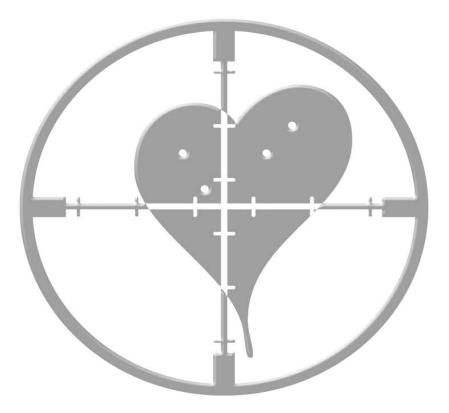
## **Domestic Violence Homicides**

Mecklenburg County & the State of North Carolina 2003-2006



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# Domestic Violence Homicides 2003-2006

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This report has been made possible through an ongoing collaboration between the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission and the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence in an effort to honor the lives lost because of domestic violence. We hope that in recognizing these victims (and all those lives lost in previous years) this report may shed light on the issue, giving others the courage to speak up and ask for help.

This report shows Mecklenburg County has led the State of North Carolina in domestic violence related homicides since 2003 with 31 murders averaging nearly eight murders per year. This relates to more than 10% of the 297 domestic violence related homicide victims killed by their intimate partners in the State of North Carolina in the same time period.

According to FBI statistics, 3,982 lives have been lost due to intimate partner homicides between 2003 and 2005, or an average of 1,327 per year in the United States. North Carolina equates to 22% of those, while Mecklenburg County would attribute for 2% of the domestic violence related homicides in the United States.

- 80 children witnessed a domestic violence homicide in 54 of the 225 cases in the State of North Carolina from 2004 to 2006 or 24% of the cases. 13 children were killed in those cases and another three were wounded. 42 children witnessed their fathers kill their mothers in more than half of these cases.
- 60% of the victims were between ages 25 and 49. 67% of the suspects were between ages 25 and 49, as well. 57 suicides took place after killing their intimate partner or children with 63% of those being 25 and 49 years olds. 19% were between the ages of 50 and 64.
- 79% of victims across the State of North Carolina were female, while only 68% of the victims in Mecklenburg County were female. 89% of the suspects across the State of North Carolina were men, while 79% of the suspects in Mecklenburg County were male.
- Only one woman committed suicide after killing her victim in North Carolina between out of 57 suicides. The six suicides between 2003 and 2006 in Mecklenburg County were men.
- 58% of domestic violence related homicide victims were killed by their boyfriends or ex-boyfriends in Mecklenburg County, which is much higher than across the state or country. 42% of victims across the State of North Carolina were killed by their boyfriends or ex-boyfriends while the national average was 34%.
- 32% of victims across the State of North Carolina in the same time frame were killed by their husbands and ex-husbands. The national average was 44%. Mecklenburg County was only 13%.
- 78% of domestic violence related homicides across the United States were men killing their wives, exwives, girlfriends or ex-girlfriends.
- 58% of domestic violence related homicide victims across the State of North Carolina and Mecklenburg County were killed using guns. That is 10% less than the nation's 68% killed by some sort of firearm.

All statistical data collected for this report was provided by the Domestic Violence Advocacy Council (DVAC), the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV), and the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department contributed to the 2006 Year End data provided in the report's appendix.

For more information on the effects of domestic violence in our community, call the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission at 704-336-3210 or the Shelter for Battered Women 24-hour hotline at 704-332-2513.

For more information on the Domestic Violence Advocacy Council, call 704-432-1568 or visit the Web site <u>http://dvac.charmeck.org</u>. The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence can be reached at 1-888-232-9124 or visit <u>www.nccadv.org</u>

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## Domestic Violence Homicides SUMMARY

2003-2006

### Lives Lost 2003-2006

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37 lives have been lost in Mecklenburg County between 2003 and 2006 due to domestic violence.31 domestic violence victims were killed by their intimate partners averaging nearly eight per year. Six of those suspects committed suicides.

The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV) reports that 297 domestic violence related homicide victims were killed by their intimate partners over the past four year, averaging 74.25 per year. 57 other lives were lost due to suicides or one in every five killed themselves after killing their intimate partner.

According to FBI statistics, 3,982 lives have been lost due to intimate partner homicides between 2003 and 2005, or an average of 1,327 per year in the United States. The FBI does not gather murder-suicide statistics.

### Child Witnesses 2004-2006

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Based on reported information, children witnessed a domestic violence homicide in 25% of the cases in the State of North Carolina from 2004 to 2006. Nine children were killed in those cases and another three were wounded.

