checks law, and increased efforts by states to improve their submission of flagged records to the FBI "would undoubtedly save the lives of hundreds of American women every year," the CAP report concludes.

More: [Domestic Violence Gun Laws Guns Domestic Abusers Guns Domestic Violence Center for American Progress](#)

July 29, 2014

Republican Voters Break with NRA on Gun Ban for Stalkers



While Republican voters [tend to align with the National Rifle Association](#) in opposing new gun restrictions, they are sharply at odds with the nation's largest gun lobby when it comes to restrictions based on domestic violence.

More than two-thirds of GOP voters (68 percent) said they would support or strongly support a new law stripping guns from convicted stalkers, according to [a new poll by The Huffington Post and YouGov](#). Fifty-nine percent of Republican voters, and two-thirds of voters overall, support expanding gun restrictions for convicted domestic abusers to include non-married dating partners.

The NRA has said it strongly opposes both proposals, which the Senate will consider on Wednesday in its [first-ever hearing on gun violence against women](#). The gun lobby [sent a letter to senators last month](#) urging them to vote against Sen. Amy Klobuchar's (D-Minn.) legislation to ban convicted stalkers and abusive dating partners from possessing guns. The letter claims that the bill "manipulates emotionally compelling issues such as 'domestic violence' and 'stalking' simply to cast as wide a net as possible for federal firearm prohibitions."

Statistics show that stalking often leads to violent crimes and murder. [One study of female murder victims in 10 cities](#) found that three-fourths of women murdered and 85 percent of women who survived a murder attempt by a current or former intimate partner had been stalked in the previous year. There are [nearly 12,000 convicted stalkers](#) in the United States who can legally buy a gun.



Intimate Partner Stalking: Comparing the Danger Posed by Partner Stalkers Versus Non-Partner Stalkers

<http://nij.gov/topics/crime/intimate-partner-violence/stalking/Pages/partner-nonpartner.aspx>

Overview of Differences between Partner and Non-Partner Stalkers

When examining dangerousness and characteristics of partner stalking, it is important to compare differences between partner stalkers and non-partner stalkers such as acquaintances and strangers.

[Intimate stalkers compared with non-intimate stalkers] are by far the most malignant. They have violent criminal records, abuse stimulants and/or alcohol, but are rarely psychotic. They frequently approach their targets and escalate in frequency and intensity of pursuit. They insult, interfere, threaten and are violent. Over one-half of these subjects will physically assault their object of pursuit...Virtually all of them reoffend, and they do so more quickly than the other two groups [acquaintance and stranger stalkers]. Almost one out of three will threaten with or use a weapon.

Threat of Violence

- 71 percent of partner stalking victims were assaulted after being threatened
- Partner stalkers are more likely to assault their victim.
- Partner stalkers are more likely to assault third parties.
- Partner stalkers are more likely to threaten victim property and actually damage victim property than non-partner stalkers.

Features of Stalking

- Partner stalkers contact and approach their victims more frequently.
- Partner stalkers are more insulting and interfering/intrusive in the victim's life.
- Partner stalkers use the widest range of stalking tactics compared to non-partner stalkers.
- Partner stalkers may know their partners' greatest weaknesses, concerns, fears and secrets as well as details about their work, friends, family, customary routines, and hangouts.
- Partner stalkers escalate in frequency and intensity of pursuit more often than non-partner stalkers.
- Partner stalkers are more persistent than non-partner stalkers.
- Partner stalking victims to be stalked an average of 2.2 years; twice as long as non-intimate partner stalking victims

Characteristics of Stalkers

- Some research is converging to suggest partner stalkers are more violent but less likely to be psychotic.

Intimate Partner Stalking: Comparing Abusive Partners Who Do and Do Not Stalk

<http://nij.gov/topics/crime/intimate-partner-violence/stalking/pages/stalkers-nonstalkers.aspx>

Prevalence of Stalking by Abusive Partners

Between 50 percent and 60 percent of partner violence victims report ever being stalked by that partner.

- Thirty percent of domestic violence offenders in offender treatment reported stalking behaviors toward their victim.

Danger of Violence from Stalking Versus Non-Stalking Abusive Partners

Research suggests that abusive partners who stalk are more violent than those who do not stalk.

- Stalking was highly prevalent in cases of actual or attempted femicides. Approximately 90 percent of actual or attempted lethality victims who experienced a physical assault in the preceding year were also stalked by the violent partner.
- Partner stalkers were more controlling and physically and sexually violent in the prior relationship compared to abusers who do not stalk their victims.
- Domestic violence cases with elements or charges of stalking were more threatening and violent than domestic violence cases without stalking.
- Women stalked by a violent partner after obtaining a protective order are more likely to experience almost every other kind of abuse and violence compared to women not stalked after a protective order.
- Women who were stalked by a violent partner after obtaining a protective order were 4 times more likely to experience physical assault, 9.3 times more likely to experience sexual assault, and 4.7 times more likely to be injured
- Victims who were stalked after obtaining a protective order experienced more overall violations and more severe violence than victims who experienced ongoing violations but who were not stalked, even after controlling for past history of violence and other relevant factors.
- Prior history of stalking is associated with future stalking.
- 78 percent were stalked before the protective order was obtained
- 35 percent to 39 percent of stalkers continued to stalk their victims after a protective order was obtained.

Intimate Partner Stalking: Fear, Psychological Distress and Health Impacts

<http://nij.gov/topics/crime/intimate-partner-violence/stalking/pages/fear-distress-health.aspx>

Partner stalking victims have higher levels of fear and distress, including anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and depression symptoms. Several studies indicate that partner stalking independently contributes to victim fear and distress.

- 78 percent had mean scale scores for somatic symptoms, anxiety, social dysfunction and severe depression that were similar to symptoms reported by psychiatric outpatient populations.
- Experienced over three times as many anxiety symptoms as stalking victims
- Women who experienced violence during the relationship had higher distress levels than women who had not experienced violence during the relationship.
- Studies also suggest that partner stalking contributes uniquely to fear and/or distress after controlling for other forms of partner violence.
- Stalking victims experience significantly higher fear of future harm and distress than even those with ongoing violations but no stalking.
- Partner stalking is associated with sleep and health problems
- Explicit threats are significantly associated with violence from the partner stalker.
- The sense of looming vulnerability that accompanies threats may be more productive of psychological distress in stalking victims than the reality of actual physical assault.
- This is consistent with others who have concluded that the harm from stalking is often more psychological than physical.

Intimate Partner Stalking: Impact on Children, Friends and Family

<http://nij.gov/topics/crime/intimate-partner-violence/stalking/pages/children-friends-family.aspx>

Intimate partner stalking can be affected by and have an effect on children, friends and family.

- 8.4 times more likely to experience threats of child harm or interference after obtaining a protective order
- Friends and family of partner stalking victims were 4.5 times more likely to have been threatened, harassed or actually assaulted than those who were not stalked.

Intimate Partner Stalking: Economic Harm Caused

<http://nij.gov/topics/crime/intimate-partner-violence/stalking/pages/economic-harm.aspx>

Economic Harm to Intimate Partner Stalking Victims

In addition to fear, distress and health problems that result from being stalked, the economic security of partner stalking victims is also at risk.

- Employed victims experienced twice as many stalking tactics and were stalked three times longer than unemployed victims.
- Partner stalking victims lost about 78 hours of productivity time (mostly time from work), on average during the 6-month follow-up period after receiving a protective order
 - (e.g., showing up at work, calling, lying to co-workers, harassing co-workers)
- Sabotaging childcare arrangements or the car
- Significant property damage and other financial
- An average of \$610 in property loss or damage during the 6-month follow-up period

2015 Legislative Guide



Domestic Violence in Louisiana

**There has been at least one domestic homicide
in every parish in Louisiana.**

- From 2010-2014, using multiple sources, LCADV **identified 261 incidents, resulting in 281 domestic violence fatalities.**
- 76% of intimate partner femicide victims have been stalked by their intimate partner. ¹
- 89% of femicide victims who had been physically assaulted had also been stalked in the 12 months before their murder. ¹

Domestic Homicide Data 2010-2014

Total number of domestic violence homicides: **281**

- Committed with guns: **63%**
- **38%** had prior domestic violence charges or other violent history

ABOUT LCADV

Our Mission

To eliminate domestic violence through public education, systems change, social change, and public policy.
To promote and strengthen quality comprehensive services for member programs and all individuals affected by domestic violence.

Our Work

The Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence is the federally designated statewide coalition of programs and individuals working to end domestic violence in Louisiana. Our programs serve people from everywhere in Louisiana and from all backgrounds. We oppose violence as a means of control over others and support equality in relationships.

What Can We Do?

IMPROVE THE SAFETY NET FOR VICTIMS

45% of our parishes have very limited access to services for victims.

A 43% increase in the number of beds would be required to meet the current demand for shelter.

- **1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.** This means there will be about **450,000 women who experience domestic abuse in Louisiana** over the course of their lifetimes - more than 5,000 adult women per year. ²
- To house the portion of these women and their children seeking shelter services, we would need 700 shelter beds throughout the state. We currently have 400.
- Programs were unable to meet 2,671 service requests in 2014 due to lack of resources.
- Currently there are only 35 parishes with permanent physical points of access to domestic violence services, which means either outreach offices or shelters.
- To even begin to meet the current need for shelter, the state line item for domestic violence services should be increased by a minimum of \$7 million.
- Ensuring housing protections for domestic violence survivors is crucial. Survivors are often forced to leave their homes due to lease provisions that allow eviction for domestic violence incidents.
- In a recent survey of domestic violence survivors in Louisiana, 28% of respondents had been asked by their landlord to leave their homes due to the actions of their abusers.

Quotes From Survivors Who Have Lost Housing

"My landlord stated the fighting and noise was a lease breaker."

"They asked me and my kids to leave because he was punching holes in the wall."

RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF PROTECTION ORDERS

- Protection Orders are very effective. According to a 2009 study funded by the United States Department of Justice, threats and physical abuse dropped dramatically during the months after a survivor got a protective order.
 - * Threats to kill or harm decreased nearly 50 %. ³
 - * Moderate physical abuse decreased 61 %. ³
 - * Severe physical abuse decreased nearly 50%. ³
- Strict enforcement of protection orders is vital. Violation of a protection order is a known lethality indicator. Offenders who are willing to violate a protection order more often reoffend and more often commit homicide.

RECOGNIZE THE DANGER OF STALKING

- The majority of stalking victims are stalked by someone they know. 66% of female victims and 41% of male victims of stalking are stalked by a current or former intimate partner. ¹
- 2/3 of stalkers pursue their victims at least once per week, many daily, using more than one method. ¹
- Weapons are used to threaten or harm victims in 1 out of 5 stalking cases. ¹
- 79% of abused femicide victims reported being stalked during the same period that they were abused. ¹
- In the 14 states that already require background checks for **all** gun sales, the rate of women murdered by an intimate partner with a gun was 38 percent lower than in other states – **and 54 % lower than in Louisiana** – while the number murdered by other means was nearly identical. ⁴
- Access to firearms increases the risk of intimate partner homicide more than five times, compared to instances where there are no weapons. In addition, abusers who possess guns tend to inflict the most severe abuse on their partners. ⁵

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Louisiana Domestic Violence Programs

Program Name	Parishes Served	Office Number
Chez Hope	Assumption, St. Mary	337.828.4200
Jeff Davis CADA (Communities Against Domestic Abuse)	Jefferson Davis	337.616.8418
DART (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)	Bienville, Claiborne, Jackson, Lincoln, Union, Winn, Grant	318.513.9373
Faith House	Acadia, Evangeline, Lafayette, St. Landry, Vermilion, Avoyelles, Rapides	337.267.9422
The Haven	LaFourche, Terrebonne	985.872.0757
Iris Domestic Violence Center	Ascension, Iberville, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Pointe Coupee, East Feliciana, West Feliciana	225.389.3002
June N. Jenkins Women's Shelter	Beauregard, Vernon	337.462.1452
Metropolitan Center for Women and Children	Jefferson, St. Charles, St. James, St. John	504.837.5455
New Orleans Family Justice Center	Orleans	504.866.9554

Program Name	Parishes Served	Office Number
Oasis, A Safe Haven	Allen, Calcasieu, Cameron	337.436.4552
Safe Harbor	St. Tammany, Washington	985.626.5740
SNAP (Safety Net for Abused Persons)	Iberia, St. Martin	337.367.7627
St. Bernard Battered Women's Program	Plaquemines, St. Bernard	504.277.3177
SAFE (Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment)	Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington	985.542.8384
Taylor House, Project Celebration	DeSoto, Sabine, Natchitoches, Bossier, Caddo, Red River, Webster	318.256.3408
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Morehouse, Ouachita, Madison, Richland, Tensas, West Carroll, LaSalle, Concordia, Catahoula	318.651.9314



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The Facts on Domestic Violence and Housing

- ✓ Up to 50% of homeless women and children in this country are fleeing domestic violence, according to the U.S. Conference of Mayors.
- ✓ In Louisiana, 75% of homeless adults report being victims of domestic violence.
- ✓ One of the greatest challenges victims face is finding or keeping safe and stable housing.

"After my ex came to my apartment and started a fight, my landlord asked me to vacate my home of two years."



Women in Louisiana Domestic Violence Shelters

**Nearly one
in three...**



clients surveyed in Louisiana domestic violence shelters reported being evicted because of the actions of their abuser.

67% St. Bernard Parish

40% Jefferson Parish

20% Ouachita Parish*

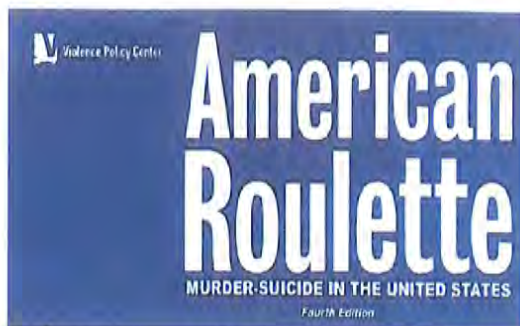
*Areas with higher homeownership rates saw less evictions, but victims who rent in those areas are just as vulnerable to eviction as victims in more urban areas.

"I was told I broke the lease when I called the police for help."

- ✓ No woman should have to choose between calling for help and keeping her home.

VAWA holds perpetrators, not victims accountable

- The federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) protects victims from losing subsidized housing due to the actions of their abusers.
- The other 80% of Louisiana families deserve the same protections:
 - Protection from eviction due to abuse. Abusers can be evicted.
 - Protection from lease agreements that discourage victims from contacting emergency assistance.
 - Lease bifurcation so that victims can keep their home.



Murder-suicide is “a dramatic, violent event” in which a person, almost always a man, commits one murder or multiple murders, and then shortly after commits suicide. What makes these acts particularly disturbing is that they involve more than one person and often involve a family. They almost always are committed with a firearm. Yet the phenomenon of murder-suicide garners little public attention as a significant contributor to gun-related death and injury. This is despite the fact that, as one medical professional has observed, “because many murder-suicides result in the death or injury of family members and sometimes mass murder, they cause countless additional morbidity, family trauma, and disruption of communities.”

Trends Identified from the Study

- Eleven states had 10 or more murder-suicides in the six-month period of the Study: Louisiana had 14

Most Murder-Suicides Involve a Firearm

- 89.5 percent (280 of 313) of murder-suicide incidents were known to involve a firearm

Most Murders in Murder-Suicides are Male

- **LOUISIANA:** Lewis arrived at Marshall’s home as she pulled into her driveway at around 9:30 pm. Lewis ordered her out of her vehicle at gunpoint and shot her in the head and chest.

Most Murder-Suicides with Three or More Victims Involve a Male “Family Annihilator”— A Subcategory of Intimate Partner Murder-Suicide

- Family annihilators are murderers who kill their intimate partners and children, as well as other family members, before killing themselves.
- Domestic violence is associated with a very significant number of murder-suicides.
- The most common catalytic component in murder-suicide is the use of a firearm.

Appendix: Murder-Suicides by State and the District of Columbia

State	Number of Murder-Suicide Events in the First Half of 2011	Number of People Dead from Murder-Suicide Events in the First Half of 2011
Louisiana	14	31



ALEXA EX GIRLFRIEND ZOMBIE

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DETAILS

Alexa "Ex Girlfriend" Zombie

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Alexa was from Louisiana and was always drawn to the occult. She had a wicked mean streak in her and was known for her nasty disposition, especially if she had been drinking. She also happened to be in love with a young man, but there was a slight problem... he was married to another woman. When he told her that he loved his wife and could never be unfaithful to her, Alexa became enraged. She decided to seek the help of a local tarot card & palm reader who also dabbled in Voodoo. When she told the Voodoo Witch of her plan to break up a loving marriage... the witch refused to help her. That's when Alexa lost her cool for the last time and crossed the wrong person. She let out a slew of insults directed at the witch and told her she would get her way one way or another. That's when the Voodoo Witch cast a spell of her own. Alexa never knew what hit her and before she reached her home that evening she joined the ranks of the Undead!

Each Patent Pending Alexa Zombie is cloned in our San Diego, California facility and is hand painted to accurately resemble an infected human that just finished gnawing your neighbor Zed's leg. To give you that realistic look. What makes our Zombie's so special? They're filled with biodegradable matter, which makes clean up a wee-bit easier. (are you happy, mom?) and oh yah, let's not forget, they bleed and burst into little pieces of blood soaked, Zombie matter when you shoot them!

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Young people + Social change



11 Facts About Teen Dating Violence

<https://www.dosomething.org/facts/11-facts-about-teen-dating-violence>

11 Facts About Teen Dating Violence

Welcome to DoSomething.org, one of the largest orgs for young people and social change! After you've browsed the 11 facts (with citations at the bottom), take action and volunteer with our millions of members. Sign up for a **campaign** and make the world suck less.

1. Roughly 1.5 million high school boys and girls in the U.S. admit to being intentionally hit or physically harmed in the last year by someone they are romantically involved with.
2. Teens who suffer dating abuse are subject to long-term consequences like alcoholism, eating disorders, promiscuity, thoughts of suicide, and violent behavior.
3. 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. A lack of alternative housing often leads women to stay in or return to violent relationships. Collect used cell phones to benefit domestic violence programs. Sign up for **Cell Phones for Survivors**.
4. 33% of adolescents in America are victim to sexual, physical, verbal, or emotional dating abuse.
5. In the U.S., 25% of high school girls have been abused physically or sexually. Teen girls who are abused this way are 6 times more likely to become pregnant or contract a sexually transmitted infection (STI).
6. Females between the ages of 16 and 24 are roughly 3 times more likely than the rest of the population to be abused by an intimate partner.
7. 8 States in the U.S. do not consider a violent dating relationship domestic abuse. Therefore, adolescents, teens, and 20-somethings are unable to apply for a restraining order for protection from the abuser.
8. Violent behavior often begins between 6th and 12th grade. 72% of 13 and 14-year-olds are "dating."
9. 50% of young people who experience rape or physical or sexual abuse will attempt to commit suicide.
10. Only 1/3 of the teens who were involved in an abusive relationship confided in someone about the violence.
11. Teens who have been abused hesitate to seek help because they do not want to expose themselves or are unaware of the laws surrounding domestic violence.

Understanding Teen Dating Violence

Fact Sheet

2014

Dating violence is a type of intimate partner violence. It occurs between two people in a close relationship. The nature of dating violence can be physical, emotional, or sexual.

- **Physical**—This occurs when a partner is pinched, hit, shoved, slapped, punched, or kicked.
- **Psychological/Emotional**—This means threatening a partner or harming his or her sense of self-worth. Examples include name calling, shaming, bullying, embarrassing on purpose, or keeping him/her away from friends and family.
- **Sexual**—This is forcing a partner to engage in a sex act when he or she does not or cannot consent. This can be physical or nonphysical, like threatening to spread rumors if a partner refuses to have sex.
- **Stalking**—This refers to a pattern of harassing or threatening tactics that are unwanted and cause fear in the victim.

Dating violence can take place in person or electronically, such as repeated texting or posting sexual pictures of a partner online.

Unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime. Teens often think some behaviors, like teasing and name calling, are a "normal" part of a relationship. However, these behaviors can become abusive and develop into more serious forms of violence.



Why is dating violence a public health problem?

Dating violence is a widespread issue that had serious long-term and short-term effects. Many teens do not report it because they are afraid to tell friends and family.

- Among adult victims of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, 22% of women and 15% of men first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age.¹

- Approximately 9% of high school students report being hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the 12 months before surveyed.²



How does dating violence affect health?

Dating violence can have a negative effect on health throughout life. Youth who are victims are more likely to experience symptoms of depression and anxiety, engage in unhealthy behaviors, like using tobacco, drugs, and alcohol, or exhibit antisocial behaviors and think about suicide.^{3,4,5} Youth who are victims of dating violence in high school are at higher risk for victimization during college.⁶



Who is at risk for dating violence?

Factors that increase risk for harming a dating partner include:⁷

- Belief that dating violence is acceptable
- Depression, anxiety, and other trauma symptoms
- Aggression towards peers and other aggressive behavior
- Substance use
- Early sexual activity and having multiple sexual partners
- Having a friend involved in dating violence
- Conflict with partner
- Witnessing or experiencing violence in the home

Understanding Teen Dating Violence



How can we prevent dating violence?

The ultimate goal is to stop dating violence before it starts. Strategies that promote healthy relationships are vital. During the preteen and teen years, young people are learning skills they need to form positive relationships with others. This is an ideal time to promote healthy relationships and prevent patterns of dating violence that can last into adulthood.

Many prevention strategies are proven to prevent or reduce dating violence. Some effective school-based programs change norms, improve problem-solving, and address dating violence in addition to other youth risk behaviors, such as substance use and sexual risk behaviors.^{8,9} Other programs prevent dating violence through changes to the school environment or training influential adults, like parents/caregivers and coaches, to work with youth to prevent dating violence.^{10,11,12}



How does CDC approach prevention?

CDC uses a four-step approach to address public health problems like dating violence.

Step 1: Define the problem

Before we can prevent dating violence, we need to know how big the problem is, where it is, and who it affects. CDC learns about a problem by gathering and studying data.

Step 2: Identify risk and protective factors

It is not enough to know that dating violence is affecting a certain group of people in a certain area. We also need to know why. CDC conducts and supports research to answer this question.

Step 3: Develop and test prevention strategies

Using information gathered in research, CDC develops and evaluates strategies to prevent violence.

Step 4: Ensure widespread adoption

In this final step, CDC shares the best prevention strategies and may provide funding or technical help so communities can adopt these strategies.



Where can I learn more?

CDC's Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships

www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/datingmatters

National Dating Abuse Helpline and Love is Respect:

1-866-331-9474 or text 77054 or www.loveisrespect.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

National Sexual Assault Hotline

1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

National Sexual Violence Resource Center

www.nsvrc.org



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Teen Dating Violence (Physical and Sexual) Among US High School Students Findings From the 2013 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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ABSTRACT

Importance: National estimates of teen dating violence (TDV) reveal high rates of victimization among high school populations. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's national Youth Risk Behavior Survey has provided often-cited estimates of physical TDV since 1999. In 2013, revisions were made to the physical TDV question to capture more serious forms of physical TDV and to screen out students who did not date. An additional question was added to assess sexual TDV.

Objectives: To describe the content of new physical and sexual TDV victimization questions first administered in the 2013 national Youth Risk Behavior Survey, to share data on the prevalence and frequency of TDV (including the first-ever published overall "both physical and sexual TDV" and "any TDV" national estimates using these new questions), and to assess associations of TDV experience with health-risk behaviors.

Design, Setting, and Participants: Secondary data analysis of a cross-sectional survey of 9900 students who dated, from a nationally representative sample of US high school students, using the 2013 national Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Main Outcomes and Measures: Two survey questions separately assessed physical and sexual TDV; this analysis combined them to create a 4-level TDV measure and a 2-level TDV measure. The 4-level TDV measure includes "physical TDV only," "sexual TDV only," "both physical and sexual TDV," and "none." The 2-level TDV measure includes "any TDV" (either or both physical and sexual TDV) and "none." Sex-stratified bivariate and multivariable analyses assessed associations between TDV and health-risk behaviors.

Results: In 2013, among students who dated, 20.9% of female students (95% CI, 19.0%-23.0%) and 10.4% of male students (95% CI, 9.0%-11.7%) experienced some form of TDV during the 12 months before the survey. Female students had a higher prevalence than male students of physical TDV only, sexual TDV only, both physical and sexual TDV, and any TDV. All health-risk behaviors were most prevalent among students who experienced both forms of TDV and were least prevalent among students who experienced none (all $P < .001$).

Conclusions and Relevance: The 2013 TDV questions allowed for new prevalence estimates of TDV to be established that represent a more complete measure of TDV and are useful in determining associations with health-risk behaviors among youth exposed to these different forms of TDV.



Dating Violence

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Teenagers often experience violence in dating relationships. [Statistics](#) show that one in three teenagers has experienced violence in a dating relationship. In dating violence, one partner tries to maintain **power and control** over the other through abuse. Dating violence crosses all racial, economic and social lines. Most victims are young women, who are also at greater risk for serious injury. Young women need a [dating safety plan](#).

Teen dating violence often is hidden because teenagers typically:

- are inexperienced with dating relationships.
- are pressured by peers to act violently.
- want independence from parents.
- have "romantic" views of love.

Teen dating violence is influenced by how teenagers look at themselves and others.

Young men may believe:

- they have the right to "control" their female partners in any way necessary.
- "masculinity" is physical aggressiveness
- they "possess" their partner.
- they should demand intimacy.
- they may lose respect if they are attentive and supportive toward their girlfriends.

Young women may believe:

- they are responsible for solving problems in their relationships
- their boyfriend's jealousy, possessiveness and even physical abuse, is "romantic."
- abuse is "normal" because their friends are also being abused.
- there is no one to ask for help.

Teenagers can choose better relationships when they learn to identify the early warning signs of an abusive relationship, understand that they have choices, and believe they are valuable people who deserve to be treated with respect.

Early warning signs that your date may eventually become abusive:

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| • Extreme jealousy | • Shows hypersensitivity |
| • Controlling behavior | • Believes in rigid sex roles |
| • Quick involvement | • Blames others for his problems or feelings |
| • Unpredictable mood swings | • Cruel to animals or children |
| • Alcohol and drug use | • Verbally abusive |
| • Explosive anger | • Abused former partners |
| • Isolates you from friends and family | • Threatens violence |
| • Uses force during an argument | |

Common clues that indicate a teenager may be experiencing dating violence:

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| • Physical signs of injury | • Use of drugs/alcohol |
| • Truancy, dropping out of school | • Pregnancy |
| • Falling grades | • Emotional outburst |
| • Indecision | • Isolation |
| • Changes in mood or personality | |

From the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence newsletter, Winter 1999

Help is available for teenagers

If you are a teenager involved in an abusive relationship, you need to remember that no one deserves to be abused or threatened. Remember you cannot change your batterer, and in time the violence will get worse. You need to take care of yourself. Talk to a trusted adult or locate a shelter or agency serving victims of domestic abuse in your community. Together, you can talk about making a plan to end the relationship and remain safe. Call the Alabama Domestic Violence 24-hour hotline, 1-800-650-6522. Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Information adapted in part from the Rose Haven Center for Domestic Violence in Gadsden (AL).

More Help

[lovesrespect.org](#) is a new 24 hour resource that utilizes telephone and web-based interactive technology to reach teens and young adults experiencing dating abuse. The Helpline numbers are: (866) 331-9474 and TTY (866) 331-8453. The peer to peer online individual chat function is available from 4 p.m. to midnight and can be accessed from the website.

[In Their Shoes: Teens and Dating Violence](#) is a revolutionary, scenario-based training tool for adults who work with teens. Participants learn what dating is like for today's teens by becoming a teen character, making choices about their relationship and seeing the results.

Dating Safety

- Consider double-dating the first few times you go out with a new person.
- Before leaving on a date, know the exact plans for the evening and make sure a parent or friend knows these plans and what time to expect you home. Let your date know that you are expected to call or tell that person when you get in.
- Be aware of your decreased ability to react under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- If you leave a party with someone you do not know well, make sure you tell another person you are leaving and with whom. Ask a friend to call and make sure you arrived home safely.
- Assert yourself when necessary. Be firm and straightforward in your relationships.

Dating Bill of Rights

I have a right to:

- Ask for a date
- Refuse a date
- Suggest activities
- Refuse any activities, even if my date is excited about them
- Have my own feelings and be able to express them
- Say, "I think my friend is wrong and his actions are inappropriate"
- Tell someone not to interrupt me
- Have my limits and values respected
- Tell my partner when I need affection
- Refuse affection
- Be heard
- Refuse to lend money
- Refuse sex any time, for any reason
- Have friends and space aside from my partner

I have the responsibility to:

- Determine my limits and values
- Respect the limits of others
- Communicate clearly and honestly
- Not violate the limits of others
- Ask for help when I need it
- Be considerate
- Check my actions and decisions to determine whether they are good or bad for me
- Set high goals for myself

From the Domestic Violence Advocacy Program of Family Resources, Inc.



Download the *Look Out And Speak Out* Against Dating Violence campaign brochure.



Download the *Teen Dating Resource Guide*.

- Trust your instincts. If a situation makes you uncomfortable, try to be calm and think of a way to remove yourself from the situation.

From the Domestic Violence Advocacy Program of Family Resources, Inc.

Safety Planning for Teens

You should think ahead about ways to be safe if you are in a dangerous or potentially dangerous relationship. Here are some things to consider in designing your own safety plan.

- What adults can you tell about the violence and abuse?
- What people at school can you tell in order to be safe--teachers, principal, counselors, security?
- Consider changing your school locker or lock.
- Consider changing your route to/from school.
- Use a buddy system for going to school, classes and after school activities.
- What friends can you tell to help you remain safe?
- If stranded, who could you call for a ride home?
- Keep a journal describing the abuse.
- Get rid of or change the number to any beepers, pagers or cell phones the abuser gave you.
- Keep spare change, calling cards, number of the local shelter, number of someone who could help you and restraining orders with you at all times.
- Where could you go quickly to get away from an abusive person?
- What other things can you do?

Women ages 16 to 24 experience the highest per capita rates of intimate violence-- nearly 20 per 1000 women.

(Bureau of Justice Special Report: Intimate Partner Violence, May 2000)

Teen Dating Statistics

- About one in three high school students have been or will be involved in an abusive relationship.
- Forty percent of teenage girls ages 14 to 17 say they know someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.
- In one study, from 30 to 50 percent of female high school students reported having already experienced teen dating violence.
- Teen dating violence most often takes place in the home of one of the partners.
- In 1995, 7 percent of all murder victims were young women who were killed by their boyfriends.
- One in five or 20 percent of dating couples report some type of violence in their relationship.
- One of five college females will experience some form of dating violence.
- A survey of 500 young women, ages 15 to 24, found that 60 percent were currently involved in an ongoing abusive relationship and all participants had experienced violence in a dating relationship.
- One study found that 38 percent of date rape victims were young women from 14 to 17 years of age.
- A survey of adolescent and college students revealed that date rape accounted for 67 percent of sexual assaults.
- More than half young women raped (68 percent) knew their rapist either as a boyfriend, friend or casual acquaintance.
- Six out of 10 rapes of young women occur in their own home or a friend or relative's home, not in a dark alley.
- More than 4 in every 10 incidents of domestic violence involves non-married persons (Bureau of Justice Special Report: Intimate Partner Violence, May 2000)

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Teen Dating Violence Harms Both Genders, Government Report Shows



New data on teen dating violence reveals problems among both sexes

Findings from a new U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [study](#) reveal that nearly 21% of female teens who date have experienced some form of violence at the hands of their partner in the last year—and almost half of male students report the same.

The survey asked about 9,900 high school students whether they had experienced some type of violence from someone they dated. The results, published in the journal *JAMA Pediatrics*, showed that about 7% of teen girls reported experiencing physical violence, 8% said they experienced sexual violence and 6% experienced both. Almost 21% said they were the victim of some type of dating-related violence. For boys, about 4% reported experiencing physical violence, 3% experienced sexual violence and 10% experienced any type. Though girls were more likely to experience violence, the numbers show dating assaults affect young boys as well.

The new CDC survey adds to its prior research into the prevalence of dating violence, but the latest version asked updated questions that include sexual violence and more accurately portray violent behaviors, the study authors say.

Most of the teens surveyed reported experiencing such violence more than one time. The findings also showed that those who experienced some form of dating violence also had a higher prevalence of other health risks like drinking alcohol, using drugs or thinking about suicide.

Future research should look at the frequency of violence in teen dating relationships and how that may harm teens' health, the researchers conclude.

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Ensuring Victims aren't Charged for Rape Examinations in Louisiana: Editorial



A New Orleans woman who wishes remain anonymous holds an itemized bill of medical expenses related to her treatment for the rape in September 2014. In Louisiana, victims of sex crimes often are billed for forensic medical exams and related care even though state and federal guidelines require many of these services be provided at no cost. Lack of continuity in how rape victims are treated from parish to parish and hospital to hospital means that even the most violently attacked can find themselves facing paralyzing health care costs associated with the crimes committed against them. (Photo by Kathleen Flynn, NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune)

Gov. Bobby **Jindal's administration moved quickly** last fall to keep sexual assault victims from being billed for rape examinations and related medical tests. But the governor's executive order was a temporary solution, and the state needs to find a source of revenue to pay the exam costs going forward.

On Thursday, the Jindal administration **announced legislation** that would codify protections for victims and use revenues from unclaimed gambling winnings to pay the costs.

The governor's office is working with Rep. Helena Moreno, a New Orleans Democrat, on the legislation. It is a sensible solution, particularly in an extremely tight budget year. Currently, gambling operations keep about \$2.3 million each year from unclaimed horse racing winnings and expired slot machine tickets.

The proposed legislation would instead direct the money to the Crime Victims Reparations Fund to pay for rape exams. That, in turn, would allow the state to get as much as \$1.2 million more in federal money that also could be used for the examination costs.

Stafford Palmieri, the governor's assistant chief of staff, said the administration has gotten a favorable reaction from the gaming industry. It's a small amount of money for them to give up. "They agreed this is a good cause," she said. The state would reimburse gaming operators for the taxes they would have paid on the unclaimed winnings.

It is unclear exactly how much will be needed to pay for rape exams. The Legislative Fiscal Office estimated in January that the cost could range from \$2.1 million per year to \$13 million, depending on the number of sexual assault victims seeking help and the cost per victim. The high estimate assumes that every victim would seek medical help and every exam would cost \$2,700. That seems unlikely, but it will take time to figure out what funding level is needed.

For now, though, the gambling revenues would be a significant boost.

The question of how to pay these costs has been an issue since NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune reporter Rebecca Catalanello in September **told the story of three victims** who were billed \$1,700 to \$4,200 after they each went to a hospital to be examined after being assaulted.

In response, Gov. Jindal issued two executive orders that allowed hospitals to bill the state directly for medical costs connected to a sexual assault, extended the amount of time victims have to make a report and other changes.

The changes were a temporary solution until the Legislature could consider long-term changes to state law.

In addition to the funding proposal, the draft legislation unveiled Thursday directs hospitals to bill the victim fund for certain expenses related to sexual assaults, removes the requirement that victims have to file a police report to get that financial assistance and requires hospitals to use a standard definition for what a forensic medical exam includes. The state's nine health care regions also would be required to develop a sexual assault protocol to be approved by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

"We are fully committed to supporting individuals who have faced the horrendous crimes of sexual assault," Gov. Jindal said in a written statement. "This legislation will build on our efforts to support and protect these individuals by providing consistent care to victims in need and by removing unnecessary burdens that have gotten in the way of ensuring that these victims get the assistance that they deserve."

The governor and his staff deserve credit for their quick response after Ms. Catalanello's story about the rape victims who received medical bills was published. Rep. Moreno praised Ms. Palmieri for her efforts to fix laws that are unfair to victims and to find a way to pay for their care.

They are calling the legislation "Stand and Support Survivors" -- and that is what the Legislature should do.

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A Legislative Strategy for Getting Tougher on Campus Rapes: Editorial



J.P. Morrell

State Sen. J.P. Morrell and several legislative colleagues unveiled a package of legislation Monday to address weaknesses in campus sexual assault policies. (*NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune archives*)

A comprehensive package of bills from a half dozen legislators would strengthen Louisiana laws governing sexual assaults, particularly on college campuses, and provide badly needed training in handling these cases. **Details of the legislation** were released Monday after an almost year-long effort to understand the scope of the sexual assault problem on campuses and the weaknesses in the way colleges and universities handle those cases.

That examination, which was spearheaded by New Orleans Sen. J.P. Morrell, included a campus-by-campus accounting of sexual assault reports and policies and the **creation of a working group** including legislators, victim advocates and higher education officials to find best practices.

"I have been aghast with the discoveries made in regard to the broken sexual assault policy on state campuses as well as the general apathy of numerous law enforcement agencies as to the investigation of sexual assault cases," Sen. Morrell said in a statement Monday. The campus survey results, which were reported by the Board of Regents last fall, found major differences in how sexual assault was handled at individual schools and revealed serious flaws on some campuses.

The package of bills outlined this week should change that.

Senate Bill 37 sponsored by Sen. Morrell requires the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training to develop sexual assault awareness training. It would include the impact on victims; investigative methods, evidence-gathering and interview techniques, and a primer on federal and state victims' rights laws. Training for campus police officers would begin this fall.

Sen. Morrell's Senate Bill 242 mandates that every law enforcement agency, including campus police, detail the number of rapes and sexual assaults reported in the previous year, how many were investigated and how many evidence kits were submitted for DNA testing.

Senate Bill 117 by St. Charles Sen. Gary Smith and House Bill 139 by Rep. Valerie Hodges of Denham Springs changes aggravated rape, forcible rape and simple rape to "first degree rape," "second degree rape" and "third degree rape" in the criminal code. The legislation also creates the crime of

misdemeanor sexual battery. No other state currently uses the term "simple" to describe rape. That word could send the wrong signal and make the crime seem less serious than it is.

Senate Bill 36, which is sponsored by Sen. Jody Amedee of Gonzales, creates sexual protection orders and a Sexual Protection Order Registry.

Senate Bill 255 by Sen. Morrell would cover college Title IX requirements, including creation of a uniform policy on sexual misconduct, an annual sexual assault climate survey on each campus and designated victim advocates at each school. The bill also would require that students on disciplinary probation be flagged in records so they couldn't simply transfer to another school.

Under Larose Rep. Jerry Gisclair's House Bill 289, law enforcement agencies would be required to pick up sexual assault evidence kits at hospitals within seven days of a rape examination. The kits would have to be submitted for lab analysis within 30 days. That would be a major improvement, given **the chronic backlogs** that some law enforcement agencies have in processing rape evidence.

There are also three resolutions proposed by Sen. Morrell: creating a commission to study the disciplinary process for campus sexual assault; requiring the Responsible Vendor Program to provide sexual assault prevention training for servers and designating April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

There is tremendous potential in this legislative package. "We know that these bills will have a big impact on our work by creating more streamlined processes to respond to sexual assault cases, and will further our vision of ending sexual violence across Louisiana," Racheal Hebert, executive director of **Sexual Assault Trauma Awareness & Response**, said.

Taking sexual violence seriously, on campus and off, is essential to that effort.

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No Uniform Policy to Address Sexual Assaults on La. Campuses

Louisiana has no statewide policy for handling allegations of sexual assault on college and university campuses, leaving students open to varied experiences depending on which school they attend, according to a report the state Board of Regents **released Monday**.

State Sen. J.P. Morrell, a New Orleans Democrat who had asked for the statewide look, said legislation likely will be proposed during the Louisiana Legislature's 2015 session to address sexual assault on college campuses and possibly make policies more uniform.

