



In Memoriam

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Ms. Lucas was killed by a single gunshot wound to the head by her ex-husband, Luther Lucas II. Afterwards, Mr. Lucas committed suicide. According to reports, Mr. Lucas had prior criminal domestic violence charges, and Mrs. Lucas had obtained an order of protection.

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***Catherine
Herrera***

*43 years old
Beaufort County*

Mrs. Herrera was shot and killed on September 16, 2007.

Mrs. Herrera was killed by a single gunshot wound to the head by her husband, Jose Herrera. Witnesses established that Mr. and Mrs. Herrera had been engaged in an argument throughout the afternoon. Mr. Herrera has been charged with murder and is currently awaiting trial.

Mrs. Herrera is survived by a daughter and son.



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*42 years old
Berkeley County*

Mr. Hoffman was shot and killed on September 21, 2007.

Mr. Hoffman was shot three times in the back of the head by his wife, Marjorie Hoffman. According to police reports, Mrs. Hoffman had a history of drug abuse that led to financial and domestic problems between her and her husband. She attempted to cover up Mr. Hoffman's murder by burying his body behind their privacy fence in the woods.

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*38 years old
Charleston County*

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***James
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*57 years old
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Mr. Kelly and his wife, Joyce Kelly, were in a hotel when Mrs. Kelly shot and killed him. Afterwards, she turned the gun on herself and committed suicide.

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*24 years old
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Ms. Pendergrass was shot and killed on July 8, 2007.

Ms. Pendergrass died as the result of a gunshot wound to the head from her ex-boyfriend, Jake Wilson. Ms. Pendergrass's two young children were in the apartment at the time of the shooting. According to police reports, the couple had a history of arguments and police had been called to the residence numerous times. Mr. Wilson is currently awaiting trial for murder.

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Ms. Pendergrass is survived by a son and daughter.

***Maria
Hernandez***

*41 years old
Chesterfield County*

Mrs. Hernandez was stabbed and killed on July 6, 2007. Mrs. Hernandez died due to multiple stab wounds inflicted by her estranged husband, Rafael Sanchez. The police had responded to several calls involving the couple prior to Mrs. Hernandez's death, and reports indicate Mr. Sanchez had assaulted and intimidated his wife while they were separated. Mrs. Hernandez had also obtained an order of protection. Mr. Sanchez pled guilty to her murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

Mrs. Hernandez is survived by her son.

***Maria
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*41 years old
Chesterfield County*

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***Theresa
Johnson***

*19 years old
Clarendon County*

Ms. Johnson was shot and killed on November 29, 2007. Police reports indicate that Ms. Johnson's ex-boyfriend, Charles Junious, came to her house and refused to leave. After forcing entry through the front door, Mr. Junious argued with Ms. Johnson's mother, Barbara Johnson, and then shot and killed both Theresa and her mother. Ms. Theresa Johnson's child was also in the residence at the time of the shooting. Mr. Junious was charged with two counts of murder and is currently awaiting trial.

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Malphrus, III***

*37 years old
Dorchester County*

Mr. Malphrus was shot and killed on November 26, 2007.

According to reports, Mr. Malphrus was shot by his wife, Carolyn Malphrus. Mrs. Malphrus is awaiting trial for murder.

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***Alecia
Arangilan***

*34 years old
Edgefield County*

Ms. Arangilan was shot and killed on October 30, 2007.

Ms. Arangilan died as the result of multiple gunshot wounds to the head and chest by her husband, Robert Herring. Mr. Herring also shot and killed Ms. Arangilan's seventeen-year-old daughter, Jade. Mr. Herring then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

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***Kelly
Taylor***

*26 years old
Georgetown County*

Ms. Taylor was strangled to death on May 12, 2007.

Ms. Taylor was killed by her boyfriend, Brian Gilliard. Mr. Gilliard pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Ms. Taylor is survived by two sons.

***Kelly
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*26 years old
Georgetown County*

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Ms. Taylor is survived by two sons.

***Judith
Barth***

*64 years old
Greenville County*

Ms. Barth was stabbed to death on March 27, 2007.

Reports indicated that Ms. Barth died as the result of multiple knife wounds to the neck by her common-law husband, Gary Cunningham. Mr. Cunningham is currently awaiting trial for murder.

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***Lisa
Schad-Baldwin***

*41 years old
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Ms. Schad-Baldwin was shot and killed on May 25, 2007.

Police reports indicate that Ms. Schad-Baldwin died as a result of a gunshot wound to the head by her common-law husband, William Palmer II. Mr. Palmer is currently awaiting trial for murder.

Ms. Schad-Baldwin is survived by a daughter and son.

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***Vanessa
Vance***

*31 years old
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Ms. Vance was killed by blunt force trauma to her head and chest on April 8, 2007.

Ms. Vance was killed in a car accident caused by her ex-boyfriend, Elder Potlow, after he rammed his car into hers. Mr. Potlow had also been shooting at the car as he pursued it. One other passenger was also killed in the accident. Ms. Vance was three months pregnant.

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***Susan
Edens***

*40 years old
Greenwood County*

Ms. Edens was strangled to death on August 16, 2007.

Ms. Edens was beaten and strangled by her boyfriend, Derek Anderson. He then hid her body under a porch at a deserted house in his neighborhood. According to reports, Ms. Edens and Mr. Anderson had a prior history of domestic abuse. Mr. Anderson is currently awaiting trial.

