

In Memoriam

The South Carolina Silent Witness Story October 3, 2017

20th Anniversary

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> **Our Lives After** by Ms. Kimberly Driggers

> > Words of Witness Ms. Sarah Jackson

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Remarks and Victim Remembrance The Honorable Alan Wilson South Carolina Attorney General

Benediction Reverend Kenneth C. Taylor Turner Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church West Columbia, SC

AMAZING GRACE* PFC James F. Ryan III North Charleston Police Department (Following one verse of Amazing Grace, please depart in

silence.)

* Please stand if you are able.

The Silent Witness Story

In 2016, 39 South Carolinians were killed by their intimate partners. As citizens of this state, we have a responsibility to take a stand against this injustice. Therefore, in 1998 our state joined with more than 40 other states in a mission "to promote peace, healing and responsibility in adult relationships."

During the 20th annual Silent Witness ceremony, wooden silhouettes represent the women and men who have died due to domestic violence in South Carolina in 2016. This year, there are 40 silhouettes; 34 are for the known female homicide victims, five are for the known male victims, and one represents those victims of whom we are unaware.

The South Carolina Attorney General's Office, through the S.T.O.P. (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women program, hosts this annual remembrance. Other contributing citizens and organizations are acknowledged at the end of this book.

This book is dedicated to the women and men of South Carolina who lost their lives due to domestic violence in 2016.*

*The stories in this book were compiled using incident reports from local law enforcement and data from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

Our Lives After

Have been slow-going, have been wind-swept. Not downpour, exactly. More like, drizzle. We have learned a new word for silence.

One that doesn't mean still or hush, more like echo. I love the feeling of being tired, just complete exhaustion, where there's no room

To think of our lives after, but only the whole of the world as it unfolds. Blue violet by violet, slow cast of shadow, a yawn of stars.

Your name does not grow quiet with time, but calls us out to meet each other and the early afternoon on foot. Come here, I want to tell you,

Whoever you are, not every hand that is raised will hurt you. When we think of it, our lives after have been burst open, so that you could tell me the same.

Kimberly Driggers

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Christie Stutler 31 years old Abbeville County

Christie Stutler was shot and killed by her live in boyfriend, Charles Tillman, in their home November 8, 2016. Ms. Stutler was found in her bed with a gunshot wound. Mr. Tillman told police that Ms. Stutler committed suicide with a rifle he reported was in the nearby residence of his mother with no fingerprints. Ms. Stutler is survived by her two children.

The trial of Mr. Tillman is pending for charges of murder.

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Wendy Bogard 58 years old Aiken County

Wendy Bogard was shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, William Bodie, March 18, 2016. Mr. Bodie called witnesses to state, "Things have gotten real bad between me and Wendy. I shot Wendy and are about to shoot myself." Mr. Bodie subsequently died by suicide before first responders arrived on scene. Ms. Bogard is survived by her adult daughter.

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Sheryl Stone 48 years old Aiken County

Sheryl Stone was shot and killed her exboyfriend, Howard Boyd, in his home on September 27, 2016. Mr. Boyd died by suicide several days after murdering Ms. Stone. Law enforcement found the bodies during a well check of the home based on a complaint. Ms. Stone is survived by her two parents and four siblings.

Takeshia Jamison 39 years old Anderson County

Takeshia Jamison was shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, Jean Cesar, at their home on October 14, 2016. Mr. Cesar was angry over Ms. Jamison's upcoming work relocation to Germany. Ms. Jamison was alive when responding law enforcement arrived on scene and told officers, "He shot me." Mr. Cesar died by suicide shortly after shooting Ms. Jamison. Ms. Jamison died at the hospital due to the severity of the injury. Ms. Jamison is survived by her parents and daughter.

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Ronnie Selvey 60 years old Anderson County

Ronnie Selvey was shot and killed by his wife, Janet Selvey, on November 28, 2016. Ms. Selvey admitted to shooting Mr. Selvey when officers arrived on the scene. Mr. Selvey, was the Assistant Manager at Big Creek Hammond Water Company and is survived by his mother and siblings.

The trial of Ms. Selvey is pending for a murder charge.

