



# 2023 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW REPORT

An Examination of  
Domestic Violence Homicides  
in Duval County, Florida  
January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023



A Cumulative Analysis of  
Domestic Violence Homicides  
in Duval County, Florida  
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# INTRODUCTION

This report of the Duval County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (hereafter simply referred to as DVFRT as a named entity) examines and analyzes domestic violence homicides which occurred in Duval County (the consolidated City of Jacksonville), Florida from January 1 through December 31, 2023. This report marks the 27th year that DVFRT has reviewed all the domestic homicides occurring within Duval County.

DVFRT was initially formed as a subcommittee of the Domestic Violence Intervention Project, which is a longstanding, multi-disciplinary task force that explores how domestic violence cases are handled in the court system, how survivors are supported in these cases, and how batterers are held accountable. With the strong foundation of this collaborative effort, DVFRT now operates independently from DVIP and provides the final Fatality Review Report to DVIP to further inform and support that task force's work.

In general, the purpose of fatality reviews of any kind is to identify patterns and trends in deaths which might have been prevented. One expert notes that “like the reviews conducted after an airplane crash, a fatality review helps determine what went wrong and what could have been done differently to prevent the tragedy” (Websdale, 2003, p. 271). Domestic violence fatality reviews seek to identify patterns and trends in homicides among intimate partners and/or family members

which arise from domestic violence, that might be prevented in the future through revised responses from criminal justice or other service providers in the local community. It is important to note that the approach used in fatality reviews is not to seek to attach blame for the death(s) to anyone other than the offender/suspect in the case but, instead, to identify agency practices or policies which might be improved.

<sup>1</sup> Websdale, N. (Nov. 2003). Reviewing domestic violence deaths. *NIJ Journal*, no.250, 26-31.



For this reason, a diversity of membership on the review team is valuable for ensuring that major local organizations involved in providing responses/services to victims of domestic violence or their families are also involved in assessing where improvements might be needed. The DVFRT is composed of a variety of representatives of key local agencies and independent experts in the field, each of whom comes to the review process with the intent to examine how fatalities might be prevented in the future.

The summary findings and recommendations, which arise from this examination, are intended to give local authorities guidelines for change. As one well-known expert in this area has observed, "...a fatality review identifies relevant social, economic, and policy realities that compromise the safety of battered women and their children" (Websdale, 2003, p.27). Such reviews may also examine deaths of third parties (e.g., other family members, friends, coworkers, neighbors) which happen to arise from violent domestic interactions, even when the primary parties are not killed.

There are many uses for these annual fatality reviews, the most important of which is to inform the public about how the criminal justice system responds to incidents of domestic violence reported to police. By identifying areas of response which might be altered or improved, this review offers the possibility of preventing future deaths. These reviews are also instrumental in identifying lethal domestic violence patterns and securing federal or other assistance for local initiatives.



A copy of this report is distributed widely and is also placed on the web for public access.

DVFRT hopes that the reader will find this report informative and useful. Any comments or questions about this report or the work of DVFRT may be directed to 2024 Chair Khary Gaynor at 904-255-2730 or via email at [Gaynor@coj.net](mailto:Gaynor@coj.net).



DVFRT was created in 1997 by the Duval County Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP). DVFRT exists for the purposes of annually collecting, reviewing, and analyzing all domestic homicide cases within Duval County (Jacksonville), Florida and issuing this report. DVFRT is composed of representatives of several governmental and non-profit agencies which deal directly with domestic violence cases within the jurisdiction of Duval County, plus other local experts in this field. A complete list of the members of DVFRT for the 2023 analysis may be found at the beginning of this report.

Cases selected for review by DVFRT are those in which the key parties of the case (i.e., the primary offender and the primary victim) meet the definition of having a “domestic” relationship as set forth in Section 741.28 of the Florida Statutes. This defines domestic relationships as:

*Spouses, former spouses, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing together, as if a family, or who have resided together in the past, as if a family, and persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have resided together at any time.*

All homicide cases which meet this definition, whether they involve intimate partners or other relationships in the definition above, are flagged by the State Attorney’s Office (SAO), Fourth Judicial Circuit, and are brought to the attention of DVFRT for review. In addition, the Homicide Division of the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office (JSO) flags cases which would not have been referred to the SAO for prosecution, such as homicide-suicides. From time to time, DVFRT has wrestled with additional cases in which a dispute between domestic partners or family members has resulted in the death of a third party (but not a person who fits the Florida Statute definition above). The challenge is to identify third party cases, since they are not identified as



“domestic” homicides by JSO, but it seems clear in such cases that a death would not have resulted except for a domestic altercation of some kind.

DVFRT also includes cases involving intimate partners that do not fit the domestic violence statute as written. For example, if a couple was dating but had not lived together nor had a child in common, DVFRT includes the case, to get a true picture of homicides among intimate partner couples.

It should be noted that DVFRT excludes child deaths resulting from domestic violence, unless the child was killed as part of an attack on an adult that fits the Florida Statute definition, as there is a separate local child death committee that reviews those fatalities.

In terms of procedure, DVFRT meets one to two times monthly, normally beginning in January of each year, to review each identified case of domestic homicide from the previous year. It is important to note that--unlike many other fatality review teams--this DVFRT reviews and reports on all domestic homicide cases which occur within a given year, regardless of the legal status of suspects at the time of the issuance of this report. Thus, this report accounts for all cases classified as domestic homicides in Duval County in 2023. For this reason, this report identifies cases by a number (e.g., 2023-01 2023-02, etc.), an incident date, demographic facts, zip code, and police district location only. No names of suspects or victims are used, as some cases may still be pending legally. This approach provides a much more complete picture of domestic homicides in Duval County for any given year than is provided in those reports which include only closed cases. It also allows for more timely reviews and recommendations.

Case files are divided amongst DVFRT members for intensive review to develop the elements of each case as presented herein. The documentary materials reviewed in each case may include any of the following:

- » Police reports involving the victim and/or suspect
- » Department of Children and Families (DCF) referrals involving victim and/or suspect
- » Civil proceedings including Marchman and Baker Acts, Dissolutions of Marriage, Paternity actions, and Injunctions for Protection involving victim and/or suspect
- » Adult criminal records of victim and/or suspect



- » State's Attorney files involving victim and/or suspect
- » Batterers' Intervention Program (BIP) participation, including performance, completion, violations, and victim contact
- » Animal abuse or neglect complaints involving victim and/or suspect
- » Other relevant known services provided to the victim and/or suspect
- » Autopsy reports and other Medical Examiner's information

The information, which is sought about each case from these materials, includes critical factors and sub-factors which are viewed as providing as complete a picture as possible about each of these tragic incidents. These factors and sub-factors are:

**I. CRIME**

- Relationship of parties
- Case summary
- Minor children present at the scene
- Location of the crime (by zip code and police district)

**II. CRIMINAL RECORDS AND REPORTS**

- Domestic violence
- Non-domestic violent crimes
- Drug or alcohol related offenses
- Weapons offenses

**III. CIVIL RECORDS AND REPORTS**

- Civil Injunctions
- Dissolutions of Marriage
- Paternity Actions

**IV. SERVICES**

- Batterers' Intervention Program (BIP) attendance
- Substance abuse program referral/attendance
- Department of Children and Families Referrals





## V. OTHER CONCERNS/INFORMATION

Includes anything else pertinent to the cause of this incident that is not covered in the categories listed above.



Individual DVFRT members develop case profiles for each case using these factors. The case profiles are then shared with and analyzed by the whole Team for a collective review of each case. Questions may lead to further research on the case. The key factors permit the Team to try to understand

the dynamics of what happened and to ask in each case whether there was anything that reasonably could have been done to prevent those events from unfolding. That is, were there warning signs which were ignored or not recognized by third parties who could have intervened or notified authorities? Were there opportunities for intervention which were missed? Were there services which could have been provided to either the victim or the offender which were not provided, not adequately provided, or for which the offender was not held accountable for completing? DVFRT recognizes that ultimately offenders are responsible for their actions and the fatalities which ensue. However, DVFRT also recognizes that the dynamics underlying domestic violence are complex and that other parties often know about potential danger within domestic relationships, even if they do not report this to outside authorities who might intervene. The goal of DVFRT is to help victims find assistance and offenders find intervention before domestic violence becomes lethal.

In this report, the reader will find the profiles developed for each of the cases in 2023. DVFRT also uses data for 1997-2023 to assess the long-term patterns, as well as recurring problems and potential progress. It is from these long term and recurring patterns, as well as any unique event(s) of the year, that DVFRT develops its annual findings and recommendations, which are set forth in the Findings & Recommendations section.

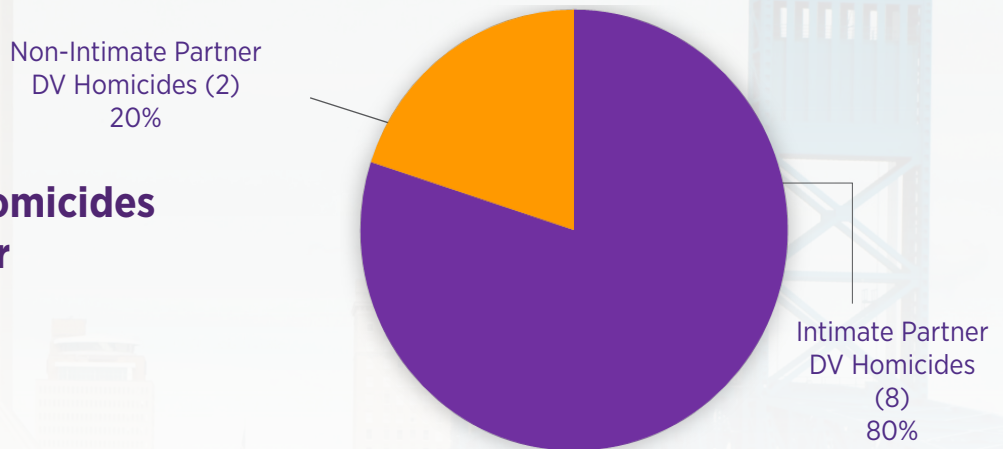
It should be noted that the statistics provided herein may not always add up to 100% due to rounding of percentages.