80 children witnessed a domestic violence homicide in 54 of the 225 cases in the State of North Carolina from 2004 to 2006. 42 children witnessed their fathers kill their mothers in more than half of these cases. 13 of those children either watched their brother or sister be killed or wounded.

### By County 2003-2006

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Mecklenburg County has led the State of North Carolina in domestic violence related homicides since 2003 with 31 murders averaging nearly 8 murders per year. Guilford and Wake County are a distant second with 17 or an average of 4.25 per year over the past four years.

### By Age 2003-2006

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### Victims

34% of victims are between 35 and 49 years old and 26% are between 25 and 34 years old or 60% between ages 25 and 49. 6% of the victims were under 18 and 3% were over 65 years old.

### Suspects

37% of suspects are between 35 and 49 years old while 30% are between 25 and 34 years of age. 11% were between the ages of 18 and 24.

### Suicides

35% of suicides are between 35 and 49 years old and 28% are between 25 and 34 years of age or 63% between 25 and 49 years old. 19% were between the ages of 50 and 64.

### By Gender 2003-2006

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### Victims

79% of victims across the State of North Carolina between 2003 and 2006 were female.

68% of victims in Mecklenburg County were female.

### Suspects

89% of the suspects across the State of North Carolina between 2003 and 2006 were men.

79% of the suspects in Mecklenburg County were male.

### Suicides

Only one woman committed suicide after killing her victim in North Carolina between 2003 and 2006 out of 57 suicides.

100% of domestic violence related murder-suicides in Mecklenburg County were men.

### By Relationship 2003-2006

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58% of domestic violence related homicide victims were killed by their boyfriends or ex-boyfriends in Mecklenburg County between 2003 and 2006. 42% of victims across the State of North Carolina were killed by their boyfriends or ex-boyfriends while the national average was 34%.

32% of victims across the State of North Carolina in the same time frame were killed by their husbands and exhusbands. The national average was 44%. Mecklenburg County recorded 13%.

78% of domestic violence related homicides across the United States were men killing their wives, ex-wives, girlfriends or ex-girlfriends.

### By Weapon 2003-2006

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58% of domestic violence related homicide victims across the State of North Carolina and Mecklenburg County between 2003 and 2006 were killed by firearms.

68% of <u>all homicide victims</u> in the United States between 2003 and 2005 were killed by some sort of firearm.







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### Domestic Violence Homicides Lives Lost 2003-2006

	Homicides				Suicides	Lives Lost			
	Meck. Co. <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>NC</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>US</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	Meck. Co.	NC	US	Meck. Co.	NC	<b>US</b> <sup>(4)</sup>
2003	6	72	1320	1	13	NA	7	85	1320
2004	8	81	1320	1	18	NA	9	99	1320
2005	11	72	1342	3	17	NA	14	89	1342
2006	6	72	NA	1	9	NA	7	81	NA
Totals	31	297	3982	6	57	0	37	354	3982

<sup>(1)</sup> Mecklenburg County provided by the Domestic Violence Advocacy Council (DVAC)

<sup>(2)</sup> State of North Carolina provided by the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV)

<sup>(3)</sup> FBI Uniform Crime Reports - Murder Circumstances By Relationship Numbers pulled from Husband, Wife, Boyfriend, Girlfriend categories

<sup>(4)</sup> Homicides only - Suicide statistics not available

NA = Not available

### Domestic Violence Homicides Child Fatalities 2004-2006

		North Carolina Child Fatalities										
	Homicides Children Percentage killed per Killed homicide		Children Wounded	Percentage wounded per homicide	Cases	Children Present	Average present per case					
2004	81	4	5%	0	0%	15	21	1.40				
2005	72	4	6%	0	0%	17	23	1.35				
2006	72	5	7%	3	4%	22	36	1.63				
Totals	225	13	6%	3	1%	54	80	1.48				

		Mecklenburg County Child Fatalites										
	Homicides	Children Killed	Percentage killed per homicide	Children Wounded	Percentage wounded per homicide	Cases	Children Present	Average present per case				
2004	8	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0.00				
2005	11	0	0%	0	0%	2	2	1.00				
2006	6	2	33%	0	0%	1	2	2.00				
Totals	25	2	8%	0	0%	3	4	1.33				

2005 Godbolt & Sarode cases 2006 Miranda case

A child fatality is defined as any child 0 to 17 years of age.

