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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairs of Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

FROM: Erik A. Hooks, Secretary *EAH*

RE: Report on Domestic Violence Homicides

DATE: April 1, 2018

Pursuant to NC General Statute 143B-901, The Department of Public Safety, in consultation with the North Carolina Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission, the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, shall develop a reporting system and database that reflects the number of homicides in the State where the offender and the victim had a personal relationship, as defined by G.S. 50B-1(b). The information in the database shall also include the type of personal relationship that existed between the offender and the victim, whether the victim had obtained an order pursuant to G.S. 50B-3, and whether there was a pending charge for which the offender was on pretrial release pursuant to G.S. 15A-534.1.

All State and local law enforcement agencies shall report information to the Department of Public Safety upon making a determination that a homicide meets the reporting system's criteria. The report shall be made in the format adopted by the Department of Public Safety. The Department of Public Safety shall report to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, no later than April 1 of each year, with the data collected for the previous calendar year. (2007-14, s. 2; 2014-100, ss. 17.1(g), (rr); 2016-94, s. 17B.2.)

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Report on Domestic Violence Related Homicides for Calendar Year 2017

Statistics

There were 110 victims of domestic violence related homicide during calendar year 2017. This is the same number of events reported for calendar year 2016. The 2017 incidents catalogued 104 offenders, which is five fewer offenders than we reported in 2016. Additional information reported is as follows:

- ◆ 68 victims were female
- ◆ 42 victims were male

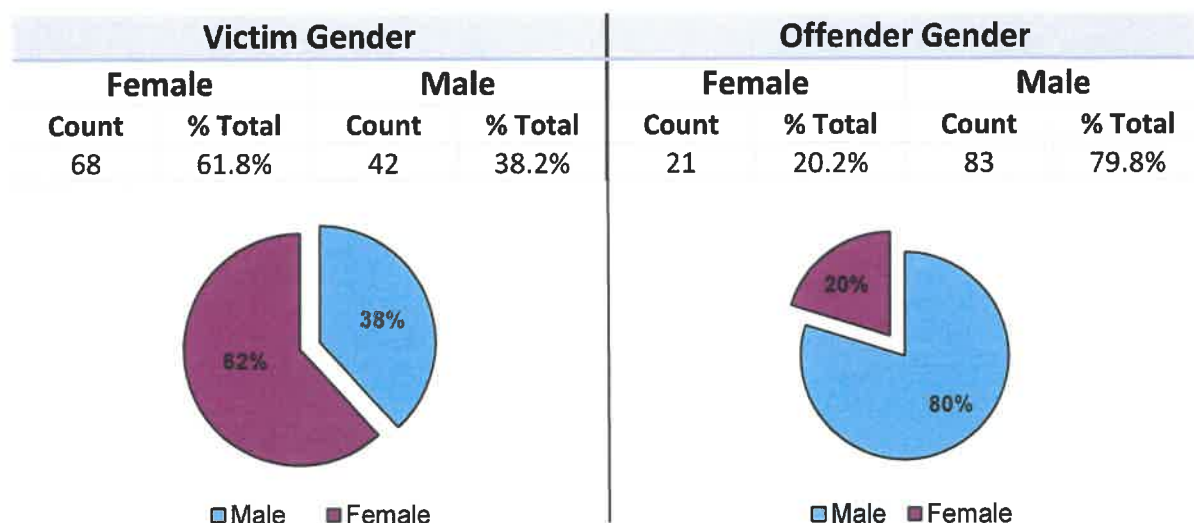
- ◆ 83 offenders were male
- ◆ 21 offenders were female

- ◆ Only one of the 110 victims (0.9%) had previously taken out protective orders when the homicide occurred. Of all the reports received for 2017 incidents, that incident where a protective order had been issued was the only case where the PO was current when the homicide occurred.

- ◆ One of the offenders was participating in a pre-trial release program, for a crime of domestic violence, when the homicide occurred.

