



In Memoriam

The South Carolina Silent Witness Story
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This book is dedicated
to the women and men
of South Carolina
who lost their lives
due to domestic violence in
2014*

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

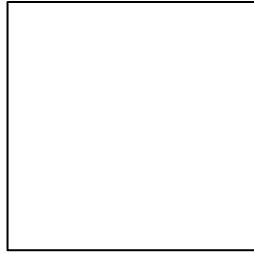
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*Dakota
Cook*

21 years old
Aiken County

Terry Cook shot her husband, Dakota Cook, at their home on April 8, 2014. Police arrived to discover that Mr. Cook still had a pulse and EMS transported him to the emergency room. Shortly after, he was pronounced dead at the hospital. Mrs. Cook was charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent



***Stephen
Morris***

63 years old
Aiken County

Debra Morris shot her husband, Stephen Morris, at their home on September 1, 2014. Mrs. Morris later called law enforcement and stated that she had shot her husband. Police responded to the scene, where Mrs. Morris again told them she shot Mr. Morris and showed them the gun. Reports indicate the couple was having marital problems. Mrs. Morris was charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. She is currently awaiting trial.

*Lacey
Parker*

32 yearsold
Aiken County

Todd Brown shot his former live-in girlfriend, Lacey Parker, at her home on March 19, 2014. Ms. Parker's neighbor heard the shots and called 911. Deputies responded and found Ms. Parker in the front yard. Mr. Brown was arrested and charged with burglary, possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime, and murder. He is currently awaiting trial.

Carol
Rogenski
39 years old
Anderson County

Kyle Hand ran over his live-in girlfriend, Carol Rogenski, with her car in the parking lot of a motel on July 8, 2014. The police and EMS arrived to find Ms. Rogenski unresponsive with head trauma. EMS transported her to the emergency room where she was pronounced deceased. Mr. Hand was charged with hit and run resulting in death, as well as grand larceny for stealing Ms. Rogenski's vehicle. He is currently awaiting trial.

***Jeanette
Chinn***

80 yearsold
Beaufort County

Brian Chinn shot his wife, Jeanette Chinn, at their home around April 10, 2014. He then turned the gun on himself and took his own life. The couple's son called a neighbor of his parents after not being able to make contact with them by phone for several days. When the neighbors went to the home, they were able to see the couple lying unresponsive in a bedroom. Deputies were called for assistance and arrived to find Mr. and Mrs. Chinn deceased. Mr. Chinn had shown signs of dementia a year prior to the shooting but had never made any reference to harming himself or his wife.

Rebecca

Melton

55 years old
Beaufort County

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***Tammy
Flowers***

36 years old
Berkeley County

Darryl Flowers shot his wife, Tammy

***Frances
Lawrence***

60 years old
Berkeley County

Lee Bradley stabbed his live-in girlfriend, Frances Lawrence, at their home on May 23, 2014. The next morning, Mr. Bradley called 911 to report that he had stabbed Ms. Lawrence during a fight and claimed he was trying to defend himself. Police arrived to find Ms. Lawrence deceased. There was a long history of domestic violence charges against Mr. Bradley in the relationship. He was arrested, charged with murder, and is currently awaiting trial.

William

Todd

51 years old
Berkeley County

***Augustina
Hernandez-Hernandez***

32 years old
Charleston County

Alberto Martinez-Villa stabbed his wife, Augustina Hernandez-Hernandez, on November 28, 2014. Mr. Martinez-Villa contacted police to file a missing persons report, but confessed to killing his wife after officers found Ms. Hernandez-Hernandez's body several days later in a public area. Mr. Martinez-Villa was arrested and charged with murder. He is currently awaiting trial.

Rita
Pennington
59 years old
Cherokee County

William Pennington shot his wife, Rita Pennington, at their home on June 21, 2014. Mr. Pennington then called 911 and claimed that he accidentally shot his wife while cleaning his gun. Police arrived to discover Mrs. Pennington deceased. According to family members, Mr. Pennington had a history of threatening to kill Mrs. Pennington and had pointed a gun at her in the past. Mr. Pennington was arrested and charged with murder. He is currently awaiting trial.