### **Domestic Violence Homicides Child Witnesses** 2004-2006

		North Carolina Child Witnesses											
	Homicides	Children Killed	Percentage killed per homicide	Children Wounded	Cases		Children Present	Average present per case					
2004	81	4	5%	0	0%	15	21	1.40					
2005	72	4	6%	0	0%	17	23	1.35					
2006	72	5	7%	3	4%	22	36	1.63					
Totals	225	13	6%	3	1%	54	80	1.48					

		Mecklenburg County Child Witnesses											
	Homicides	Children Killed	Percentage killed per homicide	Children Wounded	Percentage wounded per homicide	Cases	Children Present	Average present per case					
2004	8	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0.00					
2005	11	0	0%	0	0%	2	2	1.00					
2006	6	2	33%	0	0%	1	2	2.00					
Totals	25	2	8%	0	0%	3	4	1.33					

2005 Godbolt & Sarode cases 2006 Miranda case

### **Domestic Violence Homicides Child Witnesses By Relationships**

2004-2006

		North Carolina Relationship to Child Witnesses Relationship based on Suspect to Homicide Victim										
	Homicides         Children Killed         Percentage killed per homicide         Children Wounded         Percentage wounded per homicide         Cases         Children Present         Average preser case											
*Husband	24	4	17%	2	8%	25	42	1.68				
Wife	3	1	33%	0	0%	3	5	1.67				
Father	6	5	83%	1	17%	6	8	1.33				
Boyfriend	17	3	18%	0	0%	17	22	1.29				
Girlfriend	3	0	0%	0	0%	3	3	1.00				
Totals	53	13	25%	3	6%	54	80	1.48				

Categories include ex-wife, ex-husband, ex-girlfriend and ex-boyfriend \*One case the suspect committed suicide after wounding wife and sister-in-law

		Mecklenburg County Relationship to Child Witnesses Relationship based on Suspect to Homicide Victim											
	Homicides         Children Killed         Percentage killed per homicide         Children Wounded         Percentage wound homicide						Children Present	Average present per case					
Father	2	2	67%	0	0%	1	2	2.00					
Husband	1	0	0%	0	0%	1	1	1.00					
Boyfriend	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	1	1.00					
Totals	3	2	67%	0	0%	3	4	1.33					

Child Witness is defined as any child 0 to 17 years of age in the presence of a domestic violence related homicide. They may be the victim or simply as an observer.

Mecklenburg County provided by the Domestic Violence Advocacy Council (DVAC)

State of North Carolina provided by the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV)

### Domestic Violence Homicides by County 2003-2006

		Alpha	betica	I		
County	2006	2005	2004	2003	Total	Average
Alamance	3	3	3	3	12	3.00
Alexander	1 1	0 0	0 1	1 0	2 2	0.50
Alleghany Anson	1	0	0	0	1	0.50 0.25
Ashe	0	0	2	2	4	1.00
Brunswick	2	2	1	0	5	1.25
Buncombe	0	0	1	1	2	0.50
Burke	1	1	1	0	3	0.75
Cabarrus	0	0	1	1	2	0.50
Caldwell	0	3	0	1	4	1.00
Catawba	1	1	0	2	4	1.00
Chatham	1 0	0 1	1 0	0	2 1	0.50
Cherokee Chowan	0	0	2	0 0	2	0.25 0.50
Cleveland	0	0	1	2	3	0.30
Columbus	0	1	1	0	2	0.50
Craven	Ő	0	0	1	1	0.25
Cumberland	5	2	2	0	9	2.25
Dare	0	1	0	0	1	0.25
Davidson	1	0	3	3	7	1.75
Durham	0	0	4	3	7	1.75
Edgecombe	2	0	1	0	3	0.75
Forsyth	3 1	0	4 0	3	10 1	2.50
Franklin Gaston	1	0 2	0	0 2	1 5	0.25 1.25
Graham	3	0	0	2	3	0.75
Granville	1	0	0	1	2	0.75
Guilford	6	5	4	2	17	4.25
Halifax	1	1	0	0	2	0.50
Harnett	1	1	3	2	7	1.75
Haywood	0	1	0	1	2	0.50
Henderson	1	0	0	1	2	0.50
Iredell	0	3	0	0	3	0.75
Jackson Johnston	1 4	0 4	0 2	1 1	2 11	0.50 2.75
Lee	4	4	2	1	7	1.75
Lenoir	0	0	1	0	1	0.25
Lincoln	1	Ő	0	1	2	0.50
Macon	1	0	0	0	1	0.25
Martin	0	0	0	2	2	0.50
McDowell	1	0	0	0	1	0.25
Mecklenburg	6	11	8	6	31	7.75
Moore	1	1	0	0	2	0.50
Nash New Hanover	1 1	3 1	1 5	5 1	10 8	2.50 2.00
Onslow	0	1	0	0	0 1	2.00 0.25
Orange	1	0	1	3	5	1.25
Pasquetank	1	Ő	0	0	1	0.25
Pender	1	0	1	0	2	0.50
Pitt	3	1	0	1	5	1.25
Polk	0	0	1	0	1	0.25
Randolph	0	4	1	1	6	1.50
Richmond	1 1	0 1	1 1	2 1	4 4	1.00
Robeson Rockingham	1	1	1	1	4	1.00 0.00
Rowan	1	0	0	1	2	0.00
Rutherford	2	1	0	2	5	1.25
Sampson	0	0	3	1	4	1.00
Stokes	0	1	1	0	2	0.50
Surry	0	1	0	2	3	0.75
Union	2	0	4	1	7	1.75
Unknown	0	0	0	1	1	0.25
Vance	1	0	0	0	1	0.25
Wake	2	6	7	2	17	4.25
Washington Wayne	0 0	0 1	1 0	0 0	1 1	0.25
Wayne	1	1	0	0 2	1 4	0.25 1.00
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Wilkes Wilson	0	2	4	2	8	2.00
Wilson Yadkin	0 0	2 1	4 0	2 0	8 1	2.00 0.25

