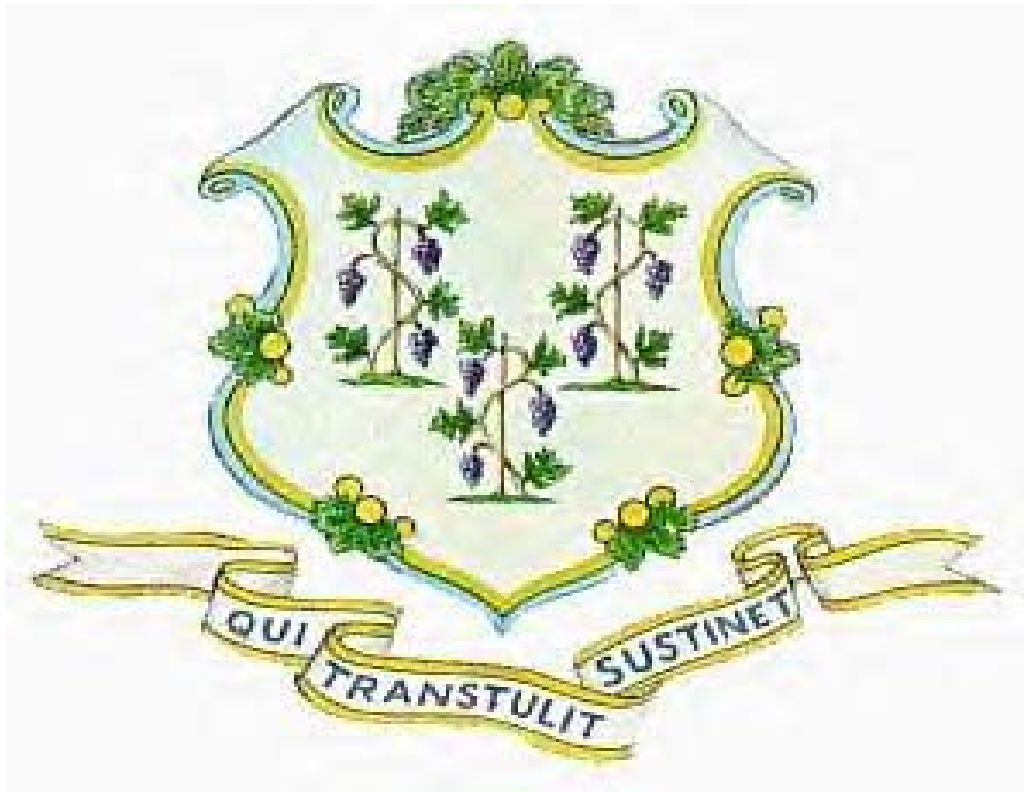


STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

FAMILY VIOLENCE HOMICIDES A SUMMARY OF 2006 INCIDENTS



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State of Connecticut Family Violence Homicides 2006

	Police Department	Date of Offense	Victim		Relationship	Offender		Weapon
			Age	Sex		Age	Sex	
1	New Haven*	1/18/06	55	F	Mother	24	M	Blunt Trauma/ Hands, fist, feet
2	Waterbury	1/23/06	2 Mos	F	Daughter	45	M	Blunt Trauma/ Hands, fist, feet
3	West Haven	4/6/06	46	F	Mother	21	M	Stabbing/ Knife
4	Danbury	4/20/06	22	F	Ex-Girlfriend / Children in Common	33	M	Stabbing/ Knife
5	Bridgeport	5/3/06	43	F	Wife	46	M	Gun
6	New Milford*	5/17/06	51	F	Wife	52	M	Gun
7	Berlin	5/27/06	21	F	Child In Common	32	M	Auto/ Other dangerous weapon
8	Groton Town	6/30/06	46	F	Ex-Girlfriend	45	M	Strangulation/ Other dangerous weapon
9	Hamden	7/8/06	19	M	Foster Son	40	M	Gun
10	Bridgeport	7/14/06	5	F	Daughter	33	M	Blunt Trauma/ Hands, fist, feet
11	Troop E Montville	7/15/06	32	F	Stepmother	16	M	Strangulation/ Hands, fist, feet
12	Hartford	7/20/06	56	M	Live-In Boyfriend	59	F	Stabbing/ Knife
13	New Haven	8/8/06	41	F	Wife	53	M	Stabbing/ Other dangerous weapon
14	Naugatuck*	8/20/06	28	F	Girlfriend	25	M	Gun
15	New Britain *	9/6/06	77	F	Wife	79	M	Asphyxiation/ Other dangerous weapon
16	Bridgeport	9/7/06	39	F	Ex-Girlfriend	38	M	Gun
17	Troop D Plainfield	9/12/06	75	M	Grandfather	35	M	Gun
18	Bridgeport	10/21/06	28	F	Wife	31	M	Stabbing/ Knife
19	Berlin*	11/11/06	44	F	Live-In Girlfriend	51	M	Gun
20	Enfield	12/8/06	85	M	Father	42	M	Blunt Trauma/ Hands, fist, feet
21	Greenwich *	12/21/06	47	M	Husband	45	F	Gun
22	Danbury	12/22/06	35	F	Live-In Girlfriend	28	M	Stabbing/ Knife
23	Norwalk	12/26/06	55	M	Husband	57	F	Fire / Other dangerous weapons
24	Bridgeport	12/27/06	29	F	Live-In Girlfriend	34	M	Stabbing/ Knife
25	Danbury	12/28/06	Newborn	F	Daughter	17	F	Strangulation/ Hands, fist, feet