This Report focuses on a review of all domestic violence homicide cases involving adults which took place in Duval County, Florida, specifically for the year 2023. DVFRT reviewed the ten (10) cases which occurred in 2023. The cases involved thirteen (13) deaths. Two (2) of the 13 homicide victims were determined to be victims of justifiable homicide.

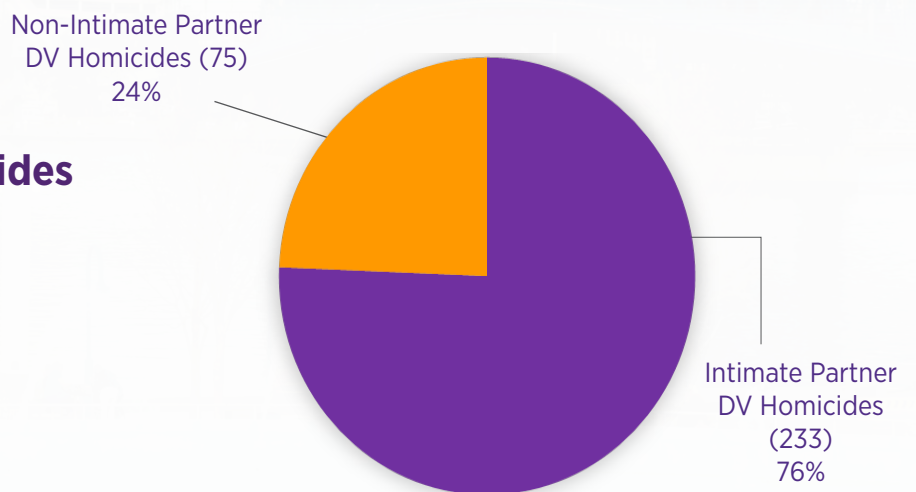
Within the category of domestic violence homicide, DVFRT distinguishes between intimate partner and non-intimate partner homicides (see Methodology). In 2023, eighty (80%) percent of the local domestic homicide cases (n=8) involved intimate partners.

Since 1997, 76% (n=233) of domestic violence homicide cases in Jacksonville related to intimate partners.

### Domestic Violence Homicides by Intimate Partner or Non-Intimate Partner Per Case 2023



### Domestic Violence Homicides by Intimate Partner or Non-Intimate Partner Per Case 1997-2023





Cases of domestic violence between intimate partners need to be taken very seriously and need to be viewed as potentially lethal. Effective intervention can save the lives of victims of domestic violence and their family members.

Even one fatality is too many, however the results of the study show progress in the reduction of lethal domestic violence in Duval County. The number of homicide cases in 2023 was the lowest number since 2015. The number of homicide victims is the fewest since 2015 as well, with the exception of 2018, which saw the same number of victims. Additionally, the number of cases of intimate partner homicide matches the lowest number since 2015. These results are worth noting, as efforts to further reduce lethal domestic violence continue.

Based on the patterns in this Report, DVFRT made several findings and sets forth herein recommendations for local practice based on those findings.

## **Finding And Recommendation #1: Prior Domestic Violence**

In Duval County in 2023, 88% (n=7) of intimate partner domestic violence homicides involved relationships with a history of domestic violence either between the suspect and victim, or by one party in the homicide on another person. In four of those seven cases, the victim of the homicide had a documented or alleged history of domestic violence on the suspect of the homicide. Two of those homicides were ultimately ruled to be justified. Both victims of the justified homicides had a history of domestic violence on other parties as well.

In two of the seven cases, the suspect of the homicide had a documented history of domestic violence on the victim of the homicide.

Additionally, one homicide suspect had a history of domestic violence on another party, but not on the homicide victim.

**Prior incidents of domestic violence must always be viewed as risk factors for lethality, not only when there is prior domestic violence within the relationship, but also by a person against a previous partner.**

**The courts, when allowed by law, are encouraged to consider prior incidents of domestic violence by a suspect in proceedings dealing with injunctions for protection, child custody, and similar matters. Law enforcement and social service providers should clearly communicate the lethality risk relating to prior incidents of domestic violence and should connect victims with domestic violence organizations (e.g. Hubbard House [Duval and Baker counties], Quigley House [Clay County], Betty Griffin Center [St. Johns County], Micah's Place [Nassau County]) for safety planning.**

## **Finding and Recommendation #2: Injunctions for Protection**

While 75% (n=6) of the intimate partner homicide cases in 2023 had either documented reports or allegations of prior domestic violence within the relationship, none have record of a petition for an injunction for protection involving the parties in the case. In one case, the batterer was the respondent in an injunction filed by a different person.



**Efforts to raise awareness of resources for victims are crucial, in order to enhance service usage. Awareness specifically of injunctions for protection should include information on the specific reliefs an injunction may provide (e.g. use of home, temporary parenting plan, intervention/counseling for the offender, removal of firearms, etc).**

**Key stakeholders, including domestic violence centers, Clerks of Courts offices, law enforcement agencies, and social service providers are recommended to collaborate on strategies to enhance awareness of resources, especially as it relates to injunctions for protection.**



## Finding and Recommendation #3: Co-habitation

In 88% (n=7) of the intimate partner domestic violence homicide cases in 2023, the suspect and victim were either actively living together or had previously lived together. In 71% (n=5) of the intimate partner domestic violence homicide cases, the suspect and victim were actively living together at the time of the homicide.

In the two cases in 2023 where the homicide suspect and victim had previously lived together but were not currently, previous co-habitation may have been a factor in the homicide. In one case, the homicide suspect came to her former residence, where the other occupants- including the two homicide victims- were accustomed to seeing her. In one case, the homicide victim was attempting to break into the home through a known access point that she had previously used to break in.

**Given the correlation between co-habitation and lethal domestic violence, attorneys, advocates, and social service providers should advise victims on the ability to restrict an abuser's access to a shared home through an injunction for protection. Courts should give considerable weight to these requests, with the understanding that they could help reduce the lethality risk in these cases.**



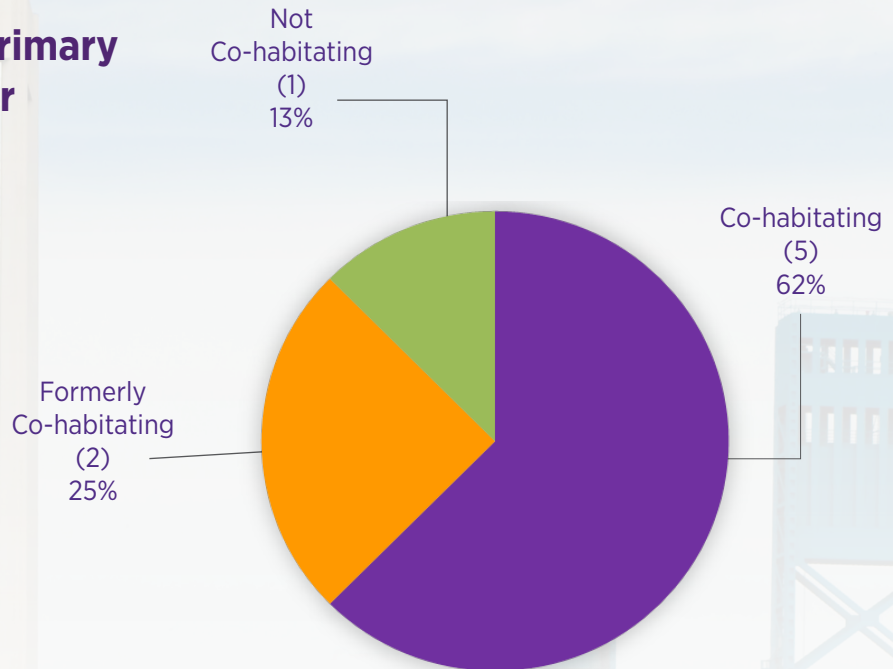
**Safety planning efforts in these situations must also acknowledge and plan for the offender's access to and knowledge of the home. This may include changing locks, fortifying entry points, and encouraging other co-habitants to respect boundaries on who is allowed entry into the home.**

**Advocates and social service providers should additionally advise victims of alternative housing**

solutions, which may include shelters for victims of domestic violence and their children.

Local governments and developers are encouraged to consider domestic violence centers as beneficiaries and prospective partners in any affordable housing projects and opportunities, to support a victim's long-term independent housing needs.

### Co-habitation Status of Primary Parties in Intimate Partner Homicide Cases 2023



### Finding and Recommendation #4: Firearms

Firearms continue to be the primary weapon used in domestic violence homicides. In 2023, 60% (n=6) of all domestic violence homicide cases involved a firearm. Firearms were the method of homicide in 50% (n=4) of intimate partner domestic violence homicide cases in 2023.

