

CONNECTICUT FAMILY VIOLENCE 2018 HOMICIDE REPORT



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Family Violence Homicide Summary 2018

- There were 22 family violence homicide incidents in 2018 resulting in 27 deaths; 22 victims and five offender suicides.
- All five offenders in the murder-suicide incidents were male; three of the five offenders were in an intimate relationship with the victim. All five murder-suicides were perpetrated with a firearm.
- The 2018 family violence victim count was the second consecutive year-over-year increase.
- There were on average 1.8 family violence homicide incidents per month in 2018.
- There were more female (16) than male (six) victims of family violence homicides.
- Victims ranged in age from six weeks old (daughter) to 87 years old (wife). The highest number of victims was in the 20 to 29 year old age group (seven). The average age of all victims was 43 years old.
- In 2018, males were more often the offender in the family violence homicides, 19 of 23 (83%).
- The youngest offender to commit a domestic homicide was 12 years of age (brother); the oldest was 90 years of age (husband). The highest number of offenders was in the 20 to 29 year old age group (seven). The average age of all offenders was 42 years old.
- The majority of the family violence homicide victims were in an intimate relationship with the offender (64%).
- Knives were the most commonly used weapon to commit the murder, utilized in 50% of incidents.
- The month of February saw the most family violence homicide incidents (four). Other months with multiple family violence homicides were May, June, December (three), and October and November (two).
- Fourteen of the family violence homicides occurred in the residence shared by the victim and offender (64%).
- In 2018, a family violence homicide occurred in 19 Connecticut municipalities. Two municipalities had multiple family violence homicides, Waterbury (three), Hartford (two).
- Children less than 18 years of age were involved in four family violence homicide incidents (18%); two as victims, one as the offender, and one where there was a child under 18 years old as the offender and another as the victim.
- In 20 incidents (91%) there were no court orders of protection either active or expired.
- Fifteen (68%) of the homicide victims and 16 (70%) of the homicide offenders had no previous family violence history in the state of Connecticut.

2018 State of Connecticut Family Violence Homicide Victims

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Victim</u>		<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Offender(s)</u>		
			<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>		<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Weapon</u>
	** New Britain	9/28/95	18	F	Other relative residing in home: Daughter	51	M	Firearm
1.	Hartford	1/13/18	22	M	Other relative residing in home: Brother	17	M	Knife
2.	CSP - Burlington	2/5/18	84	M	Spouse	70	F	Other Dangerous: Blunt Object
3.	Bridgeport	2/19/18	15	F	Other relative residing in home: Niece	31	M	Knife
4.	* CSP - Essex	2/20/18	72	F	Spouse	72	M	Firearm
5.	* Watertown	2/27/18	87	F	Spouse	90	M	Firearm
6.	East Haven	3/17/18	27	M	Persons who have a child in common	28	F	Knife
7.	* New Milford	4/12/18	20	F	Other relative not residing in home: Daughter	43	M	Firearm
8.	Meriden	5/2/18	21	F	Dating	20	M	Knife
9.	Waterbury	5/12/18	44	F	Dating	44	M	Other Dangerous: Scissors
10.	Hartford	5/24/18	6 weeks	F	Other relative residing in home: Daughter	23 20	M F	Hands/Fists/Feet
11.	* Southington	6/3/18	41	F	Dating	40	M	Firearm
12.	Hamden	6/9/18	60	F	Other relative residing in home: Mother	34	M	Other Dangerous: Bat
13.	Stamford	6/11/18	74	F	Spouse	75	M	Knife
14.	Waterbury	8/28/18	48	F	Dating	49	M	Knife
15.	Middletown	9/8/18	29	F	Dating	34	M	Knife
16.	CSP - Willimantic	10/2/18	27	F	Dating	28	M	Hands/Fists/Feet
17.	New London	10/4/18	53	M	Dating	42	M	Knife
18.	Windsor Locks	11/13/18	51	M	Other relative residing in home: Father	24	F	Knife
19.	Waterbury	11/24/2018	76	F	Dating	81	M	Hands/Fists/Feet
20.	East Lyme	12/10/2018	25	F	Live-In-Girlfriend	28	M	Knife
21.	West Hartford	12/17/2018	12	F	Other relative residing in home: Sister	12	M	Knife
22.	* Plainville	12/22/2018	66	M	Other relative residing in home: Brother	68	M	Firearm

* Murder-Suicide

** Known to Police in 2018

CSP=Connecticut State Police

Note: The above list includes incidents submitted to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection prior to April 3, 2019. Included in the list is one incident that became known to police in 2018. This incident is not included in the 2018 statistics.

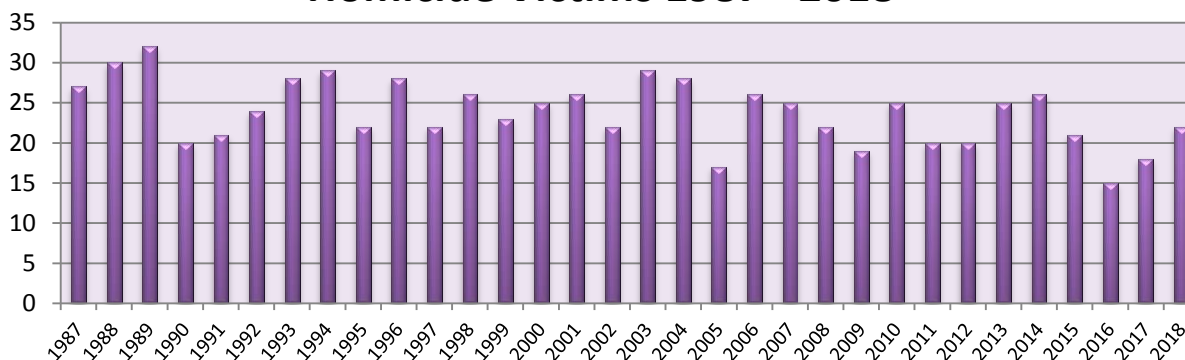
Family Violence Homicides 2018

Summaries of family violence homicides occurring in Connecticut during calendar year 2018 are presented in this report. Incidents are included in this report if a family or household member as defined in Connecticut General Statute 46b-38a (2) was arrested for the crime as of April 3, 2019. "Family or household member" means any of the following persons, regardless of the age of such person: (A) Spouses or former spouses; (B) parents or their children; (C) persons related by blood or marriage; (D) persons other than those persons described in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision presently residing together or who have resided together; (E) persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they are or have been married or have lived together at any time; and (F) persons in, or who have recently been in, a dating relationship. These homicides have been matched against offenses reported via Uniform Crime Reports. Any homicide circumstance information provided is derived from newspaper accounts or other publicly available sources.

OVERVIEW

In 2018 there were 22 family violence homicide incidents involving 22 victims. The total number of deaths from these incidents was 27 including five offender suicides. These numbers do not include homicides from previous years for which the offenders were arrested in 2018. During 2018, one arrest was made for a 1995 incident. The 2018 victim count was the second consecutive year-over-year increase in family violence homicide victims. The first full calendar year of collected family violence data was 1987. The number of family violence homicide victims ranged from a low of 15 in 2016 to a high of 32 in 1989. Between 1987 and 2018, there have been 763 recorded family violence homicide victims, an average of 24 per calendar year. The numbers listed below may be different from previously published reports. In some cases the offenders were arrested after publication of the data.

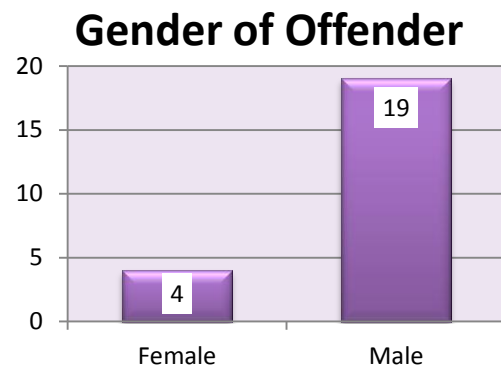
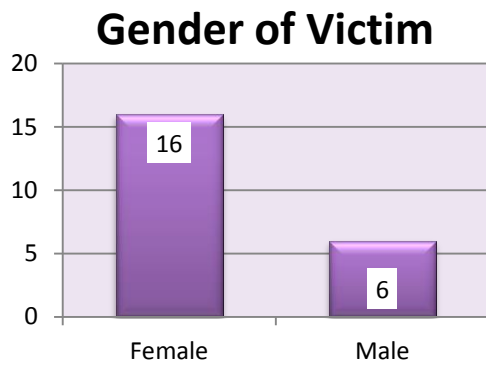
Homicide Victims 1987 - 2018