***Angie
Small***

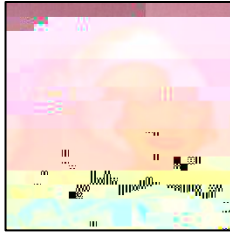
41 years old
Chester County

Donald Small, Jr. shot his estranged wife, Angie Small, outside of her workplace on November 6, 2014. He then turned the gun on himself and took his own life. Mrs. Small's coworker saw them talking and then getting into a physical fight in the parking lot. As he went outside to break up the fight, he heard gunshots and went back inside to call 911. Police arrived to discover Mr. and Mrs. Small deceased.



Julia
Richburg
57 years old

Tiana
Mendez
30 years old
Dillon County



***Stephanie
Taylor***

52 years old
Dorchester County

Glenn Taylor shot his wife, Stephanie Taylor, at their home on December 2, 2014. Mr. Taylor then called 911 to report the shooting. Law enforcement arrived to discover Mrs. Taylor unresponsive. j -33.5(.435o88.56

*Travis
Francis*

25 years old
Florence County

Shanasia Garland shot her live-in boyfriend, Travis Francis, at their home on December 4, 2014. Ms. Garland called 911 to report that Mr. Francis had been shot by an unknown assailant. Police arrived to discover Mr. Francis unresponsive. Ms. Garland confessed later that day to shooting her boyfriend during a fight. She was arrested and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. She is currently awaiting trial.

***Fermiond
Smith***

60 years old
Georgetown County

Sonia Smith shot Fermiond Smith at their home on August 8, 2014. Mrs. Smith then called 911 to report that she had shot her husband during a fight. Police arrived to discover Mr. Smith unresponsive. Neighbors stated that the couple had a history of fighting. Mrs. Smith was arrested and charged with murder. She is currently awaiting trial.

*Lawrence
Bress*

35 years old
Greenville County

Ramona Gilmore stabbed her husband, Lawrence Bress, at their home on July 19, 2014. A neighbor called 911 to report the incident. Law enforcement arrived to discover Mr. Bress severely injured, and he became unresponsive before EMS arrived. Ms. Gilmore was arrested and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. She is currently awaiting trial.

***Janice
Hackett***

42 years old
Greenville County

Sylvester King stabbed his former live-in girlfriend, Janice Hackett, at her home on March 16, 2014. Mr. King then fled the scene. Ms. Hackett's minor son discovered his mother when he returned home from an errand and called 911. Law enforcement arrived to find Ms. Hackett deceased. Mr. King was later arrested and charged with murder. He is currently awaiting trial.

***Kimberly
Sledge***

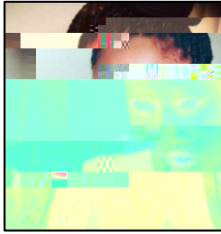
51 years old
Greenville County

John Sledge shot his wife, Kimberly Sledge, at their home on January 29, 2014. While Mr. Sledge fled the scene, the couple's minor son called 911. Officers arrived to discover Mrs. Sledge unresponsive. Mr. Sledge was soon located, arrested, and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He is currently awaiting trial.

Jennifer

Eboni
Drayton
21 years old
Horry County

John Scott killed Eboni Drayton, the mother of his child, at her home with blunt force on August 29, 2014. When



***Quatavia
Robinson***

18 years old
Lancaster County

Keishawn McManus shot Quatavia Robinson at their home on December 23, 2014. Mr. McManus then called 911 to report that his live-in girlfriend had committed suicide. Law enforcement arrived to discover Ms. Robinson unresponsive. Mr. McManus fled the area after speaking with officers. It was later determined that Ms. Robinson did not commit suicide. Warrants have been issued for Mr. McManus's arrest for murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He has not been arrested due to his unknown whereabouts.