While the proportion of firearm-related intimate partner homicides (50%) is lower than traditionally seen, this number includes two justified homicides, which were the result of stabbings. In both cases, knives appear to have been weapons of opportunity. Therefore, the proportion of firearm-related intimate partner homicides is higher (67%), when considering intentionality and excluding justified homicides.

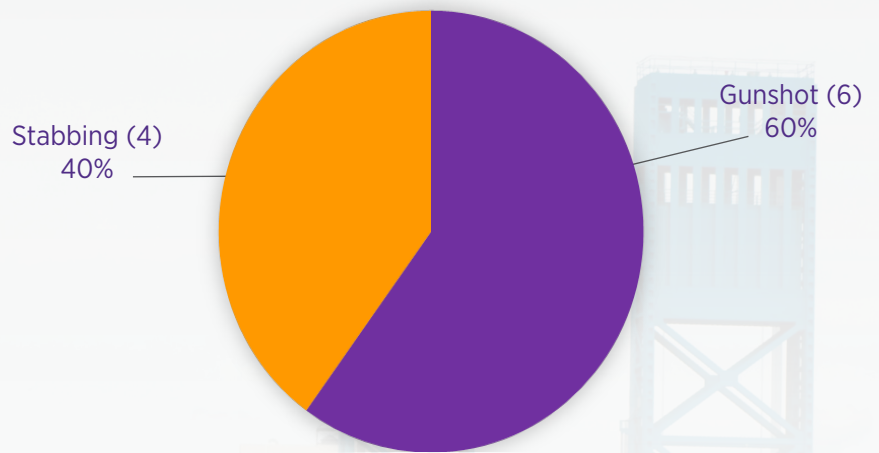
Since 1997, firearms have accounted for 57% of domestic violence homicides in Duval County.



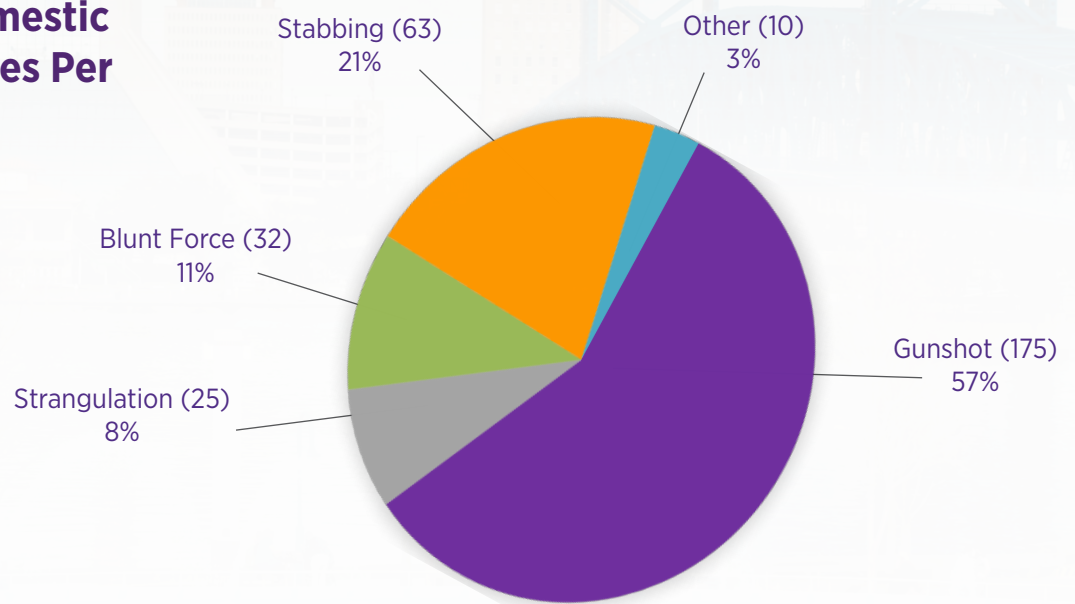
Because of this continued trend, it is critical that law enforcement and related agencies ask victims about access to a firearm when responding to cases of domestic violence. Law enforcement is also encouraged to assess the possibility of restricting firearms access through Risk Protection Orders, in such cases.

In interactions with victims, advocates and social service providers should be clear on discussing the lethality risk associated with firearms and should actively safety plan with victims specifically relating to the presence of firearms.

### Method of All Domestic Violence Homicides Per Case 2023



### Method of All Domestic Violence Homicides Per Case 1997-2023



## Finding and Recommendation #5: Gender-based violence

From 1997-2023 in Duval County, 70% (n=161) of intimate partner domestic violence homicide cases involved a male suspect and female primary victim. Overall, lethal intimate partner domestic violence continues to primarily be committed by male suspects on female victims. In this dynamic, there is also the highest chance of non-lethal but severe violence.

However, in 2023 in Duval County, the gender dynamic was an exception to the broader trend. 63% (n=5) of the intimate partner domestic violence homicides were committed by women on men. Of those cases, two were determined to be justified homicides, where the male homicide victim was actively battering the female homicide suspect. This supports longstanding research that indicates women who use lethal violence against an intimate partner usually do so in self-defense or defense of their children.

Despite the longstanding trends, the higher proportional number of male victims of intimate partner homicide in 2023 should be noted.

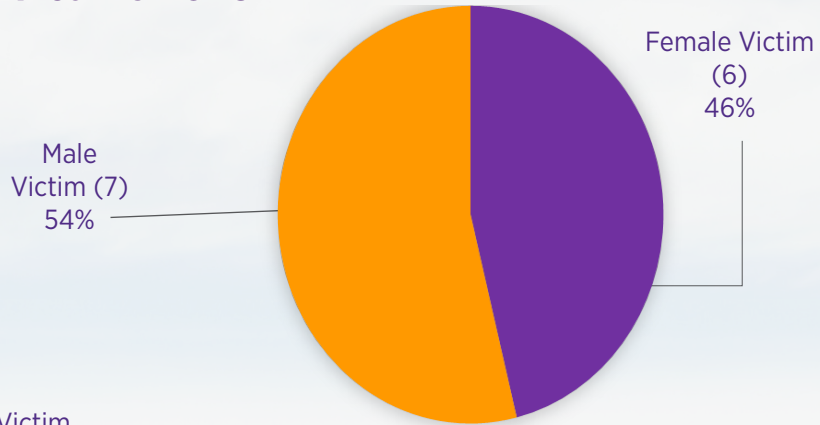
When the justified homicides are excepted, 50% (n=3) of the remaining six cases of intimate partner homicide in 2023 were committed by women on men, 33% (n=2) were committed by men on women, and 17% (n=1) was committed by a woman on a woman.

**While domestic violence can take place in any gender dynamic, the male abuser/female victim dynamic continues to be the one where the majority of lethal violence takes place. It is important for law enforcement, the courts, and social service providers to regard all female victims of domestic violence as potential homicide victims.**

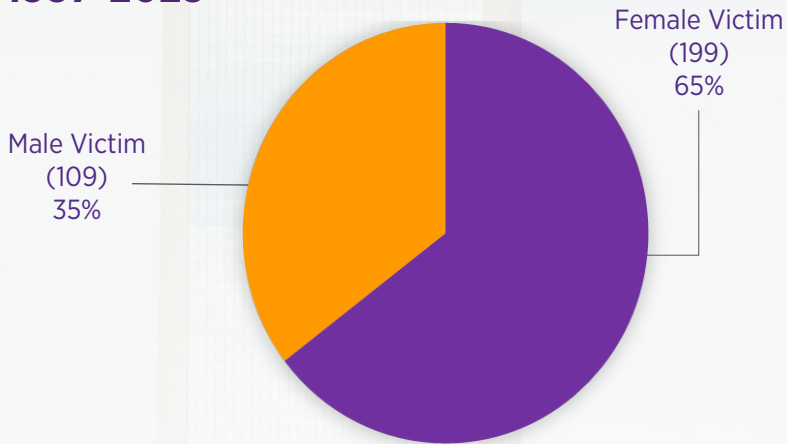
**Male victims of domestic violence should also understand the range of services available to them through domestic violence centers. Social service providers must remain open to observing signs of victimization in men and offering appropriate services and support.**



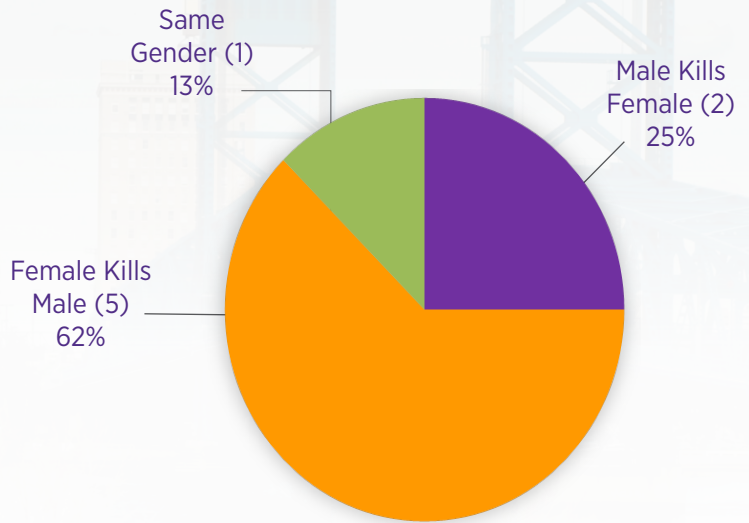
## Gender of All Domestic Violence Homicide Victims 2023