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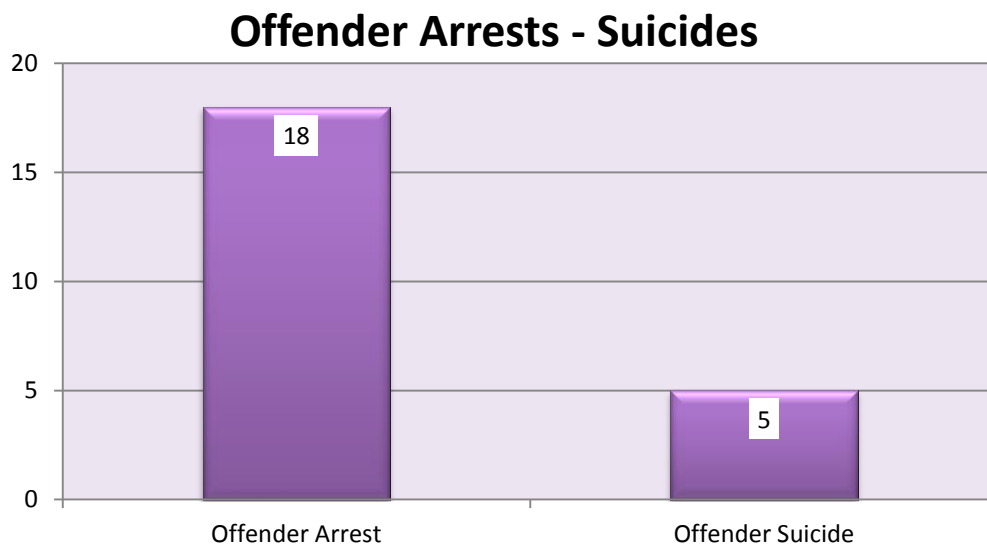
Gender

In 2018 females were more often the victim of a family murder than males. Males were more often the offender in family violence homicides. Of the 22 victims, 16 (73%) were female and six (27%) were male. One homicide incident involved two offenders. Of the twenty-three offenders, 19 were male (83%), four were female (17%).

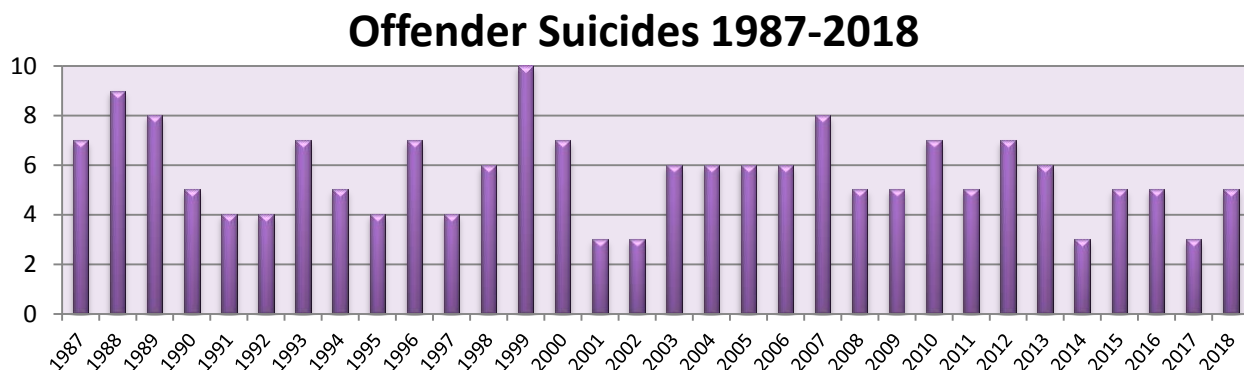


Offender Arrests-Suicides-Other

A total of 18 offenders were arrested (78%). Five offenders committed suicide (22%). Three of the five murder-suicide incidents involved participants in an intimate relationship; four victims were female, one was male. All five of the offenders of murder-suicide incidents were male. All five murder-suicides were perpetrated with a firearm. In 2018 all murder-suicide incidents involved a single victim.



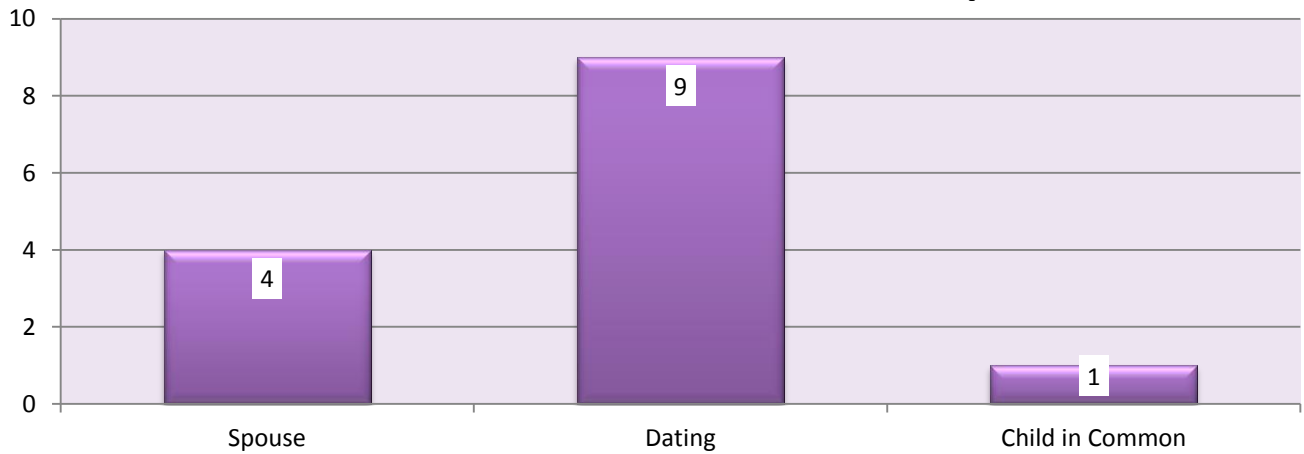
Between 1987 and 2018, 181 suspected offenders have committed suicide, an average of six per calendar year. The number of offender suicides ranged from a high of 10 in 1999 to a low of three in 2001, 2002, 2014, and 2017.



Intimate/Non-intimate Relationship

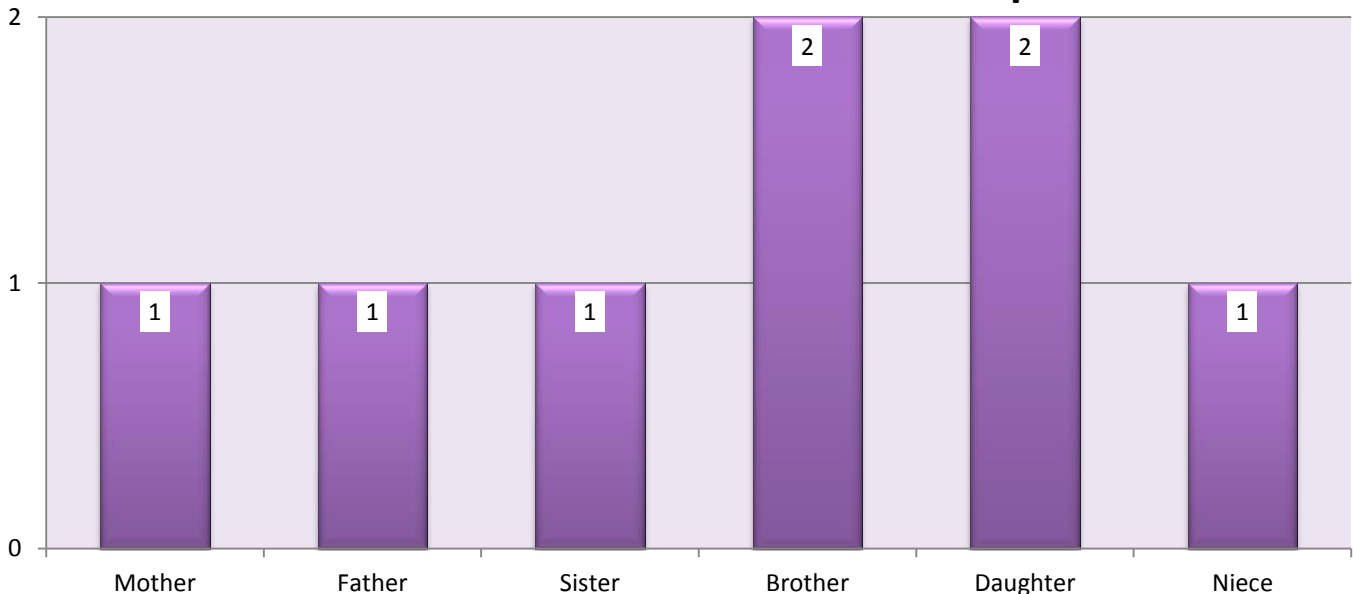
The majority of the homicide victims, a total of 14 (64%), were in an intimate relationship with the offender. The 14 intimate victims included four spouses (three wives-one husband), nine dating (eight girlfriends-one boyfriend), and one that had a child in common with the offender. Overall, 11 intimate victims were female and three were male. Eight of the intimate victims resided with the offender.

Victims Intimate Relationship



Eight victims (36%) of the homicides involved people in a non-intimate relationship. Three non-intimate victims were male; relationships included one father and two brothers. Five non-intimate victims were female; relationships included one mother, two daughters, and one sister, and one niece. Seven of the non-intimate victims lived with the offender.