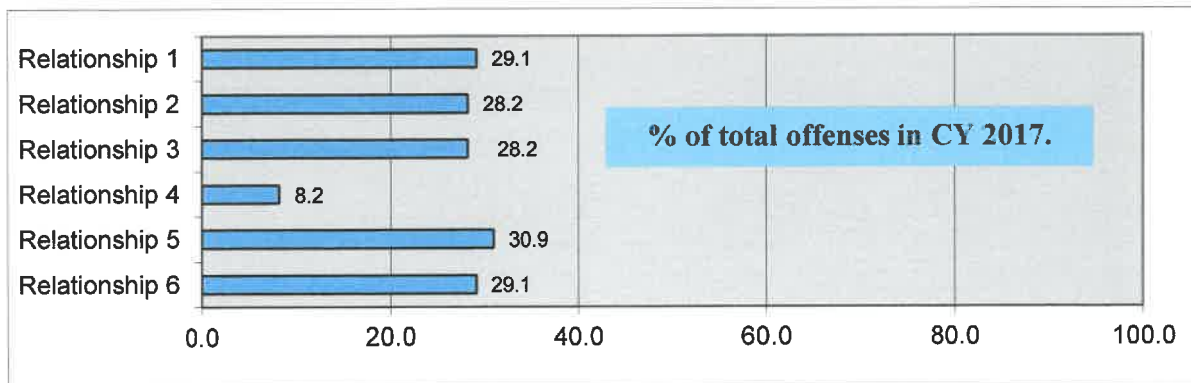
Information in this report represents data submitted to the SBI by state and local law enforcement agencies as of 1 January 2018. Offender count may differ from the victim count, because single victims may have more than one offender and one offender might have multiple victims.

Gender Percentages for Reported Data – Calendar Year 2017



Relationships Between Victim and Offender, as a Percent of Total Reports in 2017
 Relationships Defined in G.S. 50B-1(b)

R1		R2		R3		R4		R5		R6	
Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total
32	29.1	31	28.2	31	28.2	9	8.2	34	30.9	32	29.1



Relationship 1

Current or former spouses

Relationship 2

Persons of opposite sex who live together, or have lived together

Relationship 3

Related as parents and children, including others acting in loco parentis to a minor child, or as grandparents and grandchildren

Relationship 4

Have a child in common

Relationship 5

Current or former household members

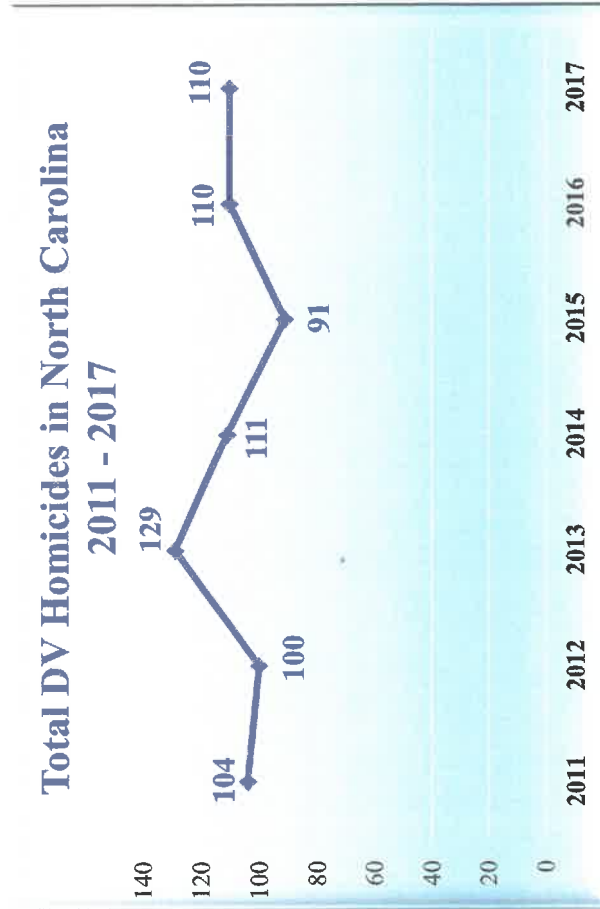
Relationship 6

Persons of the opposite sex who are in a dating relationship or have been in a dating relationship. A dating relationship is one wherein the parties are romantically involved over time, and on a continuous basis, during the course of the relationship. A casual acquaintance or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context is not a dating relationship.