"I appreciate that the systems are taking some proactive steps, such as a joint Title IX seminar this November, but it will likely require legislation to direct focus and specific responsibility in crafting statewide policy in regards to sexual assault on college campuses," Morrell said.

Campus sexual assault has seen a recent spike in attention nationally, with several high-profile inquiries on the federal level.

None of Louisiana's colleges are among the 76 schools **under investigation** by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights over how they handle sexual assault allegations, but a national survey that U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., **released this summer** found lax policies on campuses across the country.

Morrell said the McCaskill report inspired him to look into the situation here.

"I feel like it's an issue that has to be resolved," Morrell said.

The Board of Regents concludes in its report that, "Louisiana's campuses are striving to form an effective but fair response to the issue of sexual assaults; however, significant additional measures are necessary to ensure that college campuses are safe spaces for students."

"This review is an initial step toward an integrated, statewide venture to tackle a complex issue," the board notes in its report.

The board adds that it will convene a working group, made up of the state's four college and university systems, though the state board can't implement policy without a change to state law.

The board's analysis of data that the schools submitted notes that incidents on campuses here were below the national average but also points out that many cases go unreported.

LSU — the state's largest university — had 22 sexual assault cases reported from January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2013, according to the report. Grambling had the next most with 15 reports during that period, followed by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with 13. The report only looks at public universities and colleges.

Morrell said Monday afternoon that he needed more time to digest the 500-plus-page report, which the Board of Regents sent to him shortly after 4 p.m.

But he expressed some frustration that the responses were overly broad — some campuses submitted entire student handbooks, when his request was more specific. He also took issue with the fact that training on how to respond to sexual assault varies — some schools require training for faculty and staff; some don't. Some have student programs, while others don't.

Morrell also questioned the figures reported and why they are so far below the national average. Prior to the report's release, Morrell had questioned whether all incidences were making it into campus reports.

"If the number I get back seems completely out of whack, then the respective university or campus should prove it's accurate," he said.

According to data that the schools are required to file annually with the federal government, private university Tulane reported 15 on-campus forcible sexual assault cases between 2009 and 2012, the most recent figures available through that database.

LSU reported 13 cases during the same period, followed by Southeastern Louisiana with seven, Southern University with five, and University of Louisiana at Lafayette and University of Louisiana at Monroe with four each.

Meanwhile, Grambling had reported just two to the federal government during that period.

Morrell said one of his concerns that led to him seeking the state-level data was that federal reporting is lax.

"I have a suspicion that most universities fudge those numbers," he said. "They are providing sufficient data so they don't get dinged if they don't respond, but they don't paint an accurate picture whatsoever."

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Louisiana Sets Uniform Campus Sexual-Assault Policies to Rein in 'Wild, Wild West' Atmosphere



Louisiana's public colleges must follow a new statewide policy for handling sexual-assault allegations and bolstering prevention efforts, though the broad guidelines stop short of requiring a specific prosecution response.

The Board of Regents approved the state's first "Uniform Policy on Sexual Misconduct" at its Monday meeting. The guidelines, prompted by legislative questions about the adequacy of campus sexual-assault policies, take effect immediately. Louisiana's four college system management boards also are required to develop more campus-specific requirements.

The document says it was "designed to help public postsecondary institutions create and maintain safe learning, working and living environments for all individuals who participate in the institutions' activities and programs."

State Sen. J.P. Morrell, who has pushed for stronger campus responses to assault claims, on Tuesday called the Regents' plan a good first step. But he described seeing it "more as a mission statement than as a resolution."

"I don't think by any means that policy is a panacea to solve the problem of sexual assault on college campuses," said Morrell, D-New Orleans.

Under the guidelines, each school is required to offer sexual-assault education and prevention programs to students during their first semester and regularly after that.

Colleges must coordinate with law enforcement on response efforts to assault claims, and are required to conduct student surveys to gather information about sexual assault at least once every three years.

Campuses must prohibit retaliation against anyone who complains about sexual misconduct and must give the person options for changing housing, work or class situations to keep away from an alleged attacker.

They also must offer counseling and health services to anyone who reports an assault. And they are required to "take all reasonable measures" to keep the complaint confidential.

However, the new policy doesn't spell out a detailed path of disciplinary action for how campuses should resolve individual assault claims, instead giving leeway to college leaders to make those decisions.

It says any administrative proceedings should be led by someone with training "in issues relating to sexual misconduct" and requires written notification of the proceedings' results.

The Regents' document doesn't list when a disciplinary hearing should be held and says "sanctions may range from a warning to expulsion, depending on the behavior and its severity," without offering further guidance.

Morrell said he wants to place the requirement for annual, anonymous surveys of college students about sexual assault into state law, with a requirement that the results be released publicly. He said he'll introduce the bill for consideration in the legislative session that begins April 13.

He also wants to convene a task force to study disciplinary policy for when a sexual assault is reported, looking at what has worked and failed at universities around the country. He said when he asked higher-education leaders to submit their campus-by-campus sexual assault policies last year, it became clear that few schools had specific regulations in place.

"Right now, it's like the wild, wild West. Every university does something different, and it's all bad," Morrell said.



The Big Issue: Sexual Assault on Campus



Students from Tulane and other universities participate in the annual Take Back the Night candlelight march to bring awareness to sexual violence.

"We're helping one another learn how to take care of one another."

Julia Broussard, Tulane Violence Prevention and Support Services

Area policy makers, activists and students gathered at [Tulane Hillel](#) on Nov. 12 for the latest edition of The Big Issue lecture series, "Rape 101: How do we end sexual assault on campus?"

Of 500 students at Loyola and Tulane universities polled by Loyola sociology professor Marcus Kondkar, 37 percent reported at least one act of unwanted sexual coercion in the past year.

Eighteen percent experienced at least one incident that could be classified as "legal rape." Yet, only four percent of those victims reported the incidents to someone empowered to take action.

"It's always this sense of feeling partly responsible that came up over and over again — having a role in what happened," Kondkar said.

Along with Kondkar, serving on the experts panel were Louisiana state Sen. J. P. Morrell; Scott Schneider, Tulane associate general counsel; Julia Broussard of Tulane Violence Prevention and Support Services; and Tulane student activist Tara Wilson. Moderating the discussion was Tania Tetlow, associate professor of law and director of the [Domestic Violence Clinic](#) at Tulane Law School.

"There's peer pressure to define a sexual assault as a 'bad hookup,'" Broussard said.

Viewpoints varied greatly — Schneider decried Greek life while Wilson, president-elect of the Panhellenic Council, defended it. Yet, all speakers agreed that colleges' best course of action is to create frameworks for reporting incidents and educating students.

In New Orleans' party culture, intoxication can be a trigger for sex crimes. "The connection, in my opinion, is undeniable," Schneider said.

But students may not realize that sexual contact with an intoxicated individual is technically classified as "simple rape," the experts said.

Morrell applauded the level of resources that Tulane has directed towards this issue. In addition to Broussard's organization, Tulane funds the [Sexual Aggression Peer Hotline & Education](#), of which Wilson is a member.

Awareness events throughout the year include [Take Back the Night](#) and [Project Clothesline](#).

"We're helping one another learn how to take care of one another," Broussard said.

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Three Sexual Assaults in New Orleans within Six Hours Friday Morning



New Orleans Police reported three sexual assaults occurring within six hours of each other Friday morning (April 3). Police did not immediately provide any information beyond the times, locations and gender of the victims.

The first assault was against a woman in her 20s and occurred around 5 a.m. in Gentilly near the intersection of [Leon C. Simon Drive and Lakeshore Drive](#).

The second assault was against a woman in her 30s and occurred around 6:30 a.m. in Central City near the intersection of [Josephine and Danneel](#).

The final assault was against a woman and occurred around 10:30 a.m. in the French Quarter in [the 600 block of Iberville](#). An age range of the victim was not available.

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Inventory: 1,163 Rape Kits Sit Untested Across Louisiana

An inventory of untested rape kits gathered from Louisiana's law enforcement agencies -- from city police departments to small town sheriff's offices -- found more than 1,160 kits have not been tested for DNA evidence by crime labs.

But the inventory of data released Friday was far from complete, because 128 police departments did not submit a report as required under a new law. The inventory was mandated by a 2014 bill pushed by state Sen. J.P. Morrell, a New Orleans Democrat. In all, 1,163 untested kits were inventoried.

"What this data says to us is that we have a problem that needs addressing," Morrell said.

Morrell said it was particularly distressing to see a high number of untested rape kits in connection with children's cases. The inventory found 81 untested rape kits at Children's Hospital in New Orleans and 13 at the Audrey Hepburn Children at Risk Evaluation Center -- two facilities treating children in New Orleans.

Officials at both facilities were not immediately available for comment.

The senator said it was "especially troubling and disturbing" that there were any untested pediatric kits at all.

"We must do everything within our power to ensure that the outstanding pediatric sexual assault kits that have never been picked up by law enforcement are put on the record, investigated and resolved to bring justice to these young victims," Morrell said.

Agencies were asked to submit the number of untested rape kits sitting in their evidence rooms to state police by Jan. 1.

The kits are important elements in an investigation, especially when a victim is attacked by a stranger and DNA is essential.

The New Orleans Police Department reported 200 untested kits -- the most of the state's police departments. Alexandria police reported the second most: 122 untested kits. Meanwhile, Shreveport police reported 76 untested kits and the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office reported 54 untested kits.

Backlogs of more than 20 kits were found at each of the sheriff's offices in St. Tammany, Lafayette, Webster, Acadia and Ouachita parishes.

Morrell said the data shows a problem in Louisiana with kits going untested. He said the inventory was part of a national effort to reduce backlogs.

1,000 Sex Crime-Related Cases Not Investigated in New Orleans

The report is full of harrowing details alleging that five New Orleans Police Department detectives in the special victims unit may have failed to investigate sex crimes over a three-year period.

But one case stands out.

According to the seven-page document released Wednesday by the city's Office of Inspector General, a 2-year-old was brought to a hospital emergency room after an alleged sexual assault. Tests would show the toddler had a sexually transmitted disease, the report said.

The detective in the case wrote in his report that the 2-year-old "did not disclose any information that would warrant a criminal investigation and closed the case," the inspector general's report said.

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The detective -- identified only as "Detective A" -- is one of five officers whose reports were examined in the investigation. Only nine detectives worked in the special victims unit during the period that was investigated.

The detectives are not being identified because of the ongoing investigation, but their names have been provided to the NOPD's Public Integrity Bureau, the inspector general's report says.

Though the detectives weren't identified, Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux said they were not rookies. Police Superintendent Michael Harrison said the detectives were "seasoned," and some had been with the NOPD for more than a decade.

"These people should have known... the right way to do things," Quatrevaux said.

'Not a word, even a single word'

The inspector general's findings indicate "there was no effective supervision of these five detectives over a three-year period. Nor could there have been any effective supervision of the supervisors, or any review of the outcome of the cases assigned to these five detectives."

The Public Integrity Bureau identified 1,290 sex crime-related calls assigned to the five detectives and determined that in only 179 instances -- 13.9% -- did the detectives file "supplemental reports documenting any additional investigative efforts beyond the initial report; these 179 supplemental reports were the total written investigative product of the five detectives for sex crime-related calls for service for three years."

Almost 100 Untested Pediatric Rape Kits in Louisiana

MONROE, La. (KNOE 8 News) - Law enforcement agencies across the state have now reported just how many untested sexual assault kits are sitting on evidence shelves. This, in compliance to a new law requiring those numbers to be reported. In total more than a thousand untested kits have been counted. State leaders say that's not even the worst of it.

One issue is that only about half of the police departments across the state have reported numbers. When a sexual assault is reported a kit is used to gather physical evidence. But in some pediatric cases the process stops there and the evidence is left sitting on hospital shelves, never making it back to law enforcement.

Nearly one hundred untested pediatric rape kits are being reported. Senator JP Morrell, who helped pass this law, says this is unacceptable because a minor can never consent to sex therefore can never recant a rape charge. "By definition under the law, if there is sex with a minor, it is illegal. Period," said Morrell.

As we've previously reported, there are cases where adult sexual assault kits will not be processed. If the claim is recanted, or if the suspect admits to the crime. But in the case of these 94 untested juvenile kits, that should never happen.

"You can't just close that case unilaterally," said Morrell.

Sexual assault nurse examiners, or SANE nurses, are responsible for administering the kits. They don't treat gathering DNA from minors any differently than for adults.

"What we do, our side of it. There's really not much difference in how we collect from a pediatric patient," said Stephanie Gullette, sexual assault program coordinator.

So why are law enforcement agencies treating them different? Morrell says departments are required to pick up the kits and log them as evidence. In most cases, that's not happening.

"For the most part, there has been no effort by several jurisdictions to pick up these kits," said Morrell.

But it works differently parish to parish.

"So for us, our procedure is, we release the kit directly to law enforcement," said Gullette.

So what do these numbers mean for Louisiana?

"Some law enforcement agencies are not taking sexual assault seriously," said Morrell.

Morrell says this is a problem in the culture of policing, and could point to an even bigger issue.

"If you don't take every sexual assault case seriously, you don't pursue a person who's committed a sexual assault, you're basically creating a scenario inviting him to create more sexual assaults," said Morrell. Morrell says he's working on further legislation when it comes to how sexual assault is handled in Louisiana. He wants every law enforcement agency to have one person responsible for all the evidence pertaining to sexual assault cases, and for those agencies to go through extensive sexual assault training.

In Louisiana, Rape Victims Are Billed Thousands of Dollars for Hospital Exams



The government should want rape victims to show up at the hospital.

In 2005, the Violence Against Women Act was amended to **provide free medical forensic exams** to sexual assault victims who go to the hospital—whether or not they choose to file a police report. These exams—often known as SANE exams, or rape kits—are essential tools for medical and legal professionals to collect evidence of sexual assault and assess the physical effects of the crime. But throughout Louisiana, as Rebecca Catalanello of NOLA.com and *The Times-Picayune* **reported yesterday**, rape victims are still returning from the ER with medical bills totaling in the thousands of dollars. The exorbitant price tag for showing up at the hospital as a rape victim may point to some hospitals' failure to follow the letter of the law—but it also speaks to the limitations of VAWA itself.

VAWA's provision, as Catalanello reports, covers costs related to "an examination of physical trauma, a determination of penetration or force, a patient interview and collection of evidence." What it doesn't necessarily cover are all the other procedures typically offered alongside the exam, like tests for pregnancy and STIs, emergency contraception, post-exposure prophylaxis for HIV, or treatment for injuries sustained during the attack. Some Louisiana victims who spoke with Catalanello said they were even billed for the cost of the emergency room visit itself; others say that it was never explained to them that while some portions of the process were free, others were costly: One victim was shocked to get a bill for \$600 to cover her share of HIV drugs and another \$860 for the ER visit. It doesn't help for the state to cover the cost of the victim's rape kit if she has to pay just to show up. And while Louisiana ostensibly offers reimbursement for these associated costs to assault victims, "the victims have to file a police report," Catalanello writes. "They can't have had any felonies in the past five years. They can't have behaved in a way that, in the opinion of the board, 'contributed to the crime.' They can't have been involved in other illegal activity at the time they were victimized. Statistically, that closes out a lot of people."

Paying for the forensic examination of rape victims is the least that the government can do. As one advocate told Catalanello, victims of burglaries don't have to pay the cops to take fingerprints of their homes. But it's in the government's best interest to offer rape victims additional assistance here. It's difficult enough to convince victims of rape to submit to a forensic exam at all—this particular investigation plays out on the victim's body, and it is both invasive and time consuming. So if victims expect that they'll need to pay up for certain elements of the exam (like appearing in the ER, or finding out if they've contracted an STI), they may be far less likely to report at all.

The degree of funding offered to cover rape victims' ER visits varies by state and hospital. In April, the Urban Institute **completed a comprehensive study** of how states are coming into compliance

with the changes to VAWA, and found that state coverage of the exams "often includes facilities, fees, emergency room triage, emergency room doctor fees, SANEs' fees, colposcopy and endoscopy, and other photographic imaging." (*Often* is the operative word here, and may even be an overstatement, as evidenced by the stories of the Louisiana victims.) The six states that the Urban Institute used as case studies for the report (the study doesn't name the states) all covered testing for pregnancy and STIs, but only five covered emergency contraception, and only two covered prophylaxis for HIV (one only "under certain circumstances"). Whether or not a victim's ambulance fees or drug testing is covered also varies. In one state, the report found, "testing for drug-facilitated rape requires approval from a prosecutor in order to be covered by the designated payer." That means that when a rape victim reports to the hospital concerned that she may have been administered a date-rape drug, she'll need to wait for a prosecutor to tell her if she has to pay for the test to find out herself. By that time, the drugs may have already passed through her system, and the evidence would have been lost. Law enforcement should want to collect this evidence as soon as possible, not haggle over its cost.

In Louisiana, at least, Catalanello's report has **already spurred local lawmakers** to advocate for the state to go above and beyond the bounds of VAWA. "I had no idea that was happening," state representative Helena Moreno told Catalanello. "Talk about being traumatized twice."

Louisiana's Backlog of Rape Kits includes Dozens at Children's Hospital

Alex Woodward on what's next for law enforcement and the Legislature



Photo by Cheryl GerberA statewide inventory turned up 94 pediatric rape kits that had been collected at Children's Hospital of New Orleans but had not been picked up by law enforcement agencies for testing.

State Sen. J.P. Morrell, D-New Orleans, requested a statewide inventory last year for all agencies acting as custodians of untested rape kits. Morrell expected to find more than 1,000 sitting in evidence lockers around the state. The results revealed 1,069 untested rape kits in law enforcement custody — and another 94 in pediatric health care facilities in New Orleans.

"The backlog of pediatric kits completely threw me for a loop," Morrell told *Gambit*.

Children's Hospital of New Orleans and its Audrey Hepburn Children at Risk Evaluation Center had in their custody 94 untested kits — meaning a physician collected sensitive evidence, including swabs for body fluids and hair and fibers, all taken from survivors of sexual assault who are minors, as part of a pediatric evidence recovery kit. But no agency had picked up the kits to be tested for evidence in cases, which could lead to prosecution and conviction of an offender.

Rape kits are not processed in some cases, usually when an arrest or conviction for a related crime already has been made, or if a victim recants.

"None of those things apply here," Morrell said. "A child can never consent to sex ever."

Eleven of the 94 kits involved cases in Orleans Parish, according to New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) Communications Director Tyler Gamble. Following Morrell's report, NOPD picked up its kits and brought them to Central Evidence & Property for storage before submitting them to the state crime lab for testing.

The 94 kits represent cases in 62 of Louisiana's 64 parishes. Dr. John Heaton, chief medical officer at Children's Hospital, clarified to *Gambit* that the hospital can only act as a custodian for the kits; it cannot test them. (Children's Hospital CEO Mary Perrin said the hospital treated 1,479 survivors of sexual assault in 2014.) Morrell requested the rape kit information last August, but a majority of the responses came within the last week of December (and some at the beginning of January, past a Jan. 1 deadline).

"Either law enforcement agencies are terrible at keeping track of evidence in custody, or they didn't take sexual assault seriously," Morrell said.

Rape kits contain sensitive DNA evidence collected by an emergency room nurse and secured in storage. The acting law enforcement agency for the case is supposed to pick up the kit and submit the contents for testing (usually through the Louisiana State Police crime lab). Test results are entered into an FBI database that can link DNA that appears in more than one crime or case around the country. Prosecutors then can use that evidence to put away repeat offenders.

Though Morrell's request for a report was made law last year through his Senate Bill 296, the bill did not include an enforcement component or penalty for noncompliance. Gov. Bobby Jindal signed Morrell's bill in May, making it effective Aug. 1, 2014. While all parish sheriffs' offices responded, only 185 of 315 police departments did. (Kenner Police Department was among dozens of noncompliant agencies that did not report their inventories.)

Morrell said he has not ruled out requesting a legislative auditor investigate those police departments' inventories "to find out what the hell is going on."

Last year, the New Orleans Office of Inspector General (OIG) released a disturbing report revealing a culture of reclassifying rapes, ignoring DNA and other investigative failures among five NOPD sex crimes detectives over a three-year period. In December, Cmdr. Paul Noel — who is heading an NOPD task force re-investigating the cases — revealed that NOPD had "in excess" of 400 untested kits in its custody. NOPD Superintendent Michael Harrison later clarified that it had 209 untested kits that require testing, and 220 that did not.

"Either law enforcement agencies are terrible at keeping track of evidence in custody, or they didn't take sexual assault seriously," — State Sen. J.P. Morrell

Of the 220 rape kits that no longer require testing, 16 were connected to homicides and were completed in the course of those investigations; 12 were assigned to the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Department; two were from Jefferson Parish; and 35 were from cases cleared by arrest, a warrant or death. Another 130 kits were from cases in which the victim asked police not to investigate, while 25 kits revealed that the victim wasn't sexually assaulted, according to NOPD.

Those kits (and kits at Children's Hospital) remain in cold storage. In a statement to *Gambit*, Perrin said Children's Hospital "has never destroyed any kits to [ensure] that potential evidence of a pediatric sexual assault is preserved."

Morrell plans to introduce legislation this year requiring officers to receive "basic working knowledge in areas where law enforcement is lacking," including how to handle sexual assault and domestic violence cases. Morrell says officers in smaller parishes still have "no idea how to handle sexual assault cases or talk to victims," and in many domestic violence cases, officers arrest both parties. Morrell also wants legislation mandating all criminal justice and law enforcement agencies have a point person for sexual assault and domestic violence, with a continuing education component that keeps all procedures up to date with best practices, including interrogation and witness interview techniques and — starting immediately — tracking, properly storing and processing rape kits.

Morrell also wants to eliminate the term "simple rape." In Louisiana, simple rape involves rape in which a victim is unconscious or inebriated, thus unable to respond or consent.

"It makes more people more comfortable ignoring it," he said. "We're the only state that does that."

Morrell's point is underscored by the OIG's investigation of NOPD sex crimes detectives, which found then-Detective Damita Williams, who was assigned 11 simple rape cases in the three-year stretch contained in the report, had told her colleagues that she didn't believe simple rape was even a crime. Williams also failed to submit one victim's rape kit for testing because she determined the sex was consensual.

Morrell said law enforcement often "cherry-picks" rape cases to avoid pursuing difficult cases involving simple rape. "But the reality of that type of rape is that it's a crime to have sex with someone who can't give consent," he said. "Officers don't have discretion as to what [law] you should follow or not follow. If law enforcement is making a judgment call to follow charges, they might as well be legislators."

The cases in the OIG sample audit also included children. In the report's three-year time period, then-Detective Akron Davis was assigned 13 cases of possible sexual assault and child abuse, but the cases didn't receive any follow-ups or have any supplemental reports. Davis also didn't investigate the case of a child under age 3 who doctors found had a sexually transmitted disease following an alleged sexual assault, nor did Davis investigate the case of another child who was brought to the emergency room following an alleged sexual assault. During a forensic interview, that child pointed out that a registered sex offender was living in his house — but Davis closed the case anyway.

Morrell's efforts are part of a national "End the Backlog" initiative, led in part by The Joyful Heart Foundation, to reduce backlogs of rape kits in evidence lockers nationwide. Morrell says there's an endemic disconnect between law enforcement and district attorneys' offices.

The National Institute of Justice's 2011 report *The Road Ahead: Unanalyzed Evidence in Sexual Assault Cases* found that 18 percent of unsolved sexual assaults between 2002 and 2007 contained forensic evidence still in police custody — while 50 to 60 percent of kits test positive for biological material that did not belong to the victim.

More than 44 percent of law enforcement agencies nationally didn't send evidence to a lab for testing because they didn't identify a suspect, and 15 percent didn't submit evidence because prosecutors didn't request it. But even if a prosecutor gets a successful conviction without a test, those kits contain valuable information that could link an offender to serial offenses.

"Rape kit testing sends a message to survivors that they — and their cases — matter," said Maile M. Zambuto, president and CEO of The Joyful Heart Foundation. "It sends a message to perpetrators that they will be held accountable for their crimes. It demonstrates a commitment to survivors to do everything possible to bring healing and justice."



<http://www.kplctv.com/story/28283499/man-charged-with-running-over-a-16-year-old-girl-with-his-car-has-turned-himself-in>

Crowley, LA
ACADIA PARISH

Man Charged with Running Over a 16-Year-Old Girl with His Car has Turned Himself In



The man charged with second-degree murder for running over a 16-year-old girl with his car has turned himself in to authorities.

The Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office has been looking for Lendricy Kentrayle Robinson, 25, since late Tuesday after sheriff's deputies responded to a complaint about a female who had been run over by a vehicle at a Crowley apartment complex.

Investigators said Robinson argued with 16-year-old Antoinette Rochon of Rayne and when when she tried to leave, Robinson ran her over. She was transported to an area hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Two other people were also struck by the vehicle. They were treated for non-life threatening injuries at an area hospital. Robinson is also charged with two counts attempted second-degree murder in connection with hitting them.

The sheriff's office issued warrants for his arrest and Robinson turned himself in at about 2 p.m. Friday. He was sent to the Acadia Parish jail. His bond has been set at \$300,000.

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PREGNANT TEEN PARALYZED IN SHOOTING DIES MONTHS AFTER GIVING BIRTH TO BABY GIRL



When 18-year-old Chyna Young was **shot by her former boyfriend** last June, no one expected her or the baby she was three months pregnant with to survive. **Shots to her arm, back, and neck left her paralyzed from the neck down**, but miraculously Chyna gave birth to a daughter five months later in October. And although she was making significant progress in her recovery, a respiratory infection claimed the young woman's life this week.

Chyna had only left Memorial Hermann-The Texas Medical Center in Houston one month ago. For the past seven months, the teen spent her days relearning basic skills such as breathing without a mechanical respirator, eating, and using a mouthstick to work a laptop computer. Despite the progress she made, Chyna still required too much care to return to her home in Crowley, LA, but hospital officials believed a nursing home in her hometown would provide proper intermediate care. For Chyna, her daughter, Jada, was her biggest concern. She told [the Houston Chronicle](#) as she prepared to leave the hospital:

"I just want to play with Jada. I'm so happy when I see her," she said. And those who watched her cope with her life since the shooting say being a mother gave her the most hope. "Once she had accepted the reality that she would be going home differently, but going home as a mother, we saw such a motivated, brave young woman," said Michael Taylor, a social worker at TIRR.

Now, those who knew Chyna are shocked at how the story that seemed like it would have a happy ending turned so soon.

"The whole situation is such a tragedy," Taylor said. "There was no ideal ending to this story, but it was going to be a success story."

Acadia Parish coroner Dr. Mark Dawson has not yet delivered an official ruling on the cause of death. Although the respiratory infection is likely the immediate cause he said, "I'm sure it was a complication of the gunshot."

Patrick Guillory, 22, Chyna's former boyfriend, is currently serving 40 years in prison after pleading guilty **to attempted murder for pistol whipping and then shooting his ex-girlfriend four times**. If Chyna's cause of death is linked to the gunshots he could face even more time. Meanwhile, those who knew Chyna are clinging to memories of her triumphant spirit.

"She wanted Jada so bad, and wanted her to be healthy," said Kristen Soudelier, a social worker at the medical center. "I think she struggled and was strong for Jada all along."

Oberlin, LA
ALLEN PARISH
January 1, 2014

Allen Parish Man to go on Trial in Stabbing Death of His Wife

OBERLIN - The trial of an Oberlin man accused of fatally stabbing his estranged wife and slitting her throat during an argument in June is scheduled to begin Feb. 24.

Joseph Eric Vercher, 45, is charged with second-degree murder in the June 29 slaying of 34-year-old Rachel Denise Lambert Vercher.

Joseph Vercher was initially arrested for manslaughter, but the charge was upgraded to second-degree murder by a grand jury in August.

If convicted of second-degree murder, he faces life in prison without parole.

He remains in jail on a \$250,000 bond awaiting trial.

Donaldsonville, LA
ASCENSION PARISH
February 5, 2013

Man Wanted for Domestic Abuse in Ascension Parish



DONALDSONVILLE - A man accused of forcing his way into his girlfriend's home in Ascension Parish, then attacking her, is on the run this afternoon.

Deputies say Romel Julien, of Donaldsonville, got into a fight with his girlfriend when she was able to get away and dial 911.

Julien then went to his trunk of his car and pulled out an AK-47, then ran into the woods to hide the gun.

He then returned empty handed, and fled the scene in a green older model Oldsmobile Delta 88.

Deputies found the gun in a neighbors shed nearby.

Julien is a convicted felon who is currently on parole and has a criminal history of physical violence, drugs, and theft.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office.

Prairieville Man Accused in Road Rage Incident Involving Estranged Wife



A Prairieville man is accused of attempted murder after repeatedly ramming his SUV into his estranged wife's car Saturday, causing a three-car accident that injured six people, according to the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office.

Gerald Asay, 33, who had his infant child in the back seat of his vehicle, spotted his estranged wife about 2:30 p.m. and started following her as she drove with a male passenger on U.S. 61 near Swamp Road in Prairieville, Maj. Ward Webb, of the Sheriff's Office, said in a news release.

It was unclear whether Asay had been looking for them.

As his estranged wife and the man with her crossed Swamp Road where it intersects with U.S. 61, Asay rammed into them from behind, but the woman was able to keep driving south, Webb said.

The two tried to flee from Asay for about a mile, and at some point, the woman called deputies from her phone to report that Asay was trying to attack her, Webb said.

By the time deputies arrived, Webb said, Asay had slammed into the back of his estranged wife's sedan when it stopped for a red light near La. 929. He said the impact sent the sedan into the car in front of it.

All three cars were damaged, two of them severely, Webb said. Five people were taken by ambulance to a local hospital for treatment of minor to moderate injuries, while a sixth was treated on-scene, Webb said.

He said Asay suffered the worst injuries.

Asay, of 18254 Manchac Place Drive South, Prairieville, was booked into Ascension Parish Jail Saturday on two counts of attempted first-degree murder, three counts of negligent injuring, aggravated criminal damage to property and reckless operation of a motor vehicle. Asay awaits a bond amount.

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Gonzales, LA
ASCENSION PARISH
August 15, 2013

Pregnant Woman Shot by Ex-Boyfriend



Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office Lt. Col. Bobby Webre reported the shooting of a Gonzales woman.

At approximately 4:20 a.m. Wednesday morning a female was leaving her residence when a male suspect wearing dark clothing approached her vehicle pointing a gun at her and firing several shots.

She attempted to flee from her residence in her vehicle in an attempt to save her and her baby's life from the gunman that ended in her wrecking her car at the intersection.

Deputies were dispatched to the intersection of Highway 621 and Orleans Drive in Gonzales in reference to the victim still in her damaged vehicle.

Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office Detectives were called to the scene to assist in the investigation and the woman was identified as eight-month pregnant Kenya Houston, 25, who had suffered a gunshot wound to the arm and chest.

Houston was transported to an area hospital where she had an emergency delivery of the baby and underwent surgery for her wounds. Houston and her baby are in stable condition.

Cowan Collins, 27, of 13444 Old Hammond Highway, Baton Rouge; Houston's ex-boyfriend was taken into custody Wednesday afternoon facing charges of attempted second-degree murder, attempted first-degree feticide, and illegal use of weapons. He was booked into the Ascension Parish Jail where his bond has been set at \$550,000.

This investigation is still ongoing.

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Gonzales, LA
ASCENSION PARISH
April 17, 2014

Investigators: Man Kills Wife and Son

GONZALES DOUBLE MURDER



GONZALES, LA (WAFB) - Authorities said a man broke into the home of his estranged wife, killing her and their 12-year-old son, early Thursday morning.

The Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office reported Dewona Green, 40, and Ron Green Jr. were found shot to death in their home on Lakeway Cove Avenue, off LA 44, in Gonzales. Chief Deputy Tony Bacala with APSO said Ronald Green Sr., 44, allegedly broke into the home and killed them.

"Well, it was one of those terrible tragedies," said Bacala. "It's a domestic violence issue."

Bacala said Dewona Green was shot in her bed and then Ron Green Jr. was shot. He added the first call about the shooting was from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office after deputies there received a report shortly before 2 a.m.

Joe Wright, Dewona's uncle, says his niece had been on his mind on Wednesday. He wasn't sure why, but he was somewhat worried. He says early Thursday morning, his sister, Dewona's mother, called him and he learned his niece and great-nephew had been killed.

"To lose both of them at the same time...I would've thought they'd be burying me. I've got to bury them. It's just, it's tough," Wright said.

"Ron Green called someone in East Baton Rouge and said, 'Look, I just killed my wife and my son and I'm about to jump off of a bridge in the Mississippi River,'" Bacala added.

Bacala said EBRSO contacted APSO and deputies went to the home to investigate. They reportedly arrived to find the front glass door shattered and upon entering the home, found the victims in a bedroom.

"I don't know what I would say to him right now," said Joe Wright, Dewona Green's uncle. "It's so much anger inside of me right now because of what happened. I just don't see how he could...what could possibly push him to the extreme to do something this tragic. He caused a lot of hurt on our family."

Investigators said Green's car was found atop the Veterans Memorial Bridge in Gramercy. They added the car was still running. Authorities said there is a strong possibility he may have jumped off

the bridge, but the search for him continues as though he is still alive. Deputies are scouring the area where the car was found for any indications of Green's whereabouts.

Detectives have secured arrest warrants for him for two counts of first-degree murder and violation of a restraining order.

Authorities said the couple had recently separated and deputies were actually called out to the home the previous week for an incident. Following that incident, Bacala said the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit assisted her in getting the restraining order against her husband.

Bacala added Ronald Green Sr. was served the restraining order at the couple's home on April 11 and deputies stayed while he gathered clothes and left. According to reports, deputies warned him he would be arrested if he returned to the home or tried to contact his wife.

Bacala stated reports show Ronald Green Sr. was arrested in East Baton Rouge Parish the very next day for violation of protective orders. He added Green was taken to jail and later bonded out. Documents show his bond was set at \$2,500.

Ron Green Jr. was a seventh grade student at Central Middle School in Gonzales. Bacala said measures are being put in place to assist students with coping with the tragedy.

"We've already made contact with the school where the 12-year-old attended and the principal and the school staff are going to be prepared in the morning for any needs that may exist for the students on campus," Bacala explained.

According to the probable cause report, Dewona Green told investigators she was at her grandmother's house on April 12 and her husband showed up, asking to see their son. Reports indicate she allowed Ronald Green Sr. to speak with their son and they had a brief conversation. She reportedly stated her husband followed her vehicle when she and her son left her grandmother's home.

According to the report, Dewona Green turned into the terminal of the CATS station after seeing a police car and Ronald Green Sr. made a U-turn after he saw the officer. Police reportedly found him in the parking lot of the CATS station and he was arrested after Ron Green Jr. reportedly confirmed the information his mother had given.

The investigation is ongoing.

A candlelight vigil will be held to honor Dewona Green and her son Ron Green Jr. The vigil will be held Saturday, April 19, 2014 at 8 p.m. on Lakeway Cove Ave., off of Hwy 44 in Gonzales.

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Bond Given Maximum Sentence in Death of Estranged Wife



BOSSIER PARISH, La. -Robert Bond has formally been sentenced to the maximum 40 years in prison. The Bossier Parish man pleaded guilty last month to manslaughter in the death of his estranged wife, Annie.

Earlier this year, Bond pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder for the November, 2013 killing.

Prosecutors say Bond kidnapped Annie Bond from her Bossier Parish home last November, killed her, then dumped and burned her body in Webster Parish.

Her remains were found in a wooded area north of Bayou Dorcheat.

Bond was arrested at a rest stop in Mississippi. When police approached him, Bond shot himself in the head.

After undergoing treatment at a Mississippi hospital, Bond was transferred back to Bossier Parish.

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BOSSIER PARISH, La. (KTBS) -

Accused wife killer Robert Bond, 53, pleaded not guilty during his formal arraignment in Bossier Parish Tuesday for a second-degree murder charge.

Authorities say Bond killed his estranged wife, Annie Bond, 46, in November, then burned and dumped her body in a wooded area near Bayou Dorcheat in Webster Parish.

Bond led authorities on a man-hunt through Louisiana to Mississippi, where he was found by police in his truck at a rest stop.

There police say he attempted suicide by shooting himself in the head, was rushed to an area hospital, and remain hospitalized until his extradition back to Bossier Parish in late December.

Annie Bond's remains were sent to Baton Rouge's F.A.C.E.S. Crime Lab, where they were positively identified by forensic anthropologist Mary Manhein.

Robert Bond's next court appearance will be March 25.

If convicted, he faces a life sentence in prison, without the possibility of parole.



<http://www.ktbs.com/story/22335833/cyber-stalking-arrest-in-bossier-parish>

Ruston, LA
BOSSIER PARISH

Cyber-Stalking Arrest in Bossier Parish

A Ruston man is locked up for **cyber stalking** and improper telephone communication. The Bossier sheriff's office says Charles McCauley allegedly harassed and threatened his ex-girlfriend on myspace, at one point saying "dooms day" is coming. Authorities say he also threatened to kill her father in a telephone conversation. He's at the Bossier Maximum Security Facility. Bond is set at \$74,000.

Alicia Tucker Sentenced to 15 Years for Jury Tampering



A recorded phone call from jail gets a Shreveport woman 15 years in prison.

Today, Alicia Tucker was sentenced for trying to sway a juror in her son's 1st degree murder trial.

In 2008, Alicia's son LaMondre Tucker kidnapped, shot and killed his pregnant ex-girlfriend, Tavia Sills.

During Tucker's trial in 2011, a potential juror said she knew LaMondre and his mother and couldn't consider the death penalty as punishment, if picked as a juror.

While LaMondre was locked up in Caddo Correctional Center, Alicia Tucker made a three-way call between herself, LaMondre and the juror, asking her to change what she said so she could serve on the jury. The phone call was recorded at the jail.

Both LaMondre and his mother were found guilty of conspiracy to commit jury tampering.

During Alicia's sentencing phase today, Judge Katherine Dorroh heard three motions filed by the defense: a motion for a post-verdict acquittal, a motion for a new trial and a motion for a pre-sentence investigation.

Alicia's attorney explained to Judge Dorroh that his client doesn't have a criminal history, and she's not a threat for committing another crime.

Judge Dorroh denied all three motions and sentenced Alicia to 15 years.

One deciding factor for the sentence was Alicia's outburst in the courtroom when she was found guilty of the crime. Judge Dorroh said she yelled and cursed at jurors and the prosecutor.

Caddo Parish Assistant D.A. Dale Cox says he believes the sentence was appropriate.

"Ms. Tucker was involved in the jury tampering, but not to the extent her son had been involved, so I think that it was appropriate that her sentence be significantly less severe than the sentence her son received for the same crime," says Cox.

LaMondre was sentenced to 40 years hard labor, after being convicted of the crime.

In Cox's 40 years of prosecuting off and on, he says this was the first case of jury tampering in Caddo Parish he's ever heard of.

After the sentencing, we asked the friends and family of Alicia Tucker for comment, but they refused to give a statement. Alicia will appeal her sentencing, but no date has been set.



<http://www.arklatexhomepage.com/story/d/story/jury-finds-caddo-parish-man-guilty-on-two-counts-o/26290/WyP1dEZ3oE6qxj9RLP-DDw>

Mooringsport, LA
CADDO PARISH
August 13, 2014

Jury Finds Caddo Parish Man Guilty on Two Counts of Manslaughter



A Caddo Parish jury today found a Caddo Parish man guilty on two counts of manslaughter.

Roderick Scott was charged with two counts of second degree murder in 2012 deaths of Stuart Meyers, 29, and Leslie Moss, 27, but the jury decided on the lesser charges of manslaughter.