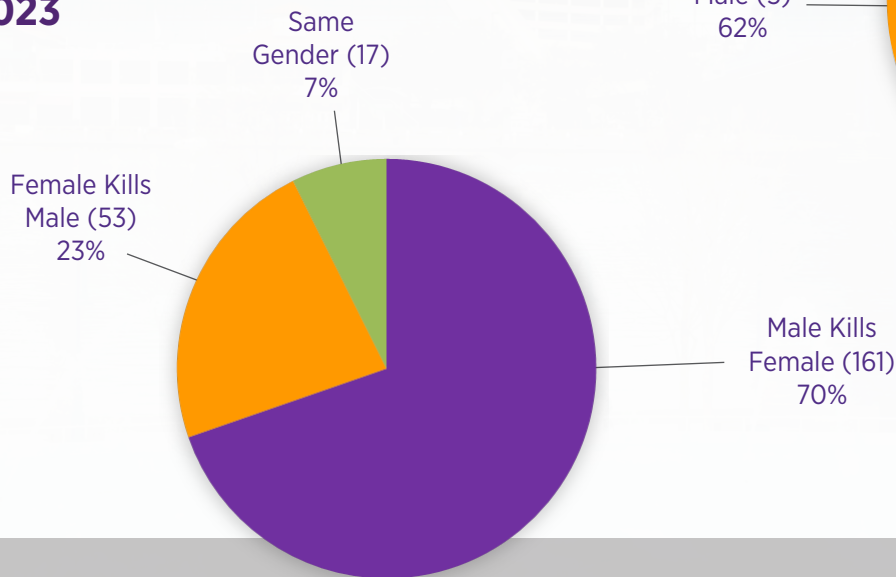
## Gender of Domestic Violence Primary Homicide Victims 1997-2023



## Intimate Partner Homicide Gender Dynamic Per Case 2023



## Intimate Partner Homicide Gender Dynamic Per Case 1997-2023

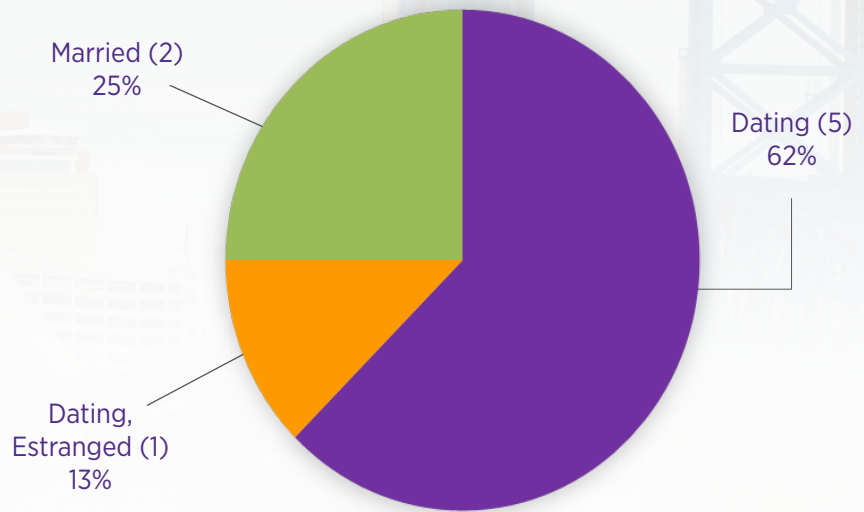


## Finding and Recommendation #6: Dating Violence

Of the intimate partner domestic violence homicide cases in 2023, 75% (n=6) dealt with a dating relationship, where the homicide suspect and victim were either actively dating or were estranged/had previously dated.

**Dating violence should not be viewed as any less serious or less dangerous than violence within a marriage. Since Florida law only includes dating relationships under the definition of domestic violence if there is a shared child or current/previous co-habitation, supportive systems could be led to believe that abuse within many dating relationships is not as dangerous. However, the lethality risk in dating relationships needs to be assessed and addressed with victims, with the same urgency and seriousness as with other domestic relationships.**

**Relationship Type of Suspect and Primary Victim in Intimate Partner Homicide Cases 2023**





## 2023-1

**DATE OF HOMICIDE: 1/15/2023****VICTIM: BLACK, MALE, AGE 63****SUSPECT: BLACK, MALE, AGE 18****CATEGORY: NON-INTIMATE****METHOD: GUNSHOT****SUSPECT STATUS: ARRESTED****I. CRIME**

**A. RELATIONSHIP** Grandparent/Grandchild (cohabitating)  
(no children in common)

**B. CASE SUMMARY**

On the incident date, Suspect had resided off and on at the residence with his grandfather (Victim #1), an uncle, and Victim #2 (Black, Female, Age 58). Suspect was in the process of selling marijuana to Victim #3 (Black, Male, Age 44) and the transaction became heated. According to Suspect during an interview with Homicide detectives, Victim #3 said something, apparently about Suspect, to someone Victim #3 was speaking to on the phone which provoked Suspect to shoot Victim #3 multiple times, killing him. Suspect then entered the residence and shot both Victim #1 and Victim #2, who were in a back bedroom, because they had witnessed him shoot Victim #3. Suspect then stole Victim #3's car and fled the scene. Neighborhood witnesses heard gunshots and observed Suspect near Victim #3's body and take Victim #3's car. Suspect stated he was under the influence of ecstasy at the time of the shootings.

**C. CHILDREN PRESENT** No Children

**D. LOCATION** 32218 (District 6)

## II. ADDITIONAL INVOLVED

### A. FATALITIES: Yes

2 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

### B. INJURED PARTIES: No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

### C. SUSPECTS: No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

## III. CRIMINAL HISTORY

### A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record

### B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record

### C. DRUG OR ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record

### D. WEAPON OFFENSES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record



#### **IV. CIVIL RECORDS AND REPORTS**

1. Victim: History
  - a) 08/15/02 - Petition for Child Support (Victim #2 - Respondent) - Writ of Attachment
  - b) 06/22/01 - Petition for Child Support (Victim #2 - Petitioner) - Final Judgement Issued
  - c) 04/19/84 - Petition to Determine Paternity

2. Suspect: None Found

#### **V. SERVICES**

1. Victim: None Found
2. Suspect: None Found

#### **VI. OTHER CONCERNS**

# 2023-2

DATE OF HOMICIDE: 4/27/2023

VICTIM: BLACK, FEMALE, AGE 22

SUSPECT: WHITE, MALE, AGE 27

CATEGORY: INTIMATE

METHOD: GUNSHOT

SUSPECT STATUS: CONVICTED AS CHARGED

## I. CRIME

A. RELATIONSHIP      Dating (estranged) (formerly cohabitating)  
(with children in common)

## B. CASE SUMMARY

Suspect was sleeping over at Victim's apartment, after working all night. While Suspect was asleep at Victim's apartment, Victim went through Suspect's cell phone. Victim found a text message indicating Suspect's new girlfriend pregnant was pregnant, and Suspect was the father. Upon her observing the text messages, Victim demanded Suspect give her back his key to her apartment and vehicle. Suspect did so, then left and went to his residence; however, he forgot his work shirt and boots. Victim began texting Suspect repeatedly from her phone and then from other individual's phones, trying to reach Suspect. Suspect also got a text from his new girlfriend, as Victim was texting her as well. Suspect asked Victim to bring him his shirt and boots, and told her to leave them in his driveway, as he did not want to talk with her.

Victim arrived at Suspect's residence and would not leave. Suspect called for police service to his residence, and at that point, JSO Officers arrived and asked Victim if she would leave and she agreed to do so. Officers stood by until she left; however, upon the officers leaving, Victim returned. Victim was observed via neighbors and Ring camera banging on Suspect's



door and windows, yelling for him. Victim pulled her vehicle up to Suspect house, as if to ram his home, but stopped prior to hitting the home. Witnesses observed this dispute and one neighbor tried to calm Victim down, asking Victim to leave and she refused. Victim continued to yell for Suspect to talk with her and open the door. A neighbor heard Victim stating she just wanted to take care of Suspect, that if he did not want her, she wanted to die. Suspect did not open the door and yelled for her to leave. Suspect heard Victim attempting to gain entry into his residence via a AC window unit, which she had done in the past. Suspect said he was fearful if Victim gained entry she would physically attack him or destroy property, also as she had done in the past. Suspect then armed himself with his Glock 17 handgun, stood in the kitchen and fired “a warning shot”, into the upper wall of the kitchen. Victim heard the shot and stated “Oh you got your gun” as she continued to attempt entry into Suspect’s home via the AC unit. Suspect walked through his living room, firing shots (eight casings recovered) through the wall into the bedroom where Victim was attempted to gain entry into Suspect’s home. Suspect then heard Victim outside, walk over to his truck, and start fiddling with his tools.

Suspect said he then exited the side door of his residence with his handgun in his front pocket. Suspect saw Victim standing at the rear of his truck with a small screwdriver in her hand. Suspect advised he told Victim to get away from his truck and she refused stating, “you might as well just shoot me. Shoot me.” Suspect said Victim had a screwdriver but did not threaten his person, nor did she move toward his person. It was observed via Ring camera, Victim took a step back upon being confronted by Suspect. Suspect said he wanted Victim to leave. Suspect raised his firearm and shot Victim in the left breast area. Victim fell briefly to the ground, while Suspect went inside to get his cell phone to call 911. Video of the incident, provided after Victim was shot, she got up, entered the passenger side of her SUV, then sent her mother a text message that stated “He shot me.” The video provided the victim fell to the ground. Suspect and two witnesses, a mail carrier and a neighbor, stayed with Victim until Rescue arrived. Victim was non-responsive on scene and later died in surgery. Suspect pled

guilty of manslaughter.

