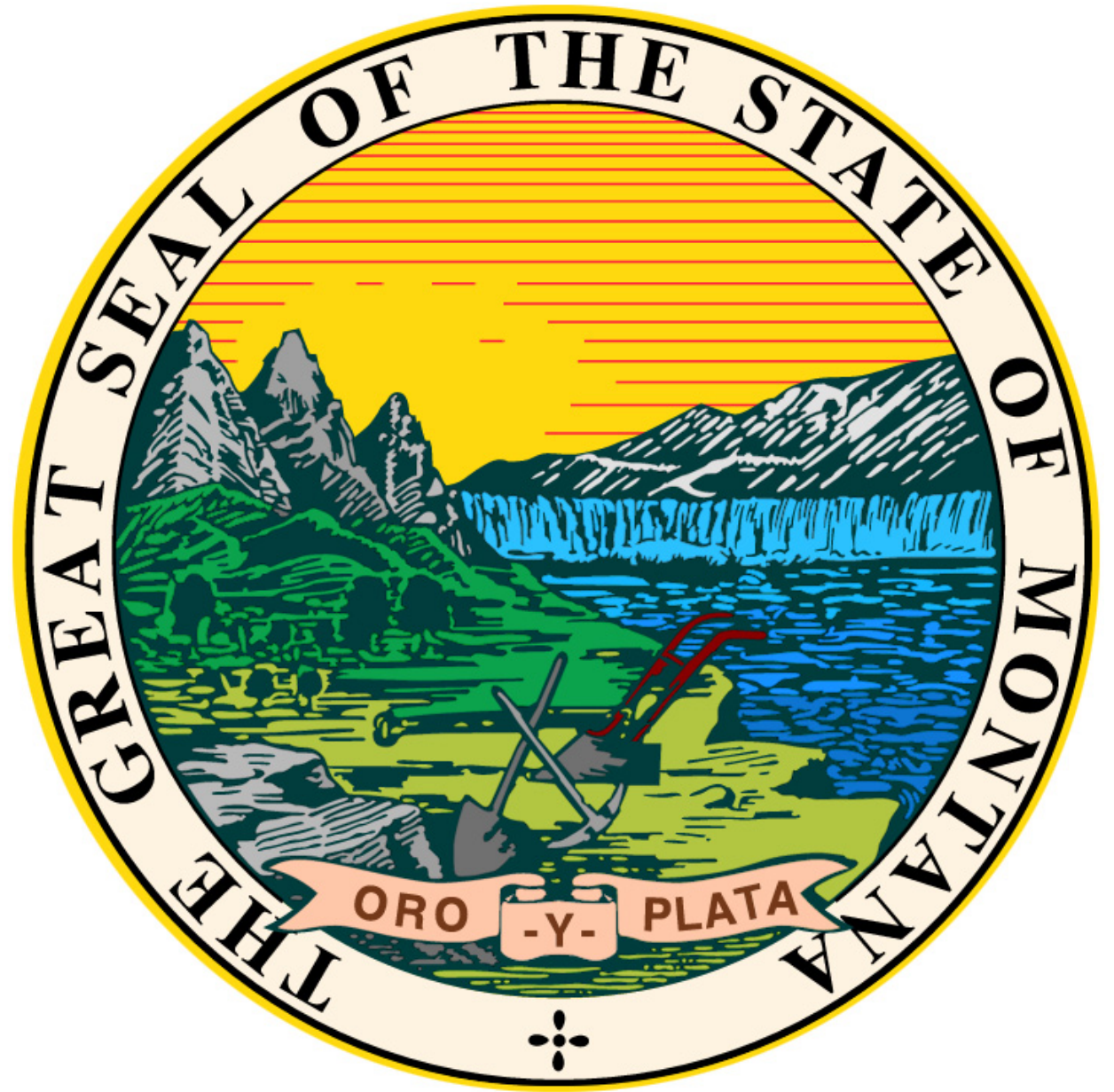


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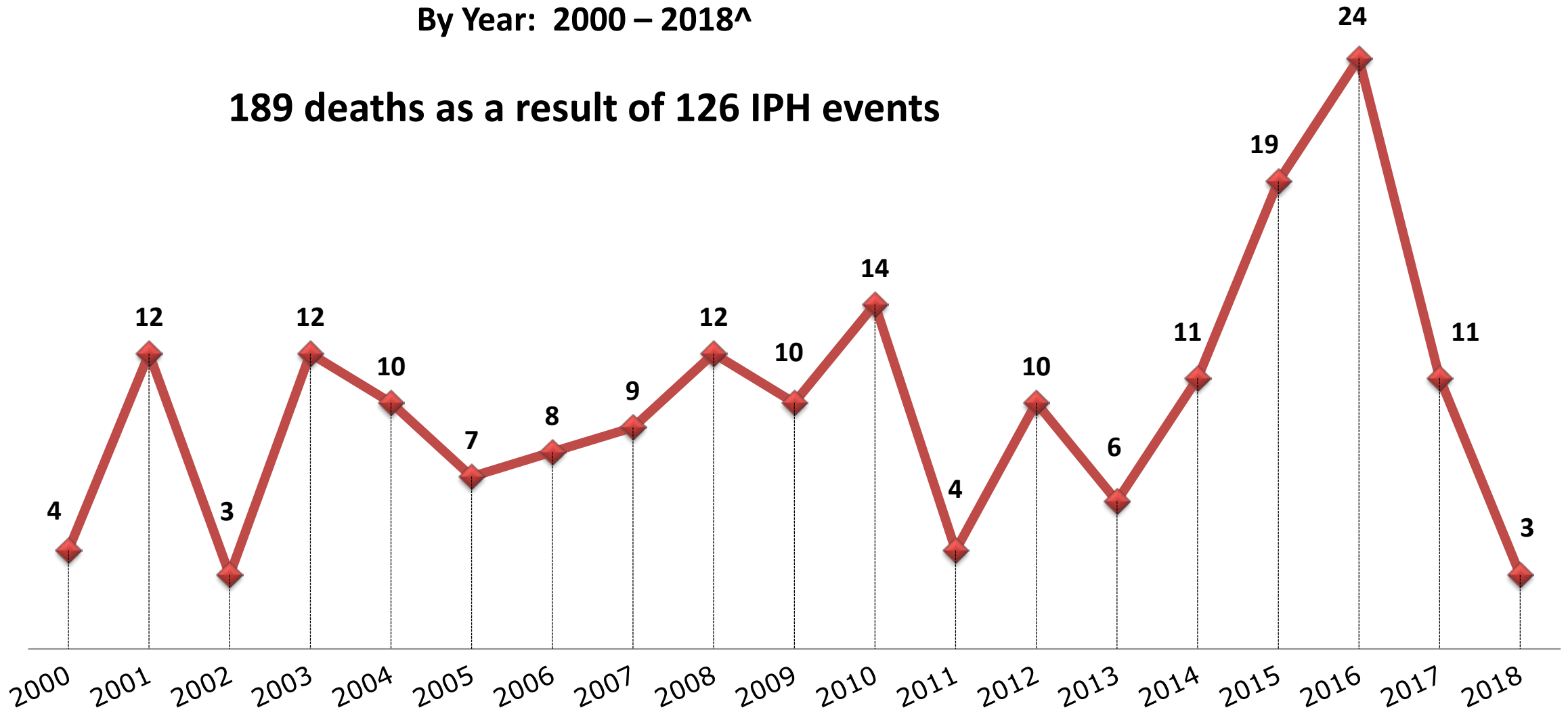
- Created by 2003 legislature – MCA 2-15-2017
 - Placed in Office of Attorney General [appoints members, oversees work of team]
 - Outlines membership, including requiring a Native American member & a legislator.
 - Scope
 - Confidentiality
 - Biennial Report to the Legislature changed to Law & Justice Committee in 2013