The deaths were the result of a domestic disturbance at Meyers and Moss' Mooringsport home that involved Scott, his girlfriend, Meyers' mother, Meyers and Moss. He was accused of shooting Meyers in the face and beating Moss to death with a gun.

Caddo Parish Assistant District Attorneys Geya Prudhome and Kelvin Rogers prosecuted the case, and David McClatchey was defense attorney.

Each count of manslaughter is punishable by up to 40 years at hard labor; second degree murder carries with it mandatory life in prison without possibility of parole, probation or suspension of sentence.

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Man Arrested in Shreveport's First Homicide of Year



McKinley Efferson, 23, is accused of shooting his mother's boyfriend.

A man was arrested Friday for shooting another man dead in Cedar Grove, marking Shreveport's first homicide of the year.

McKinley Efferson, 23, is accused of firing multiple shots at 50-year-old Reginald Wess, who was found suffering from gunshot wounds under the carport of a residence in the 100 block of South Greenbrook Loop just before 3 a.m. on Friday.

According to Cpl. Breck Scott, Shreveport Police Department spokesman, **Wess was the boyfriend of Efferson's mother.**

Wess was rushed to University Health Shreveport, where he was pronounced dead a short time after arrival.

He and Efferson shared a residence and were apparently arguing just before the shooting. Efferson allegedly discharged a handgun multiple times into Wess' upper body.

Efferson was detained on scene and later transported to Shreveport Police headquarters where he was interviewed by detectives. He was then booked into the Shreveport City Jail on one count of second-degree murder.

Murder-Suicide in Caddo Parish



A man and woman are dead after an apparent murder-suicide.

Witnesses say Michael Scott Salley, 43, kidnapped, Gwynette Salley, as she tried to pick up her seven year old daughter today.

It happened at around 4:30 p.m., at Butterfly Gardens Child Care Center in Stonewall.

Owner, Denise Winkler, tells KTBS that the center's manager saw what happened and pushed the couple's daughter out of harm's way. She then yelled to the students and staff to get down and call 9-1-1.

"All my kids got down on the ground and he took off with the mom in the vehicle," said Winkler.

The center immediately went on lockdown, while they waited for help to arrive.

Meanwhile, another witness followed the car and called authorities to alert them of where Salley had taken the woman.

According to authorities, Salley forced the woman to drive to a secluded area off Johns Gin Road in Caddo Parish.

Just minutes after they got there, deputies heard several shots.

They say Michael Salley had shot Gwynette Salley and himself.

The girl is safe and with relatives.

Shreveport, LA
CADDO PARISH
December 8, 2014

Restraining Orders Denied in Caddo Parish Weeks before Murder



Alicia West killed weeks after restraining order requests denied by Caddo Parish judge



Kelvin Brown II

SHREVEPORT, LA (KSLA) - Nearly two weeks after being granted a protection order against her ex-boyfriend, 33-year-old Alicia West was found stabbed to death over the weekend.

Police arrested and charged Kelvin Brown II hours later and charged him with second degree murder.

Just one month before her death, West explained to a judge in a request for a restraining order that she feared for her life.

"I don't know how far he will go to get back at me and I am not willing to find out. I have a son to raise," she said.

After repeated denials in a Caddo Parish court, an order was granted in Bossier Parish. In the span of 6 months, all three attempts in Caddo Parish were denied by Judge Eugene Bryson, who retired the day before West was murdered. Bossier Parish granted a 6 month restraining order against Brown on November 24, 2014.

In the documents from the Caddo Court Clerk's Office, Bryson cited the petition "does not state sufficient facts to constitute a violation of the domestic abuse act and that the two did not have a relationship that is required by title 46."

West's final attempt in Caddo Parish was made on November 6, 2014. West provided details of Brown allegedly speeding his car up as she was trying to get out, causing her to fly out of the car.

Most of the other complaints involved excessive text messages and unannounced visits to her home along with unexplained damage to her home and car.

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Shock, disbelief and grief those are the emotions this weekend after the brutal stabbing death of a Shreveport woman.

"She was begging, begging, begging the judicial system to take notice of her. It is unfortunate in Caddo parish, that wasn't done," said Joel Pierce, a family law attorney.

After reviewing her requests for the protective order, Pierce says he feels like the court system failed her in Caddo Parish.

"This should have never have happened," Pierce said. Pierce says sometimes even the order itself isn't enough.

"A piece of paper does not protect you from someone who is hell bent on killing you. The only thing that is going to protect you is arming yourself, getting self defense courses and getting extra security precautions," Pierce said.

According to the Domestic Violence Abuse Act, anyone in need of a protective order must show proof of physical abuse in the past and show an actual threat from who they are getting an order against.

The Caddo District Attorney's Office declined to comment because it is an open homicide investigation.

A vigil for Alicia West is planned for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, at the Duck Pond on East Kings Highway in Shreveport.

The family and the Captain Shreve High School class of 1999 will come together in the fight against domestic violence.

For more information on resources available for domestic violence victims, please contact Project Celebration at 318-226-5015. Victims can also call their confidential hot line at 1-888-411-1333 or visit their website.

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Shreveport Double Shooting Suspect Captured



The man wanted for shooting two people in Shreveport's Allendale neighborhood has been captured.

Chevis Carter faces one count of second degree murder and one count of attempted second degree murder.

Police say he kicked down the door to his ex-girlfriend's home in the 1500 block of Alston Street Tuesday night and started firing a gun.

Dylas Gales was shot in the face and a man was killed at the scene.

At last report, Gales was in stable condition at University Health.

Judge: Other Disappearances can be Part of Felix Vail Murder Trial



Felix Vail arrives in Lake Charles on a Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office plane on May 19. Vail, charged with second-degree murder in the 1962 death of his wife, Mary Horton Vail of Eunice, had been arrested earlier in the day in Comal County, Texas. Rick Hickman/American Press

LAKE CHARLES – An appeals court says prosecutors who accuse a Mississippi native of killing his first wife in Calcasieu Parish may also bring evidence about the disappearances of two other women.

Louisiana's 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday in the second-degree murder case accusing Felix Vail of killing Mary Horton Vail in 1962.

The three-judge panel says prosecutors may bring evidence about Vail's girlfriend Sharon Hensley and his second wife, Annette Carver-Vail, even though there's no direct evidence that Vail "disposed of" them. Hensley has been missing for 41 years and Carver-Vail for 30.

The judges say Vail's apparent lack of direct involvement would minimize what it calls "impermissible negative inferences about his character."

They say prosecutors must prove that Vail committed other crimes that bear on Mary Vail's death.

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Lake Charles, LA
CALCASIEU PARISH
September 20, 2013

Lake Charles Man Arrested for Stalking



Logan R. Gandy

On September 18, 2013, at approximately 10:00 a.m., Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a Lake Charles home after receiving a report from a woman advising she had received numerous harassing and intimidating text messages and phone calls from Logan R. Gandy, 29, 6136 W. Azalea Drive, Lake Charles, an ex-acquaintance, and he had also shown up to her home even after numerous requests not to do so.

Upon arrival, deputies arrested Gandy and released him on a misdemeanor summons and ordered to stay away from the victim.

At approximately 5:30 p.m., deputies responded after receiving a second complaint from the victim advising Gandy was currently outside of her home and had also sent her additional harassing and intimidating text messages and phone calls.

Gandy fled the scene before deputies arrived but was quickly located and arrested without incident. He was booked into the Calcasieu Correctional Center and charged with stalking; cyberstalking; and telephone harassment.

Judge Robert Wyatt set his bond at \$25,000.

CPSO Sr. Cpl. Nathan McKee and Deputy Bryan Alexander were the arresting deputies on this case.



<http://www.kplctv.com/story/24397754/lake-charles-man-charged-with-stalking>

Lake Charles, LA
CALCASIEU PARISH
January 8, 2014

Lake Charles Man Charged with Stalking



A 52-year-old Lake Charles man is in jail after stalking an ex-acquaintance, authorities said.

Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Kim Myers said Dallas L. Hanson Jr. was arrested at his home Tuesday and charged with stalking and cyber stalking.

Bond was set at \$400,000 by Judge David Ritchie.

"We received a report from a woman advising since January 2013 she received numerous harassing phone calls, letters and emails from Hanson," Myers said Wednesday in a news release. "Hanson, an ex-acquaintance, had also shown up at her home and place of employment even after numerous requests not to do so.

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Sulphur Resident Arrested for Stalking



A Sulphur man has been charged with two counts of stalking a local woman.

According to a Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office news release, it was on March 6 that the office received a report from a woman alleging that since February she has received numerous threatening and intimidating phone calls from Robert L. Bergeron, III, 46, of Jacob Scott Drive in Sulphur. She further alleged that he had been following her to her home after work.

An arrest warrant was issued for Bergeron, and on March 12, he was located and arrested without incident. He was booked into the Calcasieu Correctional Center, charged and released on a \$20,000 bond set by Judge Ron Ware.

CPSO Detective James Reed is the lead investigator in this case.

Suspect Charged with Shooting into an Occupied Home



A Lafayette man was charged early today with 13 counts of attempted first-degree murder after firing at an occupied residence in the 500 block of Orchid Drive.

Lafayette police said Kevin Alexander, 37, was arrested after authorities of several law enforcement agencies chased him during a westbound flight down Interstate 10.

Alexander was accused of shooting into a home 13 people were occupying. No one was injured. An occupant identified Alexander, the estranged boyfriend, as the shooter.

Police said they later saw Alexander driving his 2008 black GMC pickup truck. The suspect fled police, launching the chase that extended to mile marker 43 in Calcasieu Parish.

Alexander was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office and booked. He was later transported to the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office and booked on 13 counts of attempted first-degree murder and aggravated flight from an officer.

The investigation continued this morning.

Crime Roundup: Lake Charles Man Charged with Attempted Murder



A 59-year-old Lake Charles man has been charged with attempted second-degree murder, authorities said.

Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Kim Myers said Alvin Sylvester Jr., 2596 La. 3059, was arrested Wednesday morning after **stabbing a man during a domestic dispute**.

"At 3:15 a.m., deputies were dispatched to a mobile home on La. 3059," Myers said. "Witnesses said Sylvester went to the home, **which belongs to his estranged wife, broke several windows, threatened to kill the occupants and fled on foot.**"

"Sylvester returned to the home (a few hours later) armed with two knives. He attacked his estranged wife's friend, causing an arterial bleed and breaking a bone in his forearm."

Myers said the victim struck Sylvester in the head with a shovel during the incident. Both Sylvester and the victim were transported hospitals for treatment.

Sylvester will be charged with attempted second-degree murder, **violation of protective** order and simple criminal damage to property.

Bond was set at \$550,000. Myers said Sylvester's estranged wife had an active protective order against him.

Calcasieu Parish Deputy Fired After Domestic Abuse Allegation



A Calcasieu Parish deputy was fired Wednesday after his wife said he had beaten her, leaving her with her face covered in blood, a nose that was possibly broken, and scratches on both her arm and neck.

According to a press release, 44-year-old Keith A. Andrus worked for the Sheriff's office for 22 years before he was terminated Wednesday. He was arrested Saturday on a domestic abuse battery charge and was released after he posted a \$500 bond early Sunday morning.

The Sheriff's office said in a press release they were called to the 200 block of Dommert Place in Sulphur, LA later Saturday evening for reports of a suspicious woman knocking on a door. When authorities arrived, they asked the woman how she received her injuries, and she pointed to Andrus.

Andrus worked in the Civil Division of the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office.



<http://www.ktre.com/story/27896534/dpso-needs-help-finding-missing-mom-and-her-2-year-old-daughter>

Mansfield, LA
DESOTO PARISH
January 20, 2015

DPSO Needs Help Finding Missing Mom and Her 2-Year-Old Daughter



*Charlene and Orehanna Cobbs (Source: Twyla Hinds)
Maris Hunter (Source: DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office)*

The DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office needs help finding a missing woman and her 2-year-old daughter.

Authorities say 27-year-old Charlene Roxanne Cobbs and her 2-year-old daughter Orehanna Cobbs of Mansfield, were last seen leaving their residence on Friday.

The pair are believed to be in the company of 53-year-old Maris Hunter.

Police say Hunter has an active warrant out for cruelty to a juvenile charges involving the couple's daughter Orehanna. Detectives also say that Hunter has a history of domestic violence towards Charlene and they believe she and Orehanna may be in danger.

The three are believed to be in the Shreveport area after being picked up in a red car in Mansfield on Friday. No description of the vehicle was available.

Charlene is described as a white female about 4'11" tall auburn hair and blue eyes.

Maris Hunter is described as a black male about 5'7" tall and weighs about 172 pounds.

Anyone with information on Hunter or Charlene and Orehanna Cobbs' whereabouts is urged to call the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office at 318-872-3956.

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<http://www.redsticknow.com/2014/03/baton-rouge-crime-news/denham-springs-man-arrested-for-stalking/>
Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
March 19, 2014

Denham Springs Man Arrested for Stalking



The East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office has arrested 24-year-old Thad J. Loup, Curtis Dr., Denham Springs, on charges of Stalking and Improper Telecommunications.

According to a warrant, investigators were contacted by the victim on February 9th, who stated that she is a victim of domestic abuse battery at the hands of Loup. The victim stated that Loup has repeatedly harassed her by means of excessive text messaging, voicemails and random passes by her residence.

Investigators made contact with Loup on February 12th, 2014 and advised him to cease all forms of communication with the victim and her family. Investigators also told Loup of the consequences should he attempt to make contact with the victim.

Investigators were contacted by the victim on February 13th, the next day, stating that Loup went to her house and dropped off a box to her younger brother, asking him to give it to the victim.

Loup also allegedly sent over 70 text messages, placed 12 phone calls to the victim and was observed numerous times driving by the victim's residence after being advised not to attempt any form of contact.

Investigators stated in the report that Loup refused to respond to any correspondence initiated by them. A warrant was issued for his arrest after attempts to contact him ultimately failed.

Loup was located and arrested on Wednesday, March 19th. He was charged with Stalking, Improper Telecommunications and Entering/Remaining After Being Forbidden.

Loup was transported to EBR Parish Prison where he is currently being held in lieu of an \$11,500 bond.

EBR Sheriff Arrests Denham Springs Man for **Stalking**



The East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office has arrested a Denham Springs man and charged him with **Stalking** and Improper Telephone Communications.

Investigators say Lyle C. Poche, 29, of Magnolia Bridge Rd. in Denham, sent threatening and harassing text messages and voicemails to his ex-girlfriend's cell phone. On March 12th Poche left a harassing message on the victim's work voicemail which stated "bitch I hope you die". The number used to leave the voicemail was identified by the victim as Poche's cell phone number.

One of the voicemails left by Poche on the victim's cell phone on March 2nd stated that he would burn her house down if she didn't call him back. Later that week, on March 8th, the victim's house caught fire shortly after she left for work. Neighbors called and notified her of the fire.

Investigators from Livingston Parish and Imperial Fire & Casualty Insurance say that they are treating the fire as arson based on evidence found at the scene. No charges have been filed in relation to the fire and no other information was immediately available.

A warrant was issued by the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office for Poche on March 14th. He was located and booked into the EBR Parish Prison on March 21st with a \$50,000.00 bond.

BATON ROUGE, LA (WAFB)

<http://www.wafb.com/story/25164899/brpd-man-trying-to-kill-woman-who-had-a-protective-order-against-him>

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

April 4, 2014

BRPD: Man Tried to Kill Woman Who had a Protective Order Against Him



A man with an extensive criminal history was arrested for attempted murder after he allegedly stabbed a woman multiple times during an argument.

According to the probable cause report, the incident happened at roughly 10:30 pm on Wednesday, April 2 at a home located on Florida Blvd. The suspect, Trolando Richardson, 26, allegedly attacked the victim in front of her neighbor's apartment. She has an active restraining order against Richardson.

"He confronted her...and began forcefully pushing her down the stairs," the investigating officer with the Baton Rouge Police Department noted in the report. "The victim stated that once they reached the bottom of the stairs, Trolando punched her in the face. The victim stated at some point during the beating, Trolando started stabbing her with a knife."

The victim was transported to the hospital with injuries to her face, back, chest, leg, hand and buttocks. A witness reported seeing the "violent attack in the parking lot." He additionally told the officer he heard Richardson say, "Someone is going to die here tonight."

After completing a background check, the arresting officer noted that Richardson has prior arrests for charges such as simple battery, armed robbery, and aggravated assault with a firearm. Additionally, he has been convicted on charges of distribution of cocaine and domestic abuse battery.

Richardson was arrested and charged with attempted second-degree murder, domestic abuse battery, and violation of protective order. He was booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison where he is being held in lieu of a \$160,000 bond.

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Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE
April 28, 2014

Arrest Made in Apartment Arson



BATON ROUGE - A man has been arrested for arson after at least 16 residents, ages two months to 53 years old, were endangered due to the fire.

The fire happened Saturday morning in the 11000 block of Sherwood Hollow around 10:30 a.m., according to the Baton Rouge Fire Department.

Baton Rouge Police arrested Derrick Jones, 35, for arson, burglary, **stalking**, and terrorizing after breaking into the apartment complex and then following the victim, his estranged girlfriend.

An arrest affidavit says Jones damaged a flat screen TV and other items in the victim's home before setting fire to the first floor bedroom.

The blaze destroyed the apartment and two other units sustained heavy smoke and water damage. Investigators say the fire caused around \$100,000 in damages.

Smoke was first noticed coming from the window of the bedroom by one of the occupants while across the street.

Jones sent more than 25 text messages and made several phone calls to the victim threatening to kill her and her family.

On Sunday, the tires on the victim's vehicle were slashed outside of the hotel she was provided by Red Cross assistance. BRPD was alerted and while transporting the victim to a new location, Jones was spotted following the officers.

Jones was then placed into custody and booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison.



<http://www.wbrz.com/news/former-ebroso-employee-arrested-for-stalking-ex-girlfriend/>

Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
September 7, 2012

Former EBRSO Employee Arrested for **Stalking** Ex-Girlfriend



BATON ROUGE - A former employee with the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office has been arrested for **Stalking**, Defamation and Improper Telephone Communications.

According to reports, Ronald Gautreaux of Plaquemine, allegedly called his ex-girlfriend, wrote to her, and showed up at her home despite her telling him to stop.

The victim and a witness also stated that Gautreaux defamed her character by making untrue statements concerning illegal activity.

Gautreaux has been fired from the Sheriff's Office.

He was employed with the Sheriff's Office for the past 11 years working in security at the parish prison.

Baton Rouge Crime Blotter: Man Accused of **Stalking** Ex-Girlfriend

Baton Rouge police on Tuesday arrested a 28-year-old man accused of chasing his ex-girlfriend and her current boyfriend down Coursey Boulevard in his vehicle on July 6 after pointing a handgun at them.

The victims told police that Travis Jermaine Helms pulled into a driveway on Cedarcrest Avenue while they were sitting in a car, the arrest warrant says. As Helms walked up to the car, they saw he had a black handgun pointed at them.

They pulled out of the driveway and drove to businesses on Coursey Boulevard seeking safety as Helms sped behind them, the warrant says.

Helms, 5242 Jean St., Baton Rouge, was booked into Parish Prison on counts of aggravated assault with a firearm and **stalking**.

Man in Bar Fight Accused of **Stalking** Ex-Girlfriend

A man witnesses say was kicked by LSU quarterback Jordan Jefferson in an Aug. 19 brawl is being accused of **stalking** his ex-girlfriend in a Baton Rouge bar hours earlier and hitting her friend.

Elizabeth B. Siadous, 18, says in a petition for protection from abuse that on the night of Aug. 18, her ex-boyfriend, Andrew Lowery, 21, followed her to a bar, cursed and yelled at her, cornered her several times and hit one of her friends. It is not known if the friend is a man or a woman.

The name of the bar was not listed in the petition, which was filed with East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court late Wednesday.

Lowery, a Marine, has told Baton Rouge police he was at Shady's bar on Boyd Drive early Aug. 19 and was beaten by Jefferson and other LSU football players, according to a police report released Thursday.

Police are investigating the beating, but no arrests have been made.

In her request for a temporary restraining order, Siadous also alleges that on Aug. 3, Lowery showed up at her Baton Rouge home and forced his way inside.

Lowery began screaming and crying and refused to leave, the petition says.

Lowery also previously followed Siadous to New Orleans and threatened her friends, the petition says.

A judge granted the temporary restraining order Wednesday and set a September hearing date.

Lowery, contacted by phone, declined comment.

Lowery's attorney, Michael P. Bienvenu, said Thursday the restraining order is part of an "orchestrated attempt to malign and discredit Mr. Lowery."

"Mr. Lowery saw someone who was being beaten on the concrete and in the truck, and was beaten himself, and now is being attacked maliciously for being a good Samaritan in this incident," Bienvenu said.

Bienvenu also questioned the timing of the restraining order against Lowery, who he said is a Marine.

"It's very curious that this temporary restraining order was filed alleging some things that occurred almost two weeks after the situation," Bienvenu said.

Bienvenu said Siadous, who filed the order, has met with LSU officials but not his office.

"The fact of the matter is, nothing that happened in the bar that night has ever been connected to anything that happened outside the bar that night," Bienvenu said.

Siadous could not be reached for comment.

Slain Woman Reported **Stalking**, Abuse by Ex-Boyfriend



Advocate staff photo by PATRICK DENNIS -- Crime scene investigators with the Baton Rouge Police Department return to a house at 2343 Iowa Street, where a woman who had complained of abuse by a former boyfriend was found slain.

Former Boyfriend under Restraining Order

A woman found fatally shot Sunday had taken out a restraining order against her ex-boyfriend last month, claiming the man had become increasingly violent and threatened to kill her and her children, according to court records.

Less than 24 hours before she was found dead inside her Iowa Street home, Amanda Lea McCullough, 31, called Baton Rouge police to report her suspicion that her ex-boyfriend, Carlos J. Thomas, had recently broken into the home and left without taking anything, according to a police report.

McCullough, who worked as a nurse at Baton Rouge General Medical Center, had been trying to sell the home, according to her family. Police have said a family member discovered McCullough dead inside the home about 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner Dr. Beau Clark said she received multiple gunshot wounds. The time of her death was unknown.

McCullough told investigators on Saturday that she had kicked Thomas out a couple of months ago, and that he had been harassing her ever since, according to a police report.

Although she had a house in Baton Rouge, McCullough had been staying in LaPlace, said Cpl. Tommy Stubbs, a police spokesman.

Detectives have not named any suspects or determined a motive in the killing, Stubbs said.

Thomas could not be reached for comment.

While Thomas has not been named a suspect in McCullough's slaying, court records show McCullough had felt threatened by him. In her petition for a protective order, she said Thomas had shoved her, **stalked** her and threatened her 6-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter.

"The defendant verbally threatened to set my house on fire with my son and I in the house sleeping," McCullough said in the petition, describing an April 18 incident. Thomas had threatened to "shoot through the windows of my home, with my son and I inside," she added.

McCullough alleged Thomas also had taken her daughter last month "and threatened her life verbally to me on the phone and via text messages. He would call and let her cry in the phone, then hang up before I could console her," she said in court filings.

McCullough said Thomas had shoved her three different times and "threatened to blow my brains out on several different occasions in front of my children."

"I have witnessed the defendant physically harm a complete stranger at least twice since I've known him," she added.

A temporary restraining order was issued April 22 forbidding Thomas from coming within 100 yards of McCullough or her residence. McCullough had been scheduled to appear in court Wednesday to seek a permanent restraining order, court records show.

McCullough told police Saturday that someone had broken her side bedroom window and apparently entered her house sometime between May 6 and Saturday.

Nothing was missing from the residence, but McCullough found the dead bolt on the front door unlocked, suggesting someone left through that door.

Police were unable to lift any fingerprints from the scene, according the report.

A family member described McCullough as a devoted mother who had been trying desperately to get away from Baton Rouge. "She didn't deserve this," the family member said.

BR Attorney Joel Porter Absolved of Violating Protective Order



Woman Claims **Stalking** by Attorney

Joel Porter, a defense lawyer who previously ran for City Court judge, was arrested Wednesday after a 25-year-old woman reported Porter violated a temporary restraining order she had against him.

Within hours, though, City Court Judge Yvette Alexander, who granted the 10-day **protective order** April 7, ruled Porter did not violate the terms of the order.

Shortly after 7 p.m., about six hours after Porter was booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison, he posted a \$500 bail and was released, said Casey Rayborn Hicks, an East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office spokeswoman.

In Alexander's courtroom on Wednesday, Porter's attorney, Donna Grodner, claimed her client's arrest was orchestrated by John Dauthier, a Baton Rouge police detective investigating the **unsolved 1985 stabbing death of Porter's wife**.

"But John Dauthier doesn't have anything to do with this case," said Ashley Smith, 25, a former client of Porter's who said the attorney began harassing and **stalking** her in November, leading her to seek a restraining order against Porter.

After Wednesday's hearing, Smith said she met Porter in 2012 when he represented her as an attorney. At the time, he identified himself as "Joel Portman," Smith said.

During some of the time Porter represented her, Smith said, the two had a sexual relationship. Once her case ran its course, she said she ended contact with him.

Attempts to reach Porter on Wednesday were unsuccessful.

Baton Rouge police arrested Porter, 56, after his attorney, Grodner, contacted Smith several times while the protective order was in effect.

The order spelled out that Porter could not contact Smith personally, electronically, by phone, in writing, or through a third party, according to a warrant for his arrest.

Grodner sought information such as the identities of people Smith said witnessed Porter's **stalking** behavior in preparation for a Thursday morning court hearing related to the allegations.

And because Smith has not yet secured legal representation in the matter, Grodner said she had no choice but to contact Smith to get the witness list.

Alexander agreed, ruling that Grodner had the right to obtain the witness list.

Although absolved of violating the temporary restraining order, Porter still faces the hearing Thursday to determine whether to extend the restraining order.

Grodner in a text message to Smith said that should "(Smith) lose the hearing against (Porter)," then he would seek court costs and attorney fees for three subpoenas, each costing \$100, according to a warrant for his arrest.

"The costs are rising as we speak," Grodner told Smith, according to Wednesday's arrest warrant.

Alexander said the messages were not harassing, because telling Smith that she could be liable for court costs is a factual statement.

Smith also said Grodner told her in a text message that if she dropped her claim and admitted that Dauthier had encouraged her to malign Porter, then they would absolve her financial liability.

"She was using my financial situation to intimidate me into dropping the restraining order," Smith said.

Smith requested the restraining order because she said Porter began harassing and **stalking** her in November. She filed a police report, but Porter was never arrested.

Smith said she felt the investigating officer wasn't taking her case seriously, so she attempted to report it to internal affairs and met Dauthier at the police department. But she insisted the cold case detective had no role in the protective order case.

Reached by phone on Wednesday, Dauthier said, "The only connection I have to Mr. Porter is that I am investigating the 1985 brutal stabbing of his wife, Denise."

In January, Porter filed a federal lawsuit against Dauthier, accusing the cold case detective of defaming him and using too much force when serving a search warrant to him last March in a renewed probe into the **1985 stabbing death** of Denise Porter.

Mother at Odds with Levie



An officer directs the driver of an East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's van to the front door of T.J. Ribs as Baton Rouge police investigate the scene of a murder-suicide on Friday. Shawn Jones, 27, shot Raymond Levie, 50, before shooting himself in the restaurant's dining room. Levie was dating Jones' sister.

The mother of Shawn Jones, the man police say who shot and killed Raymond Levie in T.J. Ribs on Friday, accused Levie of **stalking** her daughter and abusing his position at the Coroner's Office, according to a petition for a temporary restraining order.

Renee Jones filed the temporary restraining order against Levie, 50, the boyfriend of her 21-year-old daughter Candace Jones, on Dec. 29.

Renee Jones claimed in legal documents she feared Levie was taking control of her daughter, who has a history of mental illness.

But Levie's friends said Sunday the mother simply objected to the nearly 30-year age difference and wanted Levie out of the picture.

It was not clear Sunday when Candace Jones' brother, Shawn Jones, became involved. He is not mentioned in any of the court documents.

On Friday, Shawn Jones, 27, shot Levie in the dining room of T.J. Ribs on Acadian Thruway after the two men began arguing while eating dinner, police said. Shawn Jones then shot and killed himself, authorities said.

Renee Jones refused to publicly comment Sunday. Candace Jones could not be reached by telephone or in person Sunday.

Candace Jones was in a hospital for a mental evaluation at the time her mother filed the order, according to court documents.

Renee Jones claimed Levie was controlling Candace Jones with prescription drugs and using his position at the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office to **stalk** her while she received treatment for mental illness, according to an affidavit attached to the petition.

Renee Jones told authorities that her daughter lived with Levie. Renee Jones said she feared that "he has obtained full control of her," according to the document.

Authorities who admitted Candace Jones into the hospital for mental evaluation in December noted Levie arrived minutes after she was admitted and tried to gain access to her room, according to the affidavit.

Levie was in the waiting room "wearing a Coroner's shirt and displaying a Coroner's Office badge. Levie acknowledged that he was attempting to make contact with Candace and knew that wearing the above uniform would assist him," the affidavit says.

Officers told Levie not to try to see Candace Jones or use his position at the Coroner's Office to find out information about her, the affidavit says.

But Levie called the hospital eight times that night, causing the hospital staff to transfer Candace Jones to a hospital outside of East Baton Rouge Parish, the affidavit says.

Levie was able to locate Candace Jones at the new hospital, the affidavit says. Levie filed an emergency motion to dismiss the order, which was granted Jan. 5, court documents show.

Victoria Levie, Levie's ex-wife, said Sunday that Candace Jones testified on Raymond Levie's behalf at the hearing.

"She had a doctor's letter that said she was of sound state of mind, and that Raymond had never abused her or hurt her and she loved him," Victoria Levie said.

A colleague of Raymond Levie said Sunday that the restraining order was unfounded.

"The mother just did not want the girl with him," said Don Moreau, chief of operations for the Coroner's Office. "This was an issue between the mother and Raymond of her trying to hurt him and file charges against him." Moreau said he did not take any disciplinary action against Levie because he was cleared of the accusations by the judge.

"There is no proof of or truth to the claim that he abused his position at the Coroner's Office," Moreau said. "Raymond was listed as Candace's correspondent for medical care. He was allowed to visit her."

The Coroner's Office is responsible for evaluating and assessing treatment for some people with mental illness and chemical dependency issues.

Victoria Levie said her ex-husband did not handle cases involving the mentally ill and did not meet Candace Jones through any aspect of his job.

Victoria Levie said she warned him that being in such a tumultuous relationship with a woman nearly 30 years younger than him would damage his reputation and end badly, but "he never listened to anyone a day in his life."

"He was really flattered that she loved him," Victoria Levie said. "He would ask me, 'Why does this beautiful, young girl like me?'"

She said Raymond Levie always had service jobs that allowed him to help people, and loved his job as chief investigator at the Coroner's Office.

"People would ask him, 'How do you work with dead people?' and he would say, 'I work with the families of the dead. I'm there for them,'" she said.

Raymond Levie had two children, a 15-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter.

"He was more of my best friend than my dad," said his son, Andrew Levie. "The last thing I told him was, 'I love you, and you're the best dad ever.'"

Baton Rouge Woman, Repeatedly Battered, Frustrated Over Failures of Courts to Protect Her



Man's arrest latest in string of attack allegations

Breah Monday, victim of multiple domestic violence attacks at the hands of Chaddrick B. Piper, her ex-boyfriend.

Breah Monday is as scared as she is angry.

She's terrified of her ex-boyfriend, Chaddrick B. Piper. According to the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Piper threatened to kill her and **choked her into unconsciousness** inside her home last Tuesday.

She's angry because, at the time of the attack, Monday thought Piper was still in prison serving a two-year sentence for guilty pleas in December in four other recent attacks against her, including another one in which he choked her until she passed out.

In fact, Piper, 34, was released from Riverbend Detention Center in East Carroll Parish on "good time parole supervision" earlier that same day, according to the state Department of Public Safety and Corrections. He **received credit** for the roughly eight months he served at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison awaiting the trial that never came in lieu of plea agreements, and after spending less than two months in state prison, he was released on parole.

On Feb. 3, Piper then somehow traveled the roughly 300 miles from the state prison to Monday's Baton Rouge-area home, where he showed up unannounced and told her she was "going to die today," according to a Sheriff's Office report.

Piper is accused of choking Monday "until she passed out" and forcing her "into a bathroom into a tub of water," the report says.

Eventually Monday freed herself and escaped. Piper fled with his mother and, after a manhunt, authorities captured him Thursday evening in Iberville Parish, according to the Sheriff's Office.

He was soon transferred to the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison, where he is being held without bail pending a Tuesday morning court hearing.

In a recent interview, Monday expressed frustration and confusion about the way her case was handled.

Monday said she wishes someone would have told her about Piper's release, because then she could have made the proper arrangements to prevent another attack.

"Why didn't they try to get in touch with me about it?" she asked. "It's not so hard."

The East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney's Office confirmed that Monday registered with the proper notification services so she could be told when Piper was released from prison.

However, Monday later was forced to change her phone number. She said Piper wouldn't stop calling her from jail — a clear **violation of her protective order** against him.

"If victims do not register their new phone numbers, they may not be notified," said Melanie Fields, an assistant district attorney and the parish's lead domestic violence prosecutor.

But Monday was unhappy even before the most recent attack.

Monday, who shares a son with Piper, said she was preparing for trial in January when she received a call from the District Attorney's Office.

There would be no trial, she found out.

Weeks earlier, Piper received a two-year prison sentence at a Dec. 9 court hearing. He pleaded guilty to one charge of domestic battery with strangulation, three charges of simple battery, one charge of aggravated assault and one charge of **violation of a protective order** in four attacks on Monday between October 2013 and April 2014. He received the two-year sentence for the domestic abuse battery with strangulation charge, for which there exists a maximum sentence of three years, while receiving six-month sentences on all the other charges that ran concurrent with each other and the two-year sentence, meaning they would not affect Piper's time served.

When Monday found out, she was upset. She had hoped for more time.

Nevertheless, she accepted the sentence and "was sleeping OK at night thinking he had two years," Monday said, even though she knew he was angry with her for going to authorities, and that he would probably look for her whenever he was released.

Now, Monday, 26, said she must uproot her life to protect herself and their 6-year-old son. "Love doesn't always conquer all," she said.

Monday declined to comment about specifics of the most recent attack because of the ongoing criminal investigation.

Current and former prosecutors and domestic violence experts said patterns of escalating violence serve as clear indicators of the high level of danger posed by an abuser.

"Domestic violence murders are the kinds of murders most easy to prevent, and often the victim has come and begged for help multiple times before they're killed," said Tania Tetlow, a former federal prosecutor and Tulane University Law School professor who specializes in teaching domestic violence courses. "And this case is a perfect example of why the system has to do better in preventing those murders, because it's a miracle she's still alive."

Beth Meeks, executive director of the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, said cases like Monday's are "very common, unfortunately."

"The fact of the matter is these women try to do something, and their efforts are so useless and exhausting that they frequently stop," Meeks said.

Meeks said complications with handling domestic violence cases sometimes leads battered women to try cooperating with their abuser rather than escape an abusive home.

"These are women who tried to get help in the system somehow, and our interventions were not appropriate to keep them safe," Meeks said. "It's not that they didn't ask. It's that the interventions we gave them were not the best that we have to offer. And I think that's a shock to people."

In Monday's case, she repeatedly reported to the Sheriff's Office whenever Piper — who already had an abusive history with at least two other women — would attack her.

But each time after being arrested and booked into Parish Prison, Piper would post bail, find Monday, and attack her again, raising questions about how he was able to post bail after each subsequent offense.

After the fourth arrest, when Piper was accused of attempting to slice off a portion of Monday's back that is tattooed with his name on it, prosecutors asked the court to raise Piper's bail higher than the \$20,000 at which it was set.

The court agreed, and Piper's bail was raised to \$200,000. He remained jailed in lieu of that bail until he was sentenced to prison in December by state District Judge Bonnie Jackson.

District Attorney Hillar Moore III said special bail-setting hearings are now mandated for some people arrested on domestic violence accusations after the passage in 2014 of "[Gwen's Law](#)", which, had it been in existence when Piper was repeatedly being arrested, may have helped make the court more aware of the threat posed by releasing him.

Regardless, Moore said the case exemplifies why the court needs to install an evidence-based risk-assessment tool that could be used to more precisely measure an arrestee's risk in determining bail amounts. "In this case, the risk would've been clearly identified," Moore said.

Jackson, the judge who sentenced Piper in December, said it's important to keep in mind that domestic abuse battery is, in many cases, a misdemeanor crime, and most misdemeanors carry a maximum sentence upon conviction of six months in prison. "So you have to take that into consideration," Jackson said, "because the person has a right to a reasonable bond."

Jackson said, in general, once the court sees a pattern in arrests such as in Piper's case, it will consider raising bail appropriately, which is what occurred in Piper's case after his fourth arrest in about six months on allegations of domestic abuse.

In addition, Jackson said, the Gwen's Law hearings, which must occur within a few days of an arrest, usually don't provide judges with any more bail-setting information than they would have otherwise obtained on their own.

Normally judges have access to probable cause reports drafted by the arresting officer and the criminal history of the arrestee. Given a few extra days to prepare for a hearing, prosecutors often don't have the time to find additional information that could be helpful, either because no such information exists or because police haven't finished drafting and approving reports about the incident leading to the arrest, Jackson said.

State District Judge Don Johnson, who recently began presiding over civil cases after formerly hearing criminal cases, is one of several proponents of a specialized domestic violence court in East Baton Rouge Parish that could lead to improvements in the handling of cases such as Piper's.

Johnson said the creation of such a court might help streamline how the court as a whole deals with domestic violence cases, particularly since the adjudication of protective orders is currently done in civil court, while criminal charges play out on the separate criminal side, creating an inconvenient separation of related matters.

"A systematic type of approach for this type of conduct would be better," Johnson said.

Meanwhile, Monday is still dealing with the effects of Piper's recent release and recapture. While tending to her bruises, cuts and general soreness, she's preparing for a new life. "Now I have to move. I have to change schools for my son," Monday said. "It's not a new identity, but it's starting over."

La. Man Convicted of **Stalking** Ex-Wife's Husband



A north Louisiana man has been convicted by a federal jury of stalking his ex-wife's husband but acquitted of a charge he stalked his ex-wife.

Twenty-nine-year-old James Aric Clement, of Lake Providence, faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine following his conviction Thursday.

Prosecutors say Clement made threatening phone calls and sent threatening e-mails and text messages to his ex-wife's husband.

His sentencing is set for July 6.

Man Shot and Killed by Police during Hostage Situation Identified



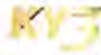
The man who was shot and killed by State Police after reportedly taking his girlfriend hostage Thursday has been identified as Nathan Massey.

State Police said it began after 9 a.m. in a trailer park on Becky Sue Road in rural Evangeline Parish when a Massey threatened his girlfriend and neighbors said they heard gunshots.

After several hours, a trooper fatally shot Massey when the victim busted a window, screaming that he was going to kill her, Master Trooper Brooks David said.

The victim is still in the hospital as of Monday afternoon, her brother said.

The victim's father, who suffered a heart attack during the hostage situation and had to be rushed to the hospital, is also said to be stable.



http://www.ky3.com/news/local/man-from-forsyth-is-charged-for-murder-6-years-ago-in-louisiana/21048998_30018466

New Iberia, LA
IBERIA PARISH
December 2, 2014

Man from Forsyth is charged for murder 6 years ago in Louisiana



FORSYTH, Mo. - Investigators recently linked a man living in Forsyth to a murder in New Iberia, La., in 2008. Now Keith Leleux, 60, is charged for that murder and awaits extradition or transfer to Louisiana.