C. CHILDREN PRESENT None Present

D. LOCATION 32208 (District 6)

## II. ADDITIONAL INVOLVED

A. FATALITIES: No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

B. INJURED PARTIES: No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

C. SUSPECTS: No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

## III. CRIMINAL HISTORY

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim: History

a) 09/22/2022 - Domestic Battery (this Suspect) - Dropped

2. Suspect: No Record

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record



## C. DRUG OR ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: History

a) 11/19/2017 - Possession Controlled Substance Paraphernalia -  
Withhold Adjudication

## D. WEAPON OFFENSES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record

## IV. CIVIL RECORDS AND REPORTS

1. Victim: None Found

2. Suspect: None Found

## V. SERVICES

1. Victim: None Found

2. Suspect: None Found

## VI. OTHER CONCERNS

Victim's mother stated Victim, growing up, was diagnosed with ADHD and an "emotional disorder", which she took prescription medication for and was in counseling. The mother then sent Victim to live with her maternal grandmother at the age of fifteen, in Jacksonville. The mother advised once at her grandmother's home, Victim was doing better for a time, so she stopped taking medication.

On April 17, 2022, an information report was written, due to Victim damaging Suspect's residence and stealing Suspect's firearm from his home. This was written as an information

report, as Suspect invited Victim to live at his home. She later returned the firearm. Suspect did not want to pursue charges.

Victim has a background with notated ADHD, depression and anxiety and was not adhering to her prescribed medication. Victim was her infant child's primary caretaker, until Victim's grandmother obtained custody of the child in October/November 2023.

Prior to this incident, a neighbor reported during another incident, Victim wanted Suspect to come outside to speak with her, so she left their child on the ground of his carport to force him to come outside of his home. During another incident, when Suspect was out with his last online girlfriend, Victim hid in a shed and waited for Suspect and his new girlfriend to return home. Suspect and his new girlfriend left upon seeing Victim, so she broke into his home, destroying things. This was not reported to law enforcement. Suspect's new girlfriend confirmed the incident with the shed and added that Victim had their child with her at the time of that incident.



# 2023-3

**DATE OF HOMICIDE: 4/28/2023**

**VICTIM: BLACK, MALE, AGE 27**

**SUSPECT: BLACK, FEMALE, AGE 28**

**CATEGORY: INTIMATE**

**METHOD: STABBING**

**SUSPECT STATUS: CLEARED AS JUSTIFIABLE**

## I. CRIME

A. **RELATIONSHIP**      Dating (not cohabitating)  
(no children in common)

## B. CASE SUMMARY

On April 28, 2023, Victim picked up Suspect from work as previously arranged. The two had been in an intimate dating relationship for more than one year. At the time of the incident, Suspect was pregnant with Victim's child. Because Suspect requested to go to her mother's home rather than her sister's, while driving, Victim became angry and struck Suspect in the head repeatedly. When Victim stopped the car in a parking lot, Suspect got out and ran away. Victim also exited the vehicle and was seen by Witnesses 1 and 2, who were at a construction site across the street, run after Suspect and strike Suspect in and around the head 5 to 7 times.

Suspect got away, ran through the parking lot into an adjacent business complex parking lot. Witnesses 1 and 2 observed Victim return to his car, remove his shirt, wipe the door of the vehicle, then drive away, in the direction of Suspect. Video surveillance from a business confirmed the observations of both Witnesses.

Officers canvassed other businesses in the direction Suspect was seen to run, and a few hundred yards away located a business where there was a substantial blood stain in the parking lot. The owner of the business reported finding the blood and discarded shoes, at his

store when he opened. Owner had not seen any of the altercation, and had washed away the blood, placing the shoes nearby.

Surveillance footage from another business showed Suspect running into the parking lot, Victim driving behind her in his vehicle, and that Victim then exited his car, moving aggressively toward Suspect. Suspect could be seen on surveillance trying to get away, Victim pursued, striking Suspect several times in the head and face. Suspect was unable to find an escape route and was seen to stab Victim one time in the chest with a small (4-5 inch) pocket knife. Suspect later reported that she had begun carrying the knife as protection from Victim as he had battered her in prior incidents including unreported incidents.

Suspect called 911 and transported Victim to a nearby emergency facility in Victim's vehicle. Victim later died from the stabbing injury. Due to the testimony of multiple witnesses and video surveillance from multiple businesses from multiple angles, the death was determined to be justifiable. Suspect was detained for questioning and released.

C. **CHILDREN PRESENT** No Children

D. **LOCATION** 32216 (District 2)

## II. **ADDITIONAL INVOLVED**

A. **FATALITIES:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

B. **INJURED PARTIES:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

C. **SUSPECTS:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic



### III. CRIMINAL HISTORY

#### A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim: History

a) 03/12/2023 - Domestic Battery (this Suspect) - Pled No Contest - 2 days Jail followed by 12 months probation.

b) 05/27/2020 - Aggravated Battery on a Pregnant Female (not Suspect) - Nolle Prosequi.

c) 12/10/2019 - Simple Battery, Making Threats (not Suspect) - Pled No Contest to Fighting - 2 days Jail.

d) 05/30/2019 - Domestic Battery (not Suspect) - Pled guilty - 2 days Jail followed by 12 months probation to complete Batterers' Intervention Program (BIP). 01/21/2021 - Violation of Probation for failing to complete BIP - 249 days Jail.

e) 06/18/2017 - Written threats to kill or do bodily harm (not Suspect) - Pled to Stalking - 6 months Jail

2. Suspect: No Record

#### B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim: History

a) 09/06/2012 - Armed Burglary - Pled Guilty - 3 years Prison followed by 3 years Probation - 07/25/2017 Violation of Probation - 6 months Jail.

2. Suspect: No Record

## C. DRUG OR ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES

1. Victim: History
  - a) 05/27/2020 - Aggravated Fleeing from Law Enforcement Officer, Reckless Driving, Possession with Intent to Sell Cannabis- Pled to the Aggravated Fleeing - 24 months Prison.
  - b) 08/16/2013 - Possession of Cannabis, Burglary - Pled to Burglary - 3 years Prison.
2. Suspect: History
  - a) 03/31/2019 - Possession of Cannabis, less than 20 grams, Possession of Paraphernalia - No charges filed.

## D. WEAPON OFFENSES

1. Victim: No Record
2. Suspect: No Record

## IV. CIVIL RECORDS AND REPORTS

1. Victim: History
  - a) 03/12/2018 - Respondent in Dating Violence Injunction for Protection (not Suspect)
2. Suspect: None Found

## V. SERVICES

1. Victim: None Found
2. Suspect: None Found



## VI. OTHER CONCERNS

Victim's criminal history is extensive, and included many investigations for violent crimes for which he was not arrested or charged. Victim never completed a Batterers' Intervention Course as a condition of any probation he was placed on and violated numerous times for failing to complete BIP.

# 2023-4

**DATE OF HOMICIDE: 5/31/2023**

**VICTIM: BLACK, MALE, AGE 35**

**SUSPECT: BLACK, FEMALE, AGE 36**

**CATEGORY: INTIMATE**

**METHOD: GUNSHOT**

**SUSPECT STATUS: CONVICTED OF LESSER OFFENSE**

## I. CRIME

A. **RELATIONSHIP**      Spousal (cohabitating)  
(no children in common)

## B. CASE SUMMARY

On May 31, 2023, Victim was found deceased on the sidewalk with a gunshot wound to his neck. Suspect #1 (Victim's Spouse) and two Witnesses were located at the scene. Suspect #1 and Witnesses stated that they were walking with Victim on Lane Avenue when an unknown vehicle approached them, started shooting and then fled. Suspect #1 and the Witnesses claimed they were not able to identify a shooter. Suspect #2 (Victim's Stepson) fled the scene in a car rented by his mother, Suspect #1.

Surveillance of the incident showed Victim walking down Lane Avenue by himself. The vehicle rented to Suspect #1 pulled up beside Victim and Suspect #1 exited the driver seat of the vehicle. Suspect #2 was seen exiting the passenger seat of the vehicle. Both Suspects approached Victim and Suspect #2 is seen pointing a gun at Victim. A struggle over the gun ensued and Suspect #2 shot Victim. Suspect #2 fled the scene, while Suspect #1 and Witnesses remained on scene.

Witness #1 contacted detectives at a later date to tell them she had been untruthful. She stated that she was in the car with Victim and Suspect #1 and Suspect #1 was arguing with



Victim. She stated that Victim exited the vehicle and began walking on Lane Avenue. She stated that Suspect #1 called Suspect #2 and asked him to fight Victim. She stated that Suspect #1 then picked up Suspect #2 at a meeting spot and Suspect #2 got in the vehicle with a gun. She stated that Suspect #1 drove around looking for Victim. Witness #1 stated when they found him, Suspect #1 and #2 exited the vehicle and Suspect #2 shot Victim. Both Suspect #1 and Suspect #2 were arrested and charged with the homicide.