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Janice "Nette" Jamison 46 years old Barnwell County

Janice Jamison was beaten to death by her live-in boyfriend, Phillip Hay, on March 12, 2016. Ms. Jamison asked others in the residence to call police because she could not breathe due to Phillip's physical violence toward her. Ms. Jamison is survived by her grandchildren, mother, and daughter.

The trial of Mr. Hay is pending for murder.

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Eulia "Lee Lee" Moon 47 years old Beaufort County

Eulia Moon was shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, Jamie Robinson, in a truck on October 29, 2016. Ms. Moon and Mr. Robinson had a two year history of arguing while living together. Ms. Moon is survived by her four sons and daughter.

The trial of Mr. Robinson is pending for murder.



Shonda Davis 38 years old Berkeley County

Shonda Davis was stabbed to death by her live-in boyfriend, Edward Nelson, near their home on October 15, 2016. Ms. Davis reported a history of abuse by Mr. Nelson to family members. Ms. Davis is survived by her mother, sister and son.

The trial of Mr. Nelson is pending for murder.



Vanessa Hilton 40 years old Berkeley County

Vanessa Hilton, was beaten to death by her husband, Shon Hilton, in their home on September 20, 2016. Ms. Hilton is survived by her mother, daughter and son-in-law.

The trial of Mr. Hilton is currently pending for murder.

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Melanie Rivera 39 years old Berkeley County

Melanie Rivera was strangled to death by her live-in boyfriend, Michael Strait, Jr., in their apartment on November 8, 2016. Ms. Rivera confronted Mr. Strait about phone messages indicating an affair. Ms. Rivera is survived by her mother, sister, brother-in-law and nephews.

The trial of Mr. Strait is pending for a murder.



Deborah Rogers 50 years old Berkeley County

Deborah Rogers was killed with a knife by her live-in boyfriend, Alex Schaffer, on November 15, 2016. Mr. Schaffer subsequently attempted suicide and died at the hospital of self-inflicted injuries. Ms. Rogers was an animal lover and is survived by her father.



Quadeedrah Clinton 38 years old Charleston County

Quadeedrah Clinton was shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, Bernard Mackey, on December 30, 2016. There were at least five domestic disputes that police responded to in the months leading to Ms. Clinton's death. Ms. Clinton is survived by her mother and five children.

The trial of Mr. Mackey is pending for murder.

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Ternetha Bennett 51 years old Chesterfield County

Ternetha Bennett was a missing person for several days before she was found on August 16, 2016. William Grant argued with his live in girlfriend, Ms. Bennett, and was seen on surveillance discarding evidence. Mr. Grant drowned himself after Ms. Bennett's body was found.



Melanie Weaver

61 years old Dorchester County

Melanie Weaver was shot and killed by her husband, James Weaver, in their home on April 14, 2016. Mr. Weaver's daughter brought him to the home to retrieve his belongings. Mrs. Weaver attempted to deny Mr. Weaver entrance to the home by shutting the door and he responded by trying to force entry. He then shot Ms. Weaver and subsequently died by suicide with the same firearm. Ms. Weaver is survived by her brother, four sisters, daughter, two sons, eight grandchildren and great two grandchildren.



Tomena Ford 33 years old Florence County

Tomena Ford and her unborn child were shot and killed by the father of the baby and live-in boyfriend, Darkel Foreman, on May 26, 2016. Mr. Foreman dialed 911 to report that he and Ms. Ford were having an argument in their home when the murder occurred. Ms. Ford was six months pregnant at the time of her death. Ms. Ford Aimwell Missionary Baptist attended Church and sang in the gospel choir. Ms. Ford is survived by her parents, two sisters, brother, nieces and nephews.

The trial of Mr. Foreman is pending for two counts of murder.



Sherilyn Joseph 24 years old Florence County

Sherilyn Joseph was shot and killed by her former live-in boyfriend, Royal Williams III, on January 23, 2016. Sherilyn Joseph's family remembers her as always very sincere and caring. She had a gift for the care of children starting with delivering her baby sister at a young age and continuing with the birth of her miracle son. Ms. Joseph is survived by her grandparents, parents, siblings, and son, Isaiah.

Mr. Williams is currently serving six years for involuntary manslaughter and arson. Trial is pending for the murder of Ms. Joseph.