Sheriff Louis Ackal told [The Daily Iberian](#) that he's pleased with the arrest.

"I still go to bed thinking about this case," Ackal said.

From Taney County Sheriff's Department news release:

On July 1, 2008, someone **strangled Judy Landry**, 61, in her home in New Iberia, La. The search for her killer turned cold.

Last Nov. 20, a Forsyth police officer arrested Leleux at 238 Chisholm Trail in Forsyth for **second-degree domestic assault**. He's been in the Taney County Jail in lieu of a \$25,000 bond.

Last Saturday, investigators here learned information about Landry's murder. The Taney County Sheriff's Department contacted the Iberia Parish (La.) Sheriff's Department and gave it the information. An investigator from Iberia Parish came to the Taney County Jail and interviewed Leleux.

On Monday, a judge in Iberia Parish issued a warrant for Leleux, 60, for first-degree murder and ordered him held without bond. Leleux will be in the Taney County Jail until he is moved to Louisiana.

The investigation into the case is still ongoing.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

New Iberia Man Sought in Domestic Abuse Cases

Authorities are searching for a New Iberia man wanted on active warrants in numerous alleged domestic abuse cases, the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office said.

Jermaine Joseph Youman, 30, is most recently accused of counts of domestic abuse battery, domestic abuse child endangerment and false imprisonment in a Monday incident involving the mother of his child, said Maj. Ryan Turner, Sheriff's Office spokesman.

Youman is also wanted on two counts of domestic abuse by strangulation, two more counts of domestic abuse child endangerment, a count of simple criminal damage to property and a count of resisting an officer in four incidents from 2014, Turner said.

He's also accused of failing to appear in court twice in 2014 for failing to make child support payments, Turner said.

Youman is described as black man standing 5-feet-11-inches tall and weighing 145 pounds who is likely in Iberia Parish and may be armed, Turner said.

Deputies are encouraging anyone with information on Youman's whereabouts to contact the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office at (337) 369-3711.

**River Ridge, LA
JEFFERSON PARISH
December 14, 2014**

Gunplay between Old, New Boyfriends Leaves 1 Dead



RIVER RIDGE, La. (AP) - A Metairie man is dead after a **pre-dawn domestic dispute** Sunday.

Jefferson Parish Sheriff Newell Normand says that 44-year-old Bobby Elder died **after entering the River Ridge house of his ex-girlfriend's current companion.**

The new companion, 32-year-old Robert Esteves of River Ridge, shot and killed Elder after officials say Elder **pointed a gun at 35-year-old Karen Collins and ordered her out of bed.** As Elder was taking Collins to the front door, Esteves retrieved a shotgun and fired at least twice. Elder fired back multiple times, sustaining wounds that killed him before he could be taken to a hospital. Esteves was shot in the arm and treated at a hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

Collins, who fled during the shooting and called police, was not injured.

No charges have been filed.

Husband Shot and Killed with Kids in Home, Wife Questioned



Kenner police are investigating a domestic-related homicide.

Police say Tuesday morning's shooting involved a husband and wife who were separated.

Sgt. Brian McGregor says children in the home called 911 around 2:30 a.m. to report gunshots. McGregor says officers arrived to find a man who had been shot multiple times. He was taken to a New Orleans hospital where he died.

McGregor says the wife is being questioned. He says she lived in the home with her four children, ranging in age from 4 to 14.

Police have not released the names of those involved in the shooting.

Westwego, LA
JEFFERSON PARISH
December 24, 2014

JPSO: Man Booked with Murder of Girlfriend, Attempted Murder of Grandmother

Authorities booked Jarius Cole, 19, with second-degree murder and attempted second-degree murder. He is accused of fatally shooting his girlfriend, Andrea Grant, 20, and accidentally shooting his grandmother, Percy Cole, 65, at Cole's residence near Westwego on Dec. 23.

Authorities have arrested a 19-year-old man **accused of killing his girlfriend and accidentally shooting his grandmother.** Jarius Cole was booked with second-degree murder and attempted second-degree murder in the **Tuesday night double shooting** that took place on his **grandmother's front porch** near Westwego, said Col. John Fortunato, spokesman for the **Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.**

Cole gave detectives conflicting statements about how his girlfriend, Andrea Grant, 20, of Violet, was fatally wounded by multiple gunshots.

The couple **was sitting on the front porch of Peggy Cole's home, 900 N. Claiborne Parkway,** about 5:41 p.m. when witnesses said gunfire rang out, Fortunato reported.

In addition to hitting Grant, bullets ripped through the wall and wounded Percy Cole, 65, known as "Miss Peggy" by neighbors, in the chest. She was in stable condition as of Wednesday morning, Fortunato said.

Witnesses reported seeing a black vehicle driving away from the scene shortly after the shooting, fueling some speculation that Grant might have been the victim of a drive-by.

But detectives noted that other witness statements did not match the changing story told by Jarius Cole. He eventually confessed to shooting Grant over **"domestic issues,"** Fortunato said.

Cole then disposed of the weapon used in the shootings, police said. Investigators have not yet recovered the gun. Cole was booked into the Jefferson Parish Correctional Center in Gretna. Stay with NOLA.com for more details as they become available.



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Metairie, LA
JEFFERSON PARISH
July 15, 2014

Language Barrier Slows Investigation of Metairie Murder, Kidnapping

Jefferson Parish, LA — Detectives working to solve a weekend murder in New Orleans say they ran into big obstacles because of a language barrier.

Early Sunday morning, two young boys found their mother, 24-year-old Heidi Monroy, dead in a bathtub in their apartment.

Investigators with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office went to work immediately, trying to interview the kids and neighbors.

"We've had to bring in quite a few Spanish interpreters because this whole crime scene and the interrogation process involves people with Hispanic descent so therefore we're trying to do all that we can," said Colonel John Fortunato.

Fortunato says sometimes tracking down translators, especially on short notice, when time is of the essence, can be difficult.

Officer Cesar Cruz is one of eight translators with the Kenner Police Department.

"Constantly getting called. I'm always on call, 24/7," said Cruz.

Cruz says several years ago, the department made a concerted effort to improve communications with Hispanic speaking residents and now requires one of the eight translators to be on duty every shift.

"I come to the scenes, I go the jail, wherever they need me, whatever they need just to make the investigation better. That way we don't have that barrier, that language barrier."

Chief Michael Glaser's goal is to take away the fear factor so many have with officers.

"Don't be afraid of the police, if you're the victim of a crime, call the police."

But that might be easier said than done because of past experiences, according to Carolina Hernandez.

"Where they come from, their home countries, they already have a reluctance to trust government." Hernandez says she's seeing local police forces make strides in their efforts to better communicate with Hispanic communities, but there's still a long way to go.

"I think the easiest thing they could start doing is just hiring bi-lingual staff."

While funding is certainly an issue for areas like Orleans Parish, Kenner is already looking to add to its force.

In fact, Chief Glaser says he's put the call out to the Hispanic community, looking for qualified applicants.

Heidi Monroy's estranged boyfriend is facing charges in her death.

Authorities tracked him down in Texas Monday, along with three children he took from the home.

The children are in the custody of Texas authorities.



<http://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/nfl/saints/2015/01/05/junior-galette-arrest-new-orleans-saints/21285895/>

Kenner, LA
JEFFERSON PARISH
January 5, 2015

Saints' Junior Galette Charged with Domestic Violence



New Orleans Saints outside linebacker Junior Galette is in custody in Kenner, La., following an arrest Monday morning, according to Police spokesman Lt. Brian McGregor.

New Orleans Saints outside linebacker Junior Galette is accused of pushing a woman who refused to leave his home. Galette was charged with domestic violence/simple battery. A Kenner Police spokesman read the woman's allegations.

KENNER, La. — New Orleans Saints outside linebacker Junior Galette has been charged with domestic violence/simple battery following an arrest at his Kenner home Monday morning, according to Police spokesman Lt. Brian McGregor.

Terrance Banks, Galette's cousin from New Jersey and a former teammate at Temple University, was also taken into custody and charged with simple battery, according to the KPD.

Simple battery is a misdemeanor in Louisiana and defined as "the intentional use of force or violence committed by one household member upon the person of another household member." If convicted, a first offense carries a fine of "not less than three hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars and shall be imprisoned for not less than thirty days nor more than six months."

Police responded to a disturbance at Galette's home, arriving at 8:42 a.m., where they discovered a woman with apparent injuries in front of the house, police said. Galette and Banks were ultimately taken into custody and transported to the Kenner Police Department, where they were booked and fingerprinted. Police say Galette and his cousin will be eligible post bond -- which typically ranges from \$500-1000 -- though they've yet to do so.

Galette is accused of choking and then pushing the woman, who would not leave his home and wanted money for cab fare, to the ground, Police said.

Galette maintains he was not in a relationship with the woman, whose name was not disclosed by authorities, though she used to live with him and help maintain him home by cooking and cleaning, according to Police.

Police said the woman referred to herself as Galette's girlfriend/personal assistant, while Galette called her a "dancer." Apparently Galette, recorded the incident with his phone, said Police, who also added they are working to obtain the recording.

Saints Senior Vice President of Communications Greg Benseal said the team is aware of the incident and currently gathering information.

NFL owners unanimously updated the league's personal conduct policy for all employees in December to include new harsher penalties for domestic violence charges. He could face a six-game suspension, as this is first offense. A second offense would incur a yearlong suspension, and a third, a lifetime ban.

New Orleans Saints outside linebacker Junior Galette had 10 sacks this season.

The NFL's new policy establishes "clear standards of behavior for all NFL personnel. Clubs are obligated to promptly report any potential violation of the policy that comes to their attention and must fully cooperate with any related law enforcement and NFL investigations. When a potential violation occurs, the NFL will provide evaluation and counseling services for the player or employee, as well as resources to assist victims and families. The NFL will follow a fair and predictable process for investigating the incident and ultimately taking disciplinary action if a violation has occurred."

To view the NFL flow chart describing how the league will handle incidents such as Galette's, click [here](#).

Galette has developed into one of the team's most vocal leaders during his five seasons with New Orleans. In 2014, he was for the first time selected by his teammates as one of the team's two defensive captains -- linebacker Cutis Lofton being the other.

Galette is the 2013 recipient of the Jim Finks Good Guy Award, given annually by the local chapter of the Pro Football Writers Association in recognition of cooperation with the local media.

Galette signed a three-year, \$7.5 million deal in 2013 and then agreed to a four-year, \$41.5 million extension (\$23 million guaranteed) just prior to the start of the 2014 season. The extension came after Galette's best season as a Saint. In 2013, he had 12 sacks, and was instrumental in helping to lead a defensive resurgence on a unit that just one year prior was statistically the worst in NFL history.

Galette is due to make \$15.45 million in salary and bonuses in 2015.

The loquacious and amiable pass rusher finished with 10 sacks this past season, two shy of the 12 he needed to trigger a series of bonuses that would have added another \$6.5 million of guaranteed money to his new deal.

In five seasons with the Saints, Galette has 128 tackles, 31.5 sacks, two safeties, four passes defended, five forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

The Saints signed the Haitian-born Galette as an undrafted free agent out of Stillman College (Ala.) in 2010. In just one season at the Division II school, he earned second-team All-American honors with 56 tackles and 9.5 sacks.

Galette began his collegiate career at Temple University, where in 31 games in three seasons he totaled 139 tackles with 16.5 sacks, three forced fumbles and one blocked punt.

However, an incident involving Galette's cousin who was staying with him at the time, essentially put his final collegiate season in jeopardy. Galette was ultimately held accountable by the university for two laptops stolen by his cousin, and faced an eight to 10 game suspension during his senior season. Not wanting to risk missing the majority of the season for a crime in which he had no involvement, Galette transferred to Stillman, where NCAA rules allowed him to play immediately.

Harahan, LA
JEFFERSON PARISH
January 13, 2011

Harahan Man Arrested in Assault on Ex-Wife; Police Find Murder-Suicide Note



Authorities say they arrested a Harahan man early Thursday after finding a murder-suicide note referencing his ex-wife, as well as a gun and shackles in a vehicle he had been driving.

Jason Rodriguez, 26, of 1620 Hickory Ave., was taken into custody by Harahan Police after Criminal Court Commissioner Patricia Joyce issued an emergency warrant, Harahan Police Chief Mac Dickinson Thursday afternoon.

Rodriguez was booked with aggravated burglary, forcible rape and several other charges stemming from a December attack on his ex-wife, Dickinson said.

The victim contacted authorities after the December incident, but apparently did not reveal all that had occurred until detectives questioned her a second time on Wednesday - after an independent witness discovered the murder-suicide note.

The note indicated that Rodriguez intended to kill the victim and then himself "in the near future," Dickinson said. **Rodriguez also had recently been seen stalking her.**

"We had to take him into custody quickly," Dickinson said.

Harahan police officers were dispatched on Dec. 7 to take a report on a violation of a protective order involving Rodriguez. At the time, his ex-wife only told police that he had violated the restraining order. She also complained that he physically abused her and harassed her.

Dickinson, who took over the department on Jan. 1 from term-limited former Chief Peter Dale, said he does not know why Rodriguez wasn't arrested in December for violating the protection order. Wednesday evening, the independent witness contacted police after finding the murder-suicide note inside of a vehicle that Rodriguez had been borrowing, Dickinson said. A search of the vehicle also turned up a gun and shackles.

The victim was re-questioned and she told detectives that on Dec. 7, Rodriguez had actually broken into her home, raped her and threatened to kill her, Dickinson said. She had been too frightened of Rodriguez to report the rape in December. Dickinson said she believed her ex-husband would make bond, get out of jail and hurt her or her family.

Police went to Rodriguez's Hickory Avenue home about 1:30 a.m. Thursday where he refused to answer the door. Officers forced their way inside and found him hiding in the living room.

Rodriguez was booked at the Jefferson Parish Correctional Center in Gretna with additional charges including **stalking**, violation of a protective order, making obscene phone calls-second arrest and **cyber stalking-email**. He was being held there Thursday on bonds of more than \$1 million.

Harahan Police may have prevented a tragedy with Rodriguez's arrest. Dickinson said it's difficult to say whether or not he would have followed through on the threats in the note.

"Better safe than sorry," Dickinson said.

Jefferson Parish Arrest Reports September 9-11, 2013

The following [arrests](#) were reported by law enforcement agencies in [East Jefferson](#) and the [West Bank](#) in 2013.

September 9, 2013

Pierre Camese, 23, 2828 Destrehan Ave., Harvey, was arrested at the Sheriff's Office investigations bureau in Harvey and booked with negligent homicide and domestic abuse battery.

September 11, 2013

Bryant Harris, 40, 3000 Perdido St., New Orleans, was arrested at Jefferson Parish Correctional Center in Gretna and booked with **four counts of violation of a protective order, three counts of stalking**, two counts of making harassing telephone calls and cyberstalking.

Justin Thomas, 23, 1117 Whitney Ave., Gretna, was arrested at home and booked with domestic abuse battery-strangulation.

Terrytown, LA
JEFFERSON PARISH
June 11, 2014

Suspect in Murder of Pregnant Terrytown Woman **Stalked** Her Online, Authorities Say



Detectives walk Emilio Calderon into the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Investigations Bureau after being arrested for the murders of Katherine Martinez and her unborn child. Photographed on Wednesday, June 11, 2014.
(Michael DeMocker, Nola.com / The Times-Picayune)

Emilio Calderon, [the man accused of strangling and stabbing a pregnant woman in Terrytown over the weekend](#), looked away from the news cameras and said nothing as Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office detectives walked him into the investigations bureau in Harvey Wednesday afternoon.

Calderon, 29, is expected to be booked with second-degree murder and first-degree feticide in the [deaths of Katherine Martinez](#), 23, and her unborn daughter. Calderon admitted to stabbing Martinez and then choking her to death in the Martinez's Terrytown apartment on Saturday (June 7), Sheriff Newell Normand said at a news conference Wednesday, held shortly after authorities announced his arrest.

Family members and friends told investigators that Calderon had been **stalking** Martinez on social media, Normand said. The two had an on-again off-again relationship, but were not a couple when Martinez was killed.

Authorities have said Calderon confessed to killing Martinez in a rage during an argument fueled by the revelation that he was not the father of her unborn baby. Calderon learned his paternity status about a month ago, according to Normand.

Martinez's mother found her dead early Sunday morning after breaking into her apartment, located at 617 Whitney Ave., Terrytown. She had become concerned when Martinez failed to pick her up at the airport earlier in the evening.

Detectives identified Calderon as a suspect and he was taken into custody at his place of employment in Terrebonne Parish, Normand said. During initial questioning, Calderon told detectives he visited Martinez at her apartment and the two fought.

Investigators believe Martinez had been dead for about 12 hours by the time her body was found.



<http://klfy.com/2013/10/10/lafayette-man-arrested-for-stalking-attempted-murder/>

Lafayette, LA
LAFAYETTE PARISH
October 10, 2013

Lafayette Man Arrested for **Stalking**, Attempted Murder



A Lafayette man was arrested for stalking and attempted murder.

25-year-old Steven Thomas was arrested by Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Deputies after a four week investigation culminated with arrest warrants being issued for six counts of stalking and three counts of attempted first degree murder.

On September 15, just after 1 a.m. Thomas is accused of firing multiple gunshots into the home of the victims who are known by Thomas.

The incident happened in Carencro in the 100 block of Lindsey Circle. Police say threatening text messages to family members of the victim were tracked back to Thomas which is the basis for the stalking charges.

Thomas will be booked into the Lafayette Parish Correctional Center.

UPDATE: Arrest Made in Lincoln Parish Murder



Sheriff's Deputies say they found 58-year old Grover Brown **dead from an apparent gunshot wound.**

The Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Department has arrested Veronica Denice Jackson of Jonesboro, LA, in connection with the murder of Grover Brown.

On Sunday, Nov. 23, around 7:30 a.m., the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Department responded to 172 Garr Road.

Deputies were notified by family members that Brown, age 58, was found dead in his home.

Investigators determined that the victim had sustained **a gunshot wound to the head.**

Evidence gathered during the investigation led investigators to the suspect, Veronica Denice Jackson.

Investigators say Jackson and the victim were formerly acquainted. Jackson has been arrested and charged with second degree murder.

ORIGINAL STORY:

LINCOLN PARISH - A Lincoln Parish man is dead after being shot Sunday Morning.

Sheriff's Deputies say they found 58-year old Grover Brown dead from an apparent gunshot wound at a home on Garr Road around 7:30 A.M.

The incident is being investigated as a homicide.

Police have interviewed immediate family and friends, but have not named a suspect at this time.

If you have any information, you're asked to call the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office at (318) 251-1111, or Crime Stoppers at (318) 388-CASH.

Man Wanted for **Stalking** Leads Livingston Deputies on Interstate 12 Chase Saturday



A man accused of **stalking** led Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office deputies on a chase Saturday night from Walker to Baton Rouge on Interstate 12 with the pursuit ending after the suspect drove over spikes put out by the Baton Rouge Police Department, a Sheriff's Office spokesman said.

Jonathan Livingston, 31, 4606 Y.A. Tittle Drive, Baton Rouge, was spotted in a Winn Dixie parking lot in Walker by a deputy at about 9 p.m., said Perry Rushing, chief of operations for the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office.

Livingston, wanted by the Walker Police Department on a **stalking** charge as well as other charges, refused to stop when the deputy put on his car lights, Rushing said.

Livingston turned off his car's headlights and ran it into another deputy's patrol car near the grocery store, but instead of stopping, he raced toward I-12, Rushing said.

Deputies tried to stop Livingston as he drove to Baton Rouge. He was eventually stopped when spikes were put on the road at I-12 and Drusilla Lane, Rushing said.

Rushing said Livingston was booked Sunday morning on more than 20 counts, including six counts of aggravated flight from an officer, four counts of resisting an officer, and single counts of **stalking**, aggravated assault, hit and run, aggravated criminal damage to property along with other counts.

Livingston remained in the Livingston Parish Jail Monday afternoon, a jail spokesman said. Bail was set at \$185,629, Rushing said.

This story was corrected Nov. 28, 2011, to show the Walker Police Department, instead of Watson.

UPDATE: Suspect In Morehouse Murder Charged



Dustin Lewis Rainwater has been charged with 2nd degree murder in the Thursday Morning death of his wife, Ashley Davis Rainwater.

MOREHOUSE PARISH, LA. - A Bastrop woman is dead, and her husband is who police say pulled the trigger.

Dew Drop Rd is normally a pretty quiet neighborhood. Morehouse Parish Sheriff Mike Tubbs says that all changed when deputies were called to a home on Dew Drop Rd after an early morning shooting, Thursday.

He says the victim; Ashley Davis Rainwater was shot at point blank range by her husband Dustin Lewis Rainwater.

"When we found Ashley Davis Rainwater, she was pronounced dead on the scene," said Tubbs.

Deputies say Rainwater didn't arrive alone Thursday Morning. When she pulled up in a silver Chevy Impala, there were two others inside.

Around 5:15 A.M., Dustin Rainwater saw the car and called police to report a suspicious vehicle. The next call came from neighbors who heard gun fire.

"There were a couple of witnesses here when we arrived along with the suspect," said Tubbs. "The suspect is in custody. Deputies are questioning the witnesses at this time."

Her motives for showing up at the home are still unclear.

Meanwhile investigators are also trying to figure out who Dustin Rainwater thought was at his door when he opened fire.

"It's very early in the investigation and we're just trying to put the details together."

We spoke with several family members who asked to remain anonymous; they say the couple had a long & unstable relationship. Both dealt with drugs and violence issues.

"This is a situation where the victim and the suspect were aquatinted, well actually married so this was not a random act of violence."

Dustin rainwater was just arrested in February for possession of methamphetamine. The Sheriff couldn't confirm whether or not drugs were a factor Thursday morning.

"We're getting a lot of rumors and we're gathering some things from electronic media and some other things that we're looking into."

Dustin Rainwater was arrested at the home, and has been charged with 2nd degree murder. He's scheduled to be arraigned next week.



<http://www.wwltv.com/story/news/crime/2014/09/15/archie-jefferson-alleged-threat/15695161/>

New Orleans, LA
ORLEANS PARISH
September 16, 2014

Archie Jefferson, Still not Cleared in Wife's 2012 Murder, Allegedly Sends Photo of Her as Threat to Ex-Girlfriend



NEW ORLEANS -- Archie Jefferson was never accused in the political corruption cases that led to the convictions of four of his siblings, but in the once-powerful political family, he may have the most sordid story of all.

And it just got worse.

Archie Jefferson's now-estranged girlfriend has accused him of threatening her in a mailed letter and enclosing a photo of his murdered wife, according to court documents and a police report filed earlier this month.

WWL-TV is not naming the woman because she has alleged abuse by Jefferson in court documents. Court filings and a police report show that the woman had a daughter with Jefferson in December 2011, five months before Jefferson's wife, Sandra Peters Jefferson, was brutally bludgeoned to death in the Broadmoor home the couple shared.

The ex-girlfriend called police when she received the letter on Sept. 4. It read, "You will pay for what you've done, you or someone real close to your heart," according to her written description in her petition to Orleans Parish Civil District Court seeking "protection from abuse."

She told a New Orleans police officer that she suspected Archie Jefferson had sent the letter and photo because it was addressed to her home rather than the post office box she uses for all mail. She claimed that only her family and Jefferson's family know that address.

Custody battle

"You will pay for what you've done, you or someone real close to your heart."

Letter to Archie Jefferson's estranged lover

The police report says the letter was mailed Aug. 4, then had to be forwarded through the mail system to get to the girlfriend's post office box in Gretna. By the time she got it, Jefferson had filed for custody of their child, claiming the couple had "irreconcilable differences."

In response, she filed for a protective order last week, this time stating as fact that Jefferson had sent the threatening letter and photograph of his murdered wife. She claimed that Archie Jefferson had told her in February, "Don't think I am going to let another (N-word) (expletive) you," but that she soon began another relationship.

Civil District Judge Paulette Irons granted a protective order prohibiting Archie Jefferson from contacting his former girlfriend or coming within 100 yards of her or their daughter before a hearing on the matter scheduled for next week.

Murder investigation

The former girlfriend did not respond to numerous messages seeking comment. But she wrote in the petition to the court that the police "advised her to be very careful (because) he is still a suspect in his wife's murder."

But NOPD spokesman Tyler Gamble would not go that far. He said Jefferson — who police said stopped cooperating with them shortly after his wife's murder — "has not been ruled out as a person of interest" in the case.

Gamble said there are no named suspects in the murder. He confirmed that the letter to the girlfriend and the murder are both under investigation, but said police do not yet consider them connected.

Terrence Moses, Sandra Peters Jefferson's only son, strongly believes that they are.

"For someone to use my mom's death as far as a threat is somewhat to me as an admission of guilt and it confirms to me that justice finally will prevail," he said after WWL-TV told him about the girlfriend's accusations.

"Why would you send a picture of my mom to someone because you're having domestic problems?" Moses added. "I mean, a picture of my mom?"

In a brief telephone conversation Monday, Archie Jefferson told WWL-TV that he was aware of the allegations by his child's mother, but didn't have a comment.

"I don't have any comment at all about anything," he said before abruptly hanging up.

Wife's family suspicious

Moses says Archie Jefferson is "arrogant" and has been acting like he's "untouchable." He even said his step-father told him during an Easter party just weeks before the murder that he was seeing another woman on the side because Moses' mother was not having sex with him.

Moses said Sandra Peters Jefferson's direct family was suspicious of Archie Jefferson as soon as they learned details about the murder.

"Everybody was asking, well, where was Archie during this?" Moses said. "And when you saw your wife on the ground, bleeding profusely, why didn't you embrace her? You didn't even make an attempt to revive her. There wasn't a speck of blood on you."

Emotions boiled over at Sandra Peters Jefferson's burial in Washington Parish a week after her May 12, 2012, murder. Police were called to the cemetery to break up a brawl between Archie Jefferson and his wife's family. No arrests were made because police said they couldn't determine who had been the aggressor.

Then last year, Archie Jefferson shocked Moses again by posting an Internet ad seeking guests to rent out the house where Sandra Peters Jefferson's body had been found, her head bludgeoned so badly that police initially thought erroneously that she had been shot. The problem was that Sandra Peters Jefferson's estate, with Moses as executor, held title to the house, not Archie Jefferson. It turned out Archie Jefferson had tried to set up a rent-to-own agreement with First NBC Bank for the property before the bank had foreclosed on it.

Outlier of disgraced family

Archie Jefferson's famous older brother, longtime U.S. Rep. Bill Jefferson, went down in spectacular fashion for hiding \$90,000 in bribes in his freezer, and their brother Mose was convicted of bribing Orleans Parish School Board president Ellenese Brooks-Simms. Sisters Betty and Brenda, along with Mose's longtime companion, former City Councilwoman Renee Gill Pratt, were all convicted of stealing more than \$1 million from inner-city charities. Still, it was Archie that Gill Pratt called a "scam artist" in an interview with The New Orleans Advocate last year.

Archie Jefferson was disbarred as an attorney by the Louisiana Supreme Court a decade ago after multiple felony convictions. His problems with the law have continued, however. Just last month, he was booked with theft, forgery and contracting without a license for a home-building project in Tremé.

New Orleans, LA
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Husband Accused of Stabbing Wife 9 Times Pleads Not Guilty to Attempted Murder



Bruce Higginson, 60, was arrested Thursday (Nov. 27, 2014) after police say he stabbed his wife nine times inside their Esplanade Avenue home. Higginson is facing charges of attempted second-degree murder, aggravated arson and domestic abuse involving strangulation. (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office)

A New Orleans **man accused of stabbing his wife nine times** inside their Esplanade Avenue home on Thanksgiving morning before fleeing and trying to commit suicide by jumping off the Crescent City Connection has pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted murder.

Bruce Higginson, who was arrested within hours of the alleged Nov. 27 rampage, is charged with one count each of attempted second-degree murder, aggravated arson and domestic abuse involving strangulation, all felony charges.

Higginson, accompanied by attorney Nandi Campbell, appeared Tuesday (Jan. 6) before Orleans Parish Criminal District Court Judge Arthur Hunter and pleaded not guilty to all of the charges.

Police said Higginson, 60, tried killing his wife after learning that she was leaving him and selling their Esplanade Avenue mansion.

According to court documents, police were called to a house in the 1400 block of Esplanade Avenue about 5:20 a.m. Thanksgiving Day. Police said Higginson's wife told them that her husband had **stabbed her and strangled her until she lost consciousness.**

The woman told detectives that Higginson **"hammered the knife into her flesh using both hands,"** before fleeing the home, leaving her for dead.

No information on the woman's condition was available, but Campbell said she was released after spending two days in the hospital.

Police said Higginson then headed for the Crescent City Connection where he attempted to jump off the bridge. He was apprehended by 4th District police officers and taken to Interim LSU Hospital for treatment.

Higginson, who was being guarded by two police officers while at the hospital, managed to get a lighter and lit his bed on fire later that morning, according to the court record.

Several patients on the same floor had to be evacuated due to smoke, police said, and Higginson suffered second-degree burns to his wrist, chest and leg.

Police booked Higginson on charges of attempted first-degree murder but prosecutors amended that charge to one of attempted second-degree murder, records show.

Higginson, who has no prior criminal record in Orleans Parish, has been held on a \$650,000 bond since December, an amount Campbell said her client is not able to post.

Campbell said she plans to ask for a bond-reduction later this month.

Neighborhood Devastated after Mom, Daughter Gunned Down



Paris Williams and Walesha Williams

NEW ORLEANS -- Nothing can prepare you for such a heart-breaking call. Now relatives of a young mother and daughter gruesomely murdered are now mourning.

8-year-old Paris Williams was supposed to start school Tuesday. She had moved back from Texas a week ago to live with 25-year-old Walesha Williams. Both mother and daughter are dead and a 29-year-old friend is hospitalized. All three were shot inside a home in the 14000 block of Duane Road.

Detectives say a woman survived the shooting by playing dead. The NOPD confirms she watched as the gunman took off with a purse, cell phone and cash. Then she ran to a nearby neighbor's house, where she allegedly identified the shooter before collapsing.

"I never would have thought three people would have been shot in that house," said neighbor Nicey Joseph. "That's not something I was looking to wake up to today."

It's unclear who pulled the trigger, but several neighbors, friends and relatives tell Eyewitness News the man who opened fire is Walesha's boyfriend. The NOPD has not confirmed that information.

Mother, 8-year-old daughter die in triple shooting

"You can't live with them and you can't live without them," said Dr. Martin Drell of LSU Health New Orleans Psychiatry. "It leads to cycles, which are really hard to break."

Drell said domestic violence is often ignored or not talked about. He said loved ones should encourage victims to seek help from medical professionals or clergy to help break the cycle. "Families can know what's going on," Drell said. "In some ways they should feel free to talk about it with their loved ones and realize it's a complicated situation."

Yet another complicated situation turned tragically violent, prompting strangers like Melanie Dupard and young girls about Paris' age to stop and pay their respects outside the New Orleans East home.

"I have a little boy. He's 3 years old, and I think I'd go crazy if anything happened to him," Dupard said. "It just touched my heart. I said, let me just show some kind of respect."

Call Crimestoppers at 504-822-1111 if you have any information that can help investigators solve this case.

NOPD Works SWAT Roll in Algiers



NOPD SWAT team at Algiers apartment complex

NEW ORLEANS -- The New Orleans Police Department is working a SWAT roll Wednesday night in Algiers.

The incident happened in the 2200 block of Westbend Parkway before 8:30 p.m.

According to NOPD spokesman Officer Garry Flot, 31-year-old Damon Gilliam choked his 41-year-old former girlfriend outside of a store. He then fled on foot.

Flot said the woman's 14-year-old son found the man at a bus stop. The man then pulled out a gun and pointed it at the boy. The man then fled into an apartment, where he's refusing to come out. SWAT was called to the scene.

Around 10:45 p.m, the suspect peacefully surrendered during SWAT negotiations. Police say they are searching the apartment for the gun used in the incident. Gilliam will be booked with charges including battery and aggravated assault. No one was injured in the incident.

French Quarter Shooter was Facing **Cyberstalking**, Domestic Violence Charges



A Crowley man who shot himself to death Sunday at a New Orleans hotel had been arrested in Lafayette and accused of **cyber-stalking** a former girlfriend and of hitting her during an argument.

New Orleans police identified him as Bajkanwar Aulakh, 20, whose trial for one count of **cyber-stalking** was scheduled to begin Monday at the Lafayette Parish Courthouse. Just before 10 a.m. Sunday, Aulakh was pronounced dead on the 17th floor of Westin Hotel on the edge of the French Quarter from what witnesses said was a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest.

Witnesses said he shot one of three friends before turning the gun on himself.

The four men were all from the Lafayette area, New Orleans Police Department spokesman Frank Robertson III said in a news release.

Three of the men, including Aulakh, came in from partying in the Quarter, waking the fourth about 5 a.m., Robertson said.

New Orleans, LA
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March 31, 2014

High-Ranking New Orleans Firefighter Arrested on Stalking Charge



A high-ranking [New Orleans firefighter](#) is facing a **stalking** charge after police say he sent an anonymous, sexually explicit letter to a woman.

New Orleans Fire Department District Chief Chris Mickal was arrested at his West End home in the [140 block of 40th Street](#) about 5:30 p.m. Friday (March 28), according to Officer Garry Flot, an NOPD spokesman.

Flot said Mickal, 58, became a suspect after the victim -- who is acquainted with Mickal -- told police she had received an anonymous and sexually explicit letter. Mickal confirmed that he sent the letter in an audio-taped statement, according to court records.

After securing a warrant for Mickal's arrest, police booked him on one count of **stalking** and confiscated "evidence" from his home.

Mickal had also shown up at "several different locations" where the woman worked, court records show.

An NOFD press release stated that Mickal has since been reassigned to desk duty, pending the outcome of the case.

No further information was immediately available.

**Reporter Stephen Babcock contributed to this story*

New Orleans, LA
ORLEANS PARISH
June 7, 2010

New Orleans Man Innocent of 'Cyberstalking' His Ex-Girlfriend



A 24-year-old New Orleans man walked free last week from a charge of **cyberstalking**, after beating allegations in court that he harassed his ex-girlfriend with a barrage of cell-phone calls and text messages last year.

Dane DeLarge, a college student and graduate of St. Augustine High School, was acquitted by Magistrate Commissioner Rudy Gorrell after Gorrell questioned the district attorney's office grasp of the state law that rarely makes the docket at Orleans Parish Criminal District Court.

"When we talk about **cyberstalking**, we think about e-mail and texting, not calls," Gorrell said.

DeLarge didn't testify, but his ex-girlfriend, Keshia Hutton, took the stand at Magistrate Court during the one-hour misdemeanor trial Thursday, saying that DeLarge made 100 phone calls to her cell phone between Aug. 11 and Aug. 13, 2009, after she had asked him to leave her alone.

Hutton said she reported the activity to police and showed 6th District police officer Yolanda Quincy a troubling text message. "The text said, 'Bitch, you're not going to see your first day of school,'" Quincy testified.

Hutton said she didn't photocopy the text message, and prosecutors said that her Sprint, her service provider, doesn't retain content of text messages. Gorrell wouldn't accept the Sprint cell-phone records as evidence because they lacked Hutton's name or address, but prosecutors pointed out the crush of cell-phone calls made from DeLarge's cell to Hutton's.

"I felt threatened," said Hutton, who wore her NOPD uniform to court, which indicates she works in the department that monitors the [National Crime Information Center](#) database. "I felt like he was crazy and was going to go through with what he was texting."

Hutton said DeLarge threatened to "f--- me over" and bragged about his political connections.

"His cousin is a police officer and his father knows the judge," Hutton testified.

Quincy said that instead of calling DeLarge, she spoke with one of his relatives who works at the Police Department.

DeLarge and Hutton, both students at Southern University at New Orleans, have been in court twice involving similar allegations since they broke up in December 2008. On Dec. 17, DeLarge was acquitted of violating a protective order but was convicted of simple assault on Hutton, for making a threat while at a downtown club. On appeal, Gorrell overturned the simple assault rap and ordered a new trial.

Last month, District Attorney Leon Cannizzaro's office tossed out the assault case and charged DeLarge with **cyberstalking**, which forbids "electronic communication" to threaten bodily harm or harass a person. The law, which names cell phones, FAX and the Internet as tools, carries up to one year in prison on first offense, and up to three years on a second conviction.

"They are stretching out this litigation longer than the relationship of these two people," defense attorney Jason Williams said. "There is no evidence of a text message. If **cyberstalking** is making more than one phone call, then every defense attorney here needs to be charged with **cyberstalking**. Trying to get a bond takes more than one call."

New Orleans, LA
ORLEANS PARISH
June 19, 2014

Zeitoun, Famed Hurricane Katrina Protagonist, Indicted on **Stalking Charge** after Ex-Wife's Latest Complaint



Abdulrahman Zeitoun, the once-celebrated Hurricane Katrina figure tried and acquitted of attempting to kill his wife with a tire iron, was indicted Thursday on a felony **stalking** charge.

The new indictment comes after Zeitoun's ex-wife, Kathy Zeitoun, claimed he **violated protective orders** by approaching her, their New Orleans properties or their daughter on four separate occasions. Zeitoun, 56, was arrested on May 16.

Kathy Zeitoun got a permanent restraining order last year after her husband was **acquitted by a judge of charges** that he tried to beat her to death with a tire iron on Pyrtania Street and then **offered a fellow inmate \$20,000** to finish the job.

The trial captured the attention of area residents who remember the bestselling book "Zeitoun" by Dave Eggers, which detailed Zeitoun's efforts to help rescue stranded residents and his wrongful incarceration, possibly due to his Middle Eastern descent.

The restraining order, signed by municipal court judge on Oct. 22, bans Zeitoun, 56, from going within 100 yards of the nine properties he and his wife own together. Zeitoun's attorney, J.C. Lawrence, **has called the order "flawed."**

One of the prohibited addresses - a home at 4645 Dart Street - is listed on the order as Zeitoun's home address, even though police reports list his residence as a Banks Street location. Kathy Zeitoun has claimed the Dart Street property is currently abandoned and has no running water or electricity.

Police said Zeitoun violated the restraining on Jan. 26 by approaching the Dart Street residence. He is charged with that violation, as well as others on March 27, April 30 and May 16, police records show.

In the April 30 incident, the Zeitouns' 18-year-old daughter told police she was outside the Dart Street home watering a garden around 11:40 a.m. when a white pickup passed, honked twice and drove away.

Her father then pulled up in a white van and drove by her at an "extremely slow pace" with his window rolled down, staring at her and raising his right hand in "what (the daughter) described as a 'half-ass wave,'" the police report says.

On May 16, Kathy Zeitoun called police to report that her ex-husband had driven past the Dart Street property while she was walking to her car outside and that he had stopped in the street and given her "an intimidating stare while violating his protection orders," police reports say.

Exclusive interview with Kathy Zeitoun: 'I am afraid for my life' Kathy Zeitoun, ex-wife of Abdulrahman Zeitoun, speaks with Nola.com / The Times-Picayune's Naomi Martin following the 'not guilty' verdict in his murder trial.

The estranged couple divorced in February 2012 and is now battling over their assets and children in a Baton Rouge court. A judge there granted Kathy Zeitoun sole custody over their children, ages 7, 13, 15 and 18, and management over all of their shared properties. Kathy Zeitoun has claimed she fears for her life and wants to settle by dividing the properties, but her ex-husband refuses to.

Zeitoun has pleaded not guilty to all four counts of violating the order and has been out on a \$35,000 cash bond following a hearing in Orleans Parish Municipal Court.

Following the indictment, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court Judge Karen Herman increased bond to \$250,000.

Lawrence called his client's bond "ridiculous," and said he was not able to comment further as he had not had the chance to see the indictment.

