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Silent Witness Ceremony Honored 2011 Victims of Fatal Domestic Violence

COLUMBIA, SC - Ceremony Held During First Week Of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Attorney General Alan Wilson led participants through the annual Silent Witness Domestic Violence ceremony Tuesday on the south steps of the State House in Columbia. The event marked the first week of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

During the solemn ceremony, Attorney General Wilson called the names of 39 women and 13 men from across the state who lost their lives as the result of domestic violence in the previous year.

Victims' family members, friends, or volunteers carried a life-sized silhouette representing the victim to the State House steps as a bell was rung for each victim. An additional fifty-third (53rd) silhouette represented the potential unknown victims.

"This is a sad and solemn occasion to commemorate the lives that were lost in the past year to domestic violence," said Wilson.

"This is a cycle of violence that must be broken in our state," said Wilson. "All too often, not only is the life of the victim lost, but in ways, we lose the children who grow up in a home where domestic violence is taking place."

Domestic violence survivors, officials and victims' advocates made special remarks to highlight the problem of violence against women.

A statistical breakdown for each county is available at <http://www.scattorneygeneral.com/fraud/cdv/index.html>.

Silent Witness Roll Call

Please Click on the individual names for additional information

[Lawrence Branham, Abbeville County](#)

[Esther Baldwin, Aiken County](#)

[Angela Myers, Aiken County](#)

[Pearlie Mae Russell, Allendale County](#)

[Holly Ford, Anderson County](#)

[Allison Pinsley, Anderson County](#)

[Kacy Roberson, Anderson County](#)

[Shalesha Williams, Berkeley County](#)

[Amanda Black, Charleston County](#)

[Desma Doctor, Charleston County](#)

[Robin Thomas, Cherokee County](#)

[Foyest Caple, Chesterfield County](#)

[Diane Louallen, Chesterfield County](#)

[Christina Hughes, Colleton County](#)

[Barrett Stephenson, Edgefield County](#)

[Devin Ham, Florence County](#)

[Lilia Blandin, Greenville County](#)

[Angela Carver, Greenville County](#)

[Allison Cross, Greenville County](#)

[Marsha Smith, Greenville County](#)

[Juan Tafoya-Gonzalez, Greenville County](#)

[Yolanda Thurston, Greenville County](#)

[Kaybreisha Timpson, Greenwood County](#)

[Masako Yamaguchi-Miller, Hampton County](#)

[Cheryl Gillespie, Horry County](#)

[Marsella Lippert, Horry County](#)

[Elizabeth Evans, Kershaw County](#)

[Nancy Stone, Kershaw County](#)

[Nicole Kingsborough, Laurens County](#)

[Margaret Constance, Lexington County](#)

[Amanda Peake, Lexington County](#)

[Charnel Redden, Lexington County](#)

[Victoria Tindall, Lexington County](#)

[Takeyia Easterling, Marlboro County](#)

[John Mayers, Newberry County](#)

[Lynette Glover, Orangeburg County](#)

[Mark Hendricks, Pickens County](#)

[Joann Bobo-Hill, Richland County](#)

[Oppie Jackson, Richland County](#)

[Henry Jones, Richland County](#)

[Amanda Kistler-Jarrard, Richland County](#)

[Larry Ross, Richland County](#)

[Gary Vereen, Richland County](#)

[Brenda Witherspoon, Richland County](#)

[Chaconia Culbreath, Saluda County](#)

[Tony Rosser, Saluda County](#)

[Barbara Perry, Spartanburg County](#)

[Rosemary Lee, Union County](#)

[Linda Dixon, York County](#)

[Linda Hertzog, York County](#)

[Michael Howe, York County](#)

[Shrece Robinson, York County](#)

Unknown

Domestic Violence affects us all. Domestic Violence cuts across gender, race, and ethnicity. People in every socioeconomic status experience this type of violence. Domestic violence victims are all around us: in our neighborhoods, our work places, and in our places of worship.