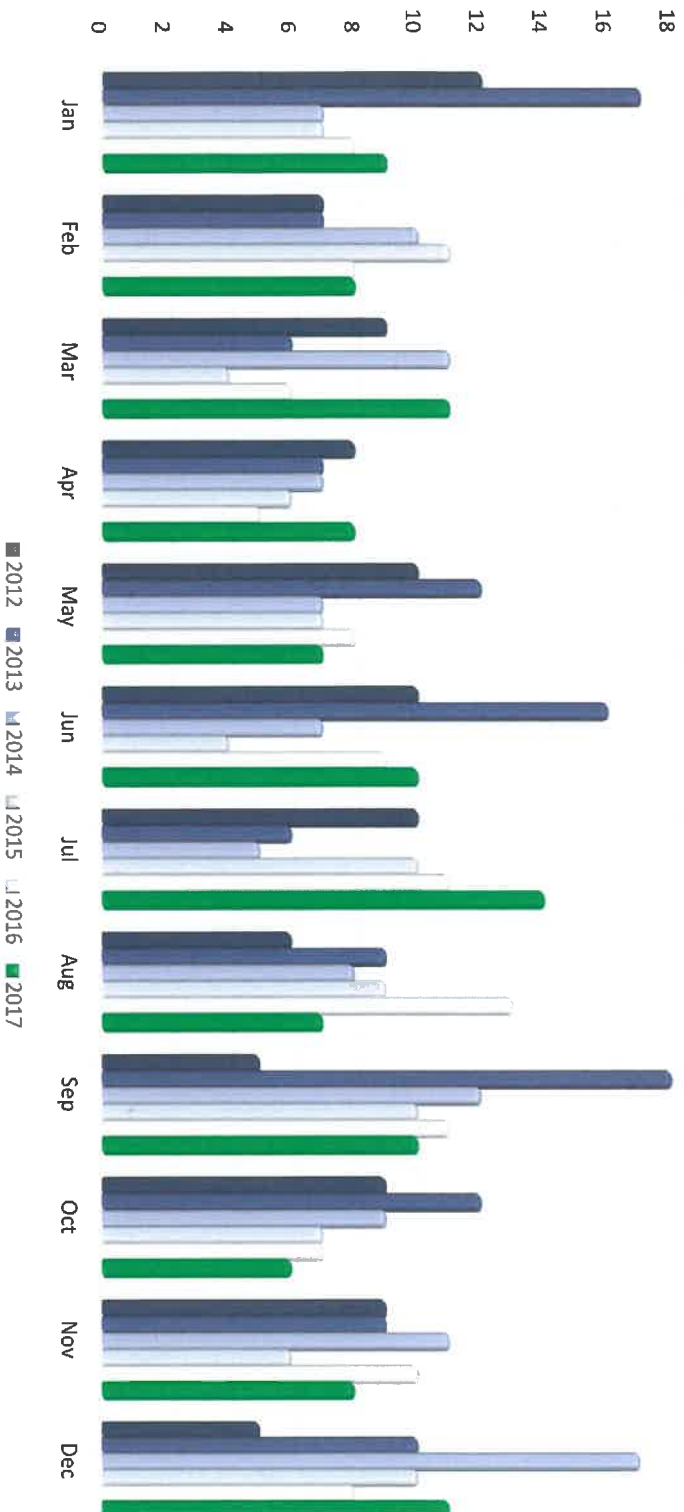
Domestic Violence Related Homicides Monthly Totals, 2012 - 2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2012	12	7	9	8	10	10	10	6	5	9	9	5
2013	17	7	6	7	12	16	6	9	18	12	9	10
2014	7	10	11	7	7	7	5	8	12	9	11	17
2015	7	11	4	6	7	4	10	9	10	7	6	10
2016	8	8	6	5	8	9	11	13	11	7	10	8
2017	9	8	11	8	7	10	14	7	10	6	8	11

- 2017 data includes one incident where the offense date is unknown, and still under investigation.