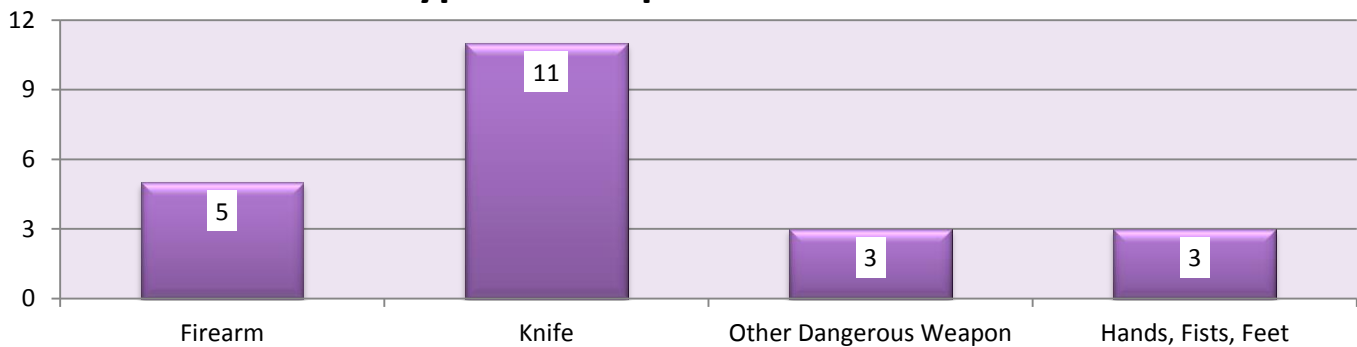
Victims Non-Intimate Relationship



Weapons

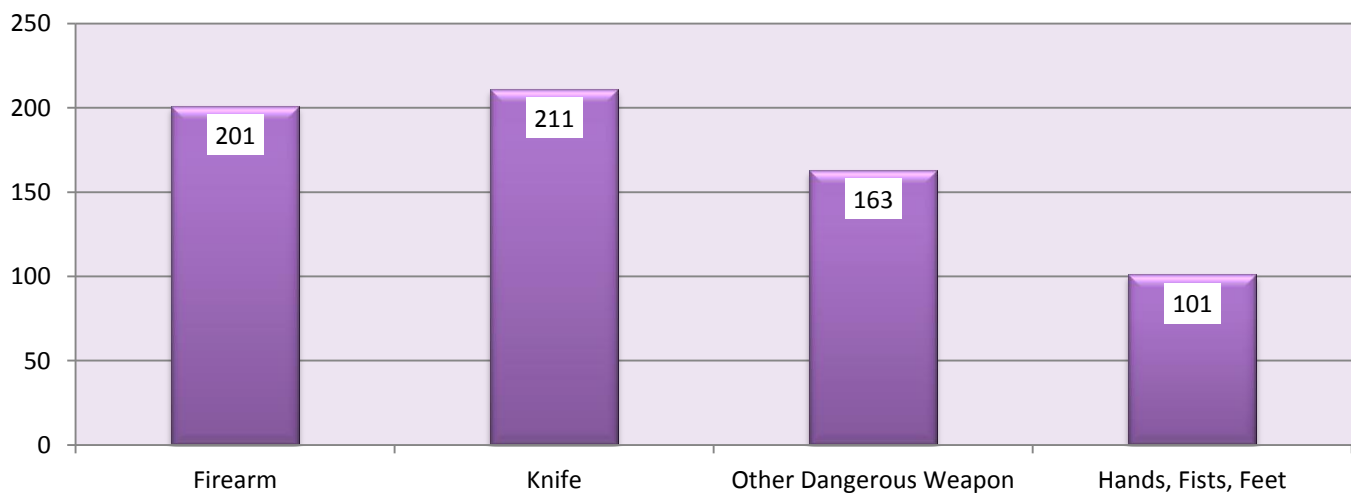
A weapon is defined as any object, instrument, device or part of the anatomy used in an attack. If more than one weapon was reported being used, all weapons are counted in the graph below. In the 22 family violence homicide incidents, knives were the most commonly used weapon, 11 incidents (50%). Other weapons included firearms, five incidents (23%); hands, fists, feet, three incidents (14%); other dangerous weapons which included a blunt object, scissors, and a bat, three incidents (14%).

Type of Weapon Used - 2018



Prior to calendar year 2000, the details of family violence homicides that resulted in no arrest due to the suicide of the offender were not captured. The following chart illustrates the total number of family violence incidents by weapon where incident details were captured. If more than one weapon was reported being used, all weapons are counted in the graph below.

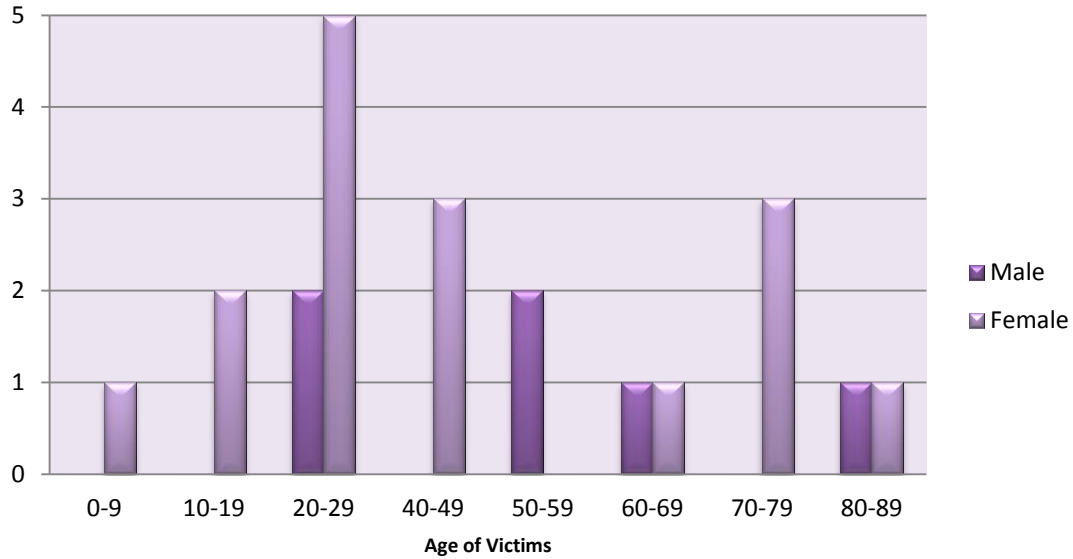
Type of Weapon Used - Total Incidents 1987 - 20018



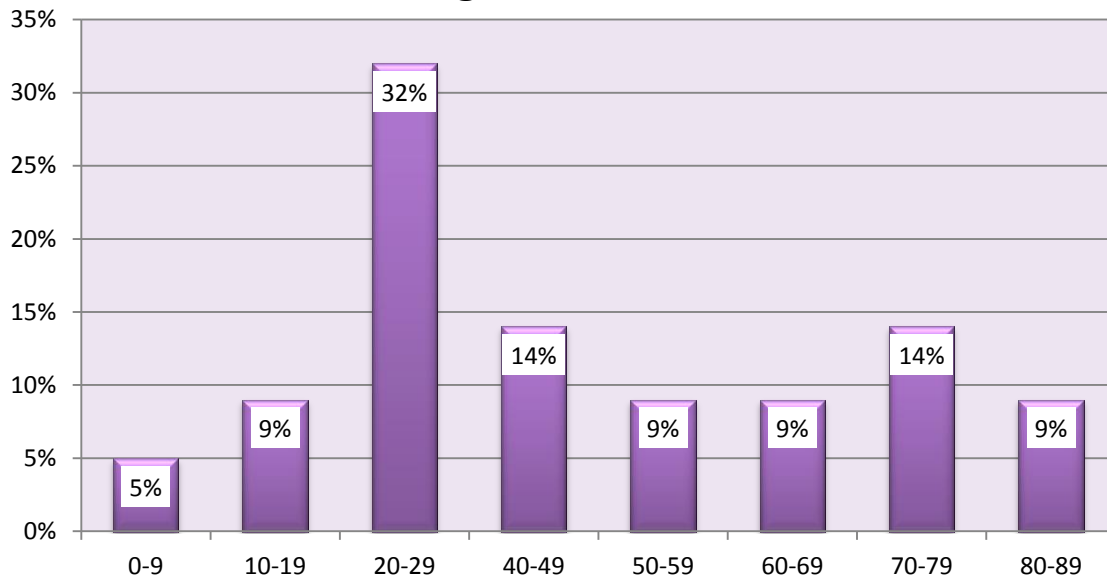
Age & Gender of Victims

In 2018 the youngest victim of a domestic homicide was a six week old female (daughter). The oldest victim was an 87 year old female (wife). The highest number of victims was in the 20 to 29 year old age group, seven (32%). Five of the victims in the 20-29 age group were female. The average age of female victims was 41 years old; the average age of male victims was 50 years old. The average age of all victims was 43 years old.

