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Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

January 4, 2023: Ana Walshe, 39 of Cohasset, was reported missing by her employer and separately by her husband Brian Walshe, 47. Ana was last seen on January 1 in Cohasset. In March 2023, a grand jury indicted Brian Walshe for the murder of his wife, Ana Walshe. Ana's body has not been found but investigators believe that she was killed and dismembered in the basement of their home. At a celebration of her life, a close friend stated "Most people go through life, and we all want to make an impact. She truly did. The world has lost a great person." The couple had three young children.

February 9, 2023: Linda Robinson, 55 and son, Sebastian Robinson, 12 of Andover, were both killed in the early morning in their home. According to authorities, Andrew Robinson, 56, fatally shot and killed his wife and their son before turning the gun on himself. Linda worked in the accounting and human resources field and Sebastian was a student at St. John's Prep in Danvers. In their obituaries, their family shared "more than anything, being a mother was Linda's greatest gift." Her son was remembered for being a "bright light in his circle of friends who was a compassionate classmate to those around him."

March 14, 2023: Brennan Bleau, 23, of Easthampton, was stabbed to death in the early morning hours, allegedly by Jean Marie Echevarria, 23, at the home they shared. In his obituary, Bleau's friends and family remembered him as a caring person with a deep passion for music and cars.

March 14, 2023: Nehemia Cepeda, 14, of Brockton, was killed and his mother, Felicia Cepeda Williams, was critically wounded in their home, allegedly by Justelino Resende, 38, Nehemia's stepfather. Felicia was sleeping in her bedroom and her son was sleeping in her closet, allegedly unbeknownst to Justelino. Nehemia was a ninth-grade student at the Brockton Therapeutic Day School. A spokesperson for Brockton Public Schools told MassLive Nehemiah's death "has been a devastating loss for the community" and has impacted everyone.

May 8, 2023: Margarita Morehead, 59, of Chelsea, was stabbed to death in her home, allegedly by Angel Alvarez, 65, after she had refused to reconcile. Margarita was the sole provider for her elderly mother, who lives in the Dominican Republic along with numerous nieces and nephews. A close friend of Margarita's shared "She was a devoted mother, daughter, sister [and] friend. She was someone willing and ready to help others. She was beautiful inside and out."

May 29, 2023: Jessenia Simmons, 45, of New Bedford, was fatally shot at the Globe Car Wash in Fall River, allegedly by Angelo Leo, 33. Jessenia was found dead in one of the car wash bays.



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Born on the island of St. Thomas, Jessenia was the mother of two teenagers. Her obituary states “Jess worked as a secretary and was known for her love of softball.”

July 4, 2023: Tatyana Tavares, 30, of Raynham was allegedly fatally shot in her bedroom by Scott Swale, 43, who then turned the gun on himself. According to her obituary, Tatiana was born in Portugal and left behind her loving parents, three children, siblings and a host of many loving relatives and friends.

July 16, 2023: Nancy Hanson, 54, of Newton, was fatally beaten with a baseball bat and barbell. She was allegedly killed by her husband Richard Hanson, 64, and their three sons were all at home at the time of her murder. Nancy was an exercise instructor at the YMCA in Newton and in a statement, the YMCA said that Nancy was “cherished and loved by all who knew her here.”

August 8, 2023: Nayeli Nieves, 20, of Salem, was allegedly murdered by Pablo Vicente, 33, in front of their two young children. Police say he disposed of her body in a dumpster near where she lived; the dumpster was hauled away the following morning, hours before police learned she was missing. At a community vigil, family and friends of Nayeli stated that “She was a great person, and she was a great mother. We just want justice for Nayeli. We hope everybody working on the case can find her, and we can find peace.”

September 20, 2023: Heidi Chace, 44, of Freetown, was found dead in her home, allegedly killed by Matthew Lucas, 54. Heidi enjoyed going to fairs and carnivals and loved animals.

October 22, 2023: Breanne Pennington, 30, of Gardner was killed in her home by her husband Aaron Pennington, 33, allegedly days after she had decided to leave him. Breanne leaves behind four children under the age of 9, who are the ones who reported her injured to a neighbor.

November 1, 2023: Margaret Mbitu, 31, of Whitman was found dead in her car at Logan Airport. She had just finished her nursing shift, and she was preparing to travel with friends She was born in Kiambu, Kenya and, according to family, was full of life, loved to travel, and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Margaret’s boyfriend, Kevin Kangethe, 40, is suspected for her murder.

November 29, 2023: Kethlen Paula Alves Trindade DaRocha, 28, of Marlborough: According to the Middlesex District Attorney, she was allegedly killed by her boyfriend Marlon Moreira Costa, 29, who had forced his way into her home and shot her, before killing himself. According to reports, he had threatened her the night before. Kethlen was a recent immigrant and had come to the United States to pursue new job opportunities to help her family back home in Brazil.

December 8, 2023: Stephanie Beatty, 22, of Norwich, CT: According to Plymouth County District Attorney, Stephanie was found in a car in Brockton and had died from gunshot wounds. Detectives sought and attained a warrant to arrest Stephanie’s former boyfriend, Gelson Fernandes, 29, who was found later that evening having suffered from apparently self-inflicted



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gunshot wounds. Gelson died from his injuries three days later. She was taking online courses with a focus in early childhood development at the time of her death.

December 17, Tanaia Wilkinson, 25, of Millis: According to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office, Tanaia and her partner Michael Fischella, 32, were found on a dirt road. Cause of death for both was gunshot wound, and the weapon was found beneath Michael. In her obituary, Tanaia's brother wrote that he took her increased contact in the weeks leading up to her death to mean that she was trying to change her relationship. Tanaia was an arborist and a lover of nature, as well as a talented writer who was finalizing her first novel.

December 25, Diosmary Mejia, 21, of Lawrence was killed on Christmas Day in her home, allegedly by her boyfriend Santana Guerrero Temporo, 53. Santana was arrested in Texas several days later. Diosmary's family stated that Santana had increasingly isolated her and that she had called her mother early Christmas morning to say she missed her kids who were staying with her parents in the Dominican Republic.

December 29, 2023: Teena Kamal, 54, and daughter Arianna Kamal, 19, of Dover were found dead in their home. Autopsy results indicated that Teena Kamal, and her daughter Arianna Kamal, were victims of homicide by gunshot. Teena's husband Rakesh "Rick" Kamal, 57, died of a gunshot wound that was consistent with being self-inflicted. Arianna was a first-year college student who was home for winter break and Teena served on the regional board of the Massachusetts' chapter of the American Red Cross.