Summarize work, identify Trends & Recommendations – 4 reviews per biennium

- Funded primarily by annual Montana Board of Crime Control grant
 - Covers mileage, lodging & per diem
 - Funds for facilitator
 - Legislator stipend
- Two reviews per year – 2 days each
 - Travel to community
 - Interview family members, friends, colleagues, and acquaintances
 - Invite local service providers, law enforcement, judiciary, etc. to join us on second day of review
- Native American team began reviewing cases Spring 2014
 - Funded entirely by U.S. Department of Justice grant – mileage, lodging, per diem
 - Members are local, state & federal service providers primarily focused on Native American issues

Fatalities* Associated with Intimate Partner Homicide in Montana By Year: 2000 – 2018^

189 deaths as a result of 126 IPH events



* Fatalities include victims, suicidal perpetrators, and 11 children

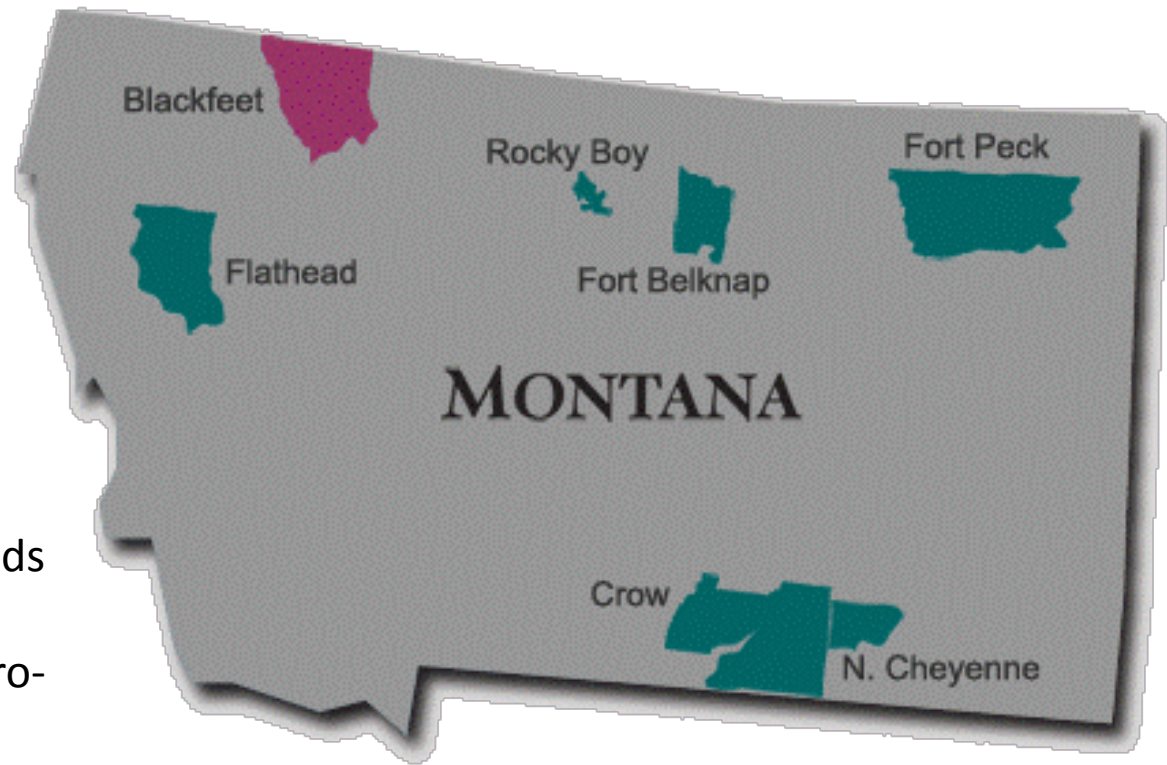
^ through February 4, 2018




Montana Native American Fatality Review

Our Mission Statement

The Native American Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team exists to deeply understand what leads to domestic violence fatalities in Montana's Indian Country, and to recommend culturally sensitive, proactive changes to prevent them in the future.