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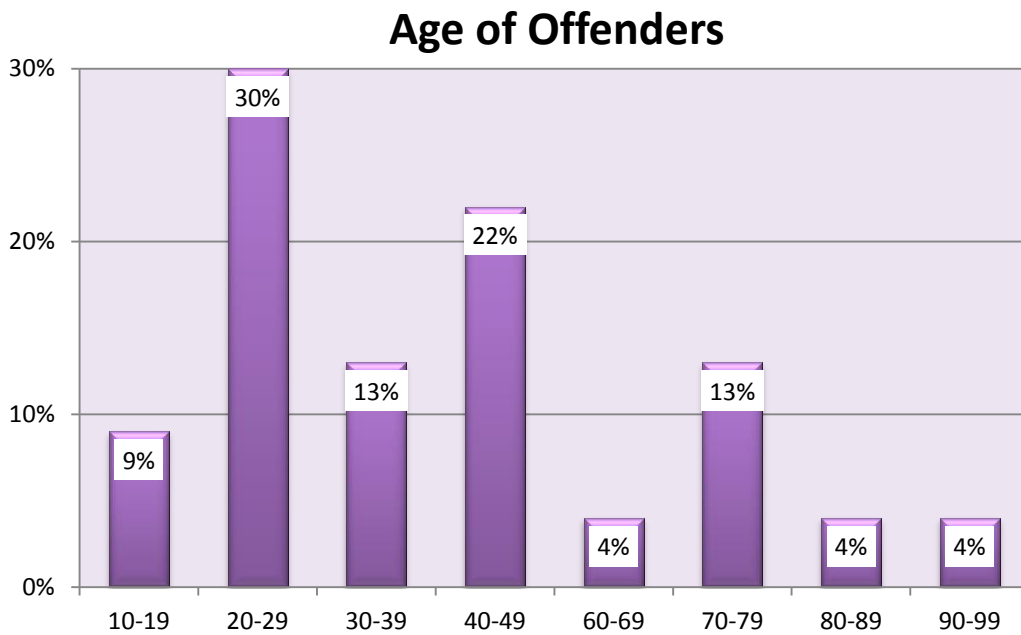
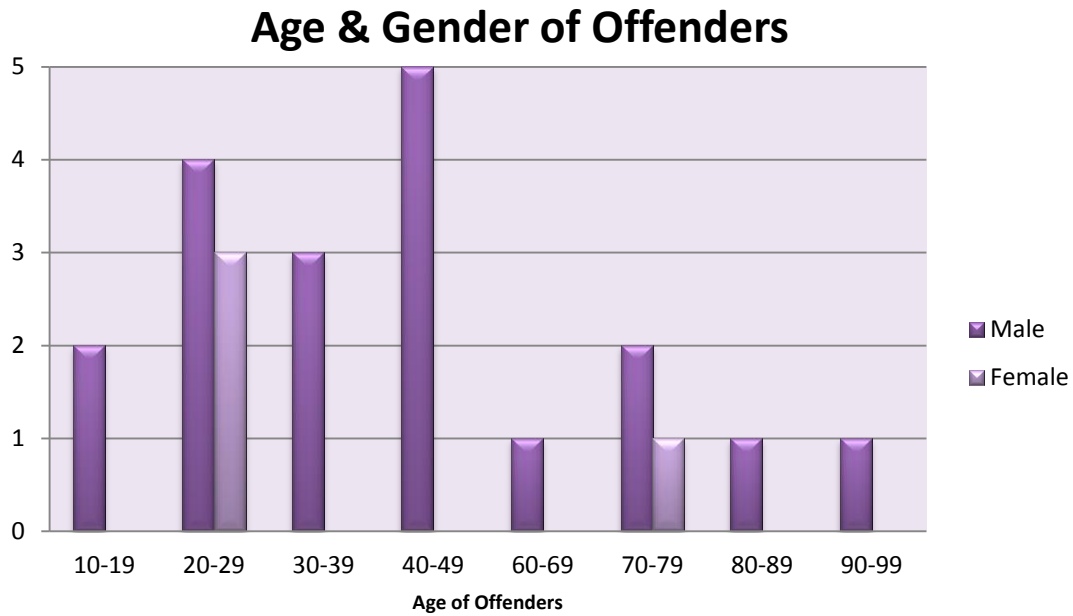


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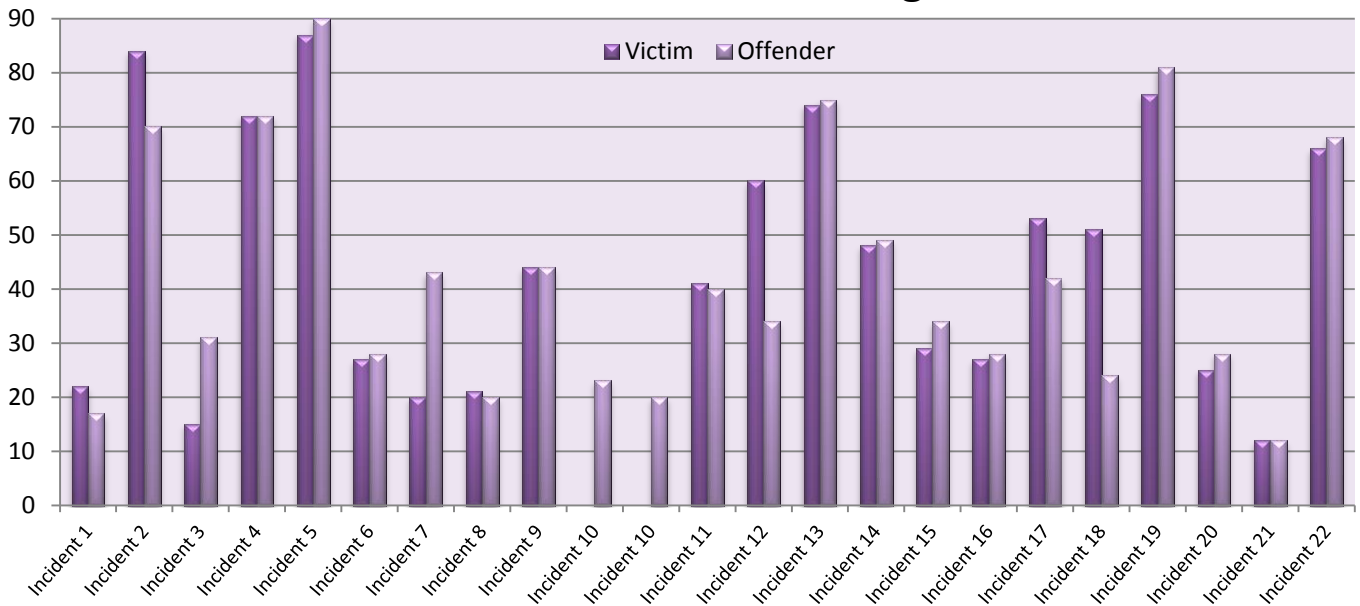
Age & Gender of Offenders

The youngest offender to commit a domestic homicide during 2018 was a 12 year old male (brother). The oldest offender was a 90 year old male (husband). The highest number of offenders was in the 20 to 29 age group, 7 (30 percent). The average age of male offenders was 44 years old; the average age of female offenders was 36 years old. The average age of all offenders was 42 years old.



Twelve of the 22 family violence homicide victims were younger than the offender(s), (55%). Seven victims (32%) were older than the offender. Three victims were the same age (14%). Overall, the age difference ranged from 23 years younger to 27 years older.