C. **CHILDREN PRESENT** Yes, 1. 17 years old.

D. **LOCATION** 32205 (District 4)

## II. **ADDITIONAL INVOLVED**

A. **FATALITIES:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

B. **INJURED PARTIES:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

C. **SUSPECTS:** Yes

0 additional non-domestic, 1 additional domestic

## III. **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

A. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: History

a) 02/01/2012 - Domestic Battery (not Victim) - Adjudication of Guilt - 10 days Jail

- b) 02/28/2007 - Aggravated Battery (not Victim) - Not Filed
- c) 10/26/2004 - Aggravated Battery (not Victim) - Adjudication of Guilt - 6 years Prison suspended followed by 2 years Probation

**B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES**

1. Victim: History

- a) 07/29/2008 - Battery in a Detention Facility - Not Filed

2. Suspect: History

- a) 03/02/2015 - Child Abuse - Adjudication of Guilt - 2 days Jail followed by 24 months Probation

**C. DRUG OR ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES**

1. Victim: History

- a) 03/02/2017 - Sale Cocaine (3 counts), Sale of Cannabis, Possession of More than 20 grams of Cannabis - Adjudication of Guilt - 6 years Prison
- b) 05/16/2008 - Possess Cocaine - Adjudication of Guilt - 4 Months Jail
- c) 09/13/2007 - Possession of more than 20 grams Cannabis - Adjudication of Guilt - 54 days Jail
- d) 04/16/2007- Possess of Controlled Substance - Withhold Adjudication of Guilt - 2 days Jail followed by Probation
- e) 07/16/2006 - Possession of less than 20 grams Cannabis - Adjudication of Guilt - 2 days Jail
- f) 05/31/2006 - Possession of Controlled Substance - Not Filed



2. Suspect: No Record

#### **D. WEAPON OFFENSES**

1. Victim: History

a) 03/02/2017 - Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon -  
Adjudication of Guilt - 5 years Prison

b) 02/02/2009 - Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon -  
Adjudication of Guilt - 3 years Prison

2. Suspect: No Record

#### **IV. CIVIL RECORDS AND REPORTS**

1. Victim: None Found

2. Suspect: None Found

#### **V. SERVICES**

1. Victim: None Found

2. Suspect: None Found

#### **VI. OTHER CONCERNS**

# 2023-5

**DATE OF HOMICIDE: 7/5/2023**

**VICTIM: WHITE, FEMALE, AGE 43**

**SUSPECT: WHITE, FEMALE, AGE 43**

**CATEGORY: INTIMATE**

**METHOD: GUNSHOT**

**SUSPECT STATUS: ARRESTED**

## I. CRIME

A. **RELATIONSHIP**      Dating (cohabitating)  
(no children in common)

## B. CASE SUMMARY

On July 5, 2023, law enforcement was conducting follow-up investigation of a missing persons report made by Victim's daughter that had been filed on July 3, 2023. While at the house and after obtaining consent to search from Suspect, officers discovered human remains in an advanced state of decomposition on the floor of the porch of the residence. Victim was found under a piece of carpet and some plastic bags. The human remains were determined to be that of Victim.

The Medical Examiner found that Victim had been shot multiple times and three projectiles were recovered from her body. Blood spatter was located on the kitchen walls inside the residence and multiple firearms were collected including a .45 cal semi-automatic pistol found in Suspect's room. The projectiles were sent to FDLE along with the .45 cal pistol. FDLE confirmed that the rifling characteristics on one of the projectiles recovered matched this firearm.

Investigation revealed that on July 1, 2023, Suspect purchased cleaning products from a local convenience store in an apparent attempt to clean up the crime scene. During a law



enforcement canvass on July 5, 2023, multiple neighbors reported previously hearing gun shots, but were uncertain as to when the gunshots occurred. Post Miranda, Suspect stated she was the only occupant of the home and admitted to piling up garbage on the front porch where Victim was ultimately found. Suspect denied any knowledge of the homicide and denied knowing Victim was on her front porch. Suspect admitted to smelling the foul odor but stated she thought it was rotting meat from a bucket in her yard. Suspect stated she started piling up garbage on her front porch on Saturday, July 1, 2023. Suspect, however, admitted to previously sending Victim text messages threatening to kill her but stated she didn't mean anything by them.

C. **CHILDREN PRESENT** No Children

D. **LOCATION** 32210 (District 4)

## II. **ADDITIONAL INVOLVED**

A. **FATALITIES:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

B. **INJURED PARTIES:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

C. **SUSPECTS:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

## III. **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

A. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: History

a) 07/13/2023 - Written Threats to Kill (this Victim)

b) 10/04/2023 - Battery (Simple) (this Victim) - Nol Pros

c) 12/01/2009 - Battery (Domestic) (not Victim) - Pled to lesser Fighting - Withhold Adjudication - Probation 4 months

## B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim: History

a) 07/22/2002 - Fighting - Pled No Contest - Adjudication of Guilt

2. Suspect: No Record

## C. DRUG OR ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES

1. Victim: History

a) 11/04/2010 - DUI - Pled No Contest - Adjudication of Guilt Probation 9 months

2. Suspect: History

a) 10/04/2023 - Possession of Cannabis less than 20 grams - Nol Pros

b) 03/04/2014 - DUI - Pled No Contest - Adjudication of Guilt - Probation 12 months

c) 07/18/2006 - DUI - Pled No Contest - Adjudication of Guilt - Probation 6 months

d) 05/12/2003 - DUI - Pled No Contest to lesser Reckless Driving - Withhold Adjudication



#### **D. WEAPON OFFENSES**

1. Victim: No Record
2. Suspect: No Record

#### **IV. CIVIL RECORDS AND REPORTS**

1. Victim: None Found
2. Suspect: History
  - a) 05/21/2008 - Final Judgement of Domestic Violence Injunction for Protection (not Victim)- Granted

#### **V. SERVICES**

1. Victim: None Found
2. Suspect: None Found

#### **VI. OTHER CONCERNS**

At the time of the murder, Suspect had an outstanding requested arrest warrant for written threats to kill for sending threatening messages to Victim stemming from an incident that occurred on February 5, 2023, and was requested on February 6, 2023. This charge was added as an additional count in the pending homicide case. Additionally, a misdemeanor battery case involving Victim, stemming from a January 2023 incident, was pending at the time of the murder.

# 2023-6

**DATE OF HOMICIDE: 7/7/2023**

**VICTIM: BLACK, FEMALE, AGE 46**

**SUSPECT: BLACK, MALE, AGE 53**

**CATEGORY: INTIMATE**

**METHOD: STABBING**

**SUSPECT STATUS: CONVICTED AS CHARGED**

## I. CRIME

A. **RELATIONSHIP**      Dating (cohabitating)  
(no children in common)

## B. CASE SUMMARY

On July 7, 2023, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) responded to a residence in reference to a missing adult.

A missing person report was initiated by Victim's 16-year-old daughter. Upon arrival, officers made contact, via phone, with Victim's daughter and met in-person with Suspect, who was in an intimate relationship and resided with Victim.

Victim's daughter reported that she remains in constant contact with Victim and speaks with her twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening. She reported she last spoke to Victim on the evening of July 6, 2023. The following morning, July 7, 2023, Victim's daughter became alarmed when she didn't receive her routine morning call. Victim's daughter placed a call to Victim's place of employment since she was unable to contact Victim. Victim's employer informed Victim's daughter she uncharacteristically did not show up or call out. Victim's daughter advised nothing seemed out of the ordinary when she last spoke to her mother (Victim) and was unable to provide any possible locations or known associates of Victim.



Suspect consented to officers searching the residence. During the search of the lower level of the residence officers discovered a red residue which had the appearance of blood in the downstairs master bedroom and washing machine full of linen and towels. Immediately following confirmation of the red residue, officers placed Suspect in the back of a marked patrol car without incident. Suspect was asked if there were any accidents or spills in the room, to which Suspect replied there were none several times before stating while being intimate with Victim she began her period causing blood to spill on the bed and floor. Detectives were called to the scene and a search warrant for the residence was obtained. During the search detectives observed Suspect initially leaving the residence on the home's security camera in a silver Chevy Malibu. Home security camera captures suspect coming and going from the residence in separate vehicles several times in the morning hours of July 7, 2023. Suspect was transported to the Police Memorial Building (PMB) for an interview.

During the interview Suspect provided several conflicting stories until he was advised that the silver Chevy Malibu had been located. Suspect stated Victim came at him with a knife in a thrusting motion and while grabbing her wrists to avoid being stabbed, he pushed her hands upward causing the knife to penetrate Victim's throat. Suspect stated that the altercation occurred in their bedroom and that he had moved Victim to the bathroom. Suspect was asked if he considered calling 911 for an ambulance to provide emergency care to Victim, Suspect stated he was out of his mind in panic and did not think about it. Suspect stated that he applied a towel to Victim's neck briefly and then took the knife to the kitchen to clean it. Suspect then stated he cleaned up the bathroom with towels and wrapped Victim in a sheet. He further stated that he pulled the vehicle into the garage where he loaded her body into the trunk of the car. Suspect drove the vehicle to a nearby grocery store, left the vehicle with her body and then went for a walk.

A search warrant was obtained by detectives for the vehicle in question. Victim's body was located in the trunk as described. Victim had multiple stab wounds including defensive injuries. Suspect was arrested and transported to JSO's PMB for murder.