Our Vision Statements

1. Indian Country-specific data is accumulated that educates us about what leads to domestic violence deaths and what can prevent them in the future.
2. The data is shared with all relevant parties – judges, law enforcement, domestic violence advocates, Tribal leadership, Child Protective Services workers, policy makers at the state and national level, and communities – and it influences their understanding, approaches and decision making.
3. Both the warning signs leading to deaths and the best practices to prevent domestic violence deaths are well known in Indian Country by all decision and policy makers.
4. People are open to reporting warning signs and intervening at stages that can prevent deaths.
5. Funding exists to pursue the changes we recommend.
-  6. Ultimately, there are no domestic violence deaths in Montana's Indian Country.
7. Our approach of studying domestic violence deaths, making recommendations for change, and publicizing those recommendations is a model for Indian Country throughout the United States.

Team Members

- **Winona Tanner**, Chief Judge, CSKT Tribal Court
- **Wendy Bremner**, Victim Witness Specialist, BIA
- **Stephanie Iron Shooter**, Caring Schools Coordinator, OPI
- **John Robinson**, Judge, N. Cheyenne Court
- **Mistee Rides At The Door**, Tribal Court, Blackfeet
- **Melissa Schlichting**, Asst. Attorney General, Tribal Affairs Coordinator
- **Kelly McDonald**, Prosecutor, CSKT Tribes
- **Lenora Nioce**, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, BIA
- **Joan Eliel**, SAKI Coordinator, MT DOJ
- **Harlan Trombley**, Native American Liaison, MT Dept. of Corrections
- **Neil Websdale**, Director, National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative, Flagstaff, AZ
- **Georgette Boggio**, Attorney, Private practice
- **Matthew Dale**, Director/Coordinator, MT DOJ OCPVS/MTDVFR Commission
- **Eric Barnosky**, Regional Administrator, HHS/CFSD
- **Lacey Alexander-Small**, IMPACT Coordinator, Big Horn Valley Health Center
- **Misty Kuhl**, Tribal Liaison, U.S. Representative Greg Gianforte
- **Steven Lowe**, Special Agent, FBI
- **Beki Brandborg**, Team Facilitator, Self-Employed
- **Jared Cobell**, Asst. U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney/Dist. Of MT
- **Rose Saddler**, Child Advocate, Chippewa Cree Tribe
- **Amanda Peterman**, Tribal Liaison, U.S. Senator Steve Daines
- **Leslie Hagen**, Indian Country Training Coordinator, U.S. Dept. of Justice

NATIVE AMERICAN INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES: 2000 - 2009

Wolfname, Jr.	Anthony	28	02/23	2003	Homicide	Busby	Knife
Flying	Sheila	30	05/22	2003	Homicide / Suicide	Conrad	Firearm
Mad Plume	Aarie	25	06/18	2006	Homicide / Suicide (by hanging)	Browning	Knife
Spotted Bear	Susie	46	08/13	2006	Homicide / Suicide (by hanging)	Browning	Kick to head
Eagleman	Donald	22	01/01	2007	Homicide	Brockton	Knife
George	Kimberly Ann	35	02/11	2007	Homicide	St. Xavier	Head injury
Whitedirt	Herbie	41	11/03	2007	Homicide	Lame Deer	Firearm
Small	Troy	35	02/11	2008	Homicide	Kirby	Knife
Calf Boss Ribs	Kimberly	21	03/15	2008	Homicide / Suicide (by hanging)	Havre	Blunt Force Trauma
Robinson	Andrew	37	11/26	2008	Homicide	Wolf Point	Knife

NATIVE AMERICAN INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES: 2010 - Present

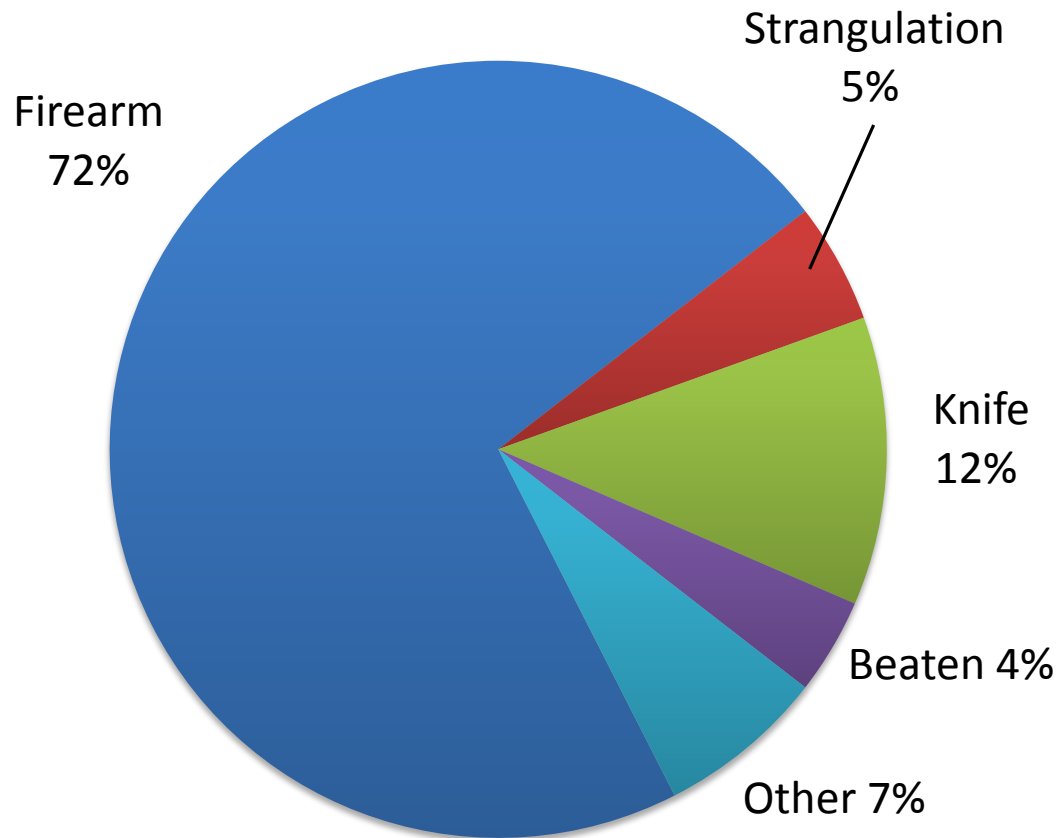
Crazy Bull	Charles	49	06/26	2010	Homicide	Poplar	Knife
Charlo	Raelynn	29	11/18	2014	Homicide	Charlo	Firearm
Beckman	Brett	54	11/22	2014	Homicide	Lame Deer	Knife
Hewitt**	Jeffrey	41	04/15*	2015	Homicide	Billings	Beaten to death
Morsette	Roxanne	25	01/27	2016	Homicide	Poplar	Firearm
Pinkerton, Jr.	Robert	22	02/01	2016	Homicide	Poplar	Knife
Bends	Freman	38	11/12*	2016	Homicide	Garryowen	Blunt Force Trauma
Stump	Julia	41	11/12	2016	Homicide	Busby	Blunt Force Trauma
Mancha	Charlene	51	01/01	2017	Homicide	Browning	Run over
Fisher	Toni	36	02/04	2018	Homicide	Lame Deer	Strangulation