***Susan
Wilkes***

59 years old
Lexington County

Marion Wilkes stabbed his wife, Susan Wilkes, around June 9, 2014. The couple's son, Joseph Wilkes, was an accomplice. Mr. Wilkes then called 911 to report his wife as a missing person. Police found Mrs. Wilkes' body several days later in Little Mountain, South



***Samuel
Simmons***

24 years old
Orangeburg County

Courtney Price stabbed Samuel Simmons, the father of her child, at her home on September 27, 2014. Ms. Price then called 911 to report that she had stabbed Mr. Simmons. Police arrived to discover him severely injured. Mr. Simmons was unresponsive by the time EMS arrived. Ms. Price was arrested and charged with murder.

*Eva
Haynie*

51 years old
Pickens County

Richard Haynie shot his wife, Eva Haynie, while at their vacation home in North Carolina on November 24, 2014. Mr. Haynie then turned the gun on himself and took his own life. Friends stated that the couple had no history of violence but that Mr. Haynie had recently lost his job and was exhibiting signs of depression. Police found the couple deceased during a welfare check requested by a coworker after Mrs. Haynie did not show up for work.



***Shane
Williams***

38 years old
Pickens County

Crystal Williams paid a friend to shoot Shane Williams at their home on January 26, 2014. Mrs. Williams called 911 to report that her husband had been shot while she was asleep. Police arrived to discover Mr. Williams unresponsive. After an investigation, both Mrs. Williams and her accomplice were arrested. Mrs. Williams was charged with murder and conspiracy to commit murder. She pled guilty to both charges and was sentenced to life in prison

Akawandlis

Byrd

28 years old
Richland County

***Kia
Miller***

28 years old
Richland County

Sheddrick Miller shot his wife, Kia Miller, at their home in early January 2014. Mr. Miller also shot and killed the couple's two children before turning the gun on himself and taking his own life. Mr. Miller's mother alerted law enforcement when she went to the home after not hearing from the family for several days. Police arrived to find Mrs. Miller and her family deceased.



***Aja
Robinson***
23 years old
Richland County

Jeremy Mickens shot Aja Robinson, his live-in girlfriend, in a parking lot of a local business on June 13, 2014. He then turned the gun on himself and took his own life. Police in the area were flagged down by a witness who heard the gunshots. Upon arrival, officers found Mr. Mickens and Ms. Robinson unresponsive. The coroner's office pronounced them deceased at the scene.

***Theresa
Steward***

51 years old
Richland County

Timotheus Hemingway killed Theresa Steward, his former live-in girlfriend, at her home with blunt force trauma to the head on April 26, 2014. Mr. Hemingway called his sister and stated he and Ms. Steward were involved in another fight and he believed he may have hurt her. His sister then called 911 to request a welfare check. After searching the surrounding area, officers found Ms. Steward's body. Mr. Hemingway was arrested and charged with murder. He is cur.08 397.44 r cfficwa

***Lisa
James***
44 years old
Spartanburg County

Rex Scott shot his wife, Lisa James, in their home on November 18, 2014. A video camera set up in the residence revealed that the couple was involved in an argument over money. Mr. Scott, who was a retired Spartanburg County sheriff's deputy, shot Ms. James, then turned the gun on himself and took his own life. Deputies responding to the scene when a family member requested a welfare check found Mr. Scott and Ms. James deceased.

Mitzi
Larson
42 years old
Spartanburg County

Michael Larson shot Mitzi Larson in their home on May 17, 2014. Mr. Larson then called 911 to report that he had killed his wife. Responding deputies found Mrs. Larson deceased in the home. The couple's sons told deputies that Mr.

Mariann



***Mallory
Richardson***
22 years old
Sumter County

***Charles
Burroughs***

39 years old
WilliamsburgCounty

Donna Hemmans shot Charles Burroughs on July 11, 2014. Ms. Hemmans later called 911 to report that she had discovered her live-

***Barbara
Gregory***

71 years old
York County

Ronald Gregory shot his wife, Barbara Gregory, and their minor granddaughter at their home on March 21, 2014. Mr. Gregory later called 911 and requested law enforcement to come to the home. Mr. Gregory then shot himself twice. Deputies arrived to discover Mrs. Gregory and her granddaughter deceased and Mr. Gregory injured. He was arrested and charged with two counts of murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He pled guilty but mentally ill to all charges and was sentenced to life in prison without parole for murder and 5 years for possession of a weapon.