Domestic Violence Related Homicides in North Carolina Monthly Totals for Calendar Years 2012 - 2017



**Domestic Violence Related Homicides, By County
2012 - 2017**

County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Alamance	0	1	0	0	4	0
Alexander	0	0	2	0	3	0
Alleghany	0	0	1	0	0	0
Anson	0	2	1	0	2	1
Ashe	0	0	1	0	0	0
Avery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beaufort	0	1	2	0	0	0
Bladen	1	1	1	2	1	1
Brunswick	2	0	1	0	2	0
Buncombe	3	8	2	1	5	2
Burke	2	0	4	2	0	0
Cabarrus	2	1	6	0	3	1
Caldwell	0	3	1	0	0	1
Carteret	0	0	1	0	0	0
Caswell	2	0	0	1	0	0
Catawba	4	1	1	2	6	2
Chatham	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cherokee	2	0	0	1	0	0
Cleveland	2	0	2	0	1	4
Columbus	2	3	0	2	0	0
Craven	1	0	0	2	1	4
Cumberland	4	0	6	2	5	8
Currituck	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dare	1	0	0	0	2	0
Davidson	0	1	3	2	0	2
Davie	1	0	2	0	0	0
Duplin	1	0	0	0	0	0
Durham	4	6	5	11	6	2
Edgecombe	1	0	4	0	2	0
Forsyth	2	3	4	2	1	1
Franklin	0	2	0	2	0	2
Gaston	0	1	2	3	4	1
Gates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Graham	1	0	0	0	0	0
Granville	0	0	2	0	0	0
Greene	0	0	0	0	0	1
Guilford	3	11	8	3	4	5
Halifax	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harnett	4	5	0	0	1	4

**Domestic Violence Related Homicides, By County
2012 - 2017**

County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Haywood	2	0	2	0	0	2
Henderson	4	4	1	0	1	0
Hertford	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hoke	1	0	0	0	1	0
Iredell	0	2	1	2	2	1
Jackson	0	0	0	2	1	0
Johnston	0	1	2	1	0	1
Jones	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lee	0	2	0	3	0	0
Lenoir	0	2	0	2	1	0
Lincoln	1	1	1	0	1	0
Madison	3	0	0	2	0	0
Martin	0	0	0	0	3	0
McDowell	1	1	2	0	0	0
Mecklenburg	8	7	9	10	12	22
Mitchell	0	0	0	1	1	0
Montgomery	0	0	0	0	2	0
Moore	1	0	0	1	0	0
Nash	2	2	0	0	0	1
New Hanover	3	1	1	3	1	4
Northhampton	0	0	0	0	0	1
Onslow	2	3	3	4	3	5
Orange	1	0	0	0	0	3
Pamlico	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pasquotank	1	0	0	0	1	0
Pender	1	1	0	0	0	0
Person	0	0	0	1	1	0
Pitt	3	2	1	3	6	1
Polk	0	0	0	1	0	1
Randolph	2	2	1	1	2	4
Richmond	3	0	2	1	0	3
Robeson	5	2	5	3	1	2
Rockingham	1	0	0	0	1	0
Rowan	1	2	2	1	0	1
Rutherford	1	2	0	1	2	0
Sampson	2	1	2	2	1	0
Scotland	4	0	3	0	0	1
Stanly	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stokes	1	1	0	3	0	0

**Domestic Violence Related Homicides, By County
2012 - 2017**

County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Surry	2	0	1	0	0	2
Swain	0	2	0	0	0	0
Transylvania	0	0	1	2	0	0
Union	2	0	2	0	1	0
Vance	1	1	4	1	1	1
Wake	11	8	8	7	10	5
Warren	1	4	1	0	1	0
Watauga	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wayne	0	1	1	1	0	0
Wilkes	0	4	1	2	0	1
Wilson	2	0	1	1	0	3
Yadkin	0	0	0	0	0	1
Yancey	0	1	0	0	0	1