C. CHILDREN PRESENT None Present

D. LOCATION 32256 (District 3)

## II. ADDITIONAL INVOLVED

A. FATALITIES: No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

B. INJURED PARTIES: No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

C. SUSPECTS: No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

## III. CRIMINAL HISTORY

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record

B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: History

a) 05/13/2021 - Simple Assault/Battery (not Victim) - Case  
Suspended

C. DRUG OR ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record



#### **D. WEAPON OFFENSES**

1. Victim: No Record
2. Suspect: No Record

#### **IV. CIVIL RECORDS AND REPORTS**

1. Victim: None Found
2. Suspect: None Found

#### **V. SERVICES**

1. Victim: None Found
2. Suspect: None Found

#### **VI. OTHER CONCERNS**

# 2023-7

**DATE OF HOMICIDE: 8/24/2023**

**VICTIM: BLACK, MALE, AGE 38**

**SUSPECT: BLACK, FEMALE, AGE 32**

**CATEGORY: INTIMATE**

**METHOD: STABBING**

**SUSPECT STATUS: CLEARED AS JUSTIFIABLE**

## I. CRIME

- A. **RELATIONSHIP**      Dating (cohabitating)  
(no children in common)

## B. CASE SUMMARY

On August 24, 2023, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) responded to a motel after receiving a 911 call from a woman, later identified as Suspect, who said she had stabbed her boyfriend, Victim, at that location.

Suspect was interviewed by JSO and stated that earlier in the day Victim had demanded money from her in order to buy drugs. Suspect stated Victim obtained drugs, but he complained they were "fake" and became increasingly violent. Victim took Suspect's vehicle and left the home. Suspect decided to end her relationship with Victim and packed Victim's belongings to move him out of Suspect's home. Suspect anticipated Victim would be mad when she told him she was ending the relationship, so she prepared her 11-year-old daughter, who was in the home with her, to run and call 911 if Victim became violent.

Victim asked to be able to use Suspect's vehicle until he found a new place to stay, but Suspect refused. Suspect convinced Victim to bring her vehicle back. Suspect and Victim got in Suspect's vehicle, with Victim driving. Victim demanded more money from Suspect. Suspect said, when she refused, Victim drove the car into oncoming traffic and threatened to



kill them both. Suspect said Victim repeatedly slapped her and took her phone so she could not call 911. Victim parked the vehicle at a motel to wait for Witness #1- a second girlfriend - to pick him up. Suspect told Victim to get out of her vehicle. According to Suspect, Victim refused to get out and stated, "If I can't have you nobody can have you." Victim punched Suspect multiple times in the stomach while saying he was going to kill her and preventing her from getting out of the vehicle. Suspect was pregnant with Victim's child at the time. Suspect grabbed a knife she kept in the car and stabbed Victim three times.

Victim exited the vehicle and entered Witness #1's car. Witness #1 transported Victim to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Two other witnesses at the motel reported hearing a woman screaming and seeing movement in Suspect's vehicle at the time of the incident.

- C. **CHILDREN PRESENT** None Present
- D. **LOCATION** 32254 (District 5)

## II. **ADDITIONAL INVOLVED**

- A. **FATALITIES:** No  
0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic
- B. **INJURED PARTIES:** No  
0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic
- C. **SUSPECTS:** No  
0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

### III. CRIMINAL HISTORY

#### A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim: History

a) 07/27/2004 - Battery (Domestic) (not Suspect) - 07/27/2004 - Pre-Trial Diversion - 03/23/2005 Nol Pros (Columbia County, Florida)

2. Suspect: No Record

#### B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim: History

a) 07/05/2014 - Aggravated Battery with A Deadly Weapon (2 counts) and Possession of Firearm/Electric Weapon by Felon (not Suspect) - 05/20/2015 - Adjudicated Guilty 7 years and 7 months Prison followed by 5 years Probation - 01/25/2022 - Violation of Probation - Released from Custody (Columbia County, Florida)

2. Suspect: No Record

#### C. DRUG OR ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record

#### D. WEAPON OFFENSES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record



#### IV. CIVIL RECORDS AND REPORTS

1. Victim: None Found
2. Suspect: None Found

#### V. SERVICES

1. Victim: None Found
2. Suspect: None Found

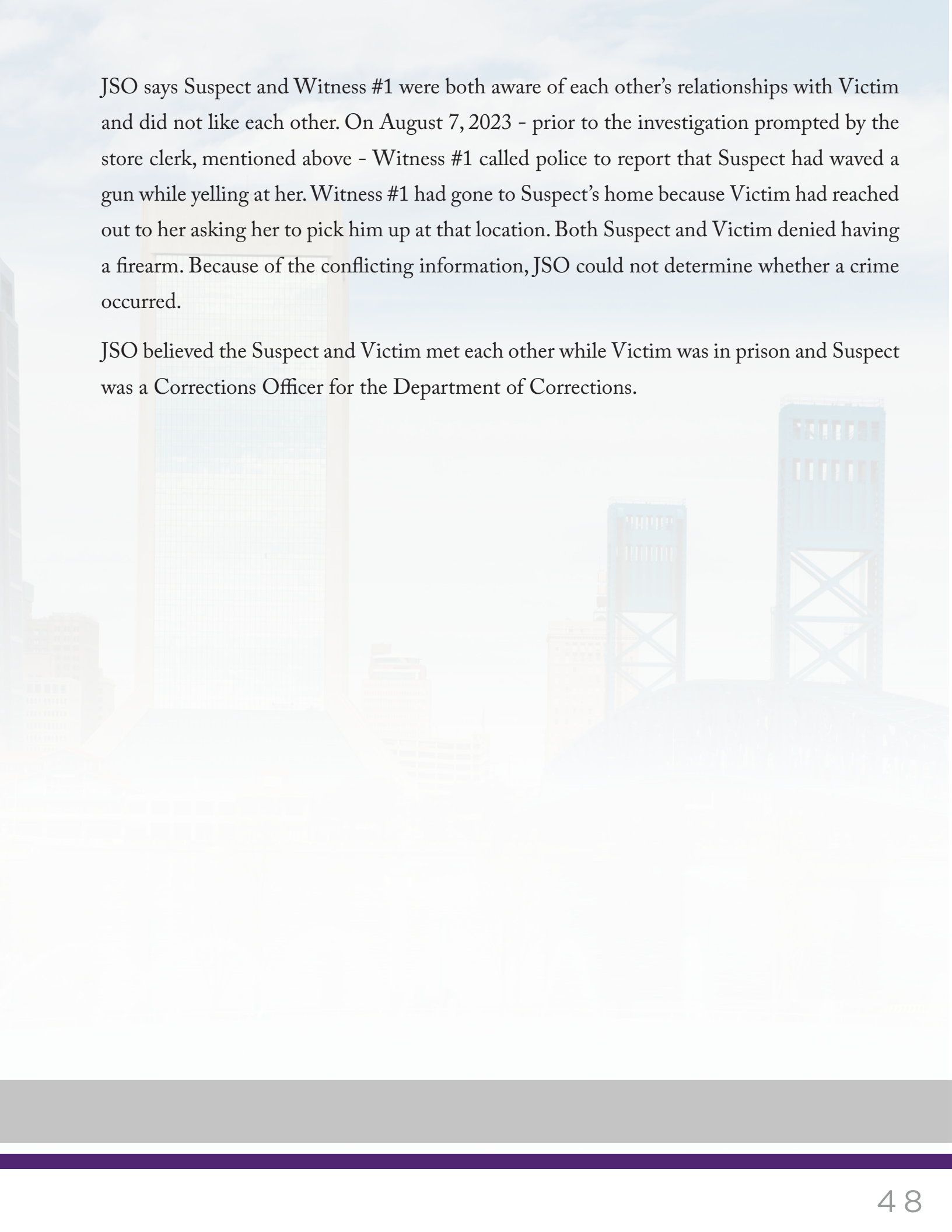
#### VI. OTHER CONCERNS

Both Suspect and Witness #1 reported prior domestic violence by Victim.

On August 7, 2023, JSO was called to investigate after a convenience store clerk reported that a woman, later identified as Suspect, and her 11-year-old daughter entered the store appearing distressed. The clerk noticed a fresh injury to Suspect's eye. The clerk asked if Suspect needed help, but Suspect replied "It wouldn't matter, he'll kill me anyways." Suspect gave the clerk her information and told her to wait to call police until Suspect was gone. A man, later identified as Victim, then entered the store and asked Suspect why she was crying. They left the store. The clerk called JSO, however when JSO later made contact with Suspect, she denied Victim had been violent. JSO noted an injury around Suspect's eye, but says Suspect stated the injury was from a fall. As a result of the conflicting statements, the case was not pursued.

When speaking with JSO following the homicide, Suspect's mother told JSO Suspect had come to her home on August 8th and shown her photos of a black eye and bruising to her head, which Suspect told her were caused by Victim.

In 2021, Witness #1 called JSO to report Victim had slapped her multiple times. JSO investigated but was unable to determine whether a crime occurred.



JSO says Suspect and Witness #1 were both aware of each other's relationships with Victim and did not like each other. On August 7, 2023 - prior to the investigation prompted by the store clerk, mentioned above - Witness #1 called police to report that Suspect had waved a gun while yelling at her. Witness #1 had gone to Suspect's home because Victim had reached out to her asking her to pick him up at that location. Both Suspect and Victim denied having a firearm. Because of the conflicting information, JSO could not determine whether a crime occurred.

JSO believed the Suspect and Victim met each other while Victim was in prison and Suspect was a Corrections Officer for the Department of Corrections.



# 2023-8

**DATE OF HOMICIDE: 10/15/2023**

**VICTIM: BLACK, MALE, AGE 31**

**SUSPECT: BLACK, MALE, AGE 55**

**CATEGORY: NON-INTIMATE**

**METHOD: GUNSHOT**

**SUSPECT STATUS: CLEARED AS JUSTIFIABLE**

## I. CRIME

A. **RELATIONSHIP** Parent/Child (not cohabitating)  
(no children in common)

## B. CASE SUMMARY

On October 15, 2023, law enforcement responded to a shooting. When they arrived, Victim was laying in the front yard with a single gunshot wound to his torso. Paramedics arrived and pronounced Victim deceased. Victim's father (Suspect) and two witnesses were detained and taken to the Police Memorial Building for questioning.