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***Terry
Hawes***

*30 years old
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Mrs. Hawes was shot and killed on April 4, 2007. Mrs. Hawes and her estranged husband, Alonzo Hawes, were having an argument when Mr. Hawes shot Mrs. Hawes several times. The couple's three children witnessed the shooting. Reports indicate that Mrs. Hawes had obtained both an order of protection and a restraining order against Mr. Hawes. Mr. Hawes is charged with murder and is awaiting trial.

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***Jill
Dean***

*39 years old
Horry County*

Mrs. Dean was stabbed to death on October 16, 2007. According to reports, Mrs. Dean's husband, Charles Dean, returned to the home and killed her just hours after he ran away when she called 911 to report that he had hit her. The Deans' minor daughter was present when the stabbing occurred and tried to come to the defense of her mother. Mr. Dean is charged with murder and is currently awaiting trial.

Mrs. Dean is survived by her son and daughter.

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*35 years old
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***Catherine
Tollison***

*47 years old
Laurens County*

Ms. Tollison was strangled to death on October 15, 2007.

Ms. Tollison and her boyfriend, Michael Higgins, were having an argument when Mr. Higgins strangled Ms. Tollison to death. According to police reports, Mr. Higgins had a history of violence against Ms. Tollison. Mr. Higgins is charged with her murder and is awaiting trial.

Ms. Tollison is survived by her son and daughter.

***Catherine
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*47 years old
Laurens County*

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Ms. Tollison is survived by her son and daughter.

***Kenneth
Wilson***

*30 years old
Lee County*

Mr. Wilson was shot and killed on December 25, 2007.

Mr. Wilson was killed in his home by his girlfriend, Tippy Retana. Police reports indicate that Ms. Retana tried to make it look like an unknown suspect had forced entry into the house and shot Mr. Wilson. Ms. Retana was convicted of murder and sentenced to life without parole.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his son.

***Kenneth
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*30 years old
Lee County*

Mr. Wilson was shot and killed on December 25, 2007.

Mr. Wilson was killed in his home by his girlfriend, Tippy Retana. Police reports indicate that Ms. Retana tried to make it look like an unknown suspect had forced entry into the house and shot Mr. Wilson. Ms. Retana was convicted of murder and sentenced to life without parole.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his son.



***Vikki
Marcus***

*50 years old
Lexington County*

Ms. Marcus was shot and killed on October 8, 2007. Ms. Marcus was killed by her ex-boyfriend, Roger Cochran III. According to reports, Mr. Cochran came to Ms. Marcus's house and argued with her and her new boyfriend. When asked to leave, he pulled out a gun and shot and killed both Ms. Marcus and her boyfriend. Mr. Cochran is charged with two counts of murder and is awaiting trial.

Ms. Marcus is survived by two sons and a daughter.



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***Sharon
Harris***

*50 years old
Newberry County*

Mrs. Harris was shot and killed on January 8, 2007.

Mrs. Harris was shot by her husband, Daniel Harris. Reports indicate that Mrs. Harris had filed for and received an order of protection. Mr. Harris is charged with her murder and is currently awaiting trial.

Mrs. Harris is survived by three sons and three daughters.



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Mrs. Harris is survived by three sons and three daughters.



***Ruby
Thompson***

*31 years old
Orangeburg County*

Ms. Thompson was shot and killed on February 6, 2007.

Ms. Thompson was shot by her boyfriend, Oscar McDowell. According to reports, Mr. McDowell killed Ms. Thompson and then set her body on fire. Mr. McDowell is a registered sex offender. He pled guilty and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

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***Lucy
Branham***

*45 years old
Richland County*

Ms. Branham was severely beaten on September 15, 2007 and died five days later from her injuries. Ms. Branham and her boyfriend, Chris Arant, were having an argument when Mr. Arant beat her unconscious. According to reports, Mr. Arant hit Ms. Branham multiple times with his fists and rammed her head through the window of a truck. A neighbor found Ms. Branham later that morning. Mr. Arant was charged with murder and is currently awaiting trial.

Ms. Branham is survived by her son.

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*45 years old
Richland County*

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Ms. Branham is survived by her son.

***Chamaiporn
Chongpatana***

*27 years old
Spartanburg County*

Ms. Chongpatana was shot and stabbed to death on September 10, 2007.

Ms. Chongpatana was shot and stabbed by her husband, Xao Vang. Afterwards, Mr. Vang turned the gun on himself and committed suicide. Reports indicate that Ms. Chongpatana had obtained an order of protection prior to the incident.

Ms. Chongpatana is survived by two sons.

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Ms. Chongpatana is survived by two sons.

***Erika
Horton***

*26 years old
Spartanburg County*

Mrs. Horton was killed on January 2, 2007.

According to reports, Mrs. Horton's throat was slashed by her husband, Larry Horton. Mr. Horton was found guilty of her murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

Mrs. Horton is survived by her two daughters.

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***Kimberly
Murphy***

*20 years old
Spartanburg County*

Ms. Murphy was stabbed to death on September 7, 2007.

Reports indicated that Ms. Murphy and her boyfriend, Larry Casey, were having an argument when Mr. Casey stabbed Ms. Murphy with an ice pick. He then buried her body in the woods. Mr. Casey is charged with murder and is awaiting trial.

***Kimberly
Murphy***

*20 years old
Spartanburg County*

Ms. Murphy was stabbed to death on September 7, 2007.

Reports indicated that Ms. Murphy and her boyfriend, Larry Casey, were having an argument when Mr. Casey stabbed Ms. Murphy with an ice pick. He then buried her body in the woods. Mr. Casey is charged with murder and is awaiting trial.



***Quanna
Cooper***

*23 years old
Sumter County*

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