Zeitoun's previous trial was before Judge Frank Marullo, not a jury, who acquitted him of all charges, saying prosecutors had trumped up charges because of his fame.

Woman Killed Inside New Orleans East Apartment

Friends and relatives of a woman shot to death inside a New Orleans East apartment wailed in anguish, some collapsing to the ground, as her body was rolled into a waiting coroner's van Friday morning.

Police said Delores Jones, an O. Perry Walker High School graduate who turned 25 last week, was the victim of a domestic dispute. They said she died at the hands of Jermal Holmes, who allegedly shot her once in the head.

Holmes, 27, was arrested a few hours later at West Jefferson Medical Center with the assistance of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.

It was not immediately clear why Holmes went to the hospital. Police said he was not injured.

The shooting was reported about 9:30 a.m. at the Chateau d'Orleans apartment complex in the 14700 block of Chef Menteur Highway, said Officer Hilal Williams, a Police Department spokeswoman.

Investigators spent most of the morning examining Jones' second-floor unit.

Police did not immediately release details about what might have led to the shooting, citing the ongoing investigation.

Jones' relatives declined to speak to a reporter for The New Orleans Advocate at the scene but later told nola.com that Holmes, who has an address in Harvey, was her ex-boyfriend and had been **stalking** her.

A search of court records in Orleans and Jefferson parishes found no restraining or protective orders filed against Holmes.

He has previous arrests in both parishes for resisting an officer, battery on a police officer and drug charges, according to court records.

Holmes had not yet been booked into Orleans Parish Prison late Friday evening, according to a search of jail records.

MPD: Man Wounded in Shooting Outside Daycare

The result of a feud between two men has left one in stable condition in a Monroe hospital and the other the facing several charges, including second-degree murder.

At about 6:30 a.m. Friday, Monroe police responded to a shooting in the parking lot of the Wonderland Daycare Center at 1705 Hickory St.

An investigation revealed that Marlando Honeycutt, 32, arrived at the daycare center with his girlfriend and her children. As the children were exiting the vehicle, Lemerick Vernell Christopher, 43, approached Honeycutt as he was standing outside of his vehicle.

Christopher is an ex-husband of Honeycutt's girlfriend, police said.

Christopher then fired a revolver at Honeycutt, who was wounded in the face and chest area. Christopher ran from the scene and was later apprehended in the rear of a South 10th Street residence.

Honeycutt was taken to St. Francis Hospital.

The investigation is continuing.

Assistant Police Chief Don Bartley said the shooting was a result of an ongoing feud between the men. Christopher faces charges of attempted second-degree murder, resisting by flight and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

He is being held at Ouachita Correctional Center on \$751,500 bond.

Bartley also said the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office assisted in apprehending Christopher.

Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office

<http://www.opso.net/opso-news/monroe-man-arrested-on-cyber-stalking-charge/>

**Monroe, LA
OUACHITA PARISH**

Monroe Man Arrested on Cyber Stalking Charge



UPDATE - SUSPECT CHARGED WITH 5 ADDITIONAL COUNTS OF CYBER STALKING

An ongoing investigation has resulted in an additional 5 counts of cyber stalking charges. These charges stem from previously unreported incidents involving this suspect. Additional charges are possible as the investigation is continuing. Anyone that may have received messages of this type or have knowledge of this crime is asked to contact the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Investigative Division, 318-324-2663 direct or the main number, 318-329-1200.

Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Deputies have arrested Robert Pohl, age 37, of Monroe on the charge of Cyber Stalking. An investigation revealed the suspect sent unsolicited text messages of a sexual nature to several female victims. The suspect was booked at OCC on the charge. Sheriff's investigators believe more messages may have been sent to victims that have not been reported. Anyone that may have knowledge of or received messages of this nature is asked to contact the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Investigative Division, 318-329-1200.

Alexandria Man Faces Charge of Felony Stalking



An Alexandria man faces a charge of felony stalking after allegedly sending threatening texts to a former girlfriend, according to the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office.

The suspect is Jeremy Cole Cleary, 34, of 4124 Queen Elizabeth Court in Alexandria.

Sheriff's detectives received the complaint on Nov. 20 and began investigating. A review of texts showed Cleary "expressed in detail his intentions of inflicting great bodily harm, including death, upon the victim," according to a news release from the Sheriff's Office. Detectives also learned Cleary had been arrested earlier this year on a charge of domestic abuse battery.

On Nov. 23, Cleary was located at his residence by sheriff's deputies and was taken into custody and booked into the Rapides Parish Detention Center.

"Following his arrest, detectives were contacted by representatives of the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office in reference allegations of like crimes levied against Cleary in their jurisdiction. Through Lafayette SO's investigation, it was learned Cleary became enraged after learning the victim of his July 2014 arrest had engaged in a relationship with the new complainant," the news release said.

Cleary allegedly threatened the complainant with great bodily harm via texts and social media networks, authorities said. A warrant was granted in Lafayette for Cleary's arrest in reference to one count of cyberstalking. On Dec. 2, Cleary was arrested on the Lafayette Parish warrant, and upon meeting his bond obligation in Rapides Parish, Cleary will be released into the custody of the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office.

Sabine Murder Trial Date Postponed to September

MANY – The trial date of a former Natchitoches Parish police officer accused in a Sabine Parish man's death has been postponed.

Sabine Parish District Judge Stephen Beasley originally set the first-degree murder trial of Robert Barthelemy for Jan. 19 and had been pushing toward that goal. However, late last week, after Barthelemy changed his plea, Beasley moved the trial date to Sept. 28.

He's yet to sign the official orders but members of Tony Procell's family have been notified.

Barthelemy, 35, is accused in Procell's Aug. 20, 2013 death. Barthelemy this month changed his plea from not guilty to not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity.

District Attorney Don Burkett has said he will seek the death penalty if Barthelemy is convicted in Procell's death.

Sabine sheriff's investigators say Barthelemy, of Natchitoches, kidnapped Procell, 24, at gunpoint from his Many home and drove him to a wooded area in Winn Parish where he was killed. Barthelemy was arrested the next day. Procell's body was found five days later.

The men knew each other from their service in the Louisiana Army National Guard. A domestic situation involving the two and a woman reportedly was at the center of their dispute.



<http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/st-bernard-parish-shooting-leaves-slidell-man-dead-after-attacking-wifes-daughter/29961004>

St. Bernard, LA
ST. BERNARD PARISH
November 27, 2014

St. Bernard Parish Shooting Leaves Slidell Man Dead after Attacking Wife's Daughter

Deputies told that man struck woman over the head with expandable baton



A Slidell man is dead this week after being shot by the boyfriend of a woman he struck over the head with an expandable baton in St. Bernard Parish.

Investigators with the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office said the incident happened around midnight Wednesday at a home in Violet on Riverpark Drive.

According to the SBPSO, 49-year-old Ricky Moser went to the home that belonged to his estranged wife. While she wasn't home, Raquel Nicolosi was with her boyfriend.

At some point during the evening, Moser struck Nicolosi over the head with an expandable baton. Her boyfriend, Kory Mattox, witnessed the attack and shot Moser in the chest with a shotgun, officials said.

Moser died at the scene. Mattox was questioned by detectives, but was released pending their investigation into the incident.

According to the SBPSO, a protective order was in effect against Moser by his estranged wife. Both had been separated for months.

Detectives did not provide information on the extent of Nicolosi's head injuries. But she was treated and released from the hospital this week.

No other details in the investigation were released.

Meraux, LA
ST. BERNARD PARISH
August 1, 2013

Alleged **Stalker** Arrested after Texting and Following Woman he wanted to Date



A **Meraux** man was arrested in **St. Bernard Parish** for allegedly stalking a woman by sending her text messages and photos, and once following her. He allegedly came into her place of work in late May, spoke with her, and has been attempting to convince her to go with him on a date ever since, according to the **St. Bernard Sheriff's Office**.

Christopher Cheairs, 49, was released on bond from **St. Bernard Parish Prison** on Thursday. He had been booked July 27 with stalking the **Violet** woman. The woman showed investigating officers numerous texts from Cheairs, Sheriff Jimmy Pohlmann said.

When confronted by a deputy, Cheairs denied any stalking or harassment, according to the Sheriff's Office.

According to state law, stalking "is the intentional and repeated following or harassing of another person that would cause a reasonable person to feel alarmed or to suffer emotional distress."

Harassing is defined by state law as "the repeated pattern of verbal communications or nonverbal behavior without invitation which includes but is not limited to making telephone calls, transmitting electronic mail, sending messages via a third party, or sending letters or pictures."

The crime of stalking carries a 30-day to 1-year prison sentence and a fine of between \$5,000 and \$100,000.

An individual convicted of stalking also must undergo a psychiatric evaluation, according to state law. The sentence can be suspended if the offender is placed on probation and participates in a court-approved counseling program.

St. Bernard, LA
ST. BERNARD PARISH
September 14, 2014

St. Bernard President Dave Peralta Indicted on Charge of **Felony Stalking**



A grand jury Wednesday afternoon **indicted** St. Bernard Parish President **Dave Peralta** on a charge of felony **stalking**, after listening to testimony from Peralta's ex-wife, Sharon Schaefer.

The new charge comes as Peralta already faces prosecution for a charge of sexual battery of Schaefer, related to an October 2013 incident in which she said he raped her. Peralta, who has said the sex was consensual, has denied wrongdoing.

A St. Tammany Parish grand jury issued the **stalking** charge after hours of hearing testimony and reviewing evidence. Schaefer, who has been living in Slidell, said she was "relieved" as she left the Covington courthouse. "I'm thankful that they came back with an indictment," she said.

District Judge William "Rusty" Knight set a \$35,000 bond for Peralta, though the parish president has been given until Monday to turn himself in at the St. Tammany Parish Prison. Peralta declined comment after the indictment.

Earlier in the day, Peralta confirmed the appointment of a new chief administrative officer, prompting speculation that he may be naming a temporary successor were Peralta to resign. But Peralta, in a written message, said he was "not resigning."

Peralta's attorney, Stephen London, also said on Wednesday evening that his client has no plans to resign, but that Peralta does plan to turn himself in on Monday morning and post an immediate bond.

The sexual battery case is being prosecuted in St. Bernard, and Peralta could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of that charge.

The new charge comes nearly two months after state investigators and St. Bernard sheriff's officials **seized computers and documents from parish administrative offices and Peralta's home**. State prosecutors on Wednesday said the **stalking** charge is based on evidence from that seizure.

During that search, investigators believed they had "a reasonable probability" of finding evidence of intimidation of a witness, obstruction of justice and malfeasance in office, according to the search warrant.

After the indictment Wednesday, Assistant Attorney General David Caldwell, who heads the office's public corruption unit, said the felony **stalking** charge encompasses many of those three other charges listed in the search warrant.

He also said that Peralta deleted emails sent to Schaefer, which Caldwell said "goes toward intent" for the felony **stalking** charge. Caldwell is state Attorney General **Buddy Caldwell**'s son.

As part of her divorce lawsuit against Peralta, **Schaefer in July** said Peralta "continued to harass and threaten" her. In court documents she said Peralta "disrupted her well being" by sending her

"e-mails from various addresses," and that he used the identity of Schaefer and her family members to post comments on [NOLA.com](#) about her and to contact her family.

"Essentially what the grand jury found was that Mr. Peralta has engaged in a continuous pattern of harassing a witness," Caldwell said, referring to Peralta's interactions with Schaefer. "I think you really got to send a message with these kind of cases. The wheels of justice are going to turn and the system is going to be fair and whatever happens, happens, but the one thing that certainly we and other prosecutors are not going to tolerate is someone coming and trying to influence the process and make our witnesses feel intimidated.

"Because, it's hard enough to prosecute these cases, and victims and witnesses who decide to come forward, they've got to know that somebody is going to have their back."

London said last month that Peralta "has not communicated with Sharon" Schaefer at all, either by phone or in emails.

Assistant Attorney General David Weilbaecher, who heads the prosecution of the sexual battery case, was at the courthouse in Covington Wednesday presenting the evidence to the grand jury.

On April 23, a St. Bernard grand jury [indicted Peralta](#) on the sexual battery charge. [She accused him](#) of handcuffing her, forcing her to perform oral sex and raping her at their Meraux home on her 49th birthday, Oct. 27, 2013. Peralta, who has pleaded not guilty to the charge, [has denied wrongdoing](#), saying the bondage and sex both were consensual and activities that he and his then-wife had engaged in previously.

[NOLA.com](#) | The Times-Picayune does not usually name people who report they were the victims of sex crimes. But Schaefer has publicly discussed her allegation in media interviews and in court filings. In court filings following the July 25 seizure, an affidavit from the parish IT director, Jeffrey Brannon, states that the attorney general's office has "demanded delivery of a copy of one of the mail serves" that "contained the email boxes of approximately 300 employees." There are also affidavits from David Gorbaty, who unofficially is acting as the parish chief administrative officer, and Peralta, each stating that their laptops were seized from their offices.

In his affidavit, Peralta also states that his desktop and cell phone were taken. Neither Peralta nor his attorneys attended the grand jury proceedings Wednesday.

In the sexual battery case, there is a gag order in effect barring Peralta and Schaefer, and their attorneys, from speaking publicly about it.

In both the sexual battery case and the divorce case, all five of the St. Bernard judges [have recused themselves](#) and the state Supreme Court appointed judges to hear the cases in their stead.

Peralta and Schaefer married on March 31, 2012, and they officially separated on Dec. 10, 2013. Their divorce became official in July.

Following the indictment Wednesday, St. Bernard Parish Council Chair Guy McInnis said "It is definitely disappointing. It is another distraction."

"But I think it is important that we give Peralta space to make his own decision," McInnis said. "I think everyone needs to take a deep breath. Employees are showing for work, the council will handle anything that it needs to, and Peralta has a personal decision he needs to handle and I think we need to give him room. "I think it is important to let this play out on his terms."

Earlier on Wednesday, Peralta appointed parish finance director Ross Gonzales as chief administrative officer. Some political observers noted that Gonzales would be the most likely choice to temporarily lead the administration if Peralta were to resign, but Peralta denied he's planning to leave office.



<http://www.wwltv.com/story/news/2014/09/05/14719804/>

Independence, LA
ST. CHARLES PARISH
August 1, 2014

St. Charles Parish Murder Suspect Arrested

INDEPENDENCE, La. -- The manhunt has ended for a suspect wanted for murder in St. Charles Parish. Bruce Bourgeois Jr., who was wanted for murdering his girlfriend and stabbing her mother, was arrested in Independence, La. Thursday evening in Tangipahoa Parish, according to the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office.

Wednesday, according to the sheriff's office, Bourgeois killed his girlfriend and then stabbed her mother who happened to stop by the home in the 300 block of Madewood Drive in Destrehan.

Thursday, detectives were back out at the home on Madewood Drive investigating the brutal death of Mai Waite, 35.

Deputies say her boyfriend, Bruce Bourgeois, 34, stabbed her to death in the bathroom of the couple's home. During the attack, he also critically wounded Waite's mother, Carmelina Waite.

'For something like that to happen it's very devastating,' said a nearby resident Stephanie Jonkers. 'It's very upsetting and I know she got to be very upset.'

It's been a tense 36 hours in St. Charles Parish. Law enforcement thought Bourgeois fled the home in a Toyota Scion, but deputies did not have much else to go on.

'We don't know if he has actually left the state or not, we just know we want to bring him in and question him about this particular incident,' said Sgt. Dwayne LaGrange with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office.

Residents like Jonkers have been on edge with Bourgeois on the loose and say they are relieved knowing he is finally behind bars.

'It just blows my mind that somebody could be so heartless to do something like that to somebody, especially a mom,' said Jonkers.

According to Sheriff Greg Champagne, around 7:13 p.m. Thursday, Bourgeois was seen by a citizen at a Dollar General in Independence, Louisiana attempting to buy clothing. The citizen called the local Sheriff's Office at which time Bourgeois was arrested without incident. He was later transported to the Nelson Coleman Correctional Center where he is being held with no bond.

Bourgeois, arrested Thursday for first-degree murder, attempted first degree murder, and armed robbery, is no stranger to the law. He is currently on parole and has a lengthy criminal history. He has been in and out of jail in both Orleans Parish and St. Charles Parish for arrests ranging from drug possession, armed robbery and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Bourgeois comes from a wealthy family, who own and operate several businesses in St. Rose, including a driving range and a drug rehabilitation center his mother opened after trying to help Bourgeois overcome his own drug addiction.

Still, friends, family and neighbors were shocked when they learned what happened.

'I think about her and all those other moms and parents that have kids and you know it's just worry some and it's shocking,' said Jonkers.

Deputies moved Waite's family to a secure location since the search for Bourgeois first began.

Bourgeois will be booked at a St. Charles Parish jail for first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder and armed robbery.

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Greensburg, LA
ST. HELENA PARISH
March 4-9, 2015

St. Helena Parish Bookings for March 4-9, 2015

The following were arrested and booked into the St. Helena Parish Jail from March 4-9:

GURLEY, JOHNY RAY: 22, 1259 Opal Bennett Road, Greensburg, domestic abuse battery.

MIRE, ALFRED: 36, 3898 Leggitt Road, Grangeville, domestic abuse battery.

SIMPSON, ANDREANNA: 23, address unknown, domestic abuse battery.

TAYLOR, CLIFTON: 33, 40060 Jones Road, Independence, **stalking**, criminal mischief, harassment.

Update: Woman's Boyfriend Charged with Shooting at her Ex



RESERVE — An argument between a woman's boyfriend and her ex-boyfriend this week led to a shooting in Reserve and an arrest.

Steven Ellis, 27, is charged with aggravated assault with a firearm and is being held without bond on a Louisiana Probation and Parole detainer.

Ellis turned himself into the Sherman Walker Correctional Center in LaPlace at 2:05 a.m. Wednesday in relation to a shooting investigation launched by St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's deputies just hours before.

Deputies first responded to the 1500 block of Grant Drive in Reserve at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday after gunshots were heard in the area.

The complainant told deputies her boyfriend — identified by law enforcement as Ellis — and her former boyfriend engaged in a verbal altercation in the front yard of her residence.

"When she ran in the residence to call the Sheriff's Office about the disturbance, she heard a gunshot," a release from the Sheriff's Office said. "Both subjects fled the scene before deputies arrived."

Deputies first located the ex-boyfriend, who told deputies Ellis produced a firearm and fired it one time in his direction during the argument, authorities said.

He was unharmed.

Sgt. Dane Clement said authorities do not anticipate making additional arrests.

According to the Sheriff's Office, Ellis has been arrested 17 times in St. John the Baptist Parish since November 2005.



<http://www.nbc33tv.com/news/crimetracker/st-landry-deputies-arrest>

ST. LANDRY PARISH

February 7, 2014

St. Landry Deputies Arrest Former Registrar of Voters for Stalking



St. Landry Parish (NBC33) — The St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office charged the former Registrar of Voters, John A. Moreau, with **stalking** on Thursday.

Megan Vizona, spokesperson for the SLPSO, said that the victim filed a complaint that Moreau had been leaving letters at her home.

Moreau admitted to detectives that he had typed several letters and personally delivered them to the victim's house between October 2013 and January 2014.

According to a report, the victim said she found the content of the letters to be "offensive, insulting, and degrading."

Moreau was released from the St. Landry Parish Jail on a \$5,000 bond.

Kaplan, LA
ST. MARTIN PARISH
March 12, 2015

Kaplan Man Accused Aggravated Assault, Domestic Abuse



A 39-year-old Kaplan man is accused aggravated assault.

According to Major Ginny Higgins, this morning, deputies with the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office responded to a report of domestic abuse in Catahoula. Once on the scene, deputies located Jerry Ferguson in a vehicle at a residence next to his estranged wife's home.

During the course of the event, Ferguson exited the vehicle and entered his estranged wife's residence and refused to come out. Ferguson began to verbally threaten deputies, stated Higgins. Three hours later, the suspect exited the house and was taken into custody and charged as follows:

14:62.3 Unauthorized Entry of Inhabited Dwelling

14:37.7 Domestic Abuse Aggravated Assault

14:37.2 Aggravated Assault Upon a Peace Officer with a Firearm

Ferguson was booked into the St. Martin Parish jail.

LSP STILL LOOKING INTO SHOOTING OF DEPUTY'S HUSBAND



Louisiana State Police are still investigating the Dec. 29 shooting death of 34-year-old Kendall Alexander by his wife, Crystal Alexander, 33, a deputy with the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Department.

Meanwhile, the deputy is on administrative leave, according to SMSO Mag, Ginny Higgins.

According to records on file with the St. Martin Parish Clerk of Court, Crystal Clues obtained three restraining orders against Alexander starting in 2005.

In 2007, Alexander was charged with violation of a protective order, **stalking** and simple assault after he allegedly grabbed Clues by the hair and dragged her from a friend's house. He pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of disturbing the peace and paid a fine of \$50, plus court costs.

The couple was married in April 2008.

Shootings involving commissioned peace officers are routinely turned over to the state police for investigation.

Covington, LA
ST. TAMMANY PARISH
February 3, 2015

Covington Area Man Booked with **Cyber Stalking** after Cops Say He Threatened to Kill Mother, Girlfriend



A **Covington** area man was booked with **cyber stalking** after authorities said he sent several text messages threatening to kill his estranged pregnant girlfriend, his mother and other family members, according to the **St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office**. Donald Taylor, 33, of 20067 Helenbirg Road, was arrested Saturday (Jan. 31) and booked with two counts of **cyber stalking** and various drug offenses.

A second person who was with Taylor when he was caught was also booked with drug possession and distribution offenses, the Sheriff's Office said in a news release.

On Jan. 27, sheriff's deputies were called to investigate threats being made via text message by Taylor, who had also texted that he may kill himself, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Detectives obtained warrants for his arrest, but had few leads on his whereabouts, according to the news release.

Working with only a physical description of the suspect and no indication of what kind of vehicle he may be driving, detectives followed various leads, looking for Taylor in St. Tammany Parish as well as in Baton Rouge, the news release reported.

On Jan. 31, after a day of searching for Taylor in the Baton Rouge area, a member of the Street Crimes Unit was traveling eastbound on Interstate 12 near the Airport Road exit in **Slidell** when he observed a man matching Taylor's description driving a white Chevrolet Suburban, according to the news release. The deputy stopped the Suburban and took Taylor into custody.

Desmond McPipe, 22, of Slidell, was riding with Taylor in the vehicle. Deputies found 150 Alprazolam tablets (Xanax), 83 Ecstasy tablets and approximately 3 grams of marijuana inside the vehicle, according to the Sheriff's Office.

In addition to **cyber stalking**, Taylor was booked with second offense possession of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute Schedule II and IV controlled dangerous substances and improper lane use.

McPipe was booked with second offense possession of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute Schedule II and IV controlled dangerous substances.

Slidella, LA
ST. TAMMANY PARISH
September 1, 2009

Former St. Tammany Deputy Booked with **Stalking,** Threatening Estranged Wife

A former St. Tammany Parish sheriff's deputy turned himself in to Slidell Police on Tuesday after allegedly **stalking** and threatening his estranged wife, authorities said.

Keith Dowling, 38, allegedly went to his former home on Aug. 24 and saw his wife with another man, who he assumed was her new boyfriend, Slidell Police spokesman Capt. Kevin Foltz said. Dowling became enraged and began banging on the door and demanding that the man come out and fight him, Foltz said.

After his estranged wife repeatedly told him to leave and threatened to call police, he left the residence, Foltz said.

Dowling's wife told police she had received several threatening voicemail messages and text messages from her ex-husband, Foltz said. She also showed officers a picture Dowling had sent from his cell phone showing him holding a semi-automatic handgun to his head with his finger on the trigger, he said.

After receiving that photo, the woman told investigators that she feared for her life and the life of her children, Foltz said.

Dowling, who had been with the Sheriff's Office for about five years, was fired about a month ago for "violating policies and procedures, specifically with regard to dealing with a member of the public during a traffic stop," Sheriff's Office spokesman George Bonnett said. Bonnett said he could not provide additional details on the firing because it was a personnel matter.

Dowling was booked into the St. Tammany Parish jail in Covington with simple assault and **stalking**.



<http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/Sheriff-Man-shoots-ex-girlfriend-father-in-Covington/19302890>

Covington, LA
ST. TAMMANY PARISH
March 13, 2013

Sheriff: Man Shoots Ex-Girlfriend, Father in Covington



COVINGTON, La. —An estranged boyfriend from New York shot his ex-girlfriend and her father at their Covington home, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office said.

Investigators arrested Stephen Krell, 48, of Liverpool, N.Y., on charges of attempted first-degree murder, **stalking** and violating a protective order.

According to a news release from the Sheriff's Office, deputies got a call about 10:15 p.m. Tuesday from a home on Fitzsimmons Road from a woman saying her daughter and husband had been shot by Krell.

Authorities arrived at the scene and found the daughter suffering from a gunshot wound to her chest and the father with a graze wound on his head, the Sheriff's Office said.

After the shooting, authorities said, Krell went to the nearest law enforcement office and surrendered himself.

Investigators found that Krell drove to his estranged girlfriend's home and waited for her to return from church. After she returned home, he got out of his vehicle and shot her, then attempted to shoot himself. However, the gun malfunctioned, Krell told authorities.

While Krell was loading a new magazine, the father came out of the home and Krell shot him, the Sheriff's Office said.

Krell was arrested on Christmas Day on charges of domestic abuse against his girlfriend. The girlfriend, whom Krell allegedly shot Tuesday night, told investigators in the past that she received harassing phone calls and an incident where Krell showed up at her home.

The victim was taken to a south shore hospital where she was listed in guarded condition.

Sheriff Jack Strain said it appeared that the victim will survive.

Ex-Boyfriend Found Guilty in Attempted Murder of Covington-Area Woman

Stephen Krell, who was found guilty Wednesday night of trying to kill his ex-girlfriend, now faces additional charges following an outburst in the St. Tammany Parish courthouse after the verdict was read.

St. Tammany Parish deputies attempted to remove Krell, 49, from the courtroom to an adjacent holding area after he yelled at witnesses following the verdict. He resisted, according to Sheriff's Office spokesman Sgt. Sean Beavers, and slammed a door in a deputy's face. Deputies used a Taser on Krell to subdue him, Beavers said.

He's been charged with battery on a police officer, a misdemeanor that carries a sentence of six months in jail and a \$500 fine, and resisting an officer with force or threats of violence, a felony that carries a maximum sentence of three years and a \$2,000 fine.

Krell, who lives in Liverpool, N.Y., was found guilty of attempted first-degree murder for shooting Stephanie Stein, an ex-girlfriend, as she returned from church on March 12 to her family's home near Covington.

Krell also was charged with attempted murder in the shooting of Stein's father, Don Stein, but the jury found him guilty of a reduced charge of aggravated battery, according to the St. Tammany Parish clerk of court.

Krell, who will be sentenced in Judge Raymond Childress' court on July 30, faces up to 50 years in prison for the first charge and 10 years for the second.

St. Tammany Parish sheriff's deputies responding to a 911 call found Stephanie Stein lying on the kitchen floor of the family's home on Fitzsimons Road with a gunshot wound to the chest. Her father's head had been grazed by a bullet, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Krell was also booked with violation of a protective order and **stalking**.

According to the Sheriff's Office, Krell shot Stephanie Stein outside the house and then turned the weapon on himself, but it malfunctioned. Don Stein walked outside while Krell was putting a new magazine into the gun, and Krell fired at him, the Sheriff's Office said.

Krell had a history of domestic violence. He was arrested on Christmas Day for domestic abuse battery after an argument. After that, Stephanie Stein reported harassing phone calls from Krell and an incident when he showed up at her parents' home.

He was served with a protective order by the Onondaga County (N.Y.) Sheriff's Office on Feb. 26.

But Krell continued to contact Stein on the phone, through Facebook and through game apps for smartphones, according to the Sheriff's Office. Another warrant was obtained for violation of a protective order for his refusal to cease communication with the victim.

Independence Man Plead Guilty to Threatening a Woman with a Gun as Children Watched

An Independence man pleaded guilty in New Orleans federal court Thursday to being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm after threatening his ex-girlfriend with a gun in front of her children.

Eric O'Neal Selders, 43, had four prior state felony convictions as of July 2012, when he broke into his ex-girlfriend's home, pushed her onto a bed, pointed a .38 caliber revolver in her face and told her he would kill her, according to the factual basis supporting his plea.

The victim's children and their friends — about 10 in all — were gathered in the doorway of the bedroom and saw everything, the factual basis states.

Selders fled the house and led Tangipahoa Parish sheriff's deputies on a short car chase before making a fast right turn and driving into a ditch.

Deputies found the revolver, fully loaded with six hollow point cartridges, on the ground beside the driver's door, the factual basis says.

Selders was arrested and charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm, aggravated assault, domestic abuse battery, careless operation of a vehicle and speeding.

His previous convictions were for distribution of cocaine in 1989, aggravated battery in 1991, possession with intent to distribute a Schedule II drug in 1998, and possession with intent to distribute a Schedule II drug — cocaine base — in 2006, court records show.

If Selders is deemed an armed career criminal, he will face a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years to life in prison, according to a news release from U.S. Attorney Kenneth A. Polite in New Orleans. Otherwise, Selders faces a maximum of 10 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000 and up to three years of supervised release.

U.S. District Judge Eldon E. Fallon set sentencing for June 25.



<http://www.fox8live.com/story/27637852/houma-man-arrested-in-kidnapping-of-estranged-wife>

Houma, LA
TERREBONNE PARISH
December 16, 2014

Houma Man Arrested in Kidnapping of Estranged Wife



A Houma man has been arrested in connection with the kidnapping of his estranged wife.

Mike Nixon, 52, was arrested early Tuesday morning.

Officers received reports of the disturbance late Monday night in the 100 block of Moses Street in Chauvin.

Nixon, of Houma, allegedly forced his way into the home armed with a shotgun. Once inside, deputies say he grabbed his estranged wife by the hair and forcefully dragged her into his vehicle and fled the scene.

He drove the victim to a location in Houma against her will, according to the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office.

Detectives found Nixon and the victim at Nixon's Houma residence. The woman was unharmed.

Deputies say Nixon confessed to the incident. He was arrested on one count of aggravated kidnapping and one count of aggravated assault with a firearm.

He is being held at the Terrebonne Parish Criminal Justice Complex where he awaits a bond hearing.



<http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/houma-man-arrested-after-confrontation-at-local-restaurant-leads-to-shooting/30134102>

Houma, LA
TERREBONNE PARISH
December 9, 2014

Houma Man Arrested after Confrontation at Local Restaurant Leads to Shooting



Terrebonne Parish deputies say suspect opened fire on victim's vehicle

A Houma man is behind bars this week following an incident that began at a local restaurant and ended with a shooting at a different location, deputies said.

Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office deputies were called out Monday afternoon to the Wendy's on West Main Street in reference to a disturbance with a gun.

According to the TPSO, a man identified as Malcolm Diggs became involved in an altercation with the unidentified victim after confronting his ex-girlfriend in the Wendy's parking lot. He then followed the victim to Westside Boulevard.

Deputies said that when Diggs followed him to the next location, he opened fire striking the person's vehicle multiple times. The victim was not injured in the shooting.

Diggs was located on Goode Street after the shooting and questioned by detectives. He admitted to the confrontation at Wendy's and to firing the weapon, according to the TPSO.

Deputies booked Diggs into the Terrebonne Parish Jail for aggravated criminal damage to property and domestic abuse, among other charges. He is being held on a \$150,000 bond.

Ex-Boyfriend an Accused Abuser: HPD Confirms Alleged Killer had Disputes with Victim



Hostage situation

Police load Skylleur Hayes into a unit after he killed ex-girlfriend Barbara Delores Baker.

It was the acquisition of a black 2000 Ford Crown Victoria that accelerated the degradation of Barbara Delores Baker and Skylleur Hayes' relationship, but there were signs beforehand the suspected murderer embraced a vicious temperament, according to Baker's grandmother, neighbors and one of her co-workers.

Ninety minutes after he barricaded himself in Baker's apartment Friday, Hayes shot his ex-girlfriend in the head, police said. Hayes had just turned over to negotiators the couple's 1-year-old son Ra'mon – he asked for a pack of cigarettes in return, Houma Police Chief Todd Duplantis confirmed. The suspect then retreated to the apartment's small attic while negotiations continued.

Police stormed the unit at 179B Senator Circle amid a cloud of tear gas two hours later. While ushering Hayes to a cruiser, they stopped. Hayes turned to the gathered crowd of onlookers across the street – tears streaming down some of their faces, others still wearing pajamas – and shouted repeatedly at a male walking away: "Watch out for my little n-----, man."

Hayes, 22, of 948 St. Charles St., Thibodaux, is charged with first-degree murder, false imprisonment while armed with a dangerous weapon, carrying of an illegal weapon by a convicted felon and possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I narcotic (marijuana). He is being held at the Terrebonne Parish Jail in lieu of a \$1.5 million bond.

As of Monday, the Terrebonne Parish District Attorney's office was awaiting the police report, so no date had been set to convene a grand jury. It was also too early to determine whether Hayes would be prosecuted as a capital offender, First Assistant District Attorney Carlos Lazarus said.

Houma Police were called to investigate domestic incidents between Baker and Hayes on four occasions – three times at 179B and once at a second location, Duplantis said. The only report of violence was apparent shoving on one occasion by both parties. Baker did not have a protective order against Hayes, but the suspect was told by police not to return to the Baker's Senator Circle unit, Duplantis said.

Baker moved into the east Houma public-housing unit in January, according to Wayne Thibodeaux, executive director of the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority. Only Baker and Ra'mon were on the rental lease, he said.

Police responded to 179B twice within a five-day span from Jan. 30 to Feb. 4, Duplantis said. The first incident was a verbal argument. No charges were filed, and no violence was reported to police, the chief said.

On Feb. 4, police arrived to find Hayes had left. Duplantis characterized the incident as a domestic dispute and said the responding officer reported the pair had shoved one another. Nobody was injured, and no charges were filed.

A cashier at Rouse's Supermarket, Baker used her \$2,000 income-tax return to purchase the Crown Vic about a month ago, said Baker's grandmother, Barbara A. Baker Brown. Baker gave her boyfriend of roughly two and a half years the money and asked him to make the purchase because she didn't have a valid driver's license.

Hayes complied, but Baker was still left to carrying Ra'mon to the babysitter on foot before making her trek to work. Hayes, according to neighbors in the public-housing complex, bogarted the automobile for his personal use. "He wouldn't even bring her back and forth to work," said Heather Fremin, Baker's friend and co-worker. "When he got the car, he started acting stupid," said Baker Brown, who raised Baker and her high-school-age sister. "He left her and said, 'Thank you for the car, dumb bitch.'"

Hayes, who stands at 6 feet, 2 inches and weighs 164 pounds, was not on Senator Circle's "do-not-trespass list," according to the housing director. However, he was thrown off the premises – either on March 17 or 18; Duplantis' and Thibodeaux's accounts conflict – and instructed by police not to return, the police chief said.

Duplantis said the incident occurred on March 17 and concerned a verbal dispute. No charges were filed, and there were no reports of violence. "He was cooperative with the officers," Duplantis said. "They basically told him not to return."

Thibodeaux said he learned of the clash from an employee during the standoff. The complex's manager wrote on a March 18 log she stayed at work after hours until 5:15 p.m. because the resident in 179B "called cops for someone who broke into her unit."

On March 19, Hayes was driving a black Crown Victoria in the Thibodeaux area when Lafourche sheriff's deputies pulled him over for erratic driving, according to spokesman Brennan Matherne. During the stop, deputies noticed a later-determined-stolen handgun in the center console and that the temporary tag was registered to a different vehicle, Matherne said. As officers began to detain two passengers in the car, Hayes ran away and eluded arrest.

After fleeing from sheriff's deputies, Hayes frequently spoke of not wanting to be jailed again, Baker Brown said. About a year ago, Hayes made news when he allegedly threatened a fellow Lafourche Parish Detention Center inmate into covering a security camera while Hayes sparked a fire that caused the jail to be evacuated. In detention then for contempt of court, Hayes was charged with aggravated arson and simple assault, Matherne said.

On March 23, police responded to Rosemary Street relating to another dispute between Baker and Hayes. Baker alleged Hayes stole her cellphone. The officer could not locate the suspect and issued a call for officers to be on the lookout for Hayes. A simple-robbery warrant for Hayes' arrest was filed three days later for the missing cell phone.

Hayes also began to stalk Baker more intensely going into late March and was frequently violent, her grandmother said. "He kicked her and stomped on her while she was carrying that baby," said Baker Brown, who lives in Thibodeaux. "He choked her and everything. He choked her by her neck. He's extremely violent." Fremin, the co-worker, said she never saw Hayes abuse Baker, but she was in Baker's house when verbal arguments reached crescendos. On those occurrences, she left, she said. Other neighbors also said they were unaware of any physical abuse between Baker and Hayes.

Julie Pellegrin is executive director of The Haven in Houma, a shelter for female victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. She said domestic violence remains underreported by victims, often because they fear the perpetrator could remain free and exact recourse.

"Certainly people are threatened by their perpetrators that, 'If you call police, if you tell somebody, this will be worse,'" Pellegrin said. "Often times they threaten the person's children: 'I'll kill the children, I'll harm the children if you let anybody know.' So there's a multitude of reasons of why, but certainly domestic violence is one of the most underreported crimes."

There is no one-size-fits all solution for victims of domestic violence, but The Haven offers counseling, opportunities for refuge and familiarity with laws pertaining to abuse and parents' rights, Pellegrin said.

When Baker didn't show up to work on Thursday, the day before Hayes took her hostage, Baker Brown feared the worst and raced to Houma from Thibodeaux. She learned her granddaughter was hospitalized with a stomach virus. Neither could afford the \$40 for medication. Baker Brown left her granddaughter with a warning.

"I told her yesterday, 'Don't open that door,' so I don't know how he got in that house," she said. Baker Brown said her granddaughter was trying to establish a familial environment with Ra'mon – whom police left "in safe hands with family members," Duplantis acknowledged – but that she couldn't rid herself of Hayes. "She was trying to get her life together. She got her a house. She got her a job. She tried to help him go with her, but he don't want to do right," Baker Brown said. "She tried to be on her own, but I told her this was too far – I couldn't get to her if something happened – and now something happened."



<http://www.arkansasmatters.com/story/search-for-louisiana-man-in-attempted-murder-of-arkansas-police-officer/d/story/x613Dlw5U02m46etAMeMQA>

Louisiana/Arkansas Border

UNION PARISH

September 18, 2013

Search for Louisiana Man in Attempted Murder of Arkansas Police Officer



UNION PARISH, LA ([KTVE-KARD](#)) - A manhunt is underway on the Louisiana/Arkansas border for a Spearsville (Louisiana) man facing charges of attempted murder of a police officer in Arkansas and a home invasion in Union Parish.

It all started shortly before 5 p.m. Tuesday when deputies with the Union Parish Sheriff's Office (UPS0) received a complaint that John Meade **had forced his way into a house where his estranged wife was living in the Spearsville area.**

UPS0 Chief Deputy Dusty Gates said Meade **crawled into the house through a bedroom window and tried to hold the woman inside before she managed to escape.**

Meade, 33, then reportedly took a truck from his employer and drove it to El Dorado (Union County). Authorities there received a call about a possible drunk driver and when officers found the man, he refused to stop. Deputies with the Union County Sheriff's Office and Arkansas State Police then chased Meade down U.S. 167 toward Louisiana.

Gates said they set up a road block and that the truck driven by Meade kept going. He said shots were fired by law enforcement to disable the vehicle. The shots caused the truck to stall out just over the state line into Louisiana.