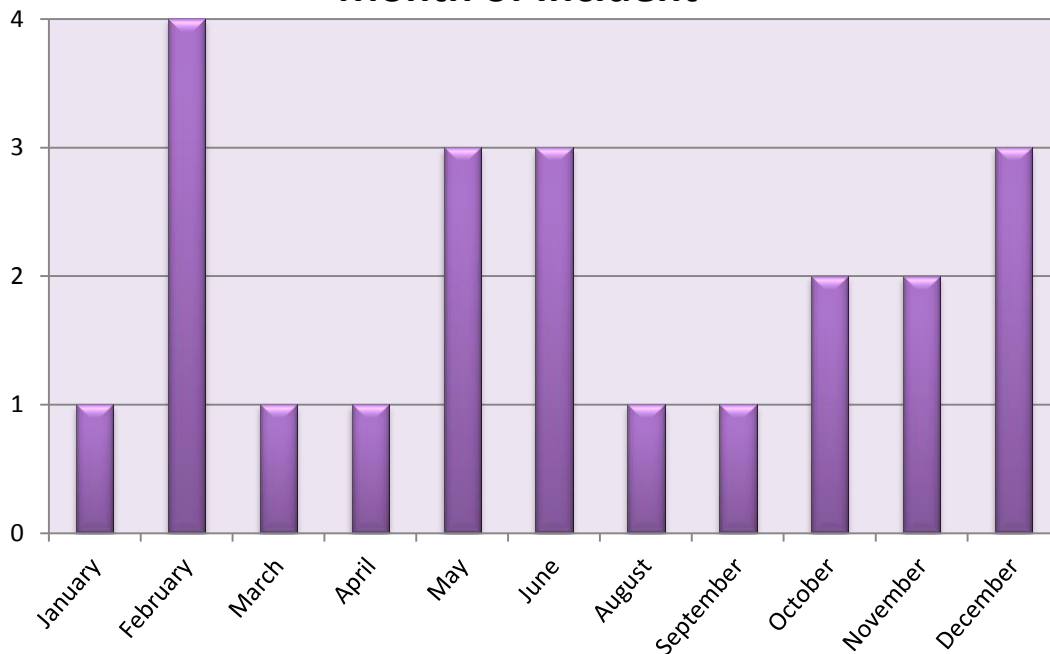
Victim - Offender Age



Month

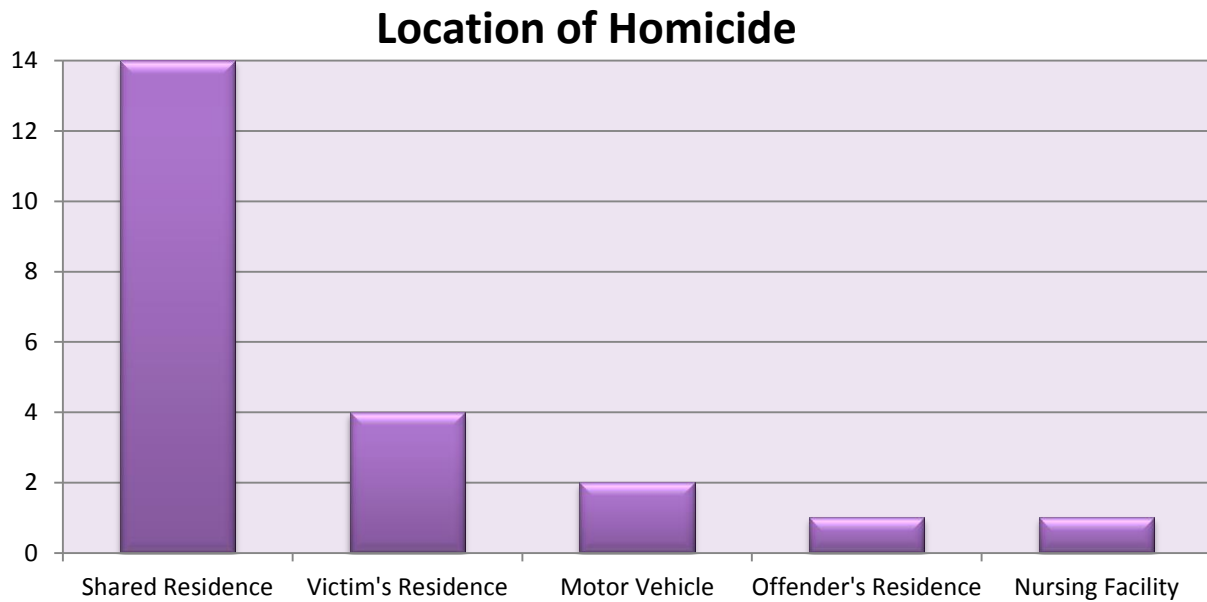
The month of February had the highest number of family violence homicides, a total of four. Other months with multiple family violence homicides included May, June, December (three each), and October and November (two). July was the only month during 2018 with no family violence homicides.

Month of Incident



Location of Homicide

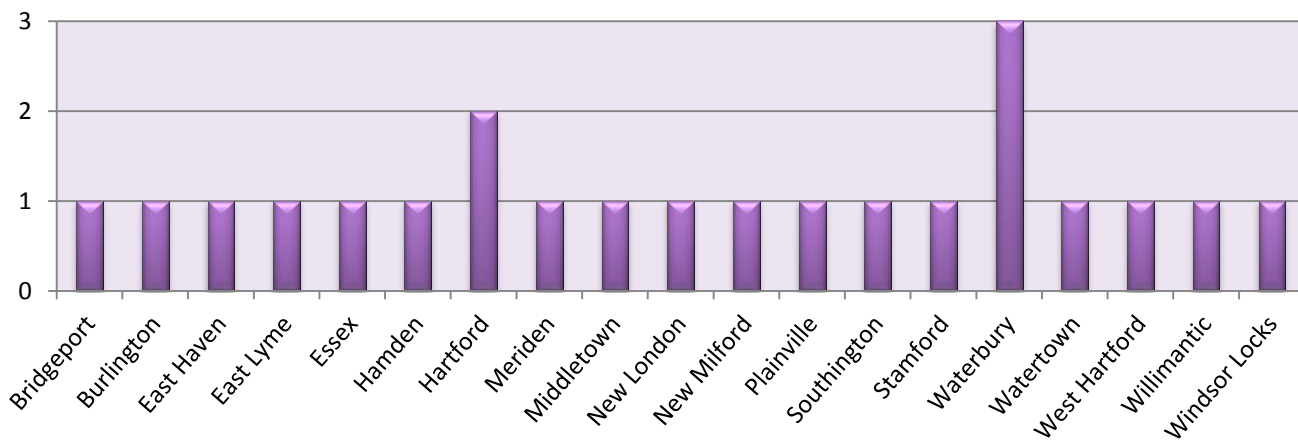
Fourteen of the 22 family violence homicides committed occurred in the residence shared by the victim and the offender (64%). Other locations included: the victim’s residence, four (18%); motor vehicle, two (9%); offender’s residence, one (4%); and nursing facility, one (4%).



Geographic Distribution

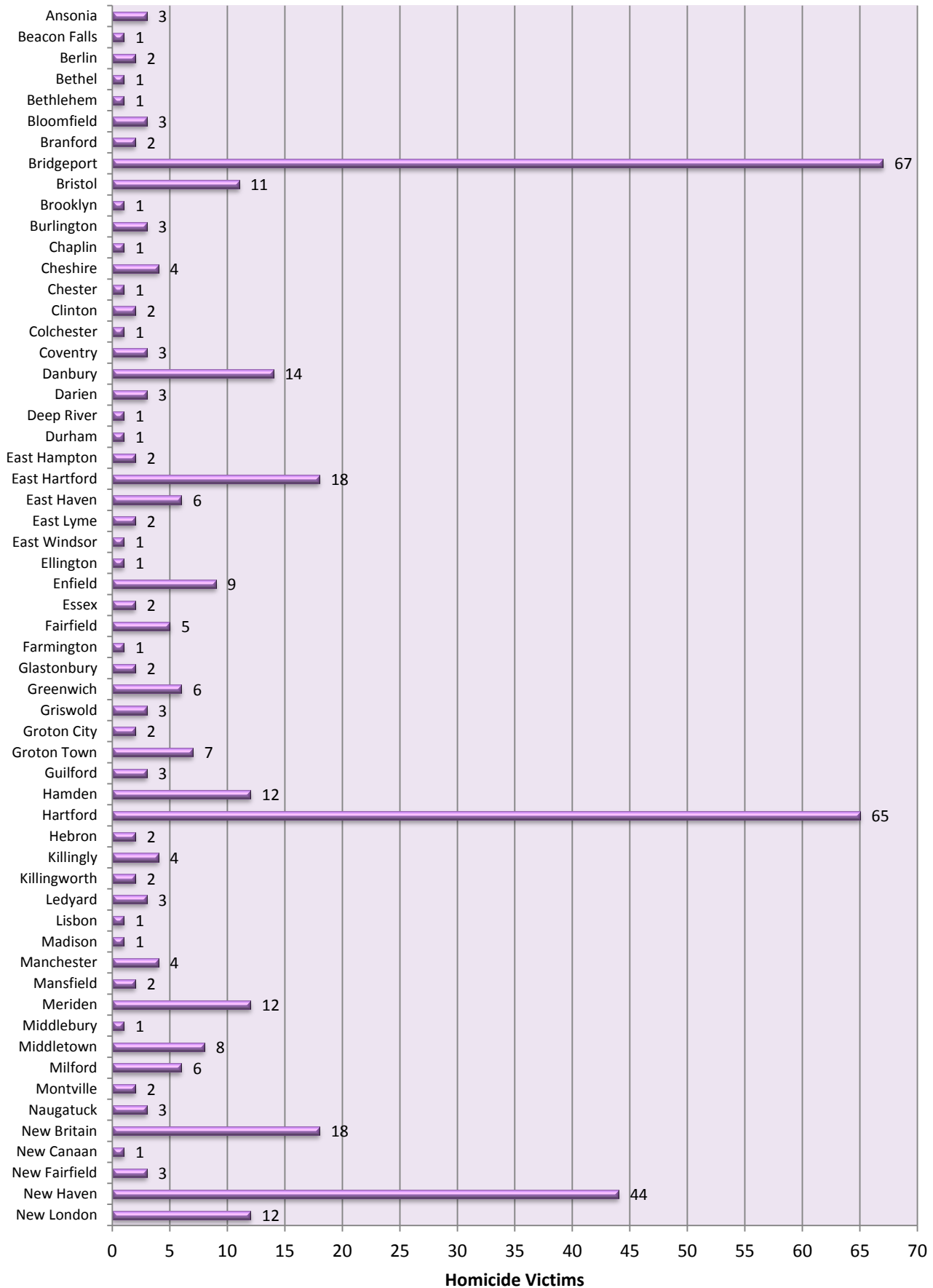
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Family Violence Homicide Victims by Town 2018