Catherine "Cati" Blauvelt 22 years old Greenville County

Catherine Blauvelt was stabbed and killed by her estranged husband, John Blauvelt, on October 24, 2016. Ms. Blauvelt served in the United States Army and was a lover of animals. Ms. Blauvelt is survived by her grandfather, parents, and five sisters

Mr. Blauvelt fled the state. There is an active warrant out for his arrest for murder.

Deborah Winkler 61 years old Greenville County

Deborah Winkler was shot and killed by her husband, Glen Winkler, on September 27, 2016. Mr. Winkler then shot himself and died from the selfinflicted injury. Mrs. Winkler is survived by her son.

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Kristina Burroughs 40 years old Horry County

Kristina Burroughs was shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, Keith Davis, on October 1, 2016. Mr. Davis then shot and killed her two year old and 10 month old nieces and died by suicide. Ms. Burroughs was a member of Salem AME Church. Ms. Burroughs is survived by her mother, sister, two brothers, young daughter, two nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins.



Shannon Ditillio 22 years old Horry County

Shannon Ditillio was lured to South Carolina from New York, where she was shot and killed by Christopher Kalb, on April 11, 2016. Ms. Ditillio was six months pregnant at the time of her death and Mr. Kalb is also the father of their three year old daughter. Ms. Ditillio was creative, carefree and loved to draw. Ms. Ditillio is survived by her mother, father, stepmother, siblings, half-siblings and daughter.

Mr. Kalb was found guilty for the murder of Ms. Ditillio and was sentenced to 30 years in prison.



Candis Steere 34 years old Horry County

Candis Steere was shot and killed by her husband, John Steere, on April 11, 2016. Mr. Steere died by suicide after taking the life of Mrs. Steere. Mrs. Steere was a pharmacist and a lover of animals. Mrs. Steere is survived by her grandmother, mother, father, stepfather, and pets.



Mary Sotelo Casillas 25 years old Jasper County

Ms. Sotelo Casillas was strangled to death by her live-in boyfriend, Samuel Gonzalez, on August 8, 2016. She is survived by her mother, sister and five year old son, three year old son and three month old daughter.

The trial of Mr. Gonzalez is pending for murder.



Michelle Passio 33 years old Jasper County

Michelle Passio was shot and killed by her husband, Richard Passio, Jr., on June 3, 2016. Mrs. Passio is remembered as having a generous heart and a big smile. Mrs. Passio is survived by her five sons, three daughters, parents, two brothers and one sister.

The trial of Mr. Passio is pending for murder.



Persis Prescott 31 years old Kershaw County

Persis Prescott was shot to death by her live-in boyfriend, Therine McKeever, after an argument on May 29, 2016. Ms. Prescott is survived by her child.

The trial of Mr. McKeever is pending for murder.

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Shana Prophet 28 years old Laurens County

Shana Prophet was shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, Ronald Davis, on July 3, 2016. Ms. Prophet was raised in Bamberg County where she attended public schools. As an adult, Ms. Prophet was employed by a manufacturing company in Denmark, SC. Ms. Prophet is survived by her maternal grandmother, paternal grandmother, mother, two sisters, four brothers and son.

The trial of Mr. Davis is pending for murder.

Kendra Grooms 21 years old Lee County

Kendra Grooms was shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, Malcom Holloman, on March 5, 2016. Ms. Grooms graduated from Dreher High School, class of 2014, and was studying to become a Patient Care Technician. Ms. Grooms is survived by her mother, three brothers, one sister, two young sons.

Mr. Holloman shot himself two times after shooting Ms. Grooms and was ruled incompetent to stand trial because of his mental status resulting from the selfinflicted injuries.

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Brenda Slater 60 years old Lee County

Brenda Slater was shot and killed by her husband, James Slater, Sr., on March 15, 2016. Ms. Slater is survived by her two daughters and son.

Mr. Slater pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 13 years in prison.



Michael Bryan 55 years old Lexington County

Michael Bryan was shot and killed by his wife, Kimberly Groh, on November 30, 2016. Mr. Bryan was an avid hunter and fisherman. Mr. Bryan is survived by his mother, sister, sons and granddaughter.