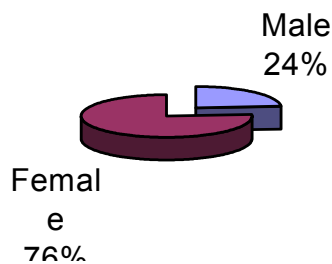
*Murder-Suicide

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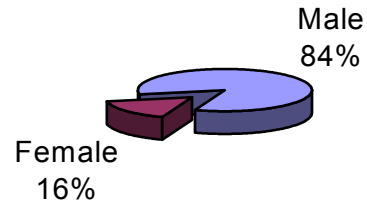
Summaries of Family Violence homicides occurring in Connecticut in 2006 are presented in this report. These homicides have been matched against offenses reported via Uniform Crime Reports. Any homicide circumstance information provided is derived from newspaper accounts or other publicly available sources.

In 2006 there were twenty-five family violence homicides. Of the twenty-five victims, nineteen (76%) were females and six (24%) were males. Of the twenty-five offenders twenty-one (84%) were males and four (16%) were females.

Sex of Victim

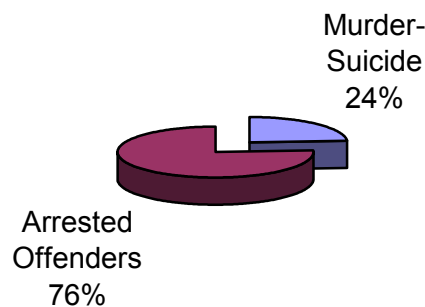


Sex of Offender



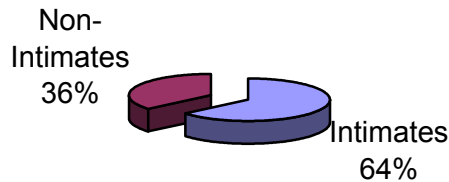
Of the twenty-five homicides there were twenty-five offenders. Nineteen (76%) offenders were arrested and six (24%) offenders committed suicide. Five offenders of murder-suicide incidents were male and one was female. The weapons used in the murder-suicide incidents varied. Four of the murder-suicide victims were shot, one was asphyxiated and one victim suffered blunt trauma from physical force. Five offenders used the same weapon on themselves however the offender who used physical force on the victim later shot himself with a gun. Five of the murder-suicides involved people in intimate relationships and one was a non-intimate relationship (i.e. an adult male killed his mother).

Murder-Suicides



In 2006, as seen in previous years, intimate partners committed the majority of the family violence homicides. Sixteen (64%) of the homicides involved intimate partners (spouses, girlfriend/boyfriends, people in cohabiting intimate relationships or had a child together) and nine (36%) involved people in non-intimate relationships such as child/(grand)parent. “Dating” relationships are those in which the victim and offender did not live together or have a child in common. Prior to a legislative change to include dating couples effective October 1, 1999, dating relationships did not meet the criteria for inclusion as family violence.