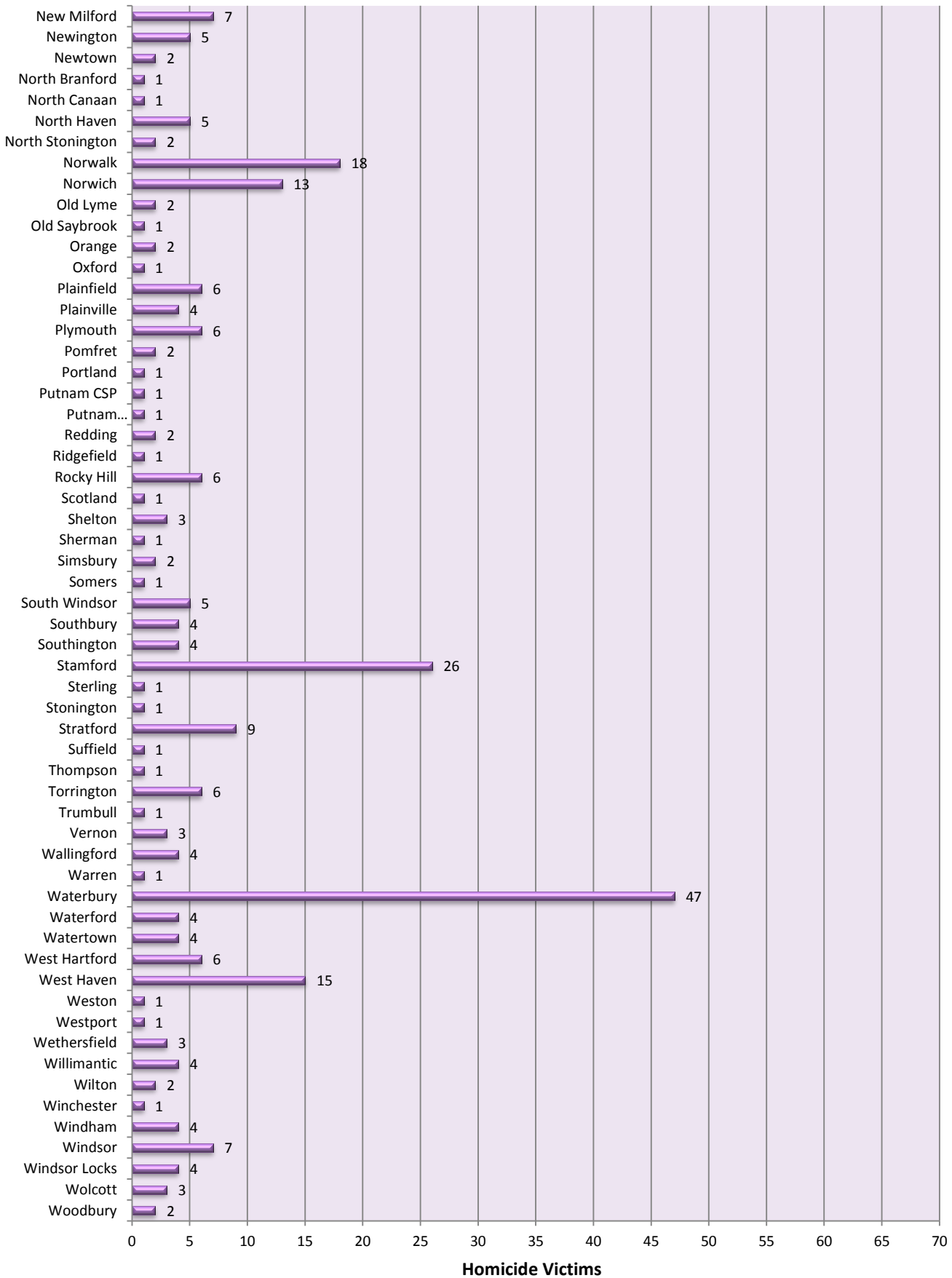
Prior to calendar year 2000, the details of family violence homicides that resulted in no arrest due to the suicide of the offender were not captured. The following table illustrates the total number of family violence victims by town where incident details were captured. With 67 homicide victims, Bridgeport recorded the highest total followed by Hartford (65), Waterbury (47) and New Haven (44). Combined, these four municipalities accounted for one-third (33%) of Connecticut’s family violence homicide victims where incident details were captured (675). A total of 113 municipalities have witnessed a family violence homicide, 67% of all Connecticut municipalities.

Family Violence Homicides by Town 1987 - 2018*



* Does not include victims where the offender committed suicide prior to 2000.

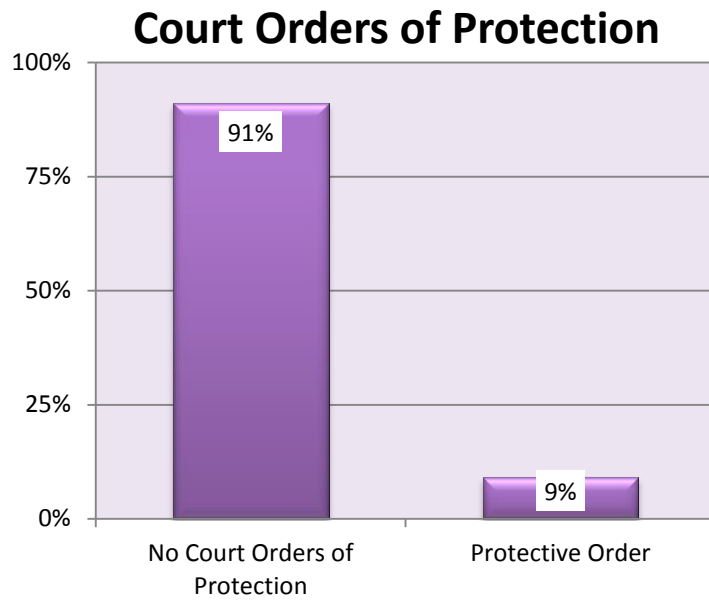
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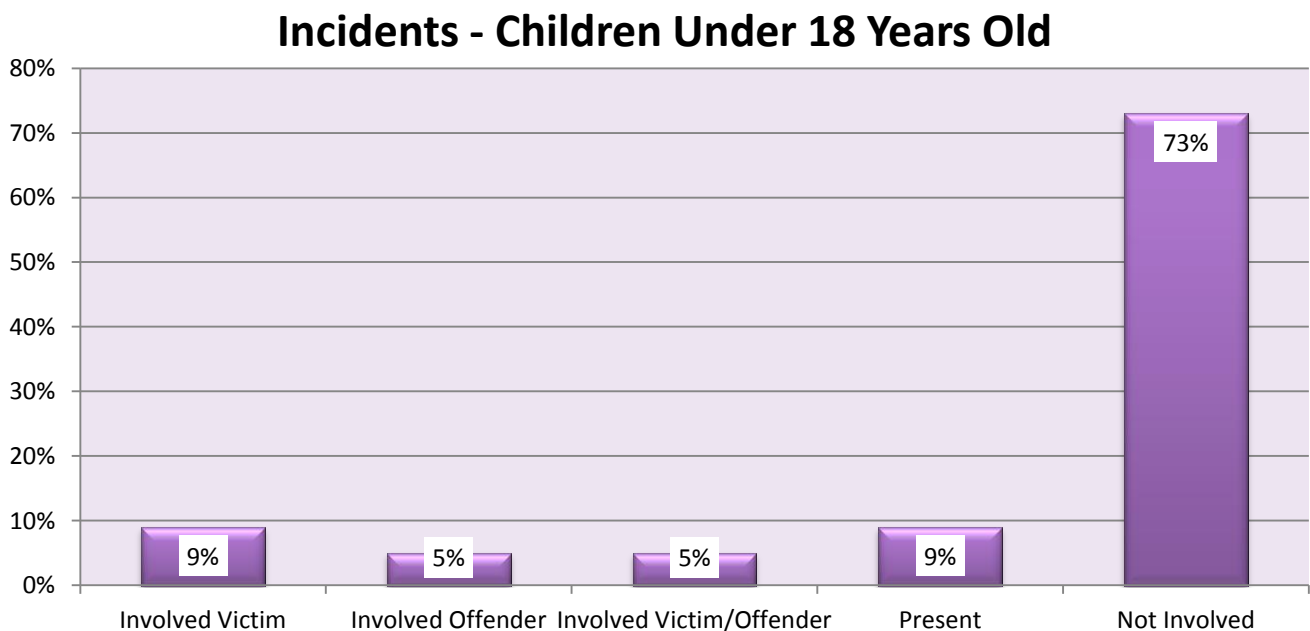
Court Orders of Protection

In 20 of the 22 family homicide incidents occurring during 2018 there were no court orders of protection, either active or expired (91%). In two incidents there were active protective orders (9%).



Children Under 18 Years Old

Children under 18 years of age were involved in four family violence homicide incidents (18%), two incidents as the victim (9%), one incident as the offender (5%), and in one incident there was a child under 18 years old as the offender and another child as the victim (5%). Children under 18 years of age were present in two homicide incidents (9%), and were not involved in 16 incidents (73%).