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Domestic Violence Related Homicide Report

INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. § 143B-901, complete this form for homicides in your jurisdiction where there is a personal relationship as defined in NC Gen. Stat. § 50B-1(b) between the victim and the offender. This form should be completed upon the filing of charges, or when charges would have been filed against the offender but for other circumstances (i.e. the offender is now deceased). Complete one form for each qualifying homicide. You may file directly by emailing the form to DVhomicidereport@ncsbi.gov. If you are unable to submit electronically, fax to (919) 431-1638. If you have any questions regarding this form, contact SBI Crime Reporting (919) 582-8680.

Reporting Agency		Agency ORI
OCA	Agency Contact Name	Agency Contact Phone
Date of Arrest:	Date of Offense:	

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VICTIM AND OFFENDER

Victim's Relationship to Offender Please check all that apply. Example: The victim and the offender are ____.

- ☐ Current or former spouses
- ☐ Persons of opposite sex who live together or have lived together
- ☐ Related as parents and children, including others acting in loco parentis to a minor child, or as grandparents and grandchildren
- ☐ Have a child in common
- ☐ Current or former household members
- ☐ Persons of the opposite sex who are in a dating relationship or have been in a dating relationship. A dating relationship is one wherein the parties are romantically involved over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship. A casual acquaintance or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context is not a dating relationship.

Gender of the Victim: ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE * Complete one report PER VICTIM

Gender of the Offender: ☐ MALE (if multiple, enter # ___) ☐ FEMALE (if multiple, enter # ___)

PROTECTIVE ORDER

Had a Protective Order been issued pursuant to G.S. § 50B-3 to the victim against the offender?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, was it current?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Were firearms ordered surrendered pursuant to the protective order (G.S. § 50B-3.1)?

☐ YES ☐ NO

OFFENDER INFORMATION

Was the Offender on pretrial release pursuant to G.S. § 15A-534.1 for a crime of domestic violence?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, for what charge? (Please list statute number and short title)

Was the victim of the homicide also the victim of the prior crime for which the offender was on pretrial release?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Signature of Person Completing Report

Title

SBI - ### Pending

North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation



**NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
CRIME REPORTING UNIT**

**HATE CRIME - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE - DEADLY FORCE
Offenses Known to Law Enforcement**

2017 Summary Report

This report, as required by the Federal Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990 and North Carolina General Statute § 143B-902, is to be completed once a year and forwarded to the State Bureau of Investigation's Crime Reporting Unit by January 22nd. This report is to indicate the total number of hate crimes, domestic violence homicides and deaths as a result of deadly force that occurred in your jurisdiction during the year.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ▶ Report the number of hate crimes and domestic-violence-related homicides reported to your agency for EACH MONTH.
- ▶ Report the number of deaths resulting from the use of deadly force by a law enforcement officer in your agency during the course and scope of their official duties.
- ▶ If there are no incidents in any month, you must report "0" for that month for each type incident. Do not leave any month blank.
- ▶ If you have any hate crimes or domestic-violence-related homicides and have not already reported these, you must submit a corresponding Hate Crime Incident Report or Domestic-Violence-Related Homicide Report along with this form.
- ▶ If no incidents occurred, submit only this COMPLETED Summary Report to:

Submit to: NC State Bureau of Investigation Crime Reporting Unit
P.O. Box 29500
Raleigh, NC 27626

Fax: (919) 431-1638

Email: SBCrimeReport@ncsbi.gov

Agency Name: _____

ORI: _____

REMEMBER! If you had no incidents in a month, you must report "0" for that month for each column.

Month	2017 Number of Hate Crimes	2017 Number of DV Homicides	2017 Number of Deaths by Deadly Force	Month	2017 Number of Hate Crimes	2017 Number of DV Homicides	2017 Number of Deaths by Deadly Force
January				July			
February				August			
March				September			
April				October			
May				November			
June				December			

Name of Preparer/Title _____ Contact Phone Number _____

Date _____ Contact Email Address _____