Intimates vs. Non-Intimates



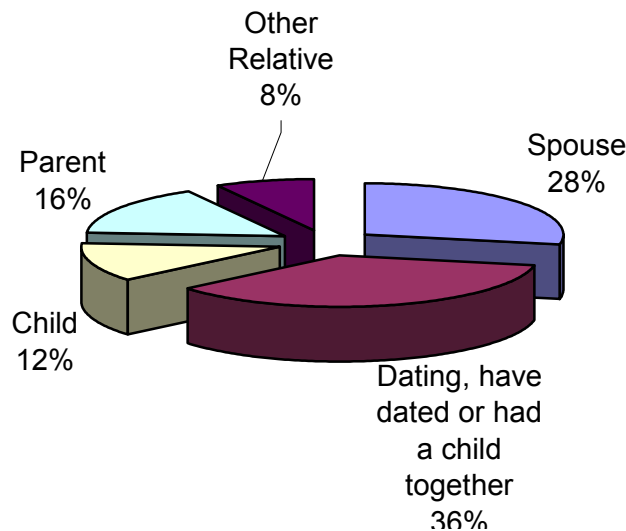
Intimates (16 Victims, 64%)

Of the intimate relationships, seven were married and nine were either currently dating, had recently dated, currently lived together or had a child in common. Three of the sixteen intimate victims were male. Two male victims were from the married category (in one of the incidents the female offender committed suicide) and the third male victim was stabbed by his live-in girlfriend.

Non-Intimates or Other Family (9 Victims, 36%)

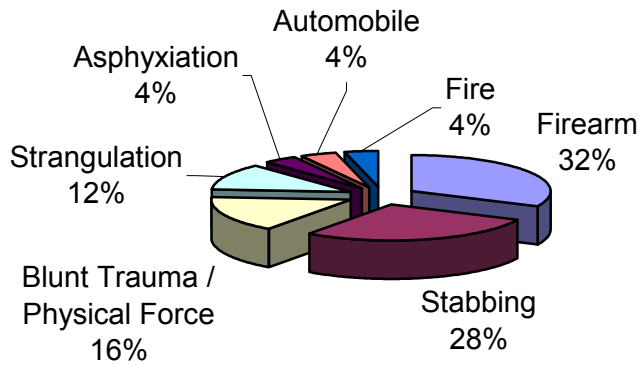
Of the non-intimate victims, there were three (12%) children; all girls under the age of six. A newborn was killed by her mother, and an infant and a five year-old were killed by their respective fathers. Two of the children suffered from blunt trauma and one (the newborn) was strangled with physical force. Four parents (16%) were killed by their children, all of whom were living with their parents at the time of the incident. Two mothers, one stepmother and one father were killed by their respective sons. The last two homicides in the ‘other relative’ category include one adult male killed by his grandson and another adult male killed by his live-in legal guardian (foster parent).

Relationship of Victim to Offender



Weapons used to commit family violence homicides included firearms (8), blunt trauma/physical force (4), knife or other stabbing instrument (7), strangulation (3), asphyxiation (1) an automobile (1) and fire (1). The death by asphyxiation was committed by carbon monoxide poisoning. In three incidents more than one weapon was used. The chart below represents one weapon per incident following hierarchy.

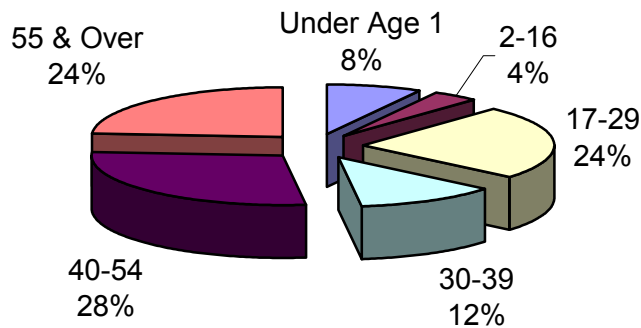
Type of Weapons Used in Homicides



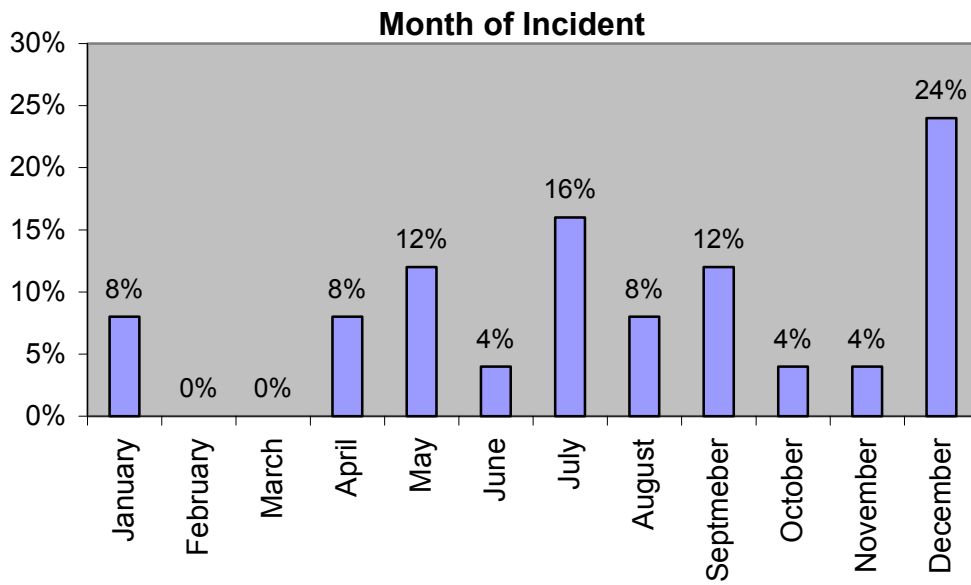
About half of the homicide victims were over the age of 40. There were two (8%) victims under one year old. One victim was a newborn and the other was 2 months old.