*Date body was discovered

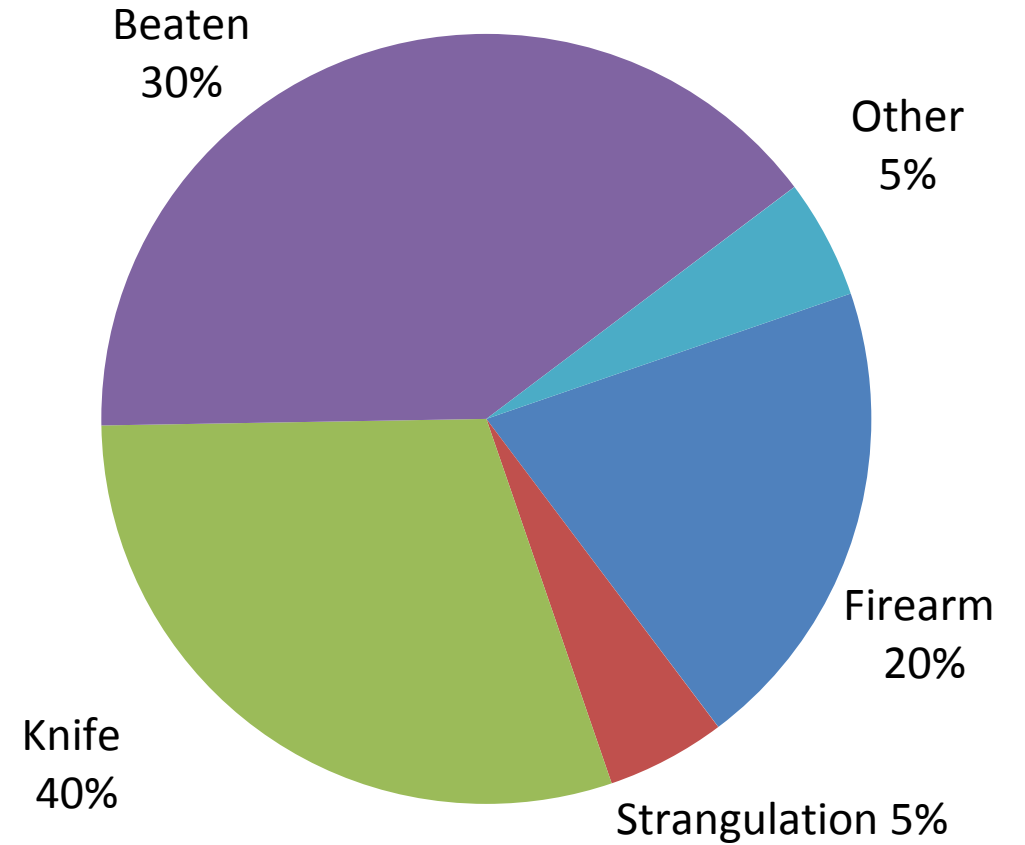
** Native American perpetrator, non-Native American victim

