

Victims of Transgender Violence 2023

Meghan Riley Lewis—On December 27, 2023, Lewis was killed by Brian Delen in Bel Air, Maryland. Delen was working as a food delivery driver and asked Lewis “Are you waiting for a food delivery, sir,” according to the charging documents. Lewis became enraged by Delen’s “misgendering” and began yelling at Delen. Delen drove away, but Lewis ran after the car. Delen exited the vehicle and a physical altercation between the two began. Delen then shot Lewis in the abdomen. According to Delen’s public defender, Delen has a “strong self-defense argument.” Delen allegedly called 911 after shooting Lewis and rendered aid using his own first aid kit.

Savannah Ryan Williams—On November 29, 2023, Williams was killed by Damarean Kaylon Bible in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bible told police that he walked past Williams at a bus shelter when Williams asked Bible if he wanted sex. The pair then walked to a nearby courtyard where Bible shot Williams. Bible told police he felt suspicious during the sex act and continued to feel that way after it was done, so Bible shot Williams. In Bible’s first police phone call to his parents, Bible told them he “just murdered someone,” and that he “knew he wasn’t God but he had to do it.” Bible was also charged with first-degree aggravated robbery in an unrelated attack at the Nicollet Mall on November 9, 2023, allegedly forcing the victim to empty his pockets at gunpoint.

Jean Butchart— On August 4, 2023, Butchart was killed by Matthew Torrey Tiggs, Jr., in the Van Buren Estates mobile home park in Wayne County, Michigan. In the weeks leading up to Butchart’s murder, Tiggs had committed numerous crimes in the trailer park where Butchart lived. In separate criminal acts in the same trailer park, Tiggs shot a 47-year-old man and assaulted a 45-year-old man.

Kejuan Richardson—On November 14, 2023, Richardson was killed by Jorenzo Phillips in Toledo, Ohio. Richardson and Amiri Reid (see next) were found shot and killed in a vehicle that had run off the road. The vehicle had a window shot out suggesting that Phillips had been in the car. Richardson had been shot in the head and neck. Police issued a warrant for Phillips' arrest, but before police could take him into custody, Phillips had committed suicide.

Amiri Reid— On November 14, 2023, Reid was killed by Jorenzo Phillips in Toledo, Ohio. Reid and Kejuan Richardson (see previous) were found shot and killed in a vehicle that had run off the road. The vehicle had a window shot out suggesting that Phillips had been in the car. Reid had been shot twice in the head. Police issued a warrant for Phillips' arrest, but before police could take him into custody, Phillips had committed suicide.

LaKendra Andrews—On April 29, 2023, Andrews was fatally shot by an unknown assailant in East Dallas, Texas. This remains an open investigation.

****London Price**—On October 23, 2023, Price was killed by Anthony Quinn Peyton. Prior to the murder, Price and Peyton had been in a troubled relationship, according to Price's family. This is an example of intimate partner violence.

Lisa Love—On October 17, 2023, Love (also known as Jamol Turman) was shot and killed on the South Side of Chicago while walking home in the early morning hours. Police have not been able to identify the murderer or potential motive as the case remains open.

Dominic Dupree—On October 13, 2023, Dupree was found shot and killed in a vehicle on the South Side of Chicago. This remains an open investigation.

A'nee Johnson—On October 14, 2023, Johnson (who also goes by A'nee Roberson) was assaulted at approximately 4:20 A.M. by an

unknown individual in the U Street corridor of Washington, DC. U Street is a popular night spot and multiple gay bars are located not far from where Johnson was attacked. The assailant then threw Johnson into the road where Johnson was struck by a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was unrelated to the assault and stayed at the scene. This remains an open investigation.

****Sherlyn Marjorie**—On September 17, 2023, Marjorie was killed by Jose Mendoza-Espinoza in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Marjorie and Mendoza-Espinoza were romantically involved. According to court records, Mendoza-Espinoza told detectives that he killed Marjorie after the victim had attempted to extort him for money and tell his wife about the affair. This is an example of intimate partner violence.

Chyna Long—On October 8, 2023, Long (also known as JaQuez Long) was shot multiple times by Antonio Currin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Currin has been charged with reckless homicide and possession of a firearm by a felon. The charging documents did not indicate this was a targeted killing. Currin had previously been convicted for a string of armed robberies in 2016.

****Luis Ángel Díaz Castro**—On August 12, 2023, Castro was murdered by Domingo Rafael Aquino Ubri in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Castro and Ubri had been romantically involved, and Ubri had just been released from prison on August 7 on domestic violence charges. Castro was the victim in Ubri's previous crime. This is an example of intimate partner violence.

YOKO—On September 19, 2023, YOKO was killed in a hit-and-run by Bryan C. Mitchell, Sr. The SUV involved in the collision was reported as stolen. Mitchell faces one charge of hit-and-run driving resulting in death and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Thomas 'Tom-Tom' Robertson—On August 18, 2023, Robertson and

another victim were shot by an unknown assailant in Calumet City, Illinois. Calumet is a suburb of Chicago. Robertson does not appear to have been the target of the shooting. However, the case remains unsolved.