The type of victim/offender relationship was evenly distributed over all of the age categories. This was not the case in past years. Usually there is at least one age category that is dominated by a particular relationship type.

Victim's Age



December had the most homicides (six of the 25; 24%) followed closely by July, which had four (16%). No family violence homicides occurred in February or March.



4. 04/20/06

Danbury

Victim: Female, 22
Relation: Ex-Girlfriend /
Child in common

Circumstances: The victim was stabbed fatally in the neck outside her apartment. The accused is the father of their two young children. The couple no longer lived together. It was reported that the accused had been harassing the victim before the incident occurred and was abusive to her prior to their relationship ending.

The accused was held on a \$1 million bond.

Suspect arrested: Male, 33

May

5. 05/03/06

Bridgeport

Victim: Female, 43
Relation: Wife

Circumstances: The accused shot his wife in front of their grandson then fled the state. He was apprehended in Texas a few days later and confessed to the murder. He was charged with murder and risk of injury to a minor.

Suspect arrested: Male, 46

6. 05/17/06

New Milford

Victim: Female, 51
Relation: Wife

Circumstances: The victim stayed in a verbally abusive relationship for the sake of the children. After several years the victim decided to leave her husband. Two weeks later the victim was shot multiple times in a parking lot. The accused was found in another part of town with a fatal self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Suspect committed suicide: Male, 52

7. 05/27/06

Berlin

Victim: Female, 21
Relation: Child in common

Circumstances: The accused chased the victim's car down a winding road at 120 mph. The victim lost control of her car, crashing into a small patch of trees. The victim, along with four others, died at the scene.

The accused had a history of harassing the victim. He was charged with five counts of first degree manslaughter, second degree stalking, two counts of reckless endangerment, reckless driving, driving with a suspended license, second degree making a false statement, interfering with police, evading responsibility in an accident resulting in death and evading responsibility in an accident resulting in physical injury. Bail was set at \$1 million.

Suspect arrested: Male, 32

June

8. 06/30/06

Groton Town

Victim: Female, 46
Relation: Ex-Girlfriend

Circumstances: The victim was found strangled to death in a motel. Both the victim and the accused worked at the motel and were reportedly ex-boyfriend/girlfriend.

The accused was held on a \$1 million bond.

Suspect arrested: Male, 45

July

9. 07/08/06

Hamden

Victim: Male, 19
Relation: Foster Son

Circumstances: Hamden police responded to a domestic disturbance and found the victim suffering from a gunshot wound. Officials later pronounced the victim dead at the scene. The accused and the victim reportedly had a dispute over money.

Suspect arrested: Male, 40

10. 07/14/06

Bridgeport

Victim: Female, 5
Relation: Daughter

Circumstances: The victim's father held his daughter's head under water in a bathtub after striking the child multiple times. The cause of death was determined to be blunt trauma.

The accused was on parole for selling drugs.

Suspect arrested: Male, 33

11. 07/15/06

Troop E (Montville)

Victim: Female, 32
Relation: Stepmother

Circumstances: The accused was arguing with his stepmother over cleaning a bathroom. The accused told police she struck him in the face and kicked him in the groin. He responded by choking her until she stopped moving.

The accused was detained on a \$2 million bond.

Suspect arrested: Male, 16

12. 07/20/06

Hartford

Victim: Male, 56

Relation: Live-in Boyfriend

Circumstances: The accused stated that she was being held against her will and was threatened by her live-in boyfriend. When the accused tried to leave, the boyfriend started kicking and punching her. She grabbed a knife. When he lunged at her he was stabbed and later died as a result of the wound.