TYPE OF WEAPON USED

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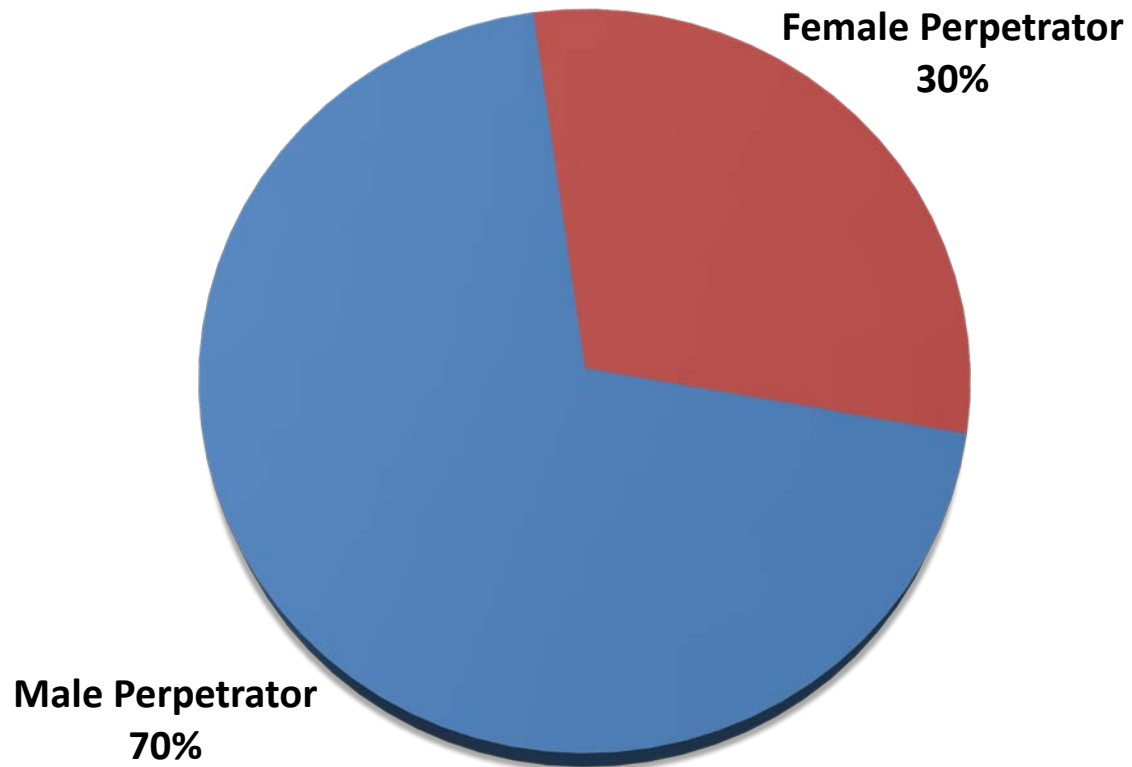


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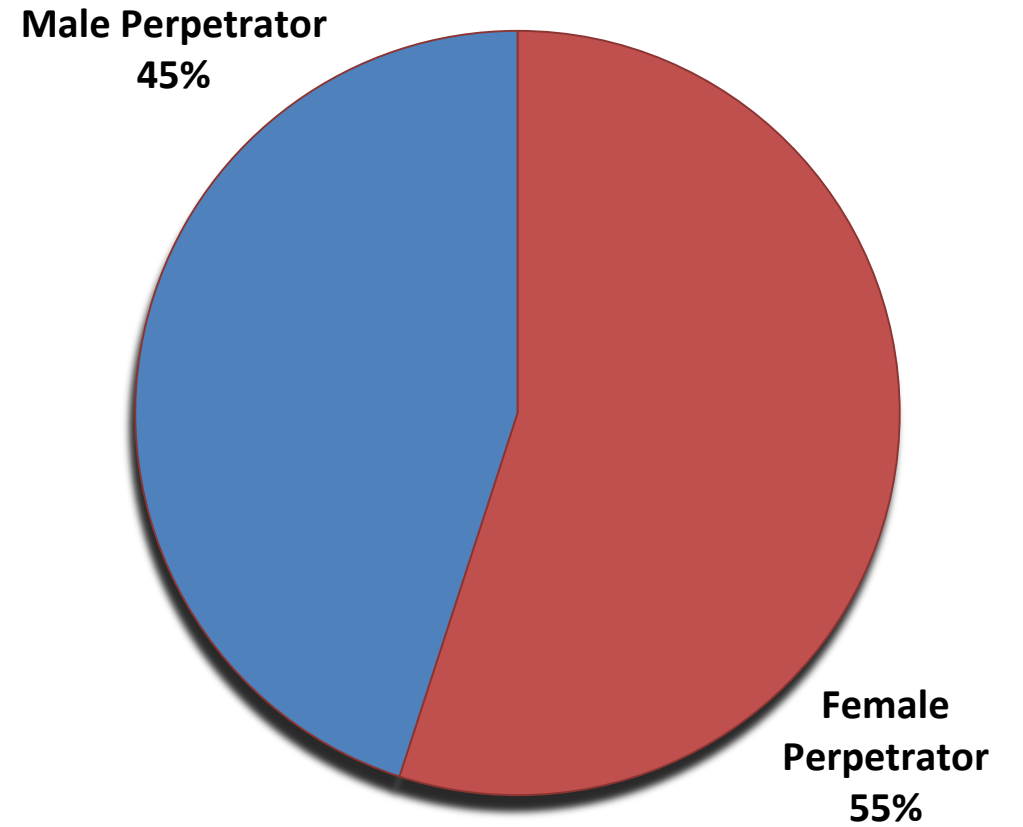