Meade then ran into a wooded area where he is being sought by Arkansas and Louisiana officers.

Gates said Meade will face home invasion, domestic abuse battery, felony theft (the truck) and possible other charges in Union Parish. Meade, who is a registered sex offender, also will face charges in Union County.

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<http://www.fox8live.com/story/26218146/rosepine-police-chief-arrested-for-stalking>

Leesville, LA
VERNON PARISH
August 6, 2014

Vernon Parish Police Chief Arrested for Stalking



LEESVILLE, La. (AP) - Rosepine Police Chief James Parrott was arrested Wednesday, accused of stalking his estranged wife at her job and home.

Sgt. James Anderson, a spokesman for Louisiana State Police Troops D and E, said troopers arrested Parrott at the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office on charges of stalking and malfeasance in office. After posting \$1,000 bond there, Anderson said Parrott was taken to the Beauregard Parish jail, where he was booked with the same charges. Bond there was set at \$15,000, Anderson said.

It was unclear whether Parrott remained in custody or was represented by an attorney.

Anderson said Parrott, 49, was booked in both parishes because the alleged crimes occurred in both jurisdictions.

According to a complaint lodged last month against Parrott, Anderson said Parrott allegedly followed his wife and a male friend back to her new home where he obtained the license plate number of the man's vehicle.

"Parrott then used the Rosepine Police Department's computer databases to run the license plate to obtain the identity of the male friend," he said. "Detectives also confirmed that Parrott followed his estranged wife home from work and took photographs of her at her place of employment. Furthermore, Chief Parrott contacted his wife's employer and requested that she be terminated."

Anderson said an investigation is continuing.

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Rosepine, LA
VERNON PARISH
April 9, 2010

Rosepine Man Arrested for Stalking



The Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office has arrested a Rosepine man on one count of stalking.

Danny Mikkelsen, 48, was arrested after a woman told the Sheriff's office April 5 that Mikkelsen was harrasing her by arriving uninvited at the same location as she and contacting friends, family and acquaintances in an effort to obtain information about her. The victim also stated that Mikkelsen was parking close to her residence so that he could observe her.

The victim provided statements from other witnesses confirming her report.

Detectives with the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office took Mikkelsen into custody at his residence and booked him into Vernon Parish Jail.

Mikkelsen was served with a protective order from the victim and his bond was set at \$25,000. He remained in the Vernon Parish jail Wednesday afternoon.

Louisiana Criminal Code defines stalking as the intentional and repeated following or harassing of another person that would cause a reasonable person to feel alarmed or suffer emotional distress. Stalking shall include but not be limited to the intentional and repeated uninvited presence of the perpetrator at another person's home, work place, school, or any place which would cause a reasonable person to be alarmed or to suffer emotional distress as a result of verbal or behaviorally implied threats of death, bodily injury, sexual assault, kidnapping or any other statutory criminal act to himself or any member of his family or any person with whom he is acquainted.



<http://www.kalb.com/home/headlines/GPSO-arrests-Atlanta-man-for-battery-child-endangerment-288447141.html>

Atlanta, LA
WINN PARISH
January 13, 2015

GPSO Arrests Atlanta Man for Battery, Child Endangerment



KALB - Atlanta, Louisiana - The Grant Parish Sheriff's Office received a report of a domestic disturbance where shots had been fired on January 8, 2015.

Deputies discovered that Walter Neal Box, Jr. had fired a shotgun over his wife's head, beaten her, destroyed her cell phone, and threatened to kill her if she left.

All of this was done in the presence of their children.

Walter Neal Box, Jr., 41, of Atlanta, Louisiana, was arrested for Domestic Abuse Battery with Child Endangerment, three counts of Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, Illegal Use of Weapons, and False Imprisonment.



<http://www.wbrz.com/news/gonzales-police-officer-arrested-for-domestic-abuse/>

Gonzales, LA
ASCENSION PARISH
August 9, 2013

Gonzales Police Officer Arrested for Domestic Abuse



A Gonzales Police Department officer has been arrested and charged with Domestic Abuse Battery.

34-year-old Davin Miller was arrested by the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office was called in on the case by the Gonzales Police due to Miller working for the police department.

The police department did the initial investigation.

Residents, Victims Take Stand against Domestic Violence



The Jambalaya Park in Gonzales is a place usually reserved for celebration, but on Monday evening darkened silhouettes dotted the crowd gathered there. Each one represented a life lost to domestic violence in Louisiana in the last calendar year.

"We're also just bringing awareness to the community about domestic violence," explained Kimberlee Wells, the Iris Domestic Violence Center Outreach Director.

The Iris Center hosted Take Back the Night, an event focusing on domestic violence awareness. It was a chance for Ascension Parish residents to come together with law enforcement and domestic violence workers to make a stand and remember those who could not escape.

"Any time you promote awareness about a certain dynamic of crime, anytime you do that, get the community involved, it's always harder for the criminals in this case to get by with it," explained Ascension Parish Sheriff Jeff Wiley.

Of those deaths in Louisiana, four were in Ascension Parish.

"Victims that feel like they have nowhere to go, nowhere to turn, they have no hope," said Wells. "That's the message we want to address that we are in the community to help."

The Iris Center operates in seven parishes and can provide victims with everything from emergency shelter to job skills activities. The center's 24-hour hotline is 225-389-3001. More information can be found [here](#).

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Deputies Arrest Murder Suspect

Dennis Williams, a suspect in the Sunday night stabbing death of his wife, Laura Williams, was arrested by Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office deputies around 9 a.m. today.

Chief Deputy Steve Martel said Williams was found under a house on Starlight Baptist Church Road, not far from his home. He was taken to a hospital for treatment of apparently self-inflicted stab wounds. Once he is released from the hospital, he will be booked into Avoyelles Detention Center #1 in Marksville under a charge of second-degree murder and be held under a \$500,000 bond.

Deputies called in tracking dogs from the state prison in Cottonport to search for Williams in the Starlight Baptist Church Road area Sunday night and Monday morning.

Williams, 48, of 483 Starlight Baptist Church Road is accused of the fatal stabbing of his 46-year-old wife. Deputies received a report of a crime at the house on Sunday night. When they arrived at the scene around 7 p.m., Williams was gone and his wife was dead from one or more stab wounds. Avoyelles Coroner Dr. L.J. Mayeux confirmed the victim was stabbed but would not say whether she died from a single stab or multiple stabs.



<http://www.ksla.com/story/26664607/bossier-city-man-gets-life-in-prison-no-parole-for-fatally-stabbing-mother>

Benton, LA
BOSSIER PARISH
September 30, 2014

Bossier City Man Gets Life in Prison, No Parole for Fatally Stabbing Mother



A Bossier City man has been sentenced to life in prison without the benefit of probation or parole for the **fatal stabbing of his mother** in November 2011.

Christopher Holder, now 23, was convicted of second degree murder on August 19 in the death Dr. Donna Holder in their home, where **he repeatedly stabbed her with different knives**.

Dr. Holder was a physician at LSU Hospital.

Her son's taped confession was played at his trial, in which he said that when he woke up the morning of the killing, he knew he was going to kill his mother that day.

In the 911 call also played at trial, Holder blamed the crime on an intruder who had allegedly broken in. Holder described the supposed intruder with specific description, an indication that he knew right from wrong at the time of the crime.

The taped confession included more details of the crime, including the type of weapons used. Holder said he picked up five knives. The first one broke, so he went into the kitchen and got more knives. He told detectives that he grabbed so many knives because he wanted to make sure his mother was dead.

Marvin also emphasized that at the time of Holder's confession, he didn't bring up a later assertion that Jesus Christ told him to kill his mother. A year after the confession, he told law enforcement that Jesus Christ killed Donna Holder through her son's eyes.

Defense attorney Rick Fayard said there was no doubt that Christopher Holder has serious mental problems, suggesting Holder needs to be medicated.

Marvin acknowledged that Holder had mental problems, but says his plea of not guilty by reason of insanity was correctly rejected by the jury. "Hopefully, this will allow the victim's remaining family to begin closure of this tragic incident," Marvin said in a statement following Holder's sentencing on Tuesday morning.



<http://www.fox44.com/news/crimetracker/bossier-deputy-fired-following-domestic-abuse-arrest>

BOSSIER PARISH
September 23, 2014

Bossier Parish Deputy Fired After Domestic Abuse Arrest



BOSSIER PARISH, LA (KMSS) — Bossier Sheriff Julian Whittington terminated a deputy Tuesday morning following the deputy's arrest for domestic abuse earlier this morning.

Billy J. Bonacci, 45, of the 400 block of Joe Lewis Rd. in Houghton, was arrested and charged with domestic abuse battery by the Bossier Sheriff's Office following a physical altercation with his wife of eight years at their residence around midnight Monday. Injuries did not require medical attention.

Bonacci was hired by the Bossier Sheriff's Office on March 1, 2006.

CBS NEWS

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/will-louisiana-mayoral-candidate-domestic-violence-case-affect-race/>

**Shreveport, LA
BOSSIER PARISH
October 31, 2014**

Mayoral candidate says she fatally shot her husband in 1968



SHREVEPORT, La. -- A 46-year-old homicide case has suddenly emerged as an issue in the mayoral race in Shreveport, Louisiana. The leading candidate in the race, Ollie Tyler, told the media that she killed her first husband in 1968 during a domestic violence incident.

In August 1968, Ollie Tyler, then 23, shot her husband in the chest in her mother's bedroom in Shreveport. The couple had been married for 11 months. Tyler, who used her husband's last name, Harris, told police at the time that she was repeatedly beaten by her husband during their marriage.

And, that she was so frightened of her husband that she bought a .22-caliber pistol at a pawn shop just two weeks before the shooting.

The entire account is in [police reports disclosed Friday by the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office](#).

Tyler was at her parents' home that August day in '68 when her husband arrived in the late evening and the two began arguing. Tyler told police that her husband had been drinking. Her parents told authorities that Harris, who was 24, started to beat his wife while she was lying on her mother's bed.

Tyler's mother, Ida Spearman, had taken Tyler's gun away from her earlier that day and tried to "hide" it in her apron. Tyler told police that Harris struck her three times on the side of her head.

She left her mother's bedroom, got the gun from her mother's apron and returned to the bedroom and pointed the gun at Harris.

Tyler's father, Leroy Spearman, heard his daughter say, "Don't come any closer or I'll shoot." Her father then heard a single gunshot.

Her mother heard her daughter say, "get back off me, get back off me."

Tyler told police that she was standing "ten paces" from her husband when she shot him in the chest. She said, "I was hysterical."

She dropped the gun and Tyler's father got Harris out of the bedroom. At that point, Tyler told police she picked up the gun and turned it on herself.

"I wanted to shoot myself in the heart," she told police. But before that could happen, her 15-year-old brother stopped her and she shot herself in the left leg.

Tyler was so distraught after the shooting that on the way to the hospital, she jumped out of her father's moving car in an attempt to kill herself.

On Thursday night, Tyler told the Shreveport Times a different version of the story. She said that Harris tried to kill her with a gun. She said the first shot struck her in the leg during the struggle with her husband. Then the gun went off again and Harris was shot in the chest.

William Bradford, Tyler's spokesperson, told [Crimesider](#) that the incident was "the most dramatic event" in Tyler's life, so her memory from 46 years ago may be affected by the terrible event.

Back then, Tyler was arrested and charged with homicide. But the case was, apparently, never processed beyond charges. The Caddo Parish District Attorney's office has searched the court files and can find no record of how the case proceeded.

Tyler told police that her husband had repeatedly beaten her. She went to the hospital at least once after a beating.

In 1968, Tyler told police, "I didn't mean to pull the trigger." Thursday, Tyler told the [Shreveport Times](#) the "shooting was accidental."

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Orthopedic Surgeon Arrested for Domestic Abuse



Michael Acurio issued \$200,000 bond after Gwen's Law hearing. He filed for divorce Wednesday.

A local orthopedic surgeon was arrested Tuesday for multiple alleged crimes including domestic abuse with strangulation.

Michael Acurio, 54, of Benton, is accused of assaulting his wife and her sister after a verbal argument became physical, according to Bossier Sheriff spokesman Dep. Josh Cagle.

Authorities learned about the case after responding to Willis-Knighton Pierremont in Shreveport at approximately 7:20 a.m. Dec. 7. Shelley Acurio, Michael Acurio's wife, was being treated there, but her sister was not, said Cagle.

Jail records show Michael Acurio lives in the 500 block of Parks Road. Cagle said there are no reports of prior domestic violence at the residence.

Michael Acurio turned himself in at 1:35 p.m. Tuesday to the Bossier Parish Maximum Security Facility, where he is being detained as of Thursday morning, after a warrant was issued for his arrest. Cagle said no charges are expected to be filed against others in the struggle.

At a Gwen's Law hearing Wednesday, Michael Acurio's bond was set at \$200,000, said Bossier District Attorney J. Schuyler Marvin. Gwen's Law, which was passed after the May killing of Gwen Salley, states that felony domestic abusers must be given a bail hearing in which both sides are present within five days of the arrest, Marvin said. A judge has discretion whether to allow bond at all, based on a consideration of relevant evidence.

Michael Acurio filed for divorce against his wife Wednesday, according to court documents. They married July 30, 2011 and separated July 24, 2014. After Shelley Acurio filed for divorce July 25, the couple reconciled and she dismissed the divorce petition. The two separated again Dec. 7, according to a petition.

Michael Acurio alleges in his petition that his wife became intoxicated Dec. 7 and after he pleaded that she stop, she "slapped and punched" him, threw a glass jar striking him in the face, and stabbed him in his back with an unknown object. He alleges previously, his wife subjected him to "extreme mental cruelty," beatings and threats.

In a protective order filed by Shelley Acurio, she wrote that on Dec. 7, her husband punched her in the face, choked and kicked her, and chased her and her sister out of the house with a knife, threatening to kill them. She alleged "multiple times in the past of abuse, mental and physical" of her husband against her.

The arrests for Michael Acurio's alleged abuse happened just hours before hundreds gathered in Shreveport Tuesday night to speak out against domestic violence. The rally was inspired by the memory of Alicia West, 33, who was stabbed to death Saturday. Her ex-boyfriend, Kelvin Dewayne Brown II, 26, faces a murder charge in her killing.

Michael Acurio is a familiar face in the Shreveport-Bossier community, having served as a private-practice physician at Orthopedic Specialists of Louisiana since 1991, according to biographical information on the organization's Facebook page.

He was crowned King Gemini XXIII as part of the 2012 Krewe of Gemini Mardi Gras festivities. He and his wife also reportedly paid \$22,500 at an auction to view a "Duck Dynasty" taping. According to news reports, the couple has six children between the two of them.

Michael Acurio faces charges of second-degree battery, domestic abuse with strangulation, and aggravated assault against his wife, and counts of simple battery and aggravated assault against his wife's sister, said Cagle.

The physician was also ordered not to contact the "victim or any party connected to the victim" and to stay away from his home until Dec. 23, when he can move back in. His wife is to move out by Dec. 22. Michael Acurio must also appear once every two weeks to the Bossier Sheriff probation office for drug and alcohol screening, pay a \$75 monthly supervision fee, and forfeit all firearms until the matter is closed, according to court minutes.

The investigation into the incident is ongoing.

An earlier version of this article incorrectly identified the person whom the court ordered to vacate the home the Acurios shared. Shelley Acurio must leave the residence by Dec. 22.

BOSSIER PARISH SHERIFF RELEASES 2013 CRIME STATS



New statistics released today show a slight decrease in crime last year in Bossier Parish. Sheriff Julian Whittington says there were a total of 898 major crimes in 2013, down just a bit from the 915 in 2012.

Property crimes saw a decrease of 40 cases in 2013. There were 565 in 2012, and 525 last year, largely due to a significant decline in the number of residential and business burglaries. Those went down by half, from 59 to 30, and 11 to 6 cases, respectively. Vehicle burglaries, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson cases remained about the same.

Violent crimes against people rose from 277 cases in 2012 to 308 in 2013, primarily due to an increase in the number of domestic abuse battery cases, which went from 82 to 143. There was one homicide in Bossier Parish in 2013, in which Robert Bond is charged with murdering his wife, Annie Bond, in November.

Detectives worked no rape cases and only one robbery in 2013. Assaults decreased slightly.

"Our entire team at the Bossier Sheriff's Office works tirelessly to prevent, fight and solve crimes here in Bossier Parish," Sheriff Whittington says. "Our partnerships with other law enforcement agencies and the commitment we have with our Neighborhood Watch partners help keep crime rates low here in Bossier Parish."

Read More: [Bossier Parish Sheriff Releases 2013 Crime Stats](http://710keel.com/bossier-parish-sheriff-releases-2013-crime-stats/?trackback=tsmclip) | <http://710keel.com/bossier-parish-sheriff-releases-2013-crime-stats/?trackback=tsmclip>

Shooter Cleared in Maria Marshall Murder now Admits to Pulling Trigger, 30 Years Later



Maria and Robert Marshall on vacation in 1984 - one month before she was killed at a picnic area alongside the Garden State Parkway in a crime that became known as the "Blind Faith" murder case.

In a stunning revelation from behind bars, a Louisiana man who was cleared of the murder of Maria Marshall by the side of the Garden State Parkway nearly 30 years ago has now admitted to being the triggerman, authorities said.

But since Larry Thompson, 71, was already cleared once by a New Jersey jury, he can't be prosecuted in the infamous slaying of Maria Marshall, who was shot twice in the back in the early hours of Sept. 7, 1984, authorities said. Marshall's husband, Robert Marshall, was convicted for arranging his wife's murder, and is still in prison.

Thompson admitted on April 25 that he was in the state at the time of the crime – telling the retired investigator who led the hunt for the killer that he was the triggerman as detectives had believed, said Joseph Coronato, the Ocean County Prosecutor.

Marshall was found dead in the passenger seat of her husband's white Cadillac at the Oyster Creek Picnic Area, authorities said at the time. The investigation later turned up that she had been shot twice at close range by a .45-caliber automatic pistol.

Her husband, Robert O. Marshall, told detectives the Cadillac had a problem with the right rear tire of the car, pulled over to the picnic area, and when he got out to check the car, was knocked unconscious from behind. He awoke to find his wife shot dead, he said.

But after a three-month investigation, Robert Marshall and three men from Louisiana were indicted: Billy Wayne McKinnon, Robert A. Cumber and Thompson.

The murder drew huge attention – and the trial had to be moved south to Atlantic County. After a two-month trial, Marshall was found guilty of offering money to people to murder his wife – and received the death penalty, authorities said. The death sentence was overturned in 2004 and Robert Marshall is now serving 30 years to life in prison.

But Thompson was found not guilty, largely based on the testimony of his family members who said he had been seen in Louisiana around the time of the murder. At least one of those family members recanted their testimony to investigators in April, which led to Thompson's admission, authorities announced today.

"There are no legal avenues we can pursue at this time because our laws preclude further prosecution and substantial time has lapsed since the event occurred, we felt it was important to publicize these developments so that the family and friends of Maria Marshall could find some degree of closure to this tragic event," Coronato said.

The killing spawned the best-selling book "Blind Faith" and a television miniseries — but the person who had pulled the trigger had never been identified.

Chief James A. Churchill, who led the Ocean County Prosecutor's investigation of the Marshall death nearly 30 years ago, got the confession from Thompson on April 25. The retired investigator was contacted in October 2013 by the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office. Louisiana authorities told him Thompson was suspected in a killing in Shreveport — a 1979 murder that sounded familiar, considering the victim was with her husband at the time she was killed. Due to the similarities in the case, Churchill was invited down to assist.

The revelations began to come. On April 14, Thompson admitted to the Caddo District Attorney that he had used a false alibi at his trial in 1986 for the Marshall murder, authorities said today. Three days later, Thompson's son Brian, who had said in 1986 that his father accompanied him to the dentist around the time of the killing, changed his story, saying it was his mother who had taken him, authorities said.

Finally, on April 25, in Angola state prison in West Feliciana Parish, Thompson admitted his full involvement, authorities said. To Churchill — the man who had pursued him but failed nearly 30 years ago — he reportedly admitted that he was in New Jersey at the time of the killing — and that he fired the shots that killed Maria Marshall at the picnic area off the Parkway.

There were further admissions, authorities said. The alibi about the dental appointment was created while he was in New Jersey awaiting trial — and was spurred by the fact that Thompson's wife had signed her husband's name to the bank slip used to withdraw the cash to pay for the dental appointment. The other witnesses providing his alibi were either lying or mistaken, Thompson also said.

But Thompson won't serve any time for killing Maria Marshall, despite his admission, according to authorities. Thompson, currently in the 12th year of a 50-year-plus sentence for armed robbery and attempted murder, cannot be prosecuted. The U.S. Constitution guarantees that a person cannot be tried twice for the same crime. Since he was found "not guilty" in 1986, he can't be subject to "double jeopardy," Coronato said.

The witnesses who lied on his behalf also can't be charged, since the statute of limitations for perjury in New Jersey is 5 years, Ocean County authorities added.

Thompson has also now been indicted in that 1979 killing in Louisiana, according to Shreveport authorities. The inmate is now indicted in the murder of Deanna Montgomery — as has Montgomery's husband James Montgomery, authorities announced Thursday. The mother of two young children was killed on New Year's Day by a shotgun blast to the head, authorities allege.

However, there is at least some degree of closure on the Marshall case, according to Al Della Fave, a spokesman for Coronato.

"The law enforcement community, particularly those who worked on the investigation and prosecution of Larry Thompson, are comforted with this news as it confirms what we all believed to be the facts 30 years ago," Della Fave said.

Shreveport, LA
CADDO PARISH
July 22, 2014

Caddo D.A.: Husband Arrested for Murder of Wife in Shreveport Cold Case



Two indictments have been handed down in the cold case murder of a wife and mother in Shreveport.

"There's been a case that's been haunting Shreveport for 35 years," said Caddo Parish D.A. Charles Rex Scott during a news conference Thursday afternoon.

Scott announced that James H. Montgomery was arrested Thursday afternoon after an indictment for the second degree murder of his wife Deanna Montgomery.

Also charged was Larry Thompson Sr., who is already in custody in another jurisdiction. A source told KSLA News 12 that Thompson is serving an 80 year prison sentence in Angola Prison for armed robbery.

When pressed for more information on the new evidence and the alleged involvement of both men Scott would not comment further, but promised those details would be revealed through court documents.

"The discovery will be filed over at the clerk's office, and once this is filed, and I expect this to be done in the next 30 days, then you will have a wealth of information," Scott said.

Deanna Montgomery was shot in the head and killed at the age of 32, while riding in a vehicle with her husband on Line Avenue back in 1979. The case was reopened in 2012 after the D.A. received new information.

Since that time Scott says his prosecutors and investigators have worked countless hours gathering evidence and putting a case together.

Bail has been set at \$750,000 for each of them.

Here's more information about some [Caddo Parish's current cold cases](#).

Stay with KSLA News 12 for updates as they become available.

Shreveport Firefighter, Girlfriend, Arrested



A Shreveport firefighter was arrested following a dispute near downtown Shreveport late Monday night, according to a statement.

At approximately 10:55 p.m. on February 23, 2015, Shreveport Police officers were dispatched to an apartment home in the 700 block of Cotton Street relative to an assault and battery call. Upon arrival, patrolmen contacted Jessica Williams who reported her boyfriend, Shreveport Fireman Marcus Hines, bit her in the lower arm during an argument between the couple allegedly stemming from damage to his cell phone. Williams was treated for minor injuries at the scene by the Shreveport Fire Department.

Investigators with the police department's Domestic Violence Unit were notified and immediately responded to the scene. Based on evidence and information gathered during their inquiry, Hines, 29, of the 7000 block of Fern Avenue in Shreveport, was charged with one count of simple battery while Williams, 27, of the 700 block of Cotton Street in Shreveport, was charged with one count of simple property damage. Both were booked into the Shreveport City Jail.

Shreveport, LA
CADD O PARISH
December 13, 2014

Shreveport Man Arrested After Domestic Dispute



Lamarce Dudley, 28

A Shreveport man is behind bars after an alleged domestic dispute on Saturday morning.

Police say it happened at around 7:00 in the 4800 block of Westwood Park Drive. Officers say they saw a man on top of a woman, physically assaulting her. They detained the suspect, 28-year-old Lamarce Dudley.

According to investigators, Dudley and the woman were arguing when he started physically assaulting her. The woman's 8-year-old son woke up during the incident, then grabbed a knife and gave it to his mother, who began to swing the knife at Dudley to get him off of her. She was able to free herself and run outside to the front yard, where Dudley caught up with her and allegedly continued to assault her.

Dudley was treated at a local hospital for minor cuts on his upper body, and then taken to the Shreveport City Jail. He is charged with domestic abuse battery with strangulation. The woman was not charged in the incident.



<http://www.ksla.com/story/28284217/spd-tip-leads-to-arrest-of-long-wanted-felony-suspect>

Shreveport, LA
CADDO PARISH
March 6, 2015

SPD: Tip leads to arrest of long-wanted felony suspect



Ronnie Antonio Young, Jr., 32

A local man wanted on a slew of felony charges is now in police custody thanks in part to a Crime Stoppers tip, but police say their suspect didn't go quietly.

Police say investigators had been trying to capture 32-year-old Ronnie Antonio Young Jr. since last year when they got a tip on where he was.

As a result of that tip, officers were executing an arrest warrant at a home in the 500 block of Woodrow Street just after 8 Friday morning when they say Young fled from the home after breaking through a glass window at the back of the house.

He was quickly taken into custody, however, and booked into the Shreveport City Jail on outstanding warrants with charges of illegal carrying of a weapon, home invasion, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, **domestic abuse battery with strangulation**, open container and driving improper on multiple lane road.

Young also faces new charges of resisting an officer in connection with Friday's arrest.

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Vivian Man Charged With Sister's Murder



A Vivian man is facing murder and arson charges today after shooting his sister and setting their home on fire.

RELATED STORY: [Suspect in custody in connection with Vivian death](#)

Chris McCauley, 45, was booked into the Caddo Correctional Center today for the murder of his sister, Carmen, 50.

Authorities were called to their residence around 3:30 a.m. Monday morning after a family member went to their home and saw smoke but couldn't get anyone to answer the door. Vivian Police Officer Clint Alexander responded and entered the house but was overcome by smoke. Fire District #8 extinguished the fire and found Carmen McCauley deceased in the bedroom. The fire is under investigation by the Louisiana State Fire Marshal.

Sheriff's Sgt. James Lewis said Carmen was found in her bed. An autopsy revealed that she had been shot multiple times.

Chris McCauley was not at the house when Caddo Sheriff's deputies arrived. Sheriff's Deputy Justin McDonald, who is assigned to the U.S. Marshal's Task Force, found him several hours later walking down East Washington Street near Youree Drive in Shreveport.

Vivian Police said they had not responded to any previous domestic calls between the siblings at the residence. They had been living together in the house for several months while their mother was sick. She recently passed away.

McCauley was booked into CCC for second-degree murder and aggravated arson by Caddo Detective Matt Purgerson, who investigated the case. No bond has been set.

UPDATE: Woman Dies from Injuries after Falling Out of Husband's Pickup



A Shreveport woman who fell from the bed of her husband's truck earlier this week has died from her injuries.

Sherri Wray, 48, passed away Wednesday night at University Health.

Charges against her husband 46-year-old Allen Wray have been upgraded to manslaughter. A Shreveport woman is in critical condition and her husband is in jail after she fell from the bed of the truck he was driving.

Around 9 a.m. Monday Allen Labon Wray, 46, of Bossier City, and his estranged wife, Sherri Wray, 48, 9 a.m. stopped on a private drive near Brooks Rd. to talk.

The couple was sitting on the truck's tailgate when Allen decided to leave, but Sherri remained in the truck bed.

Investigators believe Allen drove away, he slammed on his breaks several times and then "gassed" the truck, causing Sherri to fall out of the back.

Sherri was transported to University Health with serious injuries.

Allen was booked into the Caddo Correctional Center for aggravated second-degree battery under the Family Domestic Violence Act and reckless operation.



<http://www.kplctv.com/story/27943330/convicted---sex---offender---charged---with---domestic---battery---in---Vinton>

Vinton, LA
CALCASIEU PARISH
January 26, 2015

Convicted Sex Offender Charged with Domestic Battery in Vinton



VINTON, LA (KPLC) -A convicted sex offender has been charged with domestic abuse battery and failure to register following an incident in Vinton.

Vinton Police responded to a domestic disturbance on Friday in the 900 block of West St. Upon arrival at the scene, officers discovered a female victim who had received injuries in a physical altercation.

After running a criminal history check on the subject, investigators discovered that 38-year-old Brett David Gonzales had been previously convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a juvenile in Texas, and as such, he is required to register as a sex offender for life.

Gonzales, who had been living in Vinton for several months, failed to notify local law enforcement of his status as a sex offender.

He was arrested and booked into the Calcasieu Correctional Center on charges of domestic abuse battery and failure to register as a sex offender.

His bond was set at \$80,000 by Judge Michael Canaday.

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<http://www.wbrz.com/news/domestic-call-results-in-shooting/>

Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
December 14, 2014

Domestic Call Results in Shooting



BATON ROUGE - Six BRPD officers are on administrative leave after an officer-involved shooting Saturday night.

Baton Rouge Police spokesperson Cpl. L'Jean McKneely said officers responded to a domestic disturbance complaint after 9:30 p.m. on Jackson Ave.

The suspect involved fled the scene by vehicle but lost control and struck a house about a block away on Washington Ave.

After exiting the vehicle the suspect began shooting at officers. Police shot back, striking the suspect multiple times.

He was transported to a local hospital with moderate injuries, according to BRPD.

Following his release from the hospital the suspect will be jailed at East Baton Rouge Parish Prison.

Police say there were no other injuries.

Cpl. McKneely said at least two new officers from last month's graduating class were involved in the shootout while riding with experienced officers. As part of their training, new officers will ride-along in all districts for the next four months.

All guns have been collected from the officers on scene and are being analyzed to determine who fired their weapon.

It is policy to put officers on administrative leave after being involved in a shooting. The investigation is ongoing.



<http://www.wbrz.com/news/ebroso-man-kills-himself-after-shooting-relative/>

Baton Rouge, LA

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

August 11, 2013

EBRSO: Man kills himself after shooting relative

BATON ROUGE - A man shot himself to death after shooting a relative around 11 a.m. Sunday on the 10000 block of Springbrook Ave., according to East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Casey Rayborn Hicks.

Hicks says 53-year-old Jerry Foster had an argument with his wife Sunday morning and later pulled out a gun and threatened to kill his family and himself. Foster then took his wife at gunpoint to a relative's house on Springbrook Avenue.

Foster then held his wife, teenage son, two adult relatives and their two children at gunpoint threatening to kill them all. Foster allegedly misfired at his wife, and the others tried to run away. Foster then shot his female relative in the back of the leg.

The husband of the woman shot ran to the back of his house to get his gun and fired several shots at Foster but missed. Everyone then fled the house, according to Hicks.

Hicks says deputies arrived on scene two minutes after receiving calls. When deputies arrived, Foster was outside looking for his relatives that ran away.

Foster then fled in his vehicle and committed suicide shortly after deputies pursued him. The woman was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Foster was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Hicks.

Springbrook Avenue is located off Bluebonnet Boulevard near Burbank Drive.



<http://www.wbrz.com/news/standoff-ends-with-police-raiding-home-one-arrest/>

Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
April 12, 2013

Standoff Ends with Police Raiding Home, One Arrest



BATON ROUGE - A domestic dispute in Baton Rouge ended today with police raiding a house and taking one person into custody.

Cpl. L'Jean McKneely said officers arrested one man for assault after the BRPD Special Response Team pulled him out of the home.

McKneely said a woman there told police the man chased her around with a piece of lumber and threatened her this morning. When police arrived McKneely said the man refused to leave the house, and forced officers to take all necessary precautions.

After negotiators couldn't get him to leave the home, the SRT rushed the house and took him into custody.

McKneely said the suspect has a long history of domestic violence.



<http://www.fox44.com/news/crimetracker/brpd-19-year-old-shoots-pregnant-girlfriend-head-over-disagreement>

Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
August 2, 2013

BRPD: 19-Year-Old Shoots Pregnant Girlfriend in the Head Over a Disagreement



BATON ROUGE, LA (FOX44) — A 19-year-old man was arrested this morning for allegedly shooting his pregnant girlfriend because of a "disagreement."

The Baton Rouge Police Department reports that the incident happened around 1:30 a.m. on Friday, August 2. Officers responded to the Kings Court Apartments and found the victim suffering from multiple gun shot wounds.

Officials say the 20-year-old victim was involved in an argument with her boyfriend, Gregory Williams. He allegedly shot her in the head and shoulder, then fled the scene prior to police arrival.

The victim was transported to a local hospital and is expected to survive her injuries.

"She had a surgery and after she recovers we're going to interview her about this particular shooting," Cpl. L'Jean McKneely, Baton Rouge Police Department, said. "As far as we know the baby is fine."

Officers were able to locate Williams at his home. He was arrested and charged with Attempted Second-Degree Murder. He was booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison.

"There's a possibility they may upgrade or change some of the charges," Cpl. McKneely said.

We're told Williams has no prior criminal history.



<http://www.wafb.com/story/26271416/baton-rouge-police-investigating-attempted-murder-suicide>

**Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
August 13, 2014**

Baton Rouge Police Investigating Attempted Murder, Suicide



BATON ROUGE, LA (WAFB) - Police are investigating a deadly shooting involving a man and a woman that happened Wednesday afternoon in Baton Rouge.

The shooting happened at the St. Theresa Apartments on Winbourne Avenue near North 38th Street shortly after noon.

Cpl. L'Jean Mckneely with the Baton Rouge Police Department says 56-year-old Darrow Davis **shot a 54-year-old woman in the head and then turned the gun on himself.** The woman is in serious condition at a hospital, but is expected to survive. Davis died at the scene.

Police do not believe Davis and the woman were in a relationship and say details surrounding the shooting are still unclear.

A woman who lives across the street from where the shooting occurred says she was on her way out to the store when she realized people were running in different directions.

"With it being so close, guess you know we have got to continue to pray and be careful at all times because bullets don't have names on them," said Vonda Jones.

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Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
January 3, 2013

Deputy Fired After Domestic Assault Arrest



BATON ROUGE - The East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office fired a veteran detective today after they arrested him in suspicion of beating his girlfriend.

EBRSO Spokesperson Casey Rayborn Hicks said deputies arrested Michael Abernathy, 35, today on the charge of domestic abuse battery.

Abernathy worked at the sheriff's office for the past 13 years, most recently as a Burglary and Armed Robbery detective. He also worked in the parish prison and uniform patrol.

Hicks said deputies were told yesterday that Abernathy beat his live-in girlfriend during an incident in December when he had been drinking. Detectives found several bruises on the victim's body which corroborated her statements.

Abernathy was fired today, and will be booked into the parish prison this evening.



<http://www.wbrz.com/news/man-accused-of-breaking-woman-s-nose-with-headbutt/>

**Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
February 12, 2015**

Man Accused of Breaking Woman's Nose with Headbutt



BATON ROUGE - Police arrested a Baton Rouge man after they said he headbutted a pregnant woman in front of her two young children, breaking her nose.

Police accused 25-year-old Sam Mitchell of domestic abuse, battery and child endangerment for the Feb. 10 incident.

Investigators said Mitchell and the victim had been living together for a year, and that the victim was having his baby. Police said the couple were with two children younger than 13 when Mitchell headbutted the victim, breaking her nose.

The woman went to the hospital and told authorities what happened. Police arrested Mitchell and booked him into the parish jail.

BR Man Booked in Shooting Death of Girlfriend after Claiming She Shot Herself

Accused initially said victim shot herself. Sheriff's deputies on Wednesday arrested a Baton Rouge man in the death of his girlfriend just two days after he told investigators she accidentally shot herself in the head while climbing a ladder at their home.

Some of **Lucinda Ann White**'s family never believed the story, and after several rounds of questioning, Jason Bringier, 32, confessed to fatally shooting White at their Toulon Drive home off South Sherwood Forest Boulevard, said Casey Rayborn Hicks, an East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office spokeswoman.

Deputies arrested Bringier and booked him into parish prison Wednesday on counts of second-degree murder, obstruction of justice, illegal carrying of a firearm and possession of marijuana.

Bringier initially told detectives that White, 30, walked out of a bedroom about 1 a.m. Monday while playing with a handgun. Then, he said, he heard a gunshot and found her bleeding in another room, Hicks said.

White's grandfather, George Davis, said his granddaughter feared weapons and Bringier's story didn't add up.

"If you're climbing up in the closet and a pistol goes off and it hits you in the back of the head — that's a bunch of bull," George Davis said.

During the investigation, detectives learned Bringier called his mother before dialing 911.

They also found a pistol and drugs in a garbage can outside the couple's home, Hicks said.

Bringier told investigators in a follow-up interview that he hid the gun and drugs because he didn't want deputies to find them. He also stuck to his original story when it came to explaining White's death, Hicks said.

White's friends and family members described Bringier to investigators as an abusive marijuana dealer, Hicks said.

In a third interview with deputies, Bringier confessed to shooting White, Hicks said.

"He alleges it was accidental, though physical evidence supports it was intentional," Hicks said.

On Wednesday, the East Baton Rouge Coroner's Office ruled White's death a homicide, said Beau Clark, the parish coroner.

White's grandmother, Clara Davis, said her granddaughter was a loving mother of three sons: Clayen, 2; Jason, 4; and Charles, 7. As of Wednesday night, the sons were with Bringier's mother, Clara Davis said. White's grandmother said she and her husband helped raise White from a young age. "She was the prettiest little blonde-headed, blue-eyed, beautiful child," Clara Davis said.



<http://www.wbrz.com/news/man-who-shot-pregnant-wife-to-be-sentenced-next-month/>

Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
October 20, 2014

Man Who Shot Pregnant Wife to be Sentenced Next Month



BATON ROUGE - After two years, the man who shot his pregnant wife is being sentenced next month.

Frank Atkins has been convicted of second degree murder and attempted second degree murder. He is facing a life sentence and will go before the court one last time next month.

As a result of the shooting spree, the child his wife was carrying, died and she is now paralyzed from the chest down.

Parish District Attorney, Hillar Moore, weighed in on how the sentencing will most likely turn out.

"In Louisiana for life imprisonment, life is life. And he has no possibility for parole. Obviously there's always appeals possibilities, {but} we don't see any substantial grounds {for that} whatsoever," said Moore.

Atkins' wife, Kayla Atkins, said she will be at the sentencing to witness justice being served.

"I forgave him but he never apologized for what he did. And when I saw him, it just {brought} back all the bad memories from everything that he did to me," said Atkins.

Atkins has devoted her life to speaking out against domestic violence and she speaks around the city, telling her story.

Now, she is on a mission to raise money to buy a vehicle that has the capability to accommodate her wheelchair.

To donate to her [cause](#).

Baton, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
April 11, 2013

NEIGHBORS SAY ALLEGED SHOOTER WAS "GUN ENTHUSIAST"



BATON ROUGE - One woman remains in the hospital after a domestic disturbance ended in a shooting yesterday.

Sheriff's deputies say 48-year-old William Benham shot his stepdaughter, 29-year-old Natalie Corkern, and his wife before turning the gun on himself. Corkern died in the shooting, and her mother is still in the hospital.

It happened last night on Redman Lake Drive, off Hoo Shoo Too Road in Baton Rouge. Neighbors who live near the home describe Benham and his wife as people who keep to themselves.

"I haven't seen him get violent with anybody," said Wanda Seymour "I know, like anybody they have arguments."

Seymour says Benham spent a lot of time in the woods behind his home, shooting targets.

"He was a gun enthusiast, he liked his guns and had many different kinds," she said.