The accuser's bail was set at \$300,000.

Suspect arrested: Female, 59

August

13. 08/08/06

New Haven

Victim: Female, 41

Relation: Wife

Circumstances: Police responded to a 911 call for a domestic dispute and found the victim stabbed to death in her apartment. The victim had a protective order against her husband. According to relatives he was both physically and emotionally abusing her.

The accused is a convicted sex offender and had been in and out of jail.

Suspect arrested: Male, 53

14. 08/20/06

Naugatuck

Victim: Female, 28

Relation: Girlfriend

Circumstances: Neighbors called 911 after hearing multiple gunshots. The victim was found outside her home and was pronounced dead at the scene. The accused died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Suspect committed suicide: Male, 25

September

15. 09/06/06

New Britain

Victim: Female, 77

Relation: Wife

Circumstances: Police were notified of a missing patient at a local hospital. According to hospital staff the patient was not very mobile. The victim and her elderly husband were found dead inside their car at a shopping center. Police discovered a tube from the exhaust pipe to the passenger's window. Both died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Suspect committed suicide: Male, 79

16. 09/07/06

Bridgeport

Victim: Female, 39
Relation: Ex-Girlfriend

Circumstances: The accused confronted the victim outside an apartment where the victim was said to be purchasing drugs. The accused shot the victim and her new boyfriend. The accused then chased the victim's 10 year old daughter down the street and shot her. All three victims died.

The accused was convicted and imprisoned for numerous crimes over the years. The accused was held on a \$5 million bond.

Suspect arrested: Male, 38

17. 09/12/06

Troop D, Plainfield

Victim: Male, 75
Relation: Grandfather

Circumstances: The accused stated that he was abused as a child by his grandfather and father. The accused drove from out of state with the plan to hurt his grandfather. When he arrived at the house his father was also present. The accused held his father hostage however officers convinced the accused to release him. The accused shot his grandfather then surrendered to police.

The accuser's bail was set at \$2.5 million.

Suspect arrested: Male, 35

October

18. 10/21/06

Bridgeport

Victim: Female, 28
Relation: Wife

Circumstances: The victim was stabbed to death by her husband. The husband walked into the police department and confessed to the incident.

The accuser's bail was set at \$1.5 million.

Suspect arrested: Male, 31

November

19. 11/11/06

Berlin

Victim: Female, 44

Relation: Live-in Girlfriend

Circumstances: Police were called to a residence after being alerted by family members. Both the victim and accused suffered fatal gunshot wounds. There was no forced entry into the home.

Suspect committed suicide: Male, 51

December

20. 12/08/06

Enfield

Victim: Male, 85

Relation: Father

Circumstances: Friends of the victim found him in his home with blunt injuries to his head and neck. The accused was still in the house and was later arrested. The accused was also charged with robbery and larceny.

The accused was detained on a \$1.5 million bond.

Suspect arrested: Male, 42

21. 12/21/06

Greenwich

Victim: Male, 47

Relation: Husband

Circumstances: Both victim and offender were found dead with gunshot wounds to the head. According to initial police reports the male victim was shot first then the female offender shot herself.

Suspect committed suicide: Female, 45

22. 12/22/06

Danbury

Victim: Female, 35

Relation: Live-In Girlfriend

Circumstances: The victim was stabbed by her boyfriend.

Suspect arrested: Male, 28

23. 12/26/06

Norwalk

Victim: Male, 55
Relation: Husband

Circumstances: The offender was accused of dousing her husband with gasoline then striking a match. The victim suffered second and third degree burns over 30 percent of his body and died 12 days later. It was reported that the accused was upset about her husband's extramarital affairs and was trying to claim his \$278,000 life insurance policy.

The accused was held on a \$200,000 bond.

Suspect arrested: Female, 57

24. 12/27/06

Bridgeport

Victim: Female, 29
Relation: Live-In Girlfriend

Circumstances: Police responded to a domestic dispute and found a male and female lying on a bed inside the apartment. The victim was stabbed in the neck and the accused sustained a self-inflicted nonfatal stab wound to the chest. The couple was separated and was disputing over how to split up their property.

The accused was detained on a \$1 million bond.

Suspect arrested: Male, 34

25. 12/28/06

Danbury

Victim: Female, newborn
Relation: Daughter

Circumstances: The victim sustained fatal injuries shortly after being born.

The accused was detained on a \$750,000 bond.

Suspect arrested: Female, 17

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