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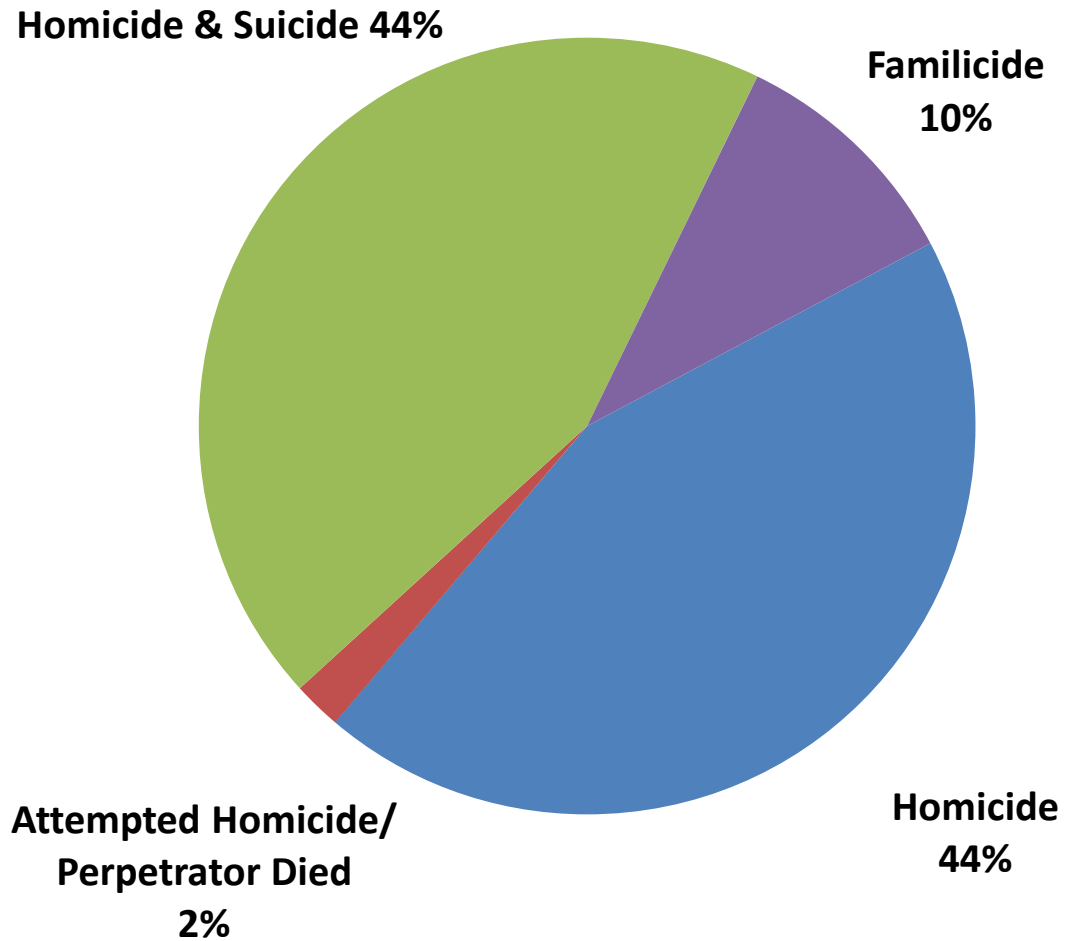


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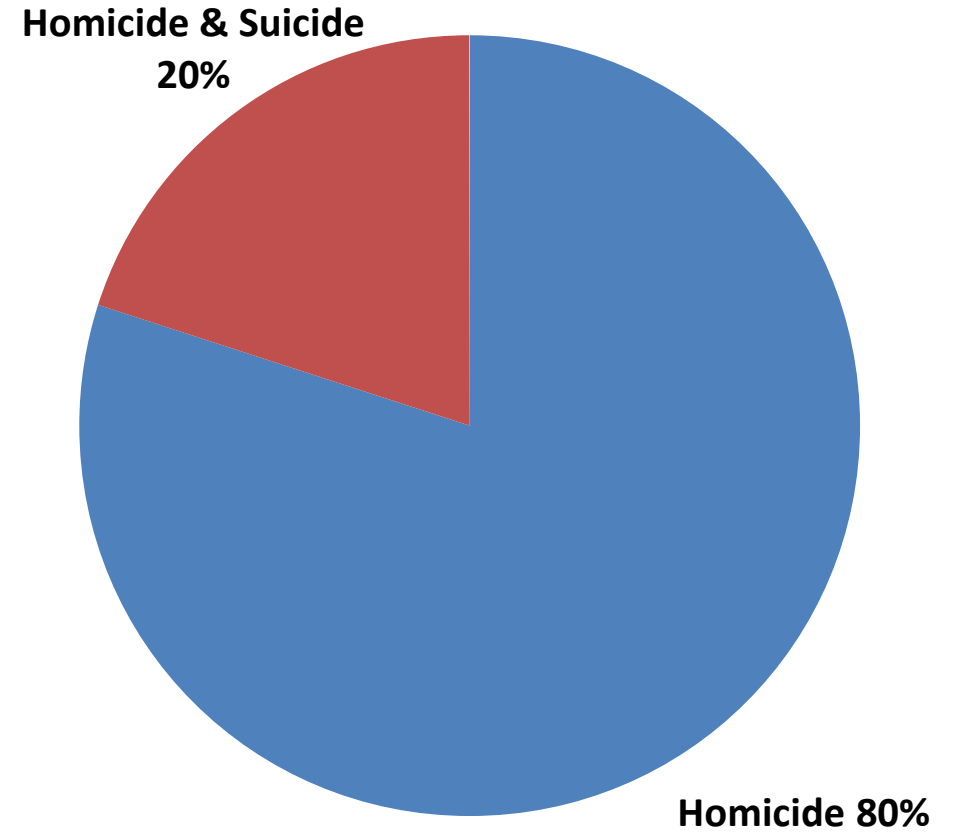


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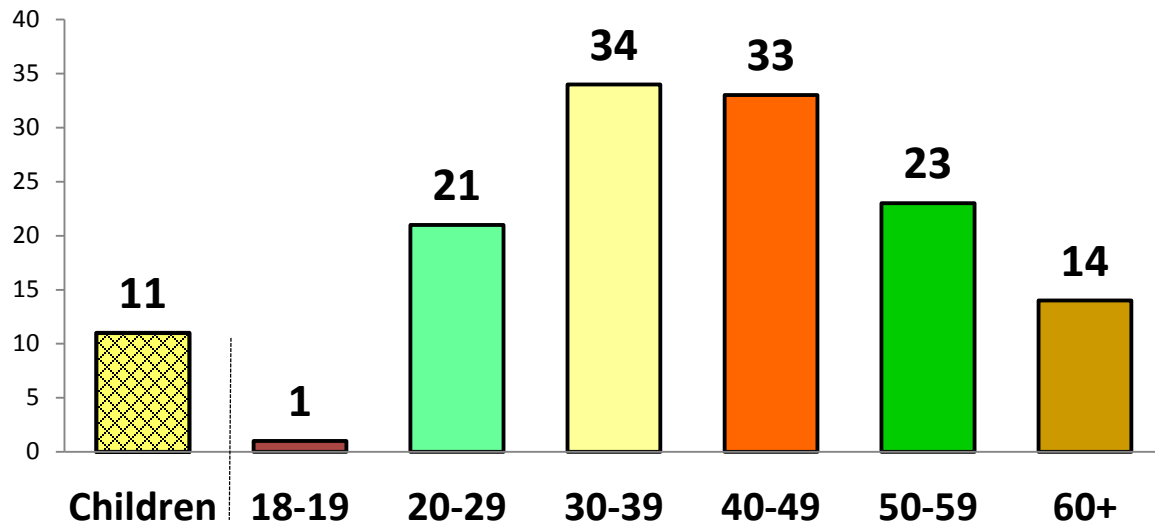