This isn't the first time deputies encountered the couple. In 2012, court documents show they were charged with disturbing the peace. The charges were dropped, but Benham went to anger management.

Sheriff's deputies say alcohol could be a factor, but the investigation is ongoing.



<http://www.nbc12.com/story/26665149/police-say-man-shot-girlfriend-and-bit-officer-during-arrest>

Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
September 30, 2014

Police Say Man Shot Girlfriend and Bit Officer During Arrest



Police said it took five officers to detain a man accused of shooting a woman, choking her and biting one of the officers trying to arrest him Monday night.

The Baton Rouge Police Department reported John Belliazere Jr., 24, of Baton Rouge, was booked on the following charges:

- Attempted second-degree murder
- Second-degree battery
- Resisting an officer with force or violence
- Possessing or dealing in unregistered weapons
- Felon in possession of firearm

Police said they were called to Dalton Street around 9:30 p.m. for a shooting and the first officer on the scene reported seeing Belliazere holding a woman in a choke-hold. According to the probable cause report, the woman was Belliazere's girlfriend and was screaming that he was trying to kill her.

Authorities stated the first officer was able to help the woman break free and tried to put Belliazere in handcuffs. A second officer reported arriving on the scene and tried to help the first one in cuffing the suspect. He said Belliazere was "kicking and rolling around on the ground." The officer added they were able to put the cuffs on him after a struggle.

According to reports, the suspect was able to roll over onto his side and bit one of the officers on the arm. Police said another officer used a stun gun on the suspect in order for him to be detained. They added it took five officers and a set of shackles to detain him.

Reports indicate the suspect continued to kick and would not calm down after being put in the police car, so he was taken to a Baton Rouge hospital. It was learned the woman had been shot in the arm. EMS took her to the hospital. The wound is not considered life-threatening. She reportedly told investigators Belliazere shot her through the bathroom door. Police reported a double-barreled sawed-off shotgun was found at the scene.

He was booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison once he was released from the hospital.

Sheriff's Deputies: Man Chokes, Punches, Throws Pregnant Girlfriend on the Ground after she Accuses Him of Cheating

East Baton Rouge Parish sheriff's deputies Wednesday arrested a Baton Rouge man accused of **choking his pregnant girlfriend and punching her in the stomach.**

Jeremy Johnson, 24, shoved his girlfriend during a March 4 argument about him seeing another woman, according to an arrest warrant. When the victim said she was going to call the police, Johnson smashed her cellphone and began choking her and then threw her into a bedroom dresser, deputies said.

The victim offered to drive Johnson to his father's house and locked him out of the apartment as soon as he walked out the front door, the warrant says.

Johnson then **kicked the door open and began punching the pregnant victim in the stomach,** investigators said. She ran to the parking lot, where he threw her to the ground, police said.

Johnson, 2131 Mariner Driver, apartment D, was booked into Parish Prison on **counts of domestic abuse battery of pregnant woman by strangulation and simple criminal damage to property.**

Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
June 11, 2014

USC Basketball Signee Arrested in Louisiana



COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - South Carolina basketball signee James Thompson has been arrested in Louisiana on charges of aggravated battery and **domestic abuse by battery**.

The East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office website stated that the 19-year-old Thompson was booked Tuesday and released on \$10,000 bail. South Carolina said in a statement it was aware of the charges and gathering more information about the arrest.

Thompson has been charged in two separate incidents involving the same woman, one occurred last year and another earlier this month, according to a police report. Thompson told authorities the latest incident was only a verbal altercation and not physical.

The 6-foot-9, 215-pound forward from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, recently graduated from Parkview Baptist High and is expected on South Carolina's campus later this summer.



<http://www.kpho.com/story/27851811/woman-indicted-for-husbands-murder>

**Baton Rouge, LA
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
January 14, 2015**

Woman Indicted for Husband's Murder



Police have arrested a woman on murder charges after her husband was shot to death while they were riding in a truck together on Saturday.

Euphoria Beauchamp, 50, was arrested in on May 6, 2014 for the shooting death of her husband Noel Beauchamp, 55. The incident happened on Airline Highway between North Foster Drive and McClelland Drive around 9 a.m.

The Baton Rouge Police Department investigated the case. They claim Euphoria admitted to shooting her husband, but said it was self-defense.

Euphoria allegedly told police that her husband violently hit her in the face as he was driving. She was a passenger in the vehicle. Officers, however, arrested Euphoria and charged her with second-degree murder.

"The defendant is presumed innocent," said Hillar Moore, East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney. "Her statements to police appear inconsistent with the physical evidence. There were other statements made by the defendant prior to the shooting that we believe show her true intent."

Euphoria is being held in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on a \$200,000 bond.

Read more: <http://www.kpho.com/story/27851811/woman-indicted-for-husbands-murder#ixzz3U6AK9W8r>

Police said she did not appear to have injuries consistent with a violent beating. They added Noel Beauchamp was shot multiple times in the face and neck area.

The investigation is ongoing.

Read more: <http://www.kpho.com/story/25441063/woman-accused-of-shooting-husband-to-death-while-he-was-driving-a#ixzz3U6A8Gryv>

Read more: <http://www.kpho.com/story/27851811/woman-indicted-for-husbands-murder#ixzz3U68RQbxH>

Grandson Charged in Evangeline Parish Homicide



Christopher Goodley of Ville Platte has been charged with **first degree murder in the death of his Grandmother Delsy Williams (80).**

Williams' body was found in a field in Evangeline Parish last week. Goodley has also been charge with simple burglary.

He's currently in the Evangeline parish jail.

An 80-year-old Ville Platte woman was found dead in a field in Evangeline Parish early Monday morning.

Louisiana State Police and Evangeline Parish authorities are investigating the homicide.

The body of Delsy Williams was found in a field off of Louisiana Highway 29 near Aswell Road.

Authorities said the murder happened around 9:30 Sunday evening at her home on Abraham Street in the Kennedy Subdivision in Ville Platte.

Family members said Williams will be missed.

"It was just hard seeing her laying down in a wet, cold field all through the night and no one was there to reassure her and tell her everything was going to be alright," said Shalonda Tezeno, Williams's Niece.

Tezeno says her Aunt Delsy took in her cousin, Williams' grandson, 21-year-old Christopher Goodley after being released from prison for stealing from Tezeno.

Goodley was taken into questioning Monday afternoon after authorities found him in an abandoned trailer.

While he is a suspect in her murder, he was arrested on an outstanding theft warrant.

Tezeno said Goodley was not home when family was searching for her aunt.

"Her car was parked in the driveway. Family members opened the door and went in the house and everybody was just searching through the house, but we couldn't find her. We noticed blood on the concrete and on the car," said Tezeno.

Tezeno said that's when family called the sheriff's office.

After hours of searching, the family received some closure after the discovery of Williams' body.

One neighbor said Goodley caused a lot of trouble in the area.

"This little guy would go around stealing from people's house. He was not trustworthy," said one neighbor.

Authorities said more arrests are expected in the case. Investigators have not said how Williams was killed.

Accused killer caught in Evangeline Parish



*Larry Slaughter arrested on
second-degree murder*



Latoya Richard

The Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office arrested homicide suspect Larry Slaughter near Beaver Creek on Wednesday morning, Ville Platte Police Chief Neal Lartigue said.

Police booked Slaughter into the Ville Platte City Jail on a count of second-degree murder, then transferred him to the Evangeline Parish Jail, Lartigue said.

Slaughter is accused of killing Latoya Richard, 29, police have said.

Police found Richard's body on the floor of her High School Drive home with her head in a bucket of water on Sept. 22, her sister told KATC.

Richard and Slaughter had been married and separated, but Slaughter had returned home a few months prior to Richard's death to try to work things out, the sister said.

Richard's death was initially called "suspicious," but police issued the arrest warrant Tuesday after her death was ruled a homicide.



<http://klfy.com/2014/12/04/ville-platte-death-investigation/>

Ville Platte, LA
EVANGELINE PARISH
December 4, 2014

Ville Platte Death Investigation

State police are now handling the case of the death of a Ville Platte man following a **domestic dispute** on Wednesday night. This incident is causing quite a stir in Evangeline Parish.

The incident happened earlier Thursday morning in the 1100 block of Oak Street. The police responded to a **domestic abuse** call involving the deceased Keenan Ardoin (24) and his girlfriend Sheene Williams.

When Ardoin was arrested, he was suffering from a cut on his arm and was transported to a local hospital where Chief Lartigue says he later died.

Family members and Williams are now accusing Ville Platte officers of killing Ardoin.

Sheene Williams says "I think they smothered him. I think they hold him down with his face in the dirt because he had dirt in his eyes, nose and in his mouth."

She says her boyfriend and father to her three kids, Keenan arrived home around midnight.

She believes Ardoin was under the influence which is how she says the argument began.

Four officers arrived on the scene after Ardoin's uncle called Ville Platte Police.

She adds officers then sprayed her eyes with mace. Williams could then only hear what was happening between officers and Ardoin.

Williams says "I could feel them kind of hitting on him a little bit and saying let her go, let her go. I could really feel it because I was next to him."

Ardoin's mother, Alanda Wyatt, agrees with Williams. Wyatt's home is located behind her son's.

By the time she arrived on the scene, Wyatt says her son was not responding and not breathing which is when she saw four officers on her child. The officer said Keenan would not respond because of the type of drugs he was on.

Wyatt feels the officers caused her son's death. Even Ardoin's sister, Gabrielle Ardoin, says she just wants to know what happened to her little brother.

Williams says Ardoin's body is at a Lake Charles hospital awaiting an autopsy.

News Iberia Woman Arrested on Abuse Charges

Iberia Parish Sheriff's Deputies responding to a domestic disturbance soon realized the alleged abuser was the woman who called for help deputies and a SWAT team responded to the incident at around 9:30 P.M. Tuesday night after 33-year-old Ansleigh McKenna called for help.

McKenna told authorities that her boyfriend, 29-year-old Joseph Raines, brandished the weapon during a domestic dispute. Detectives were able to determine that McKenna lied about Raines pointing a gun at her...and that she in fact struck Raines several times in the face causing bruising.

McKenna was charged with domestic abuse battery and filing a false police report.

Remembering Victims



SNAP holds a candlelight vigil

SNAP board treasurer Kay Breaux, left, and SNAP director Carol Mumm light candles Thursday at the SNAP vigil in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

More than 20 women and children in Iberia Parish have been killed since 1987 as a result of domestic violence.

To remember them and shine a light on an issue that can affect families across any socioeconomic classes, dozens of people met Thursday in Bouligny Plaza to light candles for victims of domestic abuse and to listen to stories from those who have lived through it.

Safety Net for Abused Persons, now in its 30th year, held the candlelight vigil.

The crowd of almost 40 people was filled with government officials, including state Sen. Fred Mills, R-Parks, and Iberia Parish President Romo Romero.

Romero said he developed an appreciation for SNAP during his time as Iberia Parish sheriff, which showed him domestic violence in the area firsthand. The organization was an outlet to help the women and children affected and provided a shelter to house them, he said.

Sixteenth Judicial District Assistant District Attorney Bo Duhe said he often works with victims of domestic abuse, which affects approximately 2.1 million people each year. Approximately 85 percent of that is women, he said.

One out of four women will suffer from domestic abuse in their lifetime, Duhe said. The abuse could be physical, financial and economic, emotional or sexual abuse, he said, but oftentimes it is a combination.

Duhe said there are warning signs of abuse, such as control issues, irrational jealousy, intimidation and blaming are some of the signs.

"You have to take it upon yourself as an individual and be willing to stand up," Duhe said.

Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office detective Scott Hotard said he worked four of the cases for those being honored at the vigil, one child who was starved and tortured and three women who were killed by their husbands.

"Each of these cases with the husband killing the wife was alcohol or drug related," Hotard said. "People don't think that it's actually as big of a problem around here that it really is, and it's like that across the country."

The Sheriff's Office receives between eight and 10 calls daily related to domestic violence, Hotard said. State law requires whoever commits the abuse is arrested, he said, and in some cases both spouses are arrested.

"In our parish we have a problem with domestic violence, but I see things that we're trying to do as a department, the DA's office and SNAP," Hotard said.

"Things have gotten a lot better in the last six to eight years. We are making progress." Guest speaker Nicolle Delcambre said she is a survivor of domestic violence and was one of the women Hotard and Romero previously helped in Iberia Parish.

Delcambre said she decided to go to SNAP 20 years ago for help, but returned to her husband after a brief time away. SNAP director Carol Mumm warned Delcambre she would return to the shelter. "I did go back, but this time I listened to the people that really wanted to help me because they were in my shoes at one time or another," she said. "SNAP gave me my first step to getting my life back."

Delcambre said it never is too late to start over or to change the choices that were made. Victims of domestic abuse have to tell themselves they are victims of circumstances only they can change.

"Don't ever give up on yourself and love yourself first so that you can love others in a good way."

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IBERIA PARISH

April 1, 2009

Iberia Sheriff's Office Investigating Apparent Murder-Suicide



The Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office is investigating an apparent murder-suicide at the Southland Inn hotel on U.S. 90 service road.

A Sheriff's Office said that the bodies of a man and a woman were found around 3:30 p.m. today.

The woman had apparently been shot twice in the head; the man had a single bullet wound to the head, a hotel resident said. The witness said the shooting happened in a passage way outside a room near the pool.

Iberia Parish Coroner's Office removed the bodies from scene about an hour after the Sheriff's Office received the call.

The names of the deceased were not yet released. A motive for the shooting has not yet been established.

Residents at the hotel at 503 U.S. 90 fled their rooms when they heard the shots, according to witnesses at the scene. That's when they discovered the two bodies, one on top of the other.

UPDATE: Husband Arrested In Stabbing Death of Wife



Brian Porter, Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office

UPDATE: Deputies in Iberia Parish have arrested a 48-year-old New Iberia man in the stabbing murder of his wife.

According to sheriff's office spokesperson Ryan Turner, Brian Anthony Porter was charged with second-degree murder.

The victim, 45-year-old Penny Porter of New Iberia, was living with Porter at their home on West Santa Clara Street, Turner said.

Porter turned himself at the St. Martinville Police Department shortly after the stabbing. Turner said he will be brought back to Iberia Parish where he will be booked into the Iberia Parish Jail.

ORIGINAL: Authorities in New Iberia are investigating a homicide that occurred on West Santa Clara Street.

Police said they got the call at around 7:15 a.m. Capt. Ryan Turner with the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office said a man stabbed a 45-year-old woman to death.

One person is in custody, and he was being questioned at the St. Martinville Police Department, Turner said.

Turner said he was waiting for more information from detectives, but he did say police were waiting to secure an arrest warrant for the man in custody.

Suspect is Arrested

A New Iberia man, who had been arrested earlier this year on domestic abuse charges, is being held without bond in the stabbing death of his wife, Penny Porter, whose body was found in a West Santa Clara Street apartment Friday morning, according to the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office.

Brian Anthony Porter, 48, 100 W. Santa Clara St., Apt. 4, is charged with second-degree murder and remains in the Iberia Parish Jail, according to a prepared statement from Maj. Ryan Turner, public information officer for the Sheriff's Office.

The body of Penny Porter, 45, was found early Friday in the same apartment where the two lived, according to the Sheriff's Office. Turner said where in the apartment her body was found and how many times she was stabbed will not be released because the investigation is ongoing.

Turner said Saturday that deputies have been to the apartment in the past, but he did not know how many times. "We have been called to the house before for domestic issues," Turner said.

Brian Anthony Porter was arrested April 17 on charges of domestic abuse strangulation and aggravated battery, according to Iberia Parish Jail booking records. Information about whether he was convicted on those or any other charges was not available.

Turner said there are no other suspects in the case. "We don't believe anyone else was involved in the incident," he said.

Brian Anthony Porter turned himself in to the St. Martinville Police Department shortly after police were called to the scene at 7:14 a.m. Friday. Turner said Porter called someone about what happened and that person called law enforcement authorities and Acadian Ambulance.

"St. Martinville contacted us shortly after the call (reporting the death) came in," Turner said Friday.

St. Martinville Police Chief Calder Hebert said on Friday that Porter showed up "unannounced" early Friday.

"I got a call from an officer saying he had turned himself in," Hebert said Friday morning.

"He confessed. ... I guess his conscience just got to him." It was uncertain whether Brian Anthony Porter had a lawyer.



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Marrero, LA
JEFFERSON PARISH
September 23, 2014

JPSO Investigating Homicide in Marrero; One Dead, One Injured

Deputies believe case is murder, attempted suicide

MARRERO, La. - Deputies in Jefferson Parish are investigating after a woman was found dead and a man was taken to a hospital Monday afternoon in an area of Marrero.

Deputies with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office received the reports Monday afternoon near Patriot Street and Barataria Boulevard. This was after a local student reported a fire had broken out at a residence on Jutland Drive.

Two deputies arrived to the residence and found it fully-engulfed in flames. Fire crews helped extinguish the blaze and the deputies proceeded inside.

"It looks as though this may turn out to be a **murder and attempted suicide**," Jefferson Parish Public Information Officer John Fortunato said.

Fortunato said that the deputies found the woman, identified as 50-year-old Linda Honeycutt, dead with injuries to her chest. The man, identified as 53-year-old Melvin Brooks Jr., was found alive with injuries to his neck.

Paramedics transported Brooks to the hospital. He remains in critical condition.

Detectives will continue to canvass the scene for more information.

Editor's Note: Initial information from officials originally stated two people were found dead in Marrero.

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Metairie, LA
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Metairie Woman Booked with Shooting Boyfriend



Evelyn Avelar, 19, was booked with aggravated battery after authorities say she shot her boyfriend in their Metairie apartment

A woman was arrested and booked with aggravated battery after authorities say she shot her boyfriend in their Metairie apartment. Evelyn Avelar, 19, told investigators she accidentally shot her 37-year-old boyfriend on Sunday (Jan. 5) while moving a gun she said belonged to him, according to Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office incident and arrest reports.

The man was in stable condition after surgery to treat a gunshot wound to his chest, the report said. Avelar called 911 on Sunday about 5:25 p.m. to report the shooting at their apartment, 2804 Independence St., Metairie. Deputies arrived and found Avelar's boyfriend lying in bed with a wound to the left side of his chest, the report said.

Avelar told investigators the gun discharged as she was moving the .22-caliber pistol from a dresser drawer to another location. She said she didn't think the gun was loaded because there was no magazine, the report said. Avelar told investigators she pulled the trigger and the bullet struck her boyfriend.

Avelar said she was standing 4 feet away from the man when she fired the gun. But the deputy noted a gunpowder burn on the victim's chest, which indicates a "close-range contact," the incident report said.

Avelar could not explain why she was moving the gun, and she insisted the shooting was accidental, the report said.

In addition to the aggravated battery charge, Avelar was also booked with possession of a stolen firearm after investigators determined the gun had been reported stolen from someone in Arkansas in 2011, an arrest report said.

Avelar was still being held Thursday at the Jefferson Parish Correctional Center in Gretna on a \$30,000 bond. It was not clear whether the shooting victim would face any charges in connection with the stolen gun.

Terrytown, LA
JEFFERSON PARISH
March 12, 2015

Murder Defendant Covers Face in Feces in Jefferson Parish Courtroom



A [Terrytown](#) man charged with killing his girlfriend's mother disrupted proceedings in a Jefferson Parish courtroom Thursday morning (March 12) when he defecated in his jail-issued jumpsuit then coated his face with the feces. [Bryan Schwartz](#), 27, was quickly removed from the courtroom, with only his eyes visible through the mask, a witness said.

"As he walked out, he was just smiling at the crowd," the witness said. Another witness who was approaching the courtroom described an unbearable odor as she walked past Schwartz and the inmates to whom he was chained.

Schwartz was in Judge Henry Sullivan's courtroom at [24th Judicial District Court](#), awaiting the start of a status hearing in his criminal case. Witnesses said he and other inmates were sitting in the jury box when he caused a disruption among them.

A corrections officer noticed Schwartz's face and immediately took him and the other inmates from the roomout. "It happened so fast," another witness said. Business in Sullivan's court soon resumed. Schwartz's attorney, Marquita Naquin, was not in the courtroom at the time and would not comment later. Sullivan reset Schwartz's status hearing for another day.

Schwartz and his girlfriend, Misty Eiermann, 35, are jailed awaiting trials on charges of second-degree murder in the Sept. 9 beating death of her mother, Mary Romano, at her home at 781 Terry Parkway.

It's not known whether he will face a criminal charge for the courtroom antics. A lawyer suspected he was just trying to disrupt court.

He's not the first defendant to defecate in court and rub it on his face. [Deshaun Griffin did the same thing](#) in 2011, while in court for a pretrial hearing in his Metairie armed robbery case. Judge Lee Faulkner later found Griffin in contempt of court and sentenced him to the maximum six months in jail. Griffin also received a 20-year prison sentence when he pleaded guilty to armed robbery.

Stabbing Victim Described as Generous



Stabbing victim Jennifer Dozier, holding Gabriel, 2, is pictured with her other two children, Madison (left), 8, and Corrie, 15.

A Chauvin woman who was stabbed to death at a Grand Isle beach Sunday was a generous woman who loved photography and gardening, and did everything she could for her three kids despite being an amputee, her sister-in-law said.

Jennifer Dozier was at the beach near Cypress Lane around 10:30 p.m. Sunday when a fight broke out between her and her boyfriend of nearly two years, Randy Paul Marcel, of Pine Street in Chauvin, police said.

The fight, which witnesses say started over drugs or cigarettes, culminated in Dozier, 34, being stabbed the multiple times in the neck and torso, said Glen Boyd, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office public information officer.

Marcel left Dozier's 2-year-old son, Gabriel, with his mother's body and left the scene, police said. Marcel was later found in a grassy area three blocks away and arrested.

He was charged with second-degree murder and is being held in the Jefferson Parish jail on a \$750,000 bond.

Dozier's sister-in-law, Tristan Dozier, described Marcel as "really odd," and said the couple often fought.

"They would fight, but it would never get to anything like this. Nobody ever expected this," she said. Jennifer Dozier's family is taking donations online at www.gofundme.com/ao0uc0 to help pay for funeral expenses and the care of Gabriel and her other two children, 15-year-old daughter Corrie and 8-year-old son Madison, Tristan Dozier said.

Jennifer Dozier, who was on disability because of a leg amputation after a 2001 car crash, nurtured and cared for her children the best she could, Tristan Dozier said.

"She was very limited to what she could do because she only had one leg. So she struggled, but she did what she could," Tristan Dozier said. She was a good mother. She loved her kids, and they knew that she loved them.

Originally from Mississippi, Jennifer Dozier has lived in Terrebonne Parish for nearly two decades and was known for her hobbies of gardening and photography, Tristan Dozier said.

"She was a good person with the biggest heart of anybody you'd meet. Even when she didn't have anything herself, she'd try to help others before she helped herself. She'd give anybody anything," she said.

Metairie, LA
JEFFERSONPARISH
July 18, 2014

Suspect in Murder of Mother Beaten to Death in Metairie Apartment Extradited to Jefferson Parish



Pedro Alberto Monterroso-Navas, the Guatemalan native accused of murdering his girlfriend in the Metairie apartment they shared, returned to Jefferson Parish Friday afternoon after extradition from Harris County, Texas.

Handcuffed, clad in a light blue coverall and shackled at the ankles, Monterroso-Navas, 43, shuffled through a light rain, bending over at the waist to avoid the cameras waiting for him at the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office investigations bureau in Harvey. He said nothing as detectives escorted him inside.

Monterroso-Navas, who had been held in Texas since his arrest on Monday (July 14), did not fight extradition, said Col. John Fortunato, spokesman for the Sheriff's Office. He will now be booked with second-degree murder in the death of Heidi Monroy, 24.

Authorities discovered the body of Monroy, who had been beaten to death, in the bathtub of the couple's apartment, located in the 4000 block of Durand Street in Metairie on Sunday morning. A neighbor alerted the Sheriff's Office after Monroy's children, ages 8 and 5, knocked on the door asking for help. Monterroso-Navas had fled with his three children, ages 2, 4 and 12.

Authorities arrested him Monday in a Katy, Texas, trailer park after receiving a tip. Monterroso-Navas' children were eventually turned over to the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services.

Officials from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) reported that Monterroso-Navas and two of his children illegally entered the United States on June 26, crossing the Mexican border in South Texas. They were detained but later released when officials determined he had no criminal history or gang affiliation.

Border Patrol agents apprehended Monroy and her children after they crossed the border illegally in May. Monroy, who was from Honduras, was also released and ordered to report back to immigration authorities.

ICE officials placed an immigration detainer on Monterroso-Navas. But any deportation proceedings must await the outcome of the criminal case in Jefferson Parish.

Westwego, LA
JEFFERSON PARISH
April 1, 2015

Westwego Man Accused of Stabbing Girlfriend in Neck told Doctors She Stabbed Herself



Joseph Baldassaro, of Westwego, was booked with aggravated battery after police say he stabbed his girlfriend in the neck.

An argument about a former lover ended when a **Westwego** man stabbed his girlfriend in the neck, authorities said. Joseph Baldassaro, 36, drove his girlfriend to the hospital, but told doctors that she had stabbed herself, according to an arrest report.

Baldassaro and his unidentified, live-in girlfriend of two years were at their residence in the 700 block of Avenue B on Monday, said Lt. Eric Orlando, spokesman for the **Westwego Police Department**. At some point in the evening, they began to discuss the woman's ex-boyfriend.

The conversation got heated, and the woman left the room to let things cool down. But when she returned, the argument resumed until **Baldassaro punched her in the face**, Orlando said.

He's accused of choking the woman, who wasn't sure if she lost consciousness. The woman told police Baldassaro then retrieved a knife from the kitchen and stabbed her in the neck, Orlando said.

Baldassaro quickly grabbed a towel, put it on his girlfriend's neck and drove her to West Jefferson Hospital in Marrero. But once there, he told hospital staffers that she had stabbed herself, the arrest report said.

He fled when confronted by police officers called to the hospital. Police took Baldassaro into custody as he walked back to his house, Orlando said.

The woman suffered a 1 1/2- to 2-inch puncture wound that was not considered life threatening, Orlando said. Doctors stitched the wound closed, and she was released from the hospital.

Officers booked Baldassaro into the Jefferson Parish Correctional Center. He was still being held there without bond on Wednesday.

Baldassaro has convictions for 12 counts of simple battery, three counts of battery of a police officer, possession of marijuana-fifth offense and DWI-third offense, Jefferson Parish court records said.



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Metairie, LA
JEFFERSON PARISH
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Jefferson Parish Deputies Shot Suspect 29 Times



Metairie, La. - Jefferson Parish deputies shot a man 29 times when he lunged at them with a knife over the weekend and say it appears to have been a case of "suicide by cop."

Sheriff Newell Normand released the details Tuesday morning of the Pier Street stabbing and shooting.

The sheriff says his deputies responded to the 1300 block of Pier Street Saturday night after neighbors told them **Noah Scott had stabbed his girlfriend to death**. 26 year-old Jessica Broussard died on the scene.

Deputies found Scott inside the house and say he wouldn't drop the knife and kept telling deputies to shoot him. Scott was killed when deputies say he lunged at them.

People in the normally quiet Metairie neighborhood were celebrating the Saints win Saturday night when they noticed 26 year-old Jessica Broussard stumbling from her boyfriend's house.

"I tried to go to her. Her clothes were removed and she was bleeding really, really bad so I got a towel and tried to slow down the bleeding. There wasn't too much we could do for her," said neighbor Keith Mercier.

"The girl was screaming, he's stabbing me. She ended up on my front lawn and he was over her continuing to stab her."

Sheriff deputies quickly arrived and they say Broussard's boyfriend, 29 year- old Noah Scott walked back into the house. Deputies knocked on the door and they say Scott answered with a knife in one hand and a cigarette in the other.

"All three officers were right at the entrance of the home. Scott was inside. Officers repeatedly asked him to drop the knife. Mr. Scott repeatedly asked the officers to shoot him," said Jefferson Parish Sheriff Newell Normand. Sheriff Newell Normand says moments later, Scott ran toward deputies.

"At that point in time, the three officers simultaneously fired what we believe is either 35 or 36 rounds," said Normand. An autopsy later revealed Scott was shot 29 times.

Sheriff Normand says both Broussard and Scott have a prior criminal history and he says last year both were involved in a **domestic dispute incident**.

Lafayette, LA
LAFAYETTE PARISH
April 6, 2015

Woman says Ex-Boyfriend Nearly Beats her to Death



As a Lafayette man sits accused of severely beating his girlfriend Saturday, the alleged victim is speaking out against him in hopes of getting other victims to come forward to report their attacks.

Callie Trahan told police her ex-boyfriend Landen Lile held her against her will and attacked her during a two-and-a-half hour span Saturday, nearly beating her to death.

Police booked Lile into the Lafayette Parish Correctional Center on Saturday on counts of aggravated battery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree battery, aggravated assault with a firearm and false imprisonment with a weapon. His bail has not been set.

"A female victim went to the residence of her estranged ex-boyfriend," Cpl. Paul Mouton with Lafayette Police said. "He then held her there, struck her multiple times against her will. And then, she was able to get out of the situation she was in and to a hospital where police were contacted and responded and received the information."

Trahan said Lile punched her repeatedly in the face, held a handgun to her head and a knife to her throat, and wrapped wire around her neck. She suffered a broken nose, facial fractures and cuts to her neck. But despite those injuries, she's coming forward to tell her story, she said.

"He did unimaginable things to me," Trahan, 24, said. "Strangled me, poured vinegar in my eyes, tried to rape me. Just horrendous acts of violence that I never thought would ever happen to me."

Their relationship started with a message on Instagram.

"I met him about two weeks after he messaged me," said Trahan. "And we hung out and then you know, we just stayed friends and then he asked me to be his girlfriend a month and a half ago."

Trahan said she never imagined the relationship would turn violent, but now she wants to make a difference.

"I'm not going to let this ruin me or break my spirits because I'm a very happy person and nobody deserves this. This is real, and it happens everyday, and for girls who don't speak out about it, I'm doing this for them," said Trahan.

Mouton reiterated the importance of bringing domestic violence issues to authorities.

"Sometimes they feel they don't want to involve the police," Mouton said. "But it's important that the police get involved early on to help prevent situations from escalating as in this case."

Lile will be arraigned in district court in Lafayette on Tuesday.

UL LB Chris Hill Suspended after Arrest for Domestic Abuse



The announcement Friday that UL linebacker Chris Hill was arrested for domestic abuse battery comes at a time when the behavior of athletes off the field is receiving heightened public scrutiny. University officials, upon learning of the arrest, said Hill was "suspended indefinitely from competition."

"We expect all members of our Athletics program to hold themselves to the highest standard of conduct and to represent the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with integrity," UL athletic director Scott Farmer said in a statement from the school announcing the suspension.

Hill was expected to start for UL this year at inside linebacker. However, he hasn't played this season because of an unrelated NCAA academic eligibility issue. The junior from South Dade High in Homestead, Fla., played in 12 games, starting four, and had 39 total tackles last season.

According to a news release from campus police, officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance about 6 p.m. Wednesday in a parking garage on the university's main campus. When officers arrived, both Hill and the alleged victim were gone.

The alleged victim was later located at an area hospital, and Hill was arrested and charged based on her statement and surveillance video from the parking garage. The video has not been made public because it is evidence in an ongoing investigation.

Football players and domestic violence have been big news this fall. According to a USA Today database, three NFL players have been arrested for domestic violence since late August and five since last February.

That includes running back Ray Rice, who lost his job with the Baltimore Ravens last month, after TMZ obtained and aired videotape of him punching his then-fiancé and now-wife inside a New Jersey casino elevator.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell was widely criticized for the way the organization initially responded to the charges against Rice, handing down a two-day suspension. The storm of criticism was fueled by the subsequent arrests of Adrian Peterson on child abuse charges, and San Francisco defensive end Ray McDonald and Arizona running back Jonathan Dwyer for domestic violence.

The NFL has since announced a strengthened domestic-violence policy.

Hill was booked into the Lafayette Parish Jail posted a \$2,000 bond and was released. If convicted, the criminal justice major faces up to six months in jail with at least 48 hours of a potential prison sentence to be served without parole, probation or suspension. He also faces a fine up to \$1,000.

Details about Hill's arrest continue to emerge. A news release Friday afternoon clarified that though the complainant initially reported that she was at the Taft Street garage, it was later determined that the incident took place at the Olivier parking tower on McKinley Street, also located on the main campus.



<http://www.wbrz.com/news/former-parish-president-accused-of-battering-wife/>

Walker, LA
LIVINGSTON PARISH
May 31, 2013

Former Parish President Accused of Battering Wife



WALKER - Police arrested former Livingston Parish President Mike Grimmer after they said he attacked his wife overnight at their home in Walker.

Capt. John Sharp with Walker Police said Grimmer's wife called them around midnight to report a disturbance, and when investigators arrived at the home they determined a battery had occurred. Sharp did not have specific details about what was involved.

Police arrested Grimmer on suspicion of a misdemeanor count of domestic abuse battery and booked him into the parish jail.

He posted a \$500 bond around 5 a.m. and was released

Investigators: Denham Springs Man Beats Girlfriend to Death with a Metal Pipe



A Denham Springs man with a history of domestic violence admitted beating his girlfriend to death with a metal pipe — a crime witnessed by at least one of the three young children in their house, authorities said Tuesday.

Jerry J. Pinestraw Jr., 37, told investigators he fatally struck his live-in girlfriend, Nicole M. Ozment, 29, during a heated argument either late Monday or early Tuesday at their Denham Springs home, Sheriff Jason Ard said.

A woman living nearby called 911 early Tuesday to notify deputies they were needed at the couple's home in the 8600 block of Chickasaw Street. At the home, deputies found Ozment's three children, all under the age of 10, and Pinestraw, who cooperated fully with investigators, Ard said. Investigators are in the process of interviewing the children, who are now in state custody, the sheriff said. The children, whose specific ages were not released, are Ozment's — Pinestraw is not their father, Ard said.

"At least one of them did witness and see the actual crime," Ard said. He would not say where in the house the fatal beating took place or what rooms the children were in at the time. "I think it was all over (the house)," Ard said of the fight. "I don't think it was in one particular room."

It was unclear Tuesday what prompted the neighbor to call deputies to the couple's home at 8661 Chickasaw St., just north of Vincent Road near its intersection with Pete's Highway.

Ard said he didn't know what the couple was arguing about.

Investigators reported Ozment suffered severe facial trauma, Ard said, but they're awaiting results of an autopsy scheduled Wednesday morning to determine the mother's official cause of death. He added it may take a few days before his office receives those results.

Pinestraw has a history of domestic violence, Ard said, although he could not provide details about specific instances other than to say his deputies arrested Pinestraw at least once after a domestic incident.

Ard also said a warrant is still outstanding for Pinestraw's arrest on misdemeanor domestic abuse battery, though the sheriff could not recall late Tuesday which agency issued the warrant.

Deputies booked Pinestraw into the Livingston Parish Detention Center on a count of second-degree murder and three counts of child desertion. Under Louisiana law, child desertion involves either intentionally or negligently exposing children under the age of 10 to dangerous circumstances where they cannot reasonably be expected to protect themselves.

Pinestraw's bail was set at \$500,000, booking records show. Deputies do not expect to make additional arrests, Ard said, although the counts against Pinestraw could change as the investigation continues.

Sergeant Testifies Livingston Woman's Accused Killer Admits to Aug. 30 Slaying

LIVINGSTON — A 12-year-old visiting his grandparents' neighbors in Livingston to see if they wanted coffee was the first to come across the bloody crime scene on Aug. 30, a Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office sergeant testified.

Authorities were called to 28065 S. Satsuma Road where they found the body of Joy Messina, 47. Shortly after the discovery, they arrested Caleb Lee Lejeune, 27, who was booked on one count of second-degree murder.

Sgt. Brandon Browning testified about the killing Thursday in the 21st Judicial Circuit Court in Livingston. He revealed new details of what deputies saw when they arrived at Messina's home.

She had "pretty major trauma to her neck" caused by numerous cuts and a "large laceration" to her abdomen, Browning said. The cut to her torso was so deep deputies could see her internal organs, he testified.

When he was picked up for questioning, Lejeune told investigators he had cut Messina with a pocket knife that Browning estimated was 5 inches long when open.

"(Lejeune) said (Messina) told him to do it," the sergeant said.

Messina was found covered to the shoulders, wearing a shirt, but undressed below the waist, he testified.

In an interview, Lejeune told investigators that he and Messina ingested methamphetamine the night she died. Deputies found "some suspected meth" in the master bedroom, Browning testified.

Defense attorney Lieu Clark asked if they found any other drugs, specifically synthetic marijuana, but Browning said he could only recall meth.

Messina lived in a trailer about 45 yards from her neighbors, who were also her landlords. Their grandson told deputies he heard yelling from the home about 2 a.m. Aug. 30. When he arrived the next morning about 9:30 a.m., no one answered his knocks. The door was unlocked, and he looked inside, where he saw blood, and he ran to get help.

Browning said the scene showed obvious signs of a struggle, with items scattered around and a coffee table with a leg ripped off.

The landlords said Lejeune had been living with Messina for a few weeks. Lejeune told investigators they had a romantic relationship.

The landlords said Lejeune had a white car that rarely left the trailer, yet was gone the morning Messina's body was discovered. As deputies combed the scene, one of the neighbors saw the car drive by.

Deputies stopped it nearby, and Lejeune was behind the wheel. He was taken in for questioning and confessed to killing Messina, the sergeant said. Upon cross-examination by Clark, Browning said he was unable to recall the specific timing of events that morning.

Investigators noticed blood on Lejeune's feet and under his cuticles and found bloody clothes in his car.

Browning testified that Lejeune told interviewers that after the struggle he covered Messina, threw the knife into the backyard, where it was found, took Messina's cellphone and left the home about 3 a.m.

State District Judge Elizabeth Wolfe found probable cause to believe sufficient evidence exists to continue holding Lejeune on the second-degree murder count. The case is set to go before a grand jury next month.



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LIVINGSTON PARISH

October 10, 2013

Livingston Parish Officials Searching for Man Accused of Theft, Domestic Abuse



LIVINGSTON PARISH, LA — Deputies with the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office are looking for Venton Bargas.

Bargas is wanted in Livingston Parish for Felony Theft - Cash over \$1500 and Aggravated Assault - Domestic.

Venton Bargas, 37, is described as a white male, 5'8", 200 lbs, with brown hair and brown eyes, from the Denham Springs-area. He was last seen driving a Red Chevrolet Silverado Extended Cab Pick-Up - Year Unknown, No Tag #.

Bargas should be considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information is urged to call (225) 686-2241 or Crime Stoppers (225) 344-STOP (7867).

New Orleans, LA
ORLEANS PARISH
March 20, 2015

Man, 62, Arrested in Fair Grounds Neighborhood Domestic Stabbing



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A 62-year-old man is in custody and charged with stabbing a younger woman several times during some sort of domestic dispute Thursday night (March 19) in the Fair Grounds neighborhood, New Orleans police said.

James McNeal was arrested around 11:15 p.m. in the **2800 block of Paris Avenue**, where according to police he and a 25-year-old woman were engaged in an argument that escalated with McNeal grabbing a knife and stabbing the woman multiple times.

Authorities did not identify the relationship between McNeal and the victim, but did classify the incident as a **domestic aggravated battery** in a daily log of major offenses. The victim's condition was not provided.

McNeal was previously arrested twice for aggravated battery and once for aggravated assault, according to online court records. Charges for two of the arrests were refused in 1998 and 2007, records show. He was sentenced to eight months in prison in 1993 after pleading guilty to aggravated battery.