DéVonnie J'Rae Johnson—On August 7, 2023, Johnson was killed by a security guard at a grocery store in Los Angeles, California. Johnson, who was homeless at the time, assaulted the security guard with a fire extinguisher and a screwdriver inside the store.

****Camdyn Rider**—On July 21, 2023, Rider was killed by Riley John Groover in Winter Haven, Florida. Rider and Groover were engaged, and the couple had arguments in the past some resulting in physical violence. After shooting Rider, Groover then committed suicide. This is an example of intimate partner violence.

Jacob Williamson—On June 30, 2023, Williamson was killed by Joshua Newton and Victoria Smith. Williamson had previously been chatting online with Newton. Authorities say there is not enough evidence to charge as a hate crime.

Chanell Perez Ortiz—On June 25, 2023, Ortiz was killed by an unknown assailant and dumped along a highway in Carolina, Puerto Rico. This remains an open investigation.

Ashia Davis—On June 2, 2023, Davis was found shot to death by an unknown assailant in a motel room in Highland Park, Michigan. Highland Park is a suburb of Detroit. Detectives have not yet determined a motive for this killing.

Banko Brown—On April 27, 2023, Brown was shot and killed while robbing a Walgreens by Michael Earl-Wayne, the store's private security guard. Brown threatened to stab Earl-Wayne when he shot Brown. Brown had a criminal record for theft prior to this incident.

Koko Da Doll—On April 18, 2023, Doll (also known as Rasheda

Williams) was allegedly shot by Jermarus Jernigan in Atlanta, Georgia. According to the arrest warrant, Doll was seen in a verbal confrontation with a man fitting Jernigan's description.

Ashley Burton—On April 11, 2023, Burton was shot by Darius Mills in Atlanta, Georgia. According to charging documents, Mills attempted to steal Burton's cell phone leading to a confrontation. Mills has a long criminal record. Authorities do not believe this was a hate crime.

Ta'Siyah Woodland—On March 24, 2023, Woodland was shot by Darryl Carlton Parks, Jr. in Mechanicsville, Maryland. Authorities said there was "some type of confrontation" between the two in a local bar prior to the shooting, but they do not believe Woodland's gender identity was a factor in the crime.

Tortuguita—On January 18, 2023, Tortuguita (Also known as Manuel Teran) was shot and killed by Georgia State Police. Tortuguita had been protesting the creation of a new training facility for the Atlanta police department. When the state troopers were sent in to clear out the protestors, Tortuguita began shooting at the troopers. The state troopers returned fire and killed Tortuguita.

Cashay Ashanti Henderson—On February 26, 2023, Henderson was killed by Cordell M. Howze in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. According to police, Howze accompanied Henderson back to Henderson's apartment. Howze then shot and killed Henderson. In an effort to cover up the crime, Howze tried to set the apartment on fire. Prosecutors are pursuing the case as a hate crime because Howze told a friend, "I caught the body of a disgusting [expletive] tran." However, that same friend also said Howze was acting deranged, and the judge in the case has order Howze to take a mental competency test. Howze also has a criminal record prior to the murder of Henderson.

****Maria Jose Rivera Rivera**—On January 21, 2023, Rivera was killed in a murder-suicide by Rivera's partner. This is an example of intimate partner violence.

Zachee Imanitwitaho—On February 3, 2023, Imanitwitaho was killed by Edilberto Lores Reyes in Louisville, Kentucky. Reyes and Imanitwitaho were co-workers. Reyes shot Imanitwitaho three times outside of work and then turned himself into police. No motive has been given for the crime, and Reyes has not been charged with a hate-crime. Reyes' attorneys filed a pre-trial motion to have his mental competency evaluated.

Unique Banks—On January 23, 2023, Banks was killed in a mass shooting during a home invasion in Chicago. Banks' mother was also killed in the attack. Banks' boyfriend and two other transgenders survived the attack. Although police have described the attack as targeted, they did not give a motive for the attack, and the investigation remains open.

KC Johnson—On January 14, 2023, Johnson was killed by William Haven Hicks in Wilmington, North Carolina. Johnson had met Hicks on a dating app. When they met for their hook up, Hicks restrained Johnson without consent. Hicks also stole Johnsons purse before killing Johnson with a hammer and dumping Johnson's body in Georgia. Hicks has been charged with first-degree murder, robbery with a dangerous weapon, and kidnapping.

Jasmine "Star" Mack—On January 7, 2023, Mack was stabbed to death in Washington, D.C. The identity of Mack's attacker remains unknown, and police are not investigating the murder as a hate crime.

Amber Minor—On December 24, 2023, Minor was shot by an unknown assailant in Raytown, Missouri, a suburb of Kansas City. This remains an open investigation.