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County	Total	Average
Mecklenburg	31	7.75
Guilford	17	4.25
Wake	17	4.25
Alamance	12	3.00
Johnston Forsyth	11 10	2.75 2.50
Nash	10	2.50
Cumberland	9	2.30
New Hanover	8	2.00
Wilson	8	2.00
Davidson	7	1.75
Durham	7	1.75
Harnett	7	1.75
Lee	7	1.75
Union	7	1.75
Randolph	6	1.50
Brunswick	5 5	1.25
Gaston Orange	5 5	1.25 1.25
Pitt	5 5	1.25
Rutherford	5 5	1.25
Ashe	4	1.20
Caldwell	4	1.00
Catawba	4	1.00
Richmond	4	1.00
Robeson	4	1.00
Sampson	4	1.00
Wilkes	4	1.00
Burke	3	0.75
Cleveland	3	0.75
Edgecombe	3 3	0.75 0.75
Graham Iredell	3	0.75
Surry	3	0.75
Alexander	2	0.50
Alleghany	2	0.50
Buncombe	2	0.50
Cabarrus	2	0.50
Chatham	2	0.50
Chowan	2	0.50
Columbus	2	0.50
Granville	2	0.50
Halifax	2 2	0.50
Haywood Henderson	2	0.50 0.50
Jackson	2	0.50
Lincoln	2	0.50
Martin	2	0.50
Moore	2	0.50
Pender	2	0.50
Rowan	2	0.50
Stokes	2	0.50
Anson	1	0.25
Cherokee	1	0.25
Craven	1	0.25
Dare	1	0.25
Franklin	1 1	0.25
Lenoir Macon	1	0.25 0.25
McDowell	1	0.25
Onslow	1	0.25
Pasquetank	1	0.25
Polk	1	0.25
Unknown	1	0.25
Vance	1	0.25
Washington	1	0.25
Wayne	1	0.25
Yadkin	1	0.25
Rockingham	0	0.00

### Domestic Violence Homicides by Age (Victims - Suspects - Suicides) 2003-2006

Victims											
Age	20	003	20	004	20	005	20	06	1		
Ū,	Meck. Co.	State of NC	Totals	Avg							
0-3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	2%	
4-13	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	3	7	2%	
14-17	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	2	7	2%	
18-24	2	12	1	11	2	8	1	12	43	14%	
25-34	2	20	3	23	4	16	3	18	77	26%	
35-49	1	29	2	27	3	23	0	21	100	34%	
50-64	1	6	1	8	0	5	0	8	27	9%	
Over 65	0	1	1	3	1	3	0	1	8	3%	
Unknown	0	0	0	5	1	11	0	7	23	8%	
	6	72	8	81	11	72	6	72	297	1009	

Child Protecting Victim											
Age 2003 2004 2005 2006											
-	Meck. Co.	State of NC									
4-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
14-17											

Suspects										
Age	20	003	20	004	20	005	20	006	1	
0	Meck. Co.	State of NC	Totals	%						
18-24	2	8	2	8	1	4	1	10	30	11%
25-34	2	20	3	19	5	20	2	20	79	30%
35-49	2	25	0	30	3	19	2	24	98	37%
50-64	0	7	2	11	0	6	0	3	27	10%
Over 65	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	1	8	3%
Unknown	0	0	0	6	2	7	0	11	24	9%
									266	100%