Witness #1 stated he went to a sporting event with several people, including Suspect and Witness #2. After the game, Suspect wanted to go check on his house so Witness #1 drove him there. Witness #1 stated Suspect walked up the garage area of the residence and at some point, Victim exited the residence and walked towards Victim's car. Witness #1 did not see anything but heard either Victim or Suspect say, "what you wanna shoot me now?" He then heard gunshots and saw Suspect shooting Victim.

Witness #1 advised Suspect was a "little intoxicated" from the sporting event and had vomited prior to arriving at the residence.

Witness #2 stated, after the game, they went to Suspect's house so he could speak with

Victim. When they arrived, Witness #2 walked to the front of the residence and knocked on the door. While at the front door, he heard gunshots but did not see the incident. Witness #2 was aware that Suspect had a firearm and thought he was just shooting the gun into the air.

Suspect invoked his right to remain silent.

Two firearms were located at the scene. A .40 caliber handgun was located in the grass about ten feet from Victim's body and a 9 mm handgun was next to Victim's body. Victim's girlfriend, who was not present for the incident, later identified the 9 mm as belonging to Victim.

C. **CHILDREN PRESENT** No Children

D. **LOCATION** 32218 (District 6)

## II. **ADDITIONAL INVOLVED**

A. **FATALITIES:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

B. **INJURED PARTIES:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

C. **SUSPECTS:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

## III. **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

A. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

1. Victim: No Record



2. Suspect: History

a) 09/21/2001 - Stalking - Aggravated After Injunction pled to Violation of Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence (not Victim) - Adjudication of Guilt

## **B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES**

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: History

a) 02/13/00 - Aggravated Assault, Battery - Not Filed (Alachua County, Florida)

b) 01/09/92 - Battery - Not Filed (Alachua County, Florida)

c) 01/09/92 - Battery - Adjudication of Guilt ( Alachua, County)

d) 03/07/1990 - Battery - Adjudication of Guilt Withheld (Alachua County)

## **C. DRUG OR ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES**

1. Victim: History

a) 01/12/20 - DUI - Adjudication of Guilt

2. Suspect: History

a) 08/30/14 - DUI - disposition unknown (Alachua County, Florida)

b) 10/10/10 - DUI pled to Reckless Driving - Adjudication of Guilt Withheld (Alachua, County)

## D. WEAPON OFFENSES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: History

a) 08/30/14 - Carry Prohibited Weapon Openly - disposition unknown (Alachua County, Florida)

## IV. CIVIL RECORDS AND REPORTS

1. Victim: None Found

2. Suspect: History

a) 03/26/24 - Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence without Minor Children (Suspect's Wife) - Granted (Marion County, Florida)

b) 10/25/23 - Petition For Involuntary Placement - Withdrawn - (Alachua County, Florida)

c) 02/27/23 - Order of Dismissal of Temporary Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence - Dismissed due to improper venue, case needed to be filed in Marion County - Duval County, Florida

d) 08/20/01 - Order of Dismissal of Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence - Duval County, Florida

## V. SERVICES

1. Victim: None Found

2. Suspect: None Found



## VI. OTHER CONCERNS

JSO closed this case as justifiable



# 2023-9

**DATE OF HOMICIDE: 10/17/2023**

**VICTIM: BLACK, MALE, AGE 41**

**SUSPECT: BLACK, FEMALE, AGE 45**

**CATEGORY: INTIMATE**

**METHOD: GUNSHOT**

**SUSPECT STATUS: ARRESTED**

## I. CRIME

A. **RELATIONSHIP**      Dating (formerly cohabitating)  
(no children in common)

## B. CASE SUMMARY

On October 18, 2023, Witness called 911 and informed them that her two sons, Victim #1 and #2, were shot by Suspect. Victim #1 and Suspect were dating. Witness stated that Suspect also kidnapped her and stole her cellphone. Officers responded to the scene and saw Victim #1 sitting in the chair with a gunshot wound to the head. Victim #1 was still alive and was transported to the hospital. Victim #1 ultimately succumbed to his wound and was pronounced deceased on October 20, 2023. Victim #2 was found face down with multiple gun shot wounds. Victim #2 was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to Witness, Suspect shot both Victim #1 and #2 on the evening of October 17, 2023. She said that Victims were at her house while she was cooking and then Suspect came over. Later that evening, while Witness was in her bedroom, she heard 4 gunshots. She walked into the hallway and saw Suspect standing in the hallway. She then looked into Victim #1's bedroom, saw that he was shot, and Victim #1 said, "She shot me."

Suspect then told Witness to get into the car stating, "We got to go. We got to go." While they were in the car, Suspect pointed a gun at Witness and made her drive to a gas station



for gas followed by a local motel for an unknown amount of time. When they left, Suspect forced Witness to hold the firearm and put her finger on the trigger. Then Witness said they stopped at the top of a bridge where the defendant threw the firearm into the water before heading back to the house. During the car ride, Witness stated she did not have her phone, but Suspect gave it back to her when they arrived back at the house, which is when Witness called 911.

Also during the car ride, Witness asked Suspect if she shot Victim #1, and Suspect responded “yes.” Video and hotel invoices were obtained from the motel showing Suspect arriving there and staying in a room for 2.5 hours.

Suspect was interviewed and claimed Witness was the responsible party and that she was a liar and manipulator. Suspect then claimed that she was forced to shoot the victims because Witness told her if she did not shoot them, “the Illuminati” would come for them. Suspect then said that Witness shot one of the victims because Witness was slowly poisoning everyone in the house. Suspect ultimately claimed it was self-defense because Victim #1 was attacking her. Suspect then stated both Victim #1 and #2 were attacking her.

C. **CHILDREN PRESENT** No Children

D. **LOCATION** 32209 (District 6)

## II. **ADDITIONAL INVOLVED**

A. **FATALITIES:** Yes

1 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

B. **INJURED PARTIES:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

C. **SUSPECTS:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

### III. CRIMINAL HISTORY

#### A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Victim: History

a) 05/21/2023 - Battery (Domestic) (this Victim) - Not Prosecuted

2. Suspect: History

a) 09/05/2005 - Murder with Weapon (Fel Reclassification) - Pled to Lesser Manslaughter - Adjudicated Guilty - 4 years Prison

#### B. NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record

#### C. DRUG OR ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record

#### D. WEAPON OFFENSES

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record

### IV. CIVIL RECORDS AND REPORTS

1. Victim: None Found

2. Suspect: None Found



## V. SERVICES

1. Victim: None Found
2. Suspect: None Found

## VI. OTHER CONCERNS

# 2023-10

**DATE OF HOMICIDE: 12/8/2023**

**VICTIM: BLACK, MALE, AGE 46**

**SUSPECT: BLACK, FEMALE, AGE 43**

**CATEGORY: INTIMATE**

**METHOD: STABBING**

**SUSPECT STATUS: CONVICTED OF LESSER OFFENSE**

## I. CRIME

- A. **RELATIONSHIP**      Spousal (cohabitating)  
(with children in common)

## B. CASE SUMMARY

On the incident date, Suspect resided with Victim at the residence with their adult son in common. A neighbor, Witness, advised on the incident date, she heard arguing from Victim and Suspect, as she often does, and observed Victim in the doorway throwing Suspect's items out of the residence into the front yard. Witness then saw Suspect "rush" towards Victim, who was on his medical scooter (due to recently having surgery on his foot/leg), and push him off the scooter. Victim fell to the ground and started screaming for help. Witness then saw Victim and Suspect's adult son exit the residence and begin yelling at Suspect.

While the adult son was rendering aid to Victim, Witness invited Suspect up to her apartment above Suspect and Victim's residence in an effort to calm Suspect down (Witness was unaware Suspect had stabbed Victim at this point). While they were sitting in Witness's apartment talking, Suspect admitted to stabbing Victim. This conversation (and confession) was captured on Witness's surveillance system. Neither Witness nor the adult son observed the stabbing. The adult son was playing video games in his room attempting to drown out his parents arguing. When he emerged from his room, he observed Victim lying on the ground



bleeding and attempted to provide aid until Fire Rescue arrived. Victim was stabbed in the upper right chest. Suspect made spontaneous statements captured on body worn camera including “let me call my mom before I go to jail, I killed him.” Suspect invoked when detectives attempted to interview her.

C. **CHILDREN PRESENT** No Children

D. **LOCATION** 32209 (District 5)

## II. **ADDITIONAL INVOLVED**

A. **FATALITIES:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

B. **INJURED PARTIES:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

C. **SUSPECTS:** No

0 additional non-domestic, 0 additional domestic

## III. **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

A. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: History

a) 12/29/2008 - Aggravated Battery (this Victim) - Not Prosecuted

B. **NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENT CRIMES**

1. Victim: No Record

2. Suspect: No Record

### **C. DRUG OR ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES**

1. Victim: No Record
2. Suspect: No Record

### **D. WEAPON OFFENSES**

1. Victim: No Record
2. Suspect: No Record

## **IV. CIVIL RECORDS AND REPORTS**

1. Victim: None Found
2. Suspect: None Found

## **V. SERVICES**

1. Victim: None Found
2. Suspect: None Found

## **VI. OTHER CONCERNS**

In the 2008 Aggravated Battery case, Suspect attacked Victim with a knife, but Victim was not cooperative.





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