Unknown

Domestic violence affects us all.

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

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

Domestic Violence Organizations

Bamberg County

CASA/Family Systems
PO Box 1568
Orangeburg, SC 29116
Hotline 800-298-7228
Phone 803-534-2448

Barnwell County

Barnwell County Help Line
1644 Jackson Street
Barnwell, SC 29812
Help Line/Hotline 803-259-3333
Phone 803-541-1245

Barnwell County

Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons
PO Box 1293
Aiken, SC 29802
Hotline 803-649-0480
Phone 803-259-4451

Beaufort County

Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse
PO Box 1775
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775
Hotline 800-868-2632
Phone 843-770-1070

Beaufort County

Hope Haven of the Lowcountry
PO Box 2502
Beaufort, SC 29901
Hotline 800-637-7273
Phone 843-524-2256

Domestic Violence Organizations

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Chesterfield County

Pee Dee Coalition
PO Box 1351
Florence, SC 29503
Hotline 800-273-1820
Phone 843-623-7364

Clarendon County

YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.
246 Church Street
Sumter, SC 29150
Hotline 803-775-2763
Phone 803-773-7158

Colleton County

Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse
PO Box 1775
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775
Hotline 800-868-2632
Phone 843-770-1070

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Hope Haven of the Lowcountry
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Darlington County

Pee Dee Coalition
PO Box 1351
Florence, SC 29503
Hotline 800-273-1820
Phone 843-383-0240

Domestic Violence Organizations

Georgetown County

LifeLine
PO Box 70217
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
Hotline 803-503-4697
Phone 843-232-7055

Greenville County

Safe Harbor
PO Box 174
Greenville, SC 29602
Hotline 800-291-2139
Phone 864-467-1177

Greenwood County

MEG's House
PO Box 3410
Greenwood, SC 29649
Hotline 800-447-7992
Phone 864-229-8141

Hampton County

Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse
PO Box 1775
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775
Hotline 800-868-2632
Phone 843-770-1070

Hampton County

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Phone 843-524-2256

Domestic Violence Organizations

Horry County

LifeLine

PO Box 70217

Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Hotline 843-241-3296

Phone 843-232-7055

Jasper County

Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse

PO Box 1775

Beaufort, SC 29901-1775

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Phone 843-770-1070

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Domestic Violence Organizations

Laurens County

Laurens County Safe Home
Post Office Box 744
Clinton, SC 29325
Hotline 866-598-5932
Phone 864-682-7270

Lee County

YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.
246 Church Street
Sumter, SC 29150
Hotline 803-775-2763
Phone 803-773-7158

Lexington County

Sistercare, Inc.
PO Box 1029
Columbia, SC 29202
Hotline 800-765-9428
Phone 803-926-0505

Marion County

Domestic Violence Organizations

McCormick County

MEG's House
PO Box 3410
Greenwood, SC 29649
Hotline 800-447-7992
Phone 864-229-8141

Newberry County

Sistercare, Inc.
PO Box 1029
Columbia, SC 29202
Hotline 800-665-9428
Phone 803-926-0505

Oconee County

Safe Harbor
PO Box 174
Greenville, SC 29602
Hotline 800-291-2139
Phone 864-467-1177

Orangeburg County

CASA/Family Systems
PO Box 1568
Orangeburg, SC 29116
Hotline 800-298-7228
Phone 803-534-2448

Pickens County [(83(0)b05 TC.001 14.5 B.9(AS))-
Hotline 800-

Domestic Violence Organizations

Union County

SAFE Homes, Rape Crisis Coalition
236 Union Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302
Hotline 800-273-5066
Phone 864-583-9803

Williamsburg County

Pee Dee Coalition
PO Box 1351
Florence, SC 29503
Hotline 800-273-1820
Phone 843-354-6481

York County

Safe Passage, Inc.
PO Box 11458
Rock Hill, SC 29731
Hotline 800-659-0977
Phone 803-329-3336

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The Office of the Attorney General would like to thank all those individuals and offices that contributed to this ceremony, especially:

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Silent Witness Information

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