The trial of Ms. Groh is pending for murder.

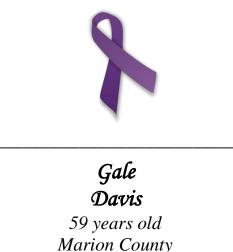


Lillie Thompson 70 years old

Lexington County

Lillie Thompson was shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, Leonard Williams, on April 2, 2016. Mr. Williams died by suicide after shooting Ms. Thompson.

Ms. Thompson had careers in sales and health care and spent her time volunteering. Ms. Thompson is survived by her first husband, six sisters, brother, two daughters, three sons in-law and 16 grandchildren.



Gale Davis was shot and killed by her livein boyfriend, Todd White, on April 8, 2016. Mr. White had a history of domestic violence prior to the death of Ms. Davis.

Mr. White was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter and sentenced to 17 years in prison.



Daniel Aiken 58 years old Orangeburg County

Daniel Aiken was stabbed to death by his live-in girlfriend, Dorene Huggins, on April 27, 2016. Mr. Aiken is survived by his daughter and son.

The trial of Ms. Huggins is pending for murder.

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Harold Arnold 49 years old Pickens County

Harold Arnold was shot and killed by his wife, Rebecca Easterling, on March 18, 2016. Mr. Arnold's death was staged as a suicide.

The trial for Ms. Easterling is pending for murder.

Matthew Mickelboro 33 years old Pickens County

Matthew Mickelboro was stabbed to death by his wife, Samantha Pardew-Lingwai, on November 17, 2016. Law enforcement responded to a domestic dispute in front of the children present in their home. Mr. Mickelboro is survived by his three children.

The trial of Ms. Pardew-Lingwai is pending for murder.

Danielle Colburn-Govan 46 years old Richland County

Danielle Colburn-Govan was shot and killed by her husband, Anton Govan, on November 11, 2016. Mr. Govan subsequently shot and killed himself. Ms. Colburn-Govan was a nurse and is remembered for her caregiving. Ms. Colburn-Govan is survived by her mother and daughter.

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Magaiteh Dolo 24 years old Richland County

Magaiteh Dolo and her father were shot multiple times and killed by her former live-in boyfriend, Willie Wilson, on August 27, 2016. Ms. Dolo attended Midlands Technical College and worked at her father's businesses. She is survived by her mother, two sisters, two brothers, nieces and nephews.

The trial of Mr. Wilson is pending for double homicide, burglary and armed robbery.



Charrell Ulickey 56 years old Richland County

Charrell Ulickey was strangled to death by her ex-husband, Steven Ulickey, on September 3, 2016. Mr. Ulickey had been arrested twice during their marriage for Criminal Domestic Violence. Mr. Ulickey died by suicide after killing Mrs. Ulickey.



Stephanie Wallace 34 years old Richland County

Stephanie Wallace was shot to death by her estranged husband, Keith Wallace, on February 17, 2016. Mr. Wallace died by suicide after killing his wife. Mrs. Wallace is survived by her mother and child.

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Dawn Harper Allen 44 years old Spartanburg County

Dawn Harper Allen was beaten and stabbed to death by her live-in boyfriend, Rodney Baker, between the dates of March 18-25, 2016. Ms. Harper Allen is survived by her three sons.

The trial of Mr. Baker is pending for murder.

Tiffany Cartee 31 years old Spartanburg County

Tiffany Cartee was shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, Jefferson Perry, on December 22, 2016. Ms. Cartee was the daughter of a local Fire Chief. Ms. Cartee is survived by her parents and two daughters.

The trial of Mr. Perry is pending for murder.



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, workplaces and our places of worship.

Therefore, let us have a moment of silence to remember those victims of whom we are unaware.

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Silent Witness Information

The South Carolina Office of the Attorney General works diligently throughout the year to collect information about domestic violence homicides. This is the 20th year the office has held the Silent Witness Memorial during October to recognize the victims of this horrific crime.

The information for the Silent Witness Memorial is compiled with the assistance and cooperation of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and the offices of South Carolina solicitors, sheriffs, coroners, and police departments.

Every effort is made to contact the victims' families. The loved ones of these victims provided the photographs found in this book.

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