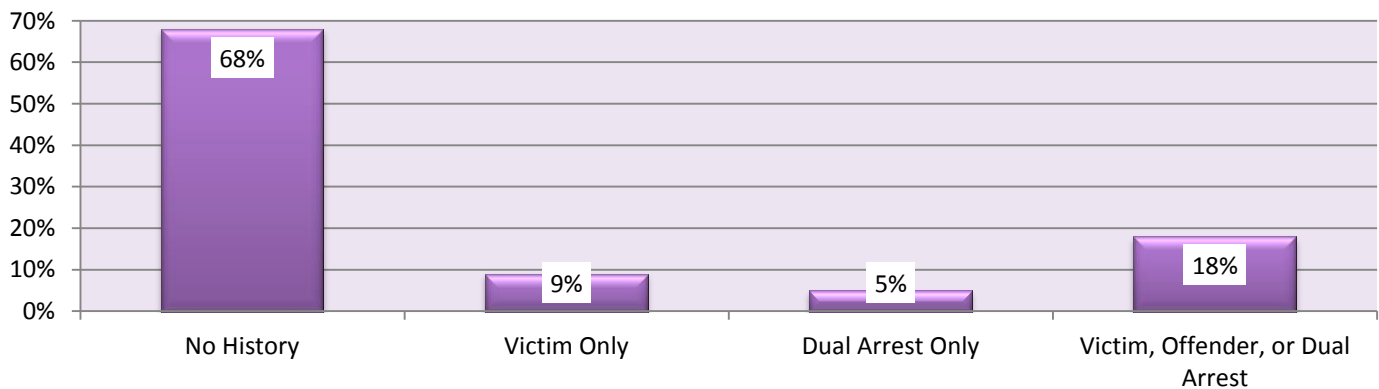
Victim's Family Violence History

Of the 22 victims in the 2018 family violence homicide incidents, 15 (68%) had no previous family violence history in the state of Connecticut as either an offender or a victim.

Of the other seven victims, two were involved in previous family violence incidents as the victim only (9%), one was involved in a previous incident that resulted in a dual arrest (5%). Four were involved in previous incidents as the victim, offender, or dual arrest incidents when all participants were arrested (18%). Also, four homicide victims were involved in previous incidents with the offender of the 2018 homicide.

2018 Homicide Victim	No Previous Incident	Previous Incident	Previous Incident Status			Involving 2018 Homicide Offender	Incident Offense	Injury	Year of Incident
			Victim	Offender	Dual Arrest				
Victim 1	X								
Victim 2	X								
Victim 3	X								
Victim 4	X								
Victim 5	X								
Victim 6		Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3 Incident 4	X	X X	 X	No No Yes Yes	Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct Assault Threatening Assault	No Apparent Minor No Apparent Minor	2018 2017 2015 2015
Victim 7	X								
Victim 8		Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3 Incident 4	X X X X		 X	Yes Yes Yes No	Violation Court Order Violation Court Order Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct Breach of Peace	No Apparent No Apparent No Apparent Minor	2018 2018 2018 2001
Victim 9		Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3	X X X		X	No No No	Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct Disorderly Conduct Assault	No Apparent Minor Minor	2016 2013 1992
Victim 10	X								
Victim 11		Incident 1 Incident 2	X	X		Yes No	Disorderly Conduct Assault	No Apparent Minor	2011 1994
Victim 12	X								
Victim 13	X								
Victim 14	X								
Victim 15	X								
Victim 16	X								
Victim 17		Incident 1	X			Yes	Threatening Breach of Peace/Disorderly	No Apparent	2018
Victim 18	X								
Victim 19	X								
Victim 20		Incident 1	X			No	Breach of Peace/Disorderly	No Apparent	2015
Victim 21	X								
Victim 22		Incident 1			X	No	Disorderly Conduct	Minor	1986

Victim's Family Violence History

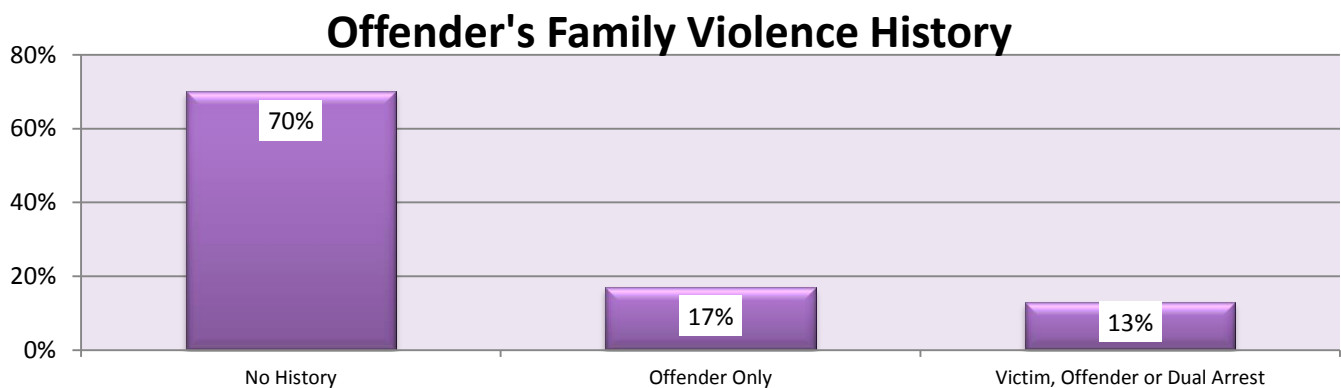


Offender's Family Violence History

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Of the other seven offenders, four were involved in previous family violence incidents as the offender only (17%) and three were involved in previous incidents as the victim, offender, or in a dual arrest incident where all participants were arrested (13%). Also, four homicide offenders were involved in previous incidents with the victim of the 2018 homicide.

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			Victim	Offender	Dual Arrest				
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Offender 11	X								
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Offender 14	X								
Offender 15		Incident 1		X		No	Assault Breach of Peace/Disorderly	Minor	2015
Offender 16		Incident 1		X		No	Strangulation Breach of Peace/Disorderly	Minor	2015
Offender 17	X								
Offender 18		Incident 1		X		Yes	Threatening Breach of Peace/Disorderly	No Apparent	2018
Offender 19	X								
Offender 20	X								
Offender 21	X								
Offender 22	X								
Offender 23	X								



2018 Family Violence Homicide Circumstances

09/28/95 New Britain

Victim: Female, 18

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Daughter

Circumstances: The victim was found wrapped in a sleeping bag and a plastic trash bag behind a shopping plaza, killed by a single gunshot to the head. Eight days later the victim's mother was found 40 miles away near the entrance of a state park in Massachusetts with a gunshot wound to the head. The family lived in Brewster, New York at the time of the homicides. Afterwards the offender told people that his wife and daughter left the country. He then proceeded to start a new life, got married and had more children. Years later a letter sent to the offender's relatives by his new wife requesting to bring the families together proved crucial in solving the cold case. Relatives reached out to New York State Police to file a missing persons report. This led to a chain of events where technology and cooperation among several agencies helped solve the case.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 51

1. 01/13/18 Hartford P.D.

Victim: Male, 22

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Brother

Circumstances: An argument broke out between the victim and offender inside their apartment building and spilled outside onto the sidewalk. The offender stabbed his brother in the heart with a 4-inch steak knife. After realizing what transpired, the offender attempted to assist his brother.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 17

2. 02/05/18 CSP Burlington

Victim: Male, 84

Relationship: Husband

Circumstances: Responding to a well-being check, police found the victim dead from blunt head injuries in the home he shared with his wife. Authorities believe he may have been dead for up to eight months. The victim had been a faculty member at the UCONN School of Medicine for more than 40 years. The nature of the victim's assignment made it acceptable for him to work remotely, explaining why his absence would not have been cause for concern.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 70

3. 02/19/18 Bridgeport P.D.

Victim: Female, 15

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Niece

Circumstances: The offender called 911 and told police he had just killed his "daughter". When officers arrived the offender was found standing on an outside porch covered in blood. The offender, a refugee of tribal violence in the Congo, claimed to be suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, and believed the victim was trying to poison him. The victim was found dead in a bathroom from multiple stab wounds. At the time of the incident the offender's wife and three children were asleep in another room.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 31

4. 02/20/18 CSP Essex

Victim: Female, 72

Relationship: Wife

Circumstances: Responding to a well-being check, police found the bodies of the victim and offender dead in their home. It was determined that the victim was shot and killed, and the offender died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 72

5. **02/27/18 Watertown P.D.**

Victim: Female, 87

Relationship: Wife

Circumstances: Responding to a report of gunshots, police found the victim and offender dead in a bathroom in their home from gunshot wounds in an apparent murder-suicide. Both were battling serious medical issues. Police had never been called to the home before and there were no domestic issues.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 90

6. **03/17/18 East Haven P.D.**

Victim: Male, 27

Relationship: Child in common

Circumstances: The offender called 911 requesting medical assistance stating that the victim was intoxicated and attacking her. She stated she was scared and grabbed an eight-inch kitchen knife and the victim “walked into the knife”. When police arrived they found the victim lying on his back on a blowup mattress. The offender was sitting at the kitchen table with blood on her hands. The victim was taken to the hospital, where he died from a stab wound to the left side of his torso.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 28

7. **04/12/18 New Milford P.D.**

Victim: Female, 20

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Daughter

Circumstances: A multi-state murder-suicide was perpetrated by the offender who had a child with the victim, his adult biological daughter. The victim and her adoptive father were shot multiple times in the head and upper torso with an assault-type rifle as they sat in a pick-up truck at an intersection in New Milford, Connecticut. A short time later the offender was found dead inside a motor vehicle in Dover, New York of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. The victim was given up for adoption shortly after birth, but at age 18 located her biological parents in North Carolina and began living with them. A sexual relationship developed between the victim and offender. The offender’s wife divorced and the offender and the victim had a baby together and married. They were later charged with incest, adultery, and contributing to delinquency. Bond terms required the victim to move back to New York and live with her adoptive parents. The victim broke up with the offender over the phone the day before the homicide. The offender told his mother he was taking the seven-month old to New York and was coming back. The mother called police requesting a welfare check on the infant. Police found the infant dead.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 43

8. **05/02/18 Meriden P.D.**

Victim: Female, 21

Relationship: Girlfriend

Circumstances: Police arrived at the victim’s apartment for a report of a possible stabbing and found the victim with a stab wound to her chest. She was pronounced dead at a local hospital. After the incident the offender drove to the Waterbury Police Department, turned himself in and confessed to stabbing and killing the victim with a steak knife. There were two active protective orders in place barring the offender from any contact with the victim.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 20

9. **05/12/18 Waterbury P.D.**

Victim: Female, 44

Relationship: Girlfriend

Circumstances: Responding to reports of an unresponsive woman, police found the victim dead inside her bedroom with several stab wounds to her neck. The offender fled the scene in the victim’s vehicle to the Bronx, New York where he was arrested. The offender had a previous murder conviction in New York in 1998.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 44

10. 05/24/18 Hartford P.D.