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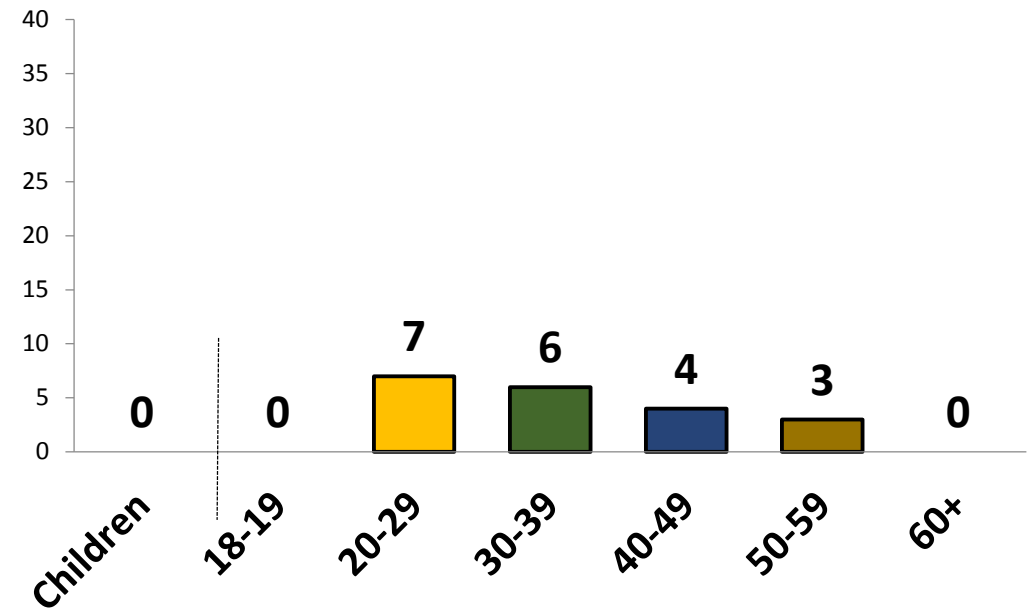


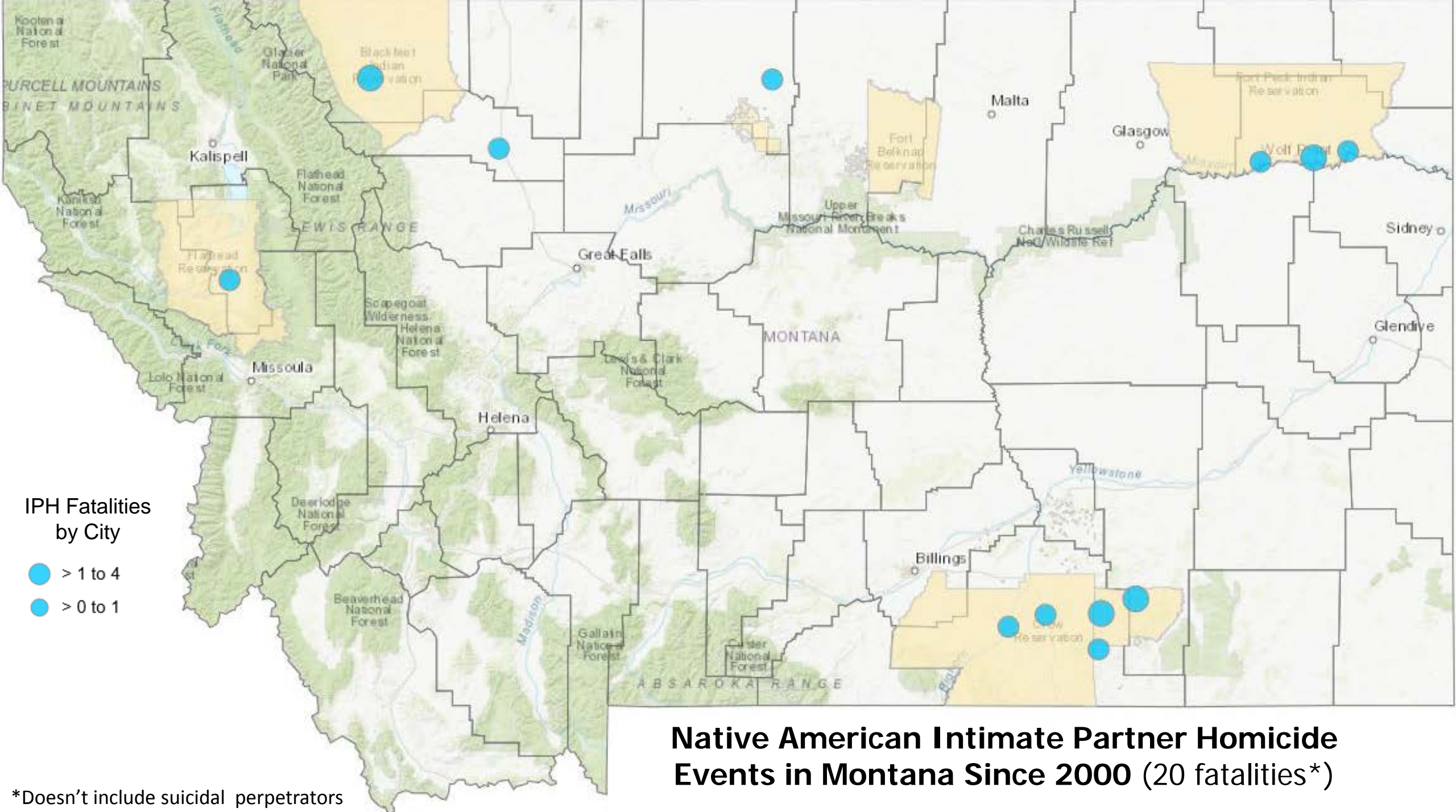
Age Range of Victims

Statewide



Native American





Native American Intimate Partner Homicide Events in Montana Since 2000 (20 fatalities*)