This stabbing came about five minutes before **another stabbing** less than two miles away in a McDonald's parking lot, 3025 Elysian Fields Ave. In that case, police accused a 38-year-old man, Christopher Hutsell, of fatally stabbing his girlfriend in the neck.

New Orleans, LA
ORLEANS PARISH
July 14, 2014

NOPD Suspends SWAT Officer hit with Two Domestic Abuse Charges



A 10-year veteran [New Orleans police](#) officer tasked to the SWAT unit was suspended without pay Monday and charged with [two counts of domestic abuse](#) following an internal investigation by the department and the Orleans Parish District Attorney's office.

Officer Christopher Carter, who the department said most recently was assigned to the Special Operation Division Tactical Unit, was placed on emergency suspension without pay. Carter previously had been reassigned to administrative desk duty on May 25, the NOPD said. The department's Public Integrity Bureau launched its investigation of Carter on Jan. 27 after receiving a complaint.

The DA's office filed a bill of information against Carter on Monday, charging him with one count of [domestic abuse battery involving strangulation, and one count of domestic abuse battery](#). Under state law, a first offender convicted of those charges could receive a prison sentence of up to 3 1/2 years if no additional special circumstances apply.

Police said the PIB investigation is ongoing.

Carter is the second NOPD officer in four days to be placed on emergency suspension in connection with domestic violence charges.

On Friday, NOPD 5th District Detective Robert Hurst [was suspended without pay after being charged with attempted second-degree murder](#) and simple battery. Hurst [pleaded not guilty](#) Monday to the accusation that he attempted to kill his girlfriend and was allowed to remain free pending a bond hearing set for next Monday.

ORLEANS PARISH

March 26, 2015

Suspect Arrested in Manslaughter Death Stemming from Woman's Broken Ankle



Court records show that Antonio Carr, 43, was arrested March 17 and booked with manslaughter and domestic abuse battery in connection with the death of his girlfriend Teita Vaughn last October. Coroner Jeffrey Rouse said he ruled Vaughn's death a homicide because the woman died from bloodclots in her pulmonary system that resulted from a broken ankle inflicted by Carr.

The man accused of inflicting a broken ankle deemed responsible for his girlfriend's death last year has been arrested, court records show.

Antonio Carr, 43, was booked March 17 with manslaughter in connection to the death of 33-year-old Teita Vaughn of St. Roch last Oct. 10, according to court documents. The arrest came two weeks after the unusual homicide ruling issued by Orleans Parish coroner Dr. Jeffrey Rouse, and six days after New Orleans police asked for the public's help locating their suspect.

The circumstances of Carr's arrest were not immediately clear. The NOPD did not announce the arrest, nor had detectives notified the victim's family in the nine days since Carr was taken into custody, according to Vaughn's older sister Renata Vaughn.

"Oh, thank you, Jesus!" she said, when notified of the arrest by a reporter Thursday afternoon. Renata Vaughn said Carr's arrest gives the family much needed closure. The young mother left behind two daughters, now 5 years old and 8 months old, when she died five months ago. Carr fathered both children, Renata Vaughn said.

After a lengthy investigation into the case, Rouse on March 3 classified Teita Vaughn's death as a homicide. The cause of death, Rouse said, was "massive pulmonary emboli, which essentially means she had very large blood clots in her lungs that were sufficient to essentially stop her heart." The blood clots, the coroner determined, were the result a broken left ankle. Teita Vaughn's ankle was fractured on Sept. 30 -- 10 days before her death -- when Carr is accused of repeatedly bashing his girlfriend's leg with the heavy ceramic insert of a crock pot, in a domestic violence incident witnessed by the couple's elder daughter.

"When someone commits violence, they own the consequences of that violence, even if they did not intend to kill," Rouse said. "Nevertheless, as the chain of events go, if it does relate in a death, there can be legal consequences."

Carr's bond was set at \$250,000. The next hearing in his case was set for April 14.

Update: NOPD spokesman Tyler Gamble said Carr was arrested March 17 after he turned himself in at the department's central lockup. The department offered no further comment on the arrest.

Three Siblings Dead in Murder-Suicide in New Orleans: Police

NEW ORLEANS (Reuters) - A 55-year-old man shot dead his older brother and sister before turning the gun on himself early on Tuesday in a New Orleans residence, police said.

Police did not indicate a motive in the shooting in the fashionable Bywater neighborhood, to which they responded at about 2:20 a.m. local time.

The Orleans Parish Coroner identified the shooter as Christopher Conrad and his victims as Terry Conrad Fedoroff, 60, and Billy Conrad, 58, the Times-Picayune newspaper reported.

The victims were discovered by Conrad Fedoroff's husband, who forced his way into the house when no one answered the door, police said.

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New Orleans, LA
ORLEANS PARISH
February 1, 2015

2 Tulane Law Students Dead in Murder-Suicide Uptown



Tulane University community mourning after murder suicide involving two students.

The New Orleans Police Department said a weekend shooting involving two Tulane University law students seems to be a **murder suicide**. Students at the university have made a memorial with flowers and pictures of the two students on the steps of the law school.

The New Orleans Police Department is investigating the **shooting death of a 25-year-old woman and the suicide of a 28-year-old man** on Sunday (Feb. 1) in a duplex in the 5500 block of Willow Street in Uptown New Orleans.

Police responded to the residence around 9:55 a.m. and found Sara LaMont, 25, and Wajih Mazloun, 28, dead of gunshot wounds, according to the Orleans Parish Coroner's Office.

"When officers arrived, a roommate advised that he walked inside of the house and found them shot," said a NOPD news release. "During the course of the investigation, **detectives determined that the male fatally shot his girlfriend and then fatally shot himself**. Detectives found a handgun next to the male."

Mazloun and LaMont were both Tulane University Law School students, according to their LinkedIn pages.

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New Orleans, LA
ORLEANS PARISH
March 20, 2015

Woman Dies after Being Stabbed at Elysian Fields McDonald's



A woman has died after **being stabbed Thursday night** (March 19) in the parking lot of the McDonald's at 3025 Elysian Fields Ave. **Her boyfriend** has been arrested in connection with the crime, New Orleans police said.

Christopher Hutsell, 38, was charged with one count of second-degree murder, according to police. Authorities said the woman didn't have any identification on her when she was found and that she remains unidentified.

According to NOPD, Hutsell and his girlfriend were arguing in the parking lot around 11:30 p.m. when things escalated. Hutsell, police said, then stabbed his girlfriend in the neck with an unknown object and fled on foot.

Police said they found the woman unresponsive in the parking lot and EMS took her to a local hospital, where she later died.

Witnesses later told NOPD they saw Hutsell running on Elysian Fields Avenue. Officers said they found him in the 2400 block and took him in for questioning. NOPD said he refused to answer any questions.

Both Hutsell and his girlfriend are believed to be homeless, according to NOPD.



<http://www.wwl.com/story/news/local/orleans/2015/01/30/lindsey-crain-stepfather-abbie-head/22588027/>

Algiers, LA
ORLEANS PARISH
January 30, 2015

Woman Killed Defending Mother from Stepfather

A man is accused of killing his stepdaughter after she tried to intervene in a dispute between himself and his wife.



NEW ORLEANS - A woman who was trying to intervene in a dispute that had her stepfather holding her mother at gunpoint, was shot and killed Thursday night in a residential Algiers neighborhood.

Police said 28-year-old Lindsey Crain got into an argument with Abbie Head, who is said to be Crain's stepfather by people close to the family. Crain was apparently trying to intervene in a situation in which Head was holding her mother at gunpoint.

Police said Crain was shot by Head with a shotgun. She died on the scene.

Crain has a young daughter.

Head fled the scene in a late model maroon Ford F-150 King Ranch Edition pickup truck with an unknown license plate number.

Early Friday, State Police received information that Head, who was considered to be armed and dangerous by police, was in the Broussard area, and was armed and in a suicidal state.

Troopers and the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office deputies began to search the area and found him at a Broussard hotel. He was taken into custody without incident.

Head will be booked with one count of second-degree murder.

Investigators are currently in the process of interviewing witnesses and gathering evidence, as well as a motive.

Homicide Detective Joseph Jefferson is in charge of the investigation and can be reached at 504-658-5300.

If you know anything that can help investigators, call Crimestoppers at 822-1111.



<http://www.wvltv.com/story/news/local/orleans/2015/03/25/nopd-works-swat-roll-in-algiers/70466744/>

Algiers, LA
ORLEANS PARISH
March 25, 2015

Woman Shot in Algiers Following Argument with Ex-Boyfriend

A woman was shot following an argument with her ex-boyfriend in Algiers.

The incident happened around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the 6100 block of Tullis Drive.

Officers say that a woman, 30, was involved in a physical altercation with her ex-boyfriend. A gun went off and the woman was struck, New Orleans police say.

The victim was taken to the hospital by private conveyance. Her condition is unknown at this time.

Anyone with information on the incident is asked to contact Crimestoppers at (504) 822-1111.

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New Orleans, LA
ORLEANS PARISH
August 8, 2013

Orleans Sheriff: Deputy Suspended after Pulling Firearm in Domestic Dispute



NEW ORLEANS —Orleans Parish Sheriff's Deputy Ethan Criddle turned himself in to superiors at the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office Thursday, according to a news release, after it is alleged he pulled his service revolver in an incident at his home.

Criddle, 26, has been charged with aggravated assault following a dispute at his residence with his wife and another man.

It is alleged Criddle left his residence earlier today but returned four hours later to find his wife and another man at the residence. Police reported that an argument ensued, and Criddle allegedly pointed his service revolver at the man.

The Sheriff's Office has suspended Criddle without pay.



<http://www.wbrz.com/news/trombonist-pleads-guilty-to-domestic-violence/>

New Orleans, LA
ORLEANS PARISH
November 15, 2012

Trombonist Pleads Guilty to Domestic Violence



NEW ORLEANS - New Orleans trombonist Glen David Andrews has pleaded guilty to domestic violence by strangulation and aggravated assault.

The Times-Picayune reports the 32-year-old Andrews entered the plea Thursday to charges stemming from physical confrontations in April and May involving a 33-year-old woman the musician dated on and off.

His lawyer, Robert Hjortsberg, says Andrews' punishment for the felonies is a suspended three-year prison sentence and three years of active probation.

Hjortsberg blamed the violence on Andrews' past drug problems. He recently completed a rehab program at a Boston facility that caters to musicians struggling with addiction.

West Monroe, LA
OUACHITA PARISH
July 12, 2013

Murder-Suicide Claims Husband, Wife

Investigators report taking a call, finding a letter at scene

Investigators with the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office began investigating an apparent murder-suicide Thursday afternoon in western Ouachita Parish.

According to Chief Deputy Marc Mashaw, deputies arrived on the scene on Greenbriar Road in the Indian Lakes subdivision of West Monroe shortly after 3 p.m. and determined the scene posed no safety threat.

Sheriff Jay Russell said the victims were Alvin Fife, 66, and his wife, Frankie, 64. ...

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Eros, LA
RAPIDES PARISH
June 23, 2014

UPDATE: Account Set Up for Victim of Possible Murder-Suicide



KTVE/KARD has been told an account has been set up for the victim of a possible murder-suicide in Eros over the weekend.

The account can be given to at any Richland State Bank. The account is called "The Benefit of Amanda Sellers Henderson." Bank officials said the account will be used for the family's funeral costs.

The Jackson Parish Sheriffs Department says they responded to a home on Flat Creek Road after a child called 911. When they arrived deputies found 50-year old James Smith and his girlfriend 32-year old Henderson in a bed room, **dead from gunshot wounds.**

They believe **Smith shot and killed his girlfriend with a 45-caliber semiautomatic pistol after an argument, and then took his own life.**

Henderson's three kids, ages 12, 10 and 7 were in another part of the home when they heard gunshots.

Police say drugs and alcohol could have been a factor, but right now they have no motive. The bodies have been taken to Little Rock for an autopsy.

Henderson's children are with their grandparents, and were unharmed.

Investigation Leads to Charges for Calcasieu Man



A Calcasieu man who allegedly committed a domestic battery in late August during a child exchange now is facing charges, according to a release.

Detectives from the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office's Glenmora substation began investigating the complaint, ending up getting warrants for Seth Angelo Solomon, 56, of 105 Mullins Road.

Solomon was arrested Wednesday and was booked into the Rapides Parish Detention Center on the warrants for domestic abuse battery, simple battery and simple criminal damage.

Man Indicted on Murder Charge in Wife's Death

A 44-year-old Woodworth man has been indicted on a second-degree murder charge by a Rapides Parish grand jury in the October 2011 death of his wife.

The Town Talk reports (<http://towntalk.lk/GZsOgc>) 44-year-old Donald Pickney, originally was charged in a bill of information with manslaughter, which carries a maximum prison sentence of 40 years.

Rapides Parish prosecutor Rocky Willson said that if Pickney is convicted on the murder charge, he faces life in prison.

Chanda Pickney, 33, was pronounced dead on Oct. 29 at Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital, where the staff suspected foul play and called Rapides Parish sheriff's investigators. Donald Pickney was arrested later that morning.

The Pickneys and their 4-year-old son, Ethan, lived in the upscale Timberlake subdivision in Woodworth. Ethan now lives with grandparents in Opelousas.

Donald Pickney remains in the Rapides Parish jail system.

A trial on the original charge of manslaughter was to begin the week of April 16, Willson said. The date of Pickney's arraignment on the murder charge has not been determined, he said.

Donald and Chanda Pickney worked at the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Pineville, he as a campus police officer, she as a physician's assistant.

In 2006, Donald Pickney was awarded the VA's Valor Award for helping evacuate the VA Medical Center in New Orleans of 20 to 30 patients after Hurricane Katrina. He is a military veteran, a former deputy with the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office and a former Opelousas police officer.

In a lawsuit filed by Chanda Pickney's parents after her death, court documents allege that two days before she died, Pickney "physically abused and handcuffed her, would not allow her to leave the residence, and ultimately killed her on Oct. 29, 2011." The suit also said Chanda knew she was going to die.

In a February pretrial hearing, District Judge Thomas Yeager allowed into evidence crime-scene photos taken at the Timberlake home, including photographs of the couple's bathtub, scratches on the footboard of the couple's bed, blood spots on the bed, a handcuff pouch, bruises behind one of Chanda's ears, and injuries to her mouth and on the inside of her calves, court records show.

LaPlace, LA
ST. CHARLES PARISH
March 9, 2015

St. Charles Parish Crime Report

Arrests reported March 9

Alexia L. Gale, 18, 432 Fairway Drive, LaPlace, was arrested 3/07/15 and booked with aggravated battery. Authorities accuse **Gale of hitting her dad's girlfriend** several times with a closed fist during an altercation.



<http://www.wwltv.com/story/local/2014/11/19/14354154/>

ST. BERNARD PARISH

November 16, 2010

St. Bernard Cracking Down on Domestic Abuse

Officials in a local parish believe their efforts to combat domestic violence, prompted by an alarming increase in domestic shootings and homicides in 2008 and 2009, appear to be working.

CHALMETTE, La. -- Officials in a local parish believe their efforts to combat domestic violence, prompted by an alarming increase in domestic shootings and homicides in 2008 and 2009, appear to be working.

The St. Bernard Sheriff's Office launched the campaign in October 2009, following **four domestic violence related shooting deaths in a 16-month period**. It used a grant aimed at helping the agency follow through on cases more efficiently.

"They say domestic violence homicides are probably the most difficult to prevent, but I didn't buy in to that," said St. Bernard Chief Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Pohlmann. "I said, 'There's something that we have to do. We have to do more.'"

The campaign is part of a joint effort with St. Bernard Battered Women's Shelter to help get victims out of abusive situations. Sheriff's officials say they make it a point to give information about the shelter to victims of domestic abuse.

The Sheriff's Office also named one detective to oversee all domestic violence cases for the first time since Hurricane Katrina.

"I think it's a huge impact that we have that relationship going, a lot of places don't, there doesn't exist a partnership there," said Gail Gowland, executive director for the shelter.

Sheriff's officials say there hasn't been a domestic violence related death since the partnership began. And while the number of domestic disturbance calls has remained relatively stable, officials say major domestic violence-related injuries have dropped drastically.

But whether that's directly related to the year-old program is hard to say.

"Whether or not it had an impact on the level of violence we see today, who knows, but I hope so, because we're trying to do our part to prevent any type of domestic violence cases," said Pohlmann.

Still, Gowland said she continues to see a steady flow of victims from attacks so violent, they require medical attention.

"I think the economy has a lot to do with it. The oil spill, particularly in St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parish, has something to do with it," said Gowland. "That stress erupts into domestic violence."

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, the Battered Womens Shelter may be able to help. That number is 504-277-3177.



<http://cloud-computing.tmcnet.com/news/2010/09/23/5025998.htm>

Luling, LA
ST. CHARLES PARISH
September 23, 2010

BRIEF: Man In Critical Condition After Shooting Himself In The Head And Killing His Girlfriend

LULING, Sep 22, 2010 (WGNO-TV - McClatchy-Tribune Information Services via COMTEX) -- 52 year old Gary Farrell shot himself in the head Wednesday evening and is in critical condition at University Hospital. Police say he admitted to **killing his girlfriend** to them then tried to take his own life.

Around 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the St. Charles Sheriff's Office got a call from a man saying he killed his girlfriend last night, put her body in a car and parked it in the St. Charles Parish Hospital parking lot.

Deputies went to the hospital and found a woman in the car he described.

St. Charles Parish Sheriff Greg Champagne tells ABC26 that deputies surrounded the man inside his Luling Avenue home: "He is there and he is armed and he does not want to come out alive." A SWAT team had phone contact with the man and neighbors were evacuated.

The Sheriff's department isn't releasing the woman's name until her family has been notified. Farrell Will be charged with second degree murder if he survives.

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Destrehan Murder Suspect Found Competent Despite Insanity Plea



Bruce Bourgeois Jr. accused of stabbing girlfriend to death, injuring her mother

A Destrehan man claiming insanity in connection with the stabbing death of his live-in girlfriend has been found competent to assist his counsel by St. Charles Parish Judge Emile St. Pierre.

Bruce Bourgeois Jr. is accused of killing his girlfriend and severely injuring the girl's mother. He was indicted by a grand jury on three charges in connection with the case, including second-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder and armed robbery.

Bourgeois pled not guilty to all charges by reason of insanity.

Bourgeois' defense attorney said that his client was "having mental breakdowns in jail," which led to a sanity commission late last month. A psychiatrist and psychologist examined Bourgeois and testified to the commission. After hearing their testimony, Bourgeois was ruled competent to assist his counsel.

Bourgeois is suspected of stabbing his girlfriend, Mia Waite, to death in July in a home the two shared in the 300 block of Madewood Drive in Destrehan. Bourgeois also appears to have lured Mia's mother, Carmelina Waite, to the home by calling her and asking for a ride.

When Carmelina arrived, she was attacked and her throat was slashed, according to a family member.

Bourgeois allegedly fled in Carmelina's vehicle.

Mia was discovered dead in her bathroom by St. Charles Parish sheriff's deputies and Carmelina is recovering from her injuries.

Bourgeois was arrested a day after the murder in Independence.

A status hearing is scheduled in the case for Oct. 28.



<http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/greensburg-murder-arson-suspect-found-dead-from-suicide-along-amite-river/29337124>

Greensburg, LA
ST. HELENA PARISH
October 25, 2014

Greensburg Murder, Arson Suspect Found Dead From Suicide Along Amite River

Investigators believe man killed wife and set home on fire

GREENSBURG, La. —A Greensburg man accused of killing his wife and setting their home on fire was found dead from an apparent suicide Friday morning.

Investigators with the St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office said 48-year-old Adren Allen was found dead in a parked vehicle at a camp along the Amite River. He was accused of murder and arson for an incident that happened earlier this month.

"In a wooded area, near several camps, investigators found Allen's body in a parked vehicle that was registered to his deceased wife," the SHPSO said. "Investigators believe Allen took his own life.

Officials with the Sheriff's Office had been searching for Allen since the Oct. 11 incident in Greensburg that led to the discovery of his wife, Marsha Allen, dead within the charred remains of their home. Autopsy reports revealed she had died before the fire broke out.

According to the report from the SHPSO, investigators questioned Allen who said he left the home to buy livestock feed before the fire started. After gathering evidence, detectives were able to place him at the scene.

SHPSO investigators were assisted by the Louisiana Fire Marshal's Office and the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office. Members of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries also aided in the investigation.

Couple Killed in Opelousas Murder-Suicide had Nine Children

A murder-suicide Friday night in Opelousas involving a man who allegedly killed his wife before turning the gun on himself has reportedly left nine children without parents.

The incident occurred around 9:50 p.m. Friday, the Fourth of July, outside a residence where a family gathering had been ongoing. Kerry Varis, 36, reportedly shot his wife, Nancy Varis, 32, once in the head before walking a short distance and firing a fatal bullet into his own head, Opelousas Police Department public information officer Sgt. Jody White said.

Nancy Varis, whose body was found near a roadway outside the residence, died later at the hospital. Kerry Varis, who was found about a block away from his wife, died at the scene. At least three witnesses who were outside at the time of the incident gave statements to police. It's unclear if any of their children witnessed the shootings, White said.

The couple's nine children are ages 5-18, police were told. White said it's likely the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services will intervene in the case.

Opelousas police responded to a complaint the night before the murder-suicide, shortly after 1 a.m. Friday, by Nancy Varis regarding her husband. They were called to her sister's house after she asked authorities to make her husband leave the residence after he apparently refused. White said Kerry Varis complied with police and left. The couple apparently did not have a long police record of domestic violence.

Witnesses also told police that Nancy Varis wanted to end the marriage, and her husband had made threats against her. She didn't believe he would carry them out, White confirmed.

In past cases involving children, White said, child services officials typically identify a family member with a stable household where children can stay before the issue is settled permanently.

The case is still under investigation.



<http://www.katc.com/story/28407118/deputies-responding-to-domestic-disturbance-in-catahoula>

Catahoula, LA
ST. MARTIN PARISH
March 12, 2015

Deputies Responding to Domestic Disturbance in Catahoula

Deputies with the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office are responding to a domestic disturbance in Catahoula.

Maj. Ginny Higgins with the sheriff's office said a portion of the Catahoula Highway is closed off while deputies work the call.



<http://www.wbrz.com/news/woman-killed-another-injured-in-sunday-night-shooting/>

ST. MARTIN PARISH
December 15, 2014

Woman Killed, Another Injured in Sunday Night Shooting



ST. MARTINVILLE - St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office deputies have arrested a suspect they believe shot two women, killing one and injuring the other.

Investigators say the two victims were shot during a domestic disturbance just before 10 p.m.

Sunday night. A 20-year-old woman died, while a 19-year-old suffered non-life threatening injuries.

Deputies quickly arrested Donovan Kennedy, 25, in connection with the shooting. The New Iberia native has been charged with 2nd degree murder and attempted 2nd degree murder. His bond has not been set.

Deputies say the investigation is ongoing.

ST. MARTIN PARISH ARRESTS Friday, January 16 through Sunday, January 18, 2015



ST. MARTINVILLE, LA

Friday, January 16, 2015

BROWN, Sam, 43, Lafayette; aggravated 2nd degree battery, aggravated battery, domestic abuse battery (BBPD).

NOEL, Georgianna, 34, 200 block of Margaret, Breau Bridge; principal to aggravated battery, aggravated 2nd degree battery and domestic abuse battery (BBPD).

Sunday, January 18, 2015

SCALES, Jerry, 55, 200 block of 1/2 Rees St., Breau Bridge; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, careless operation, domestic abuse battery (LSP).

Slidell, LA
ST. TAMMANY PARISH
March 12, 2015

Husband and Wife found Dead in Murder-Suicide in Slidell area Home



The Sheriff's Office said Thursday, March 12, 2015, that it is investigating an apparent murder-suicide involving a husband and wife in the Slidell area.

A husband and wife were found dead of gunshot wounds inside their Slidell area home Wednesday afternoon (March 11) in what authorities ruled a murder-suicide, authorities said.

The St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office identified the couple as Thomas Franklin, 59, and Debra Franklin, 57. Thomas Franklin shot his wife before turning the gun on himself, a coroner's spokesman said.

There were no signs of forced entry into the house and no evidence pointing to other parties being involved in the incident on Meadowlake Drive East in the Meadowlake subdivision, the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office said in announcing the deaths on Thursday afternoon (March 12). The bodies appeared to have been in the home for a day or more, the agency said.

Deputies and investigators responded to the house after a neighbor reported finding the bodies, the Sheriff's Office said.

Joe Fujko, who lives next door, said he last saw Thomas Franklin standing in front of his house Monday. "I waved to him, and that was it."

He said he wanted to talk to Franklin later Monday and on Tuesday, but nobody answered the door on either occasion. Another neighbor who has a key to the Franklins' house went inside on Wednesday and discovered the bodies upstairs, Fujko said.

The Franklins were longtime residents of Meadowlake, which is off Gause Boulevard. The couple was living in the home when he moved into the neighborhood about 20 years ago, Fujko said. "They were good neighbors. Quiet. Stuck to themselves."

Thomas Franklin worked at Textron Industries in Slidell, Fujko said. Debra was a homemaker who had been ill for some time, he said.

The couple has two grown sons, one of whom lives in Lafayette, Fujko said.

A resident of the neighborhood who was walking her dog Thursday afternoon said she did not know the Franklins. She said she learned something had happened at the house from her children, who spotted numerous sheriff's vehicles and crime scene tape from their school bus on Wednesday.



On Your Side

<http://www.ktbs.com/story/22389256/murder-suicide>

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

May 22, 2013

Murder-Suicide

A woman and her husband are dead following an apparent murder-suicide at their home near Covington late Friday, according to authorities.

The Times-Picayune reports that the bodies of Caroline Crockett Darby, 42, and Adrian Darby, 46, were discovered in their home, said Melanie Comeaux, executive director of St. Tammany Parish coroner's office.

Caroline Darby was an administrative employee for the Covington Police Department. Adrian Darby worked offshore and he had been married to his wife since April 2, 1997, court records indicate.

Sheriff's Sgt. Sean Beavers said deputies found the couple in a bedroom and that there were signs of foul play and "indications of a potential murder-suicide."

An autopsy is scheduled for Monday.

Slidell Police Arrest Reports November 11-24, 2013

Nov. 14, 2013

Danyel Muegge, 40, of 141 Southpark Drive in Slidell was arrested on aggravated assault and simple battery - domestic charges.

Nov. 15, 2013

Loriell Ellis, 22, of 2003 Seventh Street, Apt. 4 in Slidell was arrested on a simple battery - domestic charge.

Nov. 17, 2013

Wendell Belbot, 37, of 200 Cleveland Avenue, Apt. A in Slidell was arrested on simple battery - domestic and simple battery charges.

Nov. 18, 2013

Donald Rogers, 30, of 301 Bella Serra in Slidell was arrested on a simple battery - domestic charge.

Nov. 22, 2013

David Smith, 27, of 2001 Seventh Street in Slidell was arrested on an outstanding warrant for a probation violation, for failure to appear in Slidell city court and on a simple battery - domestic charge.

Folsom, LA
ST. TAMMANY PARISH
March 2, 2015

Dr. Wayne Breen, Fatally Shot by Wife, was Popular and Compassionate OB-GYN, Patients Say



Dr. Wayne Breen, who was shot to death by his wife during an altercation early Sunday (March 1) in the Folsom area, is being described by his patients as a caring and personable physician who showed compassion for those in his care. Patients have inundated his medical practice's Facebook page to offer condolences.

Barbara Dominick described Breen as "an amazing man, an amazing doctor, and an amazing human being." Kimberly Hundley Dillon said Breen was "the best and most caring doctor ever!"

Breen, a 65-year-old obstetrician/gynecologist who was affiliated with Doctors for Women Medical Center on Louisiana 21 in Covington, died early Sunday from a gunshot wound at his Folsom area home.

The St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office received a call at about 3 a.m. Sunday from Kacie Breen, who said she had shot her husband during an altercation at their Folsom area home at 85312 Louisiana 437 (Middleroad), authorities said. The Sheriff's Office said no arrests have been made in connection with the shooting, which remains under investigation.

Those living near the scene of the shooting told Fox 8 News said they heard emergency units hustling down the country road where the Breens lived in the wee hours on Sunday.

"At about 2:45 I heard the sirens and police, must've been at least, I don't know, six to 10 units flying down the road," neighbor Fred Lee told the TV station.

As of 11 a.m. Monday, no further information has been released by the Sheriff's Office or the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office.

However, St. Tammany Parish court records indicate that the popular physician was the subject of a restraining order filed in 2012 by Kacie Breen. The restraining order has been sealed.

Court records also indicate the north shore physician had divorced his previous wife in 2006 and divorce records from that case show no indication of domestic abuse. The petition for divorce between Breen and his first wife, Diana Flynn Breen, was filed in April 4, 2006.



<http://www.wbrz.com/news/woman-in-critical-condition-after-domestic-dispute/>

Hammond, LA
TANGIPAHOA PARISH
May 12, 2014

Woman in Critical Condition after Domestic Dispute



HAMMOND - The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office said they are investigating a shooting that occurred after a domestic dispute on Sunday afternoon.

Margaret Jackson, 47, was shot in the stomach while attempting to stab a man inside an E. Illinois St. residence in Hammond, according to Sheriff Daniel Edwards.

Law enforcement said Jackson is currently in critical condition at a nearby hospital.

Edwards said they will update with more information as the investigation continues.

Advocates: Terrebonne Abuse Case Highlights Dangers



The arrest of a 42-year-old Shreveport man on allegations of rape, extortion and other crimes has brought an end to nearly a month of terror for the Houma grandmother he met through a computer service two months ago.

Advocates for survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence say the case, unusual in some respects due to its highly compressed timeline, is a prime example of how adept and insidious abusers can be, and why friends and relatives of potential victims need to exercise vigilance when they think something is wrong.

Lance Geary Laurent was booked Thursday into the Terrebonne Parish jail on a fugitive warrant for forcible rape; extortion; domestic abuse aggravated assault and domestic abuse battery. His bond was set at \$147,000.

The Times is withholding the victim's identity because the paper does not ordinarily identify victims of sex crimes. According to court papers related to the case, Laurent met the woman, who had been employed in a white-collar profession, through an online dating service.

They met Sept. 1 and almost immediately Laurent became a major part of her life, moving into her home almost immediately. Three days into his living with her, court papers state, what may have first seemed like a dream headed toward being a nightmare.

Laurent slapped the woman "so hard across her face that she flew onto the bed."

When the woman yelled at him to stop, the court papers say, Laurent grabbed her by the hair and threw her onto the floor, then placed his head on her neck and said he would kill her.

He then allegedly grabbed the woman's gun from a nightstand, loaded it and held the muzzle against her head, threatening to kill her, and then threatened to kill himself as well, stating, "God hated him."

Laurent would not allow the woman bathroom privacy, and insisted that whenever she bathed it must be with him.

The woman tried to deny his next demand, that she place an ad on Craigslist and solicit other men so that he could make videos of them while they had sexual relations, court papers state.

"He then told her that he would kill or knows people that could kill her family members, her daughter, son and grandbaby," a detective's affidavit states. "She stated that she would do whatever she had to do to protect her family."

When she acceded, Laurent allegedly picked the partners, who numbered six or seven in total. The men came to her home.

On Sept. 30, Laurent brought the woman to Biloxi and they were married. According to the court papers, he had already begun a spending spree using her credit cards, purchasing a Camaro, a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, a John Deere tractor, Rolex watches and other jewelry. The buying binge totaled nearly \$250,000, according to court documents.

Detectives were first alerted that something might be wrong when a friend of the victim's contacted a deputy she knew. Both the woman and Laurent were questioned, but from the information they had at the time there was not, according to one law enforcement account, enough evidence for an arrest.

"It was more like he-said, she said," a law enforcement source maintained.

Videos of the sexual encounters – during which, according to later information, Laurent ordered the woman "to be loud" – appeared and sounded consensual.

Laurent was released. But detectives made contact with another woman elsewhere in Louisiana who had a similar story to tell.

That gave detectives enough to move ahead with the arrest and a warrant for Laurent, who could not be located, was issued.

Laurent was arrested in Mississippi on a fugitive warrant and extradited to Terrebonne Parish, where he was jailed.

While the alleged offender staked his claim and gained control of his victim within a time that might appear unusually rapid, advocates for victims of abuse say the escalation can take any number of turns, and might just as easily happen quickly.

"Quick involvement, jealousy and control are the characteristics we often see," said Melissa Williams, director of training for counselors at The Haven, a non-profit that provides shelter and other assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Williams and other advocates interviewed were provided details of the alleged crimes by The Times, to help them better identify issues that can help guide people either enduring domestic violence or with friends or loved ones of suspected victims. "A lot of this is what I see often in the counseling sessions of women who talk about their abuse. This particular pattern is not uncommon."

Some people do have relationships where it takes a long time to reach the level of abuse in Laurent's case, counselors said.

But they also noted that in cases where involvement is very quick, everything else, including the frequency or intensity of abuse, also moves quickly.

The severity of the case, counselors said, is particularly poignant given that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"They don't all start out like this," said Williams. "Sometimes they are subtle with their control, what you're wearing or what you're doing. It escalates to a point where if you don't come home at a certain time to put you back into whatever they think you should be."

It is important for anyone learning about cases such as this one to not compare their own situation when determining if a problem exists.

The victim in this case met her abuser online. But she could also have met him at a bar, a restaurant, a 12-step meeting or a church, experts note.

"We do that to keep ourselves feeling safe, to say this will never happen to us," said Williams, who warned against judging how given victims handle their torment. "You never know what you are going to do."

Noting particulars in the case leading to Laurent's address, the advocates said the woman was most likely trying to survive particular moments, and had to comply in order to keep herself on base.

"We often don't know what we will do when we are faced with trauma, a sense of a threat on our life, or our psychological well-being," Williams said.

Friends and relatives of people who might be in abusive relationships, advocates said, should look for drastic changes and a shutdown of communications.

It is important, they said, not to judge, but to keep channels of communication open, so that the abused person feels they have a safe place to reach out to.

There is little question in Laurent's case, Williams said, the potential existed for serious injury or death.

What people need to keep in mind, she and other advocates said, is that the abuse has usually started well before any blow is ever struck.

Emotional hits can affect the psyche as much as physical hitting, she said, and once the physical violence comes it is much harder for someone to leave.

The risks associated with such cases will be discussed at an open-house luncheon scheduled by The Haven for noon Friday, at the First Methodist Church on La. Highway 311.



<http://www.fox8live.com/story/28292700/police-man-beat-girlfriends-5-year-old-son-for-not-taking-medicine>

Houma, LA
TERREBONNE PARISH
March 8, 2015

Police: Man Beat Girlfriend's 5-Year-Old Son for not Taking Medicine



A man is behind bars after allegedly **beating his girlfriend's child** when he wouldn't take his medicine.

Police arrested 32-year-old Michael Jones for beating a 5-year-old child according to the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office.

Police say the child's mother brought him to the emergency room on March 4 with multiple facial bruises. Investigators discovered that the 5-year-old child was left in the care of Jones, her boyfriend, who allegedly beat the child around his head and face for refusing to take medicine.

Jones was detained in the hospital and arrested for cruelty to a juvenile. Terrebonne Parish Sheriff Jerry Larpenter said Jones remained in the Terrebonne Parish Criminal Justice Complex awaiting his bond hearing.

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Twelve Murder Cases on the Docket for Trial this Year

Corey Claudell Galmore: Corey Claudell Galmore, 28, is accused of **strangling his live-in girlfriend** at their home on 187 L&M Trailer Court in Gray in February 2010 and dumping her body in a north Terrebonne swamp. Galmore faces a charge of second-degree murder and is due in court this week.

LaMont Mosley: LaMont Sherrell Mosley, 37, of 212 1/2 Naquin St., Houma, is charged with one count of second-degree murder in the death of 21-year-old Lorenzo Porche in November. Police said they learned **Mosley and the victim's mother were involved in a relationship.** Mosley decided to move out of the home and was taking his belongings when **confronted by his estranged girlfriend** and Porche before an argument began. Mosley pulled a Ruger .40-caliber semi-automatic pistol and fired once at the victim, striking him in his upper torso. Mosley is scheduled for a grand jury hearing this week.



<http://www.wwltv.com/story/news/local/lafourche-terrebonne/2015/03/23/houma-attack-boyfriend/25211215/>

Ashland, LA
TERREBONNE PARISH
March 23, 2015

Woman Killed Boyfriend after Attack, Deputies Say



ASHLAND, La. - An Ashland woman is charged with shooting and killing her live-in boyfriend late Saturday night after he attacked her outside their home, authorities said.

Michael Jerome Stewart, 32, of 217 Fresno Drive, was pronounced dead at the scene, the Terrebonne Sheriff's Office said.

Schwann Williams, 32, was charged with one count of manslaughter after she told deputies she shot Stewart during a dispute, the Sheriff's Office said.

Deputies said they responded to a call about the shooting, in the Ashland North subdivision, about 11 p.m.

"Deputies arrived at this location within minutes and discovered that a male subject had been shot while involved in a domestic violence disturbance at that residence," the Sheriff's Office said in a news release this morning.

Sheriff's department Captain Dawn Foret said Stewart physically assaulted Williams in a lot near their home on Fresno Drive.

"Witnesses to the attack confirmed that both Stewart and Williams entered their residence and moments later one gunshot was heard coming from the residence. Williams was then observed frantically exiting the residence and screaming for police and medical assistance," the release said.

Neighbors refused to comment on the couple's relationship, but Foret said there was one documented domestic abuse incident involving the couple in 2014.

Although Stewart allegedly attacked Williams, Foret said the evidence gathered during the investigation warranted a manslaughter charge.

If convicted of manslaughter, Williams will face up to 40 years in prison.

Williams was taken to the Terrebonne Parish jail, where she awaits a bond hearing. The Sheriff's Office investigation is continuing.



<http://www.kplctv.com/story/28358275/authorities-leesville-man-beat-wife-unconscious>

Leesville, LA
VERNON PARISH
March 10, 2015

Authorities: Leesville Man Beat Wife Unconscious



William Patrick Power

A 31-year-old Leesville man has been accused of beating his wife until she lost consciousness, authorities said.

Vernon Parish Sheriff Sam Craft said William Patrick Power was arrested Sunday on numerous charges.

"The victim indicated her spouse struck her about the face and head repeatedly until she lost consciousness," Craft said in a news release. "Deputies did observe significant bruising to her face and bruising to other areas of her body. The victim also alleged that Power threatened her with a firearm and refused to allow her to leave."

Powers is facing charges of second-degree domestic abuse battery, false imprisonment, criminal damage to property, resisting an officer with force or violence and disturbing the peace.

Bond was pending.

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Gerald Faces Domestic Violence Charges



A Washington Parish man who works for the parish government was arrested Saturday on domestic violence charges.

Russell Lavell Gerald, 37, a resident of Chess Gerald Road, near Pine, was charged with aggravated assault, domestic abuse with strangulation and illegal discharge/use of a weapon following an incident this weekend.

According to Washington Parish Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Mike Haley, a female complainant reported Saturday that she had been the victim of domestic violence earlier that day while driving to a camp on Paradise Drive and again after arriving at the camp.

The victim reported that she and Gerald had just left a local bar when he struck and choked her as she drove her vehicle to the camp.

"Once at the camp, she alleged, Gerald held a handgun to her head and fired shots inside the camp," Haley said in a press release.

"Officers investigated her complaint and determined it was valid. A warrant was obtained for Gerald's arrest, and he was taken into custody at the camp and placed in the Washington Parish Jail."

He was released on a \$25,000 bond Sunday. Gerald remains employed as the parish's transportation manager, but he is currently taking time off, according to Parish President Richard Thomas.

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