Victim: Female, 6 Weeks

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Daughter

Circumstances: The victim was brought to the hospital by her parents. Hospital staff alerted police that the infant had come in with cranial bleeding, bruising to the brain, bruising on both sides of her jaw, and fractured ribs. The mother told hospital staff the father had accidentally dropped the child the night before. The mother stated the infant was having trouble sleeping and would not stop crying, and she and the father took turns trying to calm the baby down. The father took the infant into the bathroom and turned on the faucet. The mother says she heard choking and gargling then a thud. The father then came out of the bathroom and handed the limp and wheezing infant to the mother who put the child into the crib and went to sleep. When the baby woke again they called the pediatrician and went to the hospital. On the ride to the hospital the mother claims the father told her to lie and not to blame him. Police said the baby's injuries appeared to have happened over several days. Prosecutors called the case "heinous." The baby was a twin.

**Suspects Arrested: Male, 23
Female, 20**

11. 06/03/18 Southington P.D.

Victim: Female, 41

Relationship: Girlfriend

Circumstances: The offender shot the victim in the backyard before shooting himself outside a police station about 15 miles away. The offender died one day later in the hospital from the self-inflicted wounds. Police records show that the victim and offender were in a rocky relationship with multiple calls to police to step in over the course of several years. Police records show the victim requested help to get her belongings from the offender's home at least four times; the last call was two months before the murder-suicide.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 40

12. 06/09/18 Hamden P.D.

Victim: Female, 60

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Mother

Circumstances: The offender told police he bashed his mother's head in with a baseball bat, and then burned her body in a fire pit for eight hours while using gasoline to accelerate the flame. The offender told police the victim was trying to poison him and put parasites in his bed. The offender told police "God got into my body and walked me downstairs with my baseball bat and it was very quick and almost even hard to remember. I don't really feel like it was totally my mind and body doing anything. It was God walking through me." The offender scrubbed the kitchen clean with chemicals and repainted a wall after he couldn't wash off his mother's blood. The offender used his mother's Amazon account to order an urn.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 34

13. 06/11/18 Stamford P.D.

Victim: Female, 74

Relationship: Wife

Circumstances: The offender told police an intruder broke into his home, killed his wife, and tried to choke him with a rope. The victim was found in the master bedroom, her neck slit, covered in blood, with a kitchen knife nearby. The offender was found with a rope around his neck. The offender told police he had heard a noise and went downstairs to check it out, felt something around his neck and then passed out. He woke to find his wife bleeding. Police determined there were no signs indicating someone had broken into the home. Investigators found email and hand written notes by the offender that spoke of depression and detailed his concerns over his wife's breast cancer diagnosis and losing financial stability. That evidence plus the nature of the offender's injuries pointed to a "botched hanging" and a murder-suicide gone wrong.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 75

14. 08/28/18 Waterbury P.D.

Victim: Female, 48

Relationship: Girlfriend

Circumstances: The victim's husband came home from working the overnight shift and found his wife dead and their 11 year old son tied up. Authorities say the offender broke into the victim's home and an argument ensued between the victim and offender about their personal relationship when the dispute turned violent. The victim's son told police he woke up to the offender stabbing his mother on the floor of his room. The offender forced the son to sit in a chair, tied him up, and hit him in the back of the head. The boy was taken to the hospital and treated for head trauma. Detectives recovered evidence from a storm drain near the house. There were also two arson attempts inside the home.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 49

15. 09/08/18 Middletown P.D.

Victim: Female, 29

Relationship: Girlfriend

Circumstances: The offender called police and told a 911 dispatcher that the victim was not breathing and it looked like her throat had been cut. The offender was found at the scene with dried blood on his clothes and body. The offender told police he had set his alarm for 3 a.m. that morning because he wanted to visit the victim, and used his own key to enter the victim's apartment. Police found the victim in her bedroom with stab wounds to her neck and torso. There was blood in the kitchen, a bloody knife in the bedroom, and another bloody knife in a trash can. Hours before the victim was slain she told a co-worker that she was thinking of getting a restraining order against the offender. Three weeks before the incident police were called to the victim's apartment after she broke up with the offender. The offender was sending "thousands of text messages" and had shown up at her door on more than ten occasions.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 34

16. 10/02/18 CSP Willimantic

Victim: Female, 27

Relationship: Girlfriend

Circumstances: The victim's son and daughter couldn't get into their apartment after school. A maintenance worker gave the daughter and a neighbor keys to get in. The victim's daughter went into the bedroom and started to scream. She found the victim on the bedroom floor with blood coming out of her nose and an electrical cord wrapped tightly around her neck. A witness told police the offender told him he and the victim had an argument and she had left, and requested a ride to a nearby shopping mall. The offender fled to Jamaica Queens, New York. The next day the offender walked into a police station and told detectives people were beginning to implicate him in a crime in Connecticut that he didn't do. Initially the offender admitted to getting into an argument with the victim and later confessed to the murder.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 28

17. 10/04/18 New London P.D.

Victim: Male, 53

Relationship: Boyfriend

Circumstances: The victim had been found at high risk of being murdered when he was assessed by victim advocates following his former partner and housemates arrest on domestic violence charges a few months prior to the homicide. The offender threatened to kill the victim when he was released from prison following a thirty-day sentence. The offender stabbed the victim multiple times in the legs and torso in the kitchen of the victim's home. The victim was found lying on his back, his legs covered in blood, bleeding from stab wounds to his chest, and internal organs protruding due to injuries of the lower abdomen. The offender had a history of substance abuse and mental issues. There was an active protective order in place barring the offender from any contact with the victim.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 42

18. **11/13/18 Windsor Locks P.D.** **Victim:** Male, 51 **Relationship:** Relative residing in home: Father

Circumstances: The victim had not been seen or heard from for several days. Police responding to a call reporting a foul odor found the victim's body in the apartment he shared with his daughter and her boyfriend in a plastic tub that was hidden behind the sofa. The victim had been stabbed multiple times in the neck and torso. The daughter told investigators the victim was drunk, called her boyfriend a racial slur and then confronted her. The offender claims she acted in self-defense and stabbed the victim in the thigh, and didn't know how the victim ended up in the container. The offender was seven months pregnant at the time of the incident and delivered her baby prematurely the next day. The boyfriend was captured five months later in New Jersey.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 24

19. **11/24/18 Waterbury P.D.** **Victim:** Female, 76 **Relationship:** Girlfriend

Circumstances: The offender choked the victim from behind with a scarf while the victim sat in her wheelchair. The incident occurred at a nursing facility which specializes in short-term rehabilitation. The offender's roommate maneuvered his wheelchair from the room and called for help. After the strangulation the offender walked down the hall and sat in a waiting room as police arrived. The offender told police he was being "taken advantage of" and the victim "was evil" and "had to die." The offender has a criminal record dating back more than fifty years including a federal conviction for an armed bank robbery in 1966.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 81

20. **12/10/18 East Lyme P.D.** **Victim:** Female, 25 **Relationship:** Live-in girlfriend

Circumstances: The offender stabbed the victim multiple times in the neck, hand, and chest. After the incident the offender called 911 and said a former boyfriend "did something" to the victim. The offender told police he was trying to get into the motel room he shared with the victim when a man ran out and attempted to stab him. The offender later confessed to stabbing the victim and throwing the knife and his bloody clothing into the woods. The victim had told a co-worker that she was arguing with the offender about his drug and alcohol use, and threw all his belongings out of the room and that if he came back, she would be ready for him with a butcher's knife she was keeping on the bedside table. The offender told police when he returned the victim swung a knife at him, a struggle ensued, and the knife went into the victim's neck and that she stabbed herself four more times while he tried to defend himself.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 28

21. **12/17/18 West Hartford P.D.** **Victim:** Female, 12 **Relationship:** Relative residing in home: Sister

Circumstances: The mother of the offender and victim called 911 and told the dispatcher her son stabbed her and her daughter. Police found all three family members at the scene and they were immediately rushed to the hospital. The mother was seriously injured and in stable condition. The victim died of stab wounds to the neck and torso. The offender was treated for minor injuries.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 12

22. **12/22/18 Plainville P.D.** **Victim:** Male, 66 **Relationship:** Relative residing in home: Brother

Circumstances: Responding to calls reporting two dead people inside a vehicle, police found the bodies of two brothers. The police investigation indicates that the incident was a murder-suicide where the older brother shot and killed the younger brother with a handgun before using the same weapon on himself.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 68