*Doesn't include suicidal perpetrators


Tribal Court Hope Cards

Confederated Salish &
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Crow Tribal
Court

RESPONDENT

John Looking Glass




DOB: **03/26/1970**
Sex: **Male**
Race: **American Indian**
Height: **5'11"**
Weight: **175**
Eyes: **Brown**
Hair: **Black**

Scars/Marks/Tattoos:
None

Protection Order

This identification certifies that the above named individual has a Protection Order on file with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Court, Pablo, MT against the individual listed above. Pursuant to Section 2-1-113, CSKT Laws Codified, and pursuant to Title 18, USC 2265(a), Protection Orders issued by other jurisdictions shall be provided full faith and credit.


<p>State of Montana County: Lake Court: CSKT Case No.: 18273657 Issued: 03/23/2010 Expires: 03/23/2011</p>	<p><u>PETITIONER</u> Tillie Pretty Shell DOB: 10/17/1971 Race: American Indian Sex: Female Height: 5'6"</p>								
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Law Enforcement Must Verify This Order With Local Dispatch.

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RESPONDENT

John Looking Glass



DOB: **03/26/1959**
Sex: **Male**
Race: **Native Amer**
Height: **6' 2"**
Weight: **245**
Eyes: **Brown**
Hair: **Black**

Scars/Marks/Tattoos:
Large Burn Scar - Left Forearm

Protection Order

This identification certifies that the above named individual has a Protection Order on file with the Crow Tribal Court, Crow Nation, Crow Agency, MT, against the individual listed above. Pursuant to Title 8E §§ 5.01 and 3.01, Crow Law and Order Code, and pursuant to Title 18 USC § 2265 (a), Protection Orders issued by other jurisdictions shall be provided full faith and credit.

Trends:

- Statewide, the number of individuals killed in intimate partner homicides in the past two years increased 153% compared to the previous biennium. For Native Americans this increase was 150%.
- Statewide, firearms continue to be the most frequently used weapons. In Indian Country, knives were used most frequently.
- Substance abuse was a significant factor in the majority of the killings.
- Mental health concerns appeared in less than half of the killings.
- For the first time since Montana started reviewing cases, most cases did not involve families with young children.
- 80% of IPH deaths this biennium occurred West of Billings. Four of seven Reservations reported zero IPH.

- There has not been a homicide/suicide in Indian Country since 2008.
- There have been 10 deaths by strangulation throughout the state; none of these occurred in Indian Country.
- ★ • Native Americans remain victims of intimate partner homicide at a disproportionate rate in our state. While constituting approximately 7% of the state's population, they make up 16% of IPH events and 15% of intimate partner victims.
- Women are the killer almost 60% of the time in Native American IPH in Montana.
- Historically, Native American women use a knife in the majority (70%) of their homicides. A knife is used by Non-native females only 11% of the time. Knives have been used by men in only five cases in more than 10 years.
- Since 2000 there have been seven familicides across the state, resulting in the deaths of 11 children. None of these occurred in Indian Country.

Recommendations:

- Provide regular training to public assistance case managers on the good cause exemption for domestic violence victims, particularly related to child support enforcement.



- Continue the collaboration and joint trainings between Montana's Department of Justice, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the MT – WY Tribal Judges Association.
- Expand the state's Crime Victim Compensation Program to increase the reimbursement rate for funeral expenses. The \$3,500 figure has not been raised since 1995 and its limitation can place a financial burden on families of those killed in intimate partner homicides.
- Increase the use of trauma-based services among those working with DV victims, perpetrators and children who grow up in violent homes.



- Pass legislation focused on strangulation, either creating a new stand-alone statute or enhancing existing DV statutes.



- Institute a statewide child death review team modeled on the adult death review teams.



- Expand the use of danger/lethality assessments by law enforcement, victim advocates, medical personnel and criminal justice staff.
- Conduct trainings for tribal and non-tribal judges, law enforcement, and health professionals on lethality assessments and domestic violence screenings so those interacting with victims can better assess the risks associated with intimate partner violence. Take steps to educate all Montanans on factors unique to Indian Country in order to better understand how domestic violence is different in Indian Country. Examples include historical trauma, sexual abuse, and concentrated poverty.
- Strengthen Indian Country multi-disciplinary team efforts in staffing and intervening in family violence. Develop culturally appropriate family violence intervention protocols that can be utilized by tribal programs.

Major Accomplishments:

- Tracking statewide intimate partner homicide fatalities since 2000
- Biennial reports 2005 - 2017

- 72 hour no contact order – MCA 45-5-209 [2005]
- DV intervention account – MCA 44-4-310 [2005]
- Augment 24/7 program – MCA 44-4-1205 [2013]
- Felony strangulation statute – SB 153 [2017]
- Establishment of Child Abuse and Neglect Review Commission - HB 303 [2017]

- First Indian Country DV Fatality Review [2008]
- Fort Peck training [2009]
- Hope Card [2010]
- One of 3 VAWA funded programs recognized nationwide [film released in 2011]
- Native American DV Fatality Review Team created [2014]
- Native American DV Fatality Review Team documentary expected in 2018

- As coordinator for Montana teams, Matthew Dale has served as a mentor for teams in MA, PA, CA, FL, MI, NY, TX, HI and several other states

Thank You

Montana Domestic
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