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Age	20	003	20	004	20	005	20	006	Î.	
, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	Meck. Co.	State of NC	Meck. Co.	State of NC	Meck. Co.	State of NC	Meck. Co.	State of NC	Totals	
18-24	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	5	
25-34	0	3	0	5	1	5	0	3	16	
35-49	0	4	0	7	1	7	0	2	20	
50-64	0	4	1	2	0	3	0	2	11	
Over 65	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	
Unknown	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	
	•		•	-	•	-	-		57	

### Domestic Violence Homicides by Gender (Victim - Suspect - Suicides) 2003-2006

#### Victims

	North Carolina Victims					
Gender	2003	2004	2005	2006		
					Total	%
Male	9	17	16	21	63	21%
Female	63	64	56	51	234	79%
	72	81	72	72	297	100%

Mecklenburg County Victims						
Gender	2003	2004	2005	2006		
					Total	%
Male	0	3	4	3	10	32%
Female	6	5	7	3	21	68%
	6	8	11	6	31	100%

### Suspects

N	orth Carolina	a Suspects				
Gender	2003	2004	2005	2006		
					Total	%
Male	60	68	54	56	238	89%
Female	2	10	3	13	28	11%
	62	78	57	69	266	100%

Meck	Mecklenburg County Suspects					
Gender	2003	2004	2005	2006		
					Total	%
Male	5	5	10	3	23	79%
Female	1	2	1	2	6	21%
	6	7	11	5	29	100%

#### Suicides

N	North Carolina Suicides						
Gender	2003	2004	2005	2006			
					Total	%	
Male	13	17	17	9	56	98%	
Female	0	1	0	0	1	2%	
	13	18	17	9	57	100%	

Me	Mecklenburg County Suicides						
Gender	2003	2004	2005	2006			
					Total	%	
Male	1	1	3	1	6	100%	
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
	1	1	3	1	6	100%	

#### Domestic Violence Homicides by Relationship (Offender to Victim) 2003-2006

Norti	n Carolina B	y Relationsh	ір		Ī	
	2003	2004	2005	2006	1	
					Totals	Avg.
Boyfriend	29	24	23	16	92	31%
Husband	17	12	20	23	72	24%
Ex-boyfriend	4	13	11	5	33	11%
Friend / Family member	10	7	2	10	29	10%
Ex-husband	9	9	4	2	24	8%
Girlfriend	1	7	7	6	21	7%
Unknown	0	3	3	5	11	4%
Wife	0	2	0	3	5	2%
Ex-girlfriend	1	2	1	1	5	2%
Same Sex	0	2	1	0	3	1%
Ex-Wife	0	0	0	1	1	0%
Police Officer	1	0	0	0	1	0%
	72	81	72	72	297	100%

State of North Carolina provided by the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV)

Meckler	burg Count	y By Relatio	nship		l	
	2003	2004	2005	2006	1	
					Totals	Avg.
Boyfriend	2	5	5	0	12	39%
Ex-boyfriend	1	0	3	2	6	19%
Girlfriend	1	1	1	1	4	13%
Husband	1	1	1	0	3	10%
Friend / Family member	0	0	0	2	2	6%
Same Sex	0	1	1	0	2	6%
Ex-husband	1	0	0	0	1	3%
Wife	0	0	0	1	1	3%
-	6	8	11	6	31	100%

Mecklenburg County provided by the Domestic Violence Advocacy Council (DVAC)

Ur	ited States By	Relationshi	р		I		
	2003 2004 2005 2006						
					Totals	Avg.	
Husband	573	579	594	Unknown	1746	44%	
Boyfriend	464	445	461	Unknown	1370	34%	
Girlfriend	160	147	152	Unknown	459	12%	
Wife	123	149	135	Unknown	407	10%	
					3982	100%	

FBI Uniform Crime Reports - Murder Circumstances By Relationship Numbers pulled from Husband, Wife, Boyfriend, Girlfriend categories

### **Domestic Violence Homicides** by Weapon 2003-2006

1	North Carolina	by Weapon				
	2003	2004	2005	2006		
					Totals	%
Gun	49	46	39	38	172	58%
Knife	12	20	14	19	65	22%
Trauma	3	7	2	4	16	5%
Unknown	1	4	5	5	15	5%
Strangulation	3	4	2	3	12	4%
Physical Force	2	0	8	1	11	4%
Drowning	1	0	2	0	3	1%
Acid/Fire	1	0	0	2	3	1%
	72	81	72	72	297	100%

State of North Carolina provided by the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV)

Мес									
	2003 2004 2005 2006								
					Totals	%			
Gun	3	6	5	4	18	58%			
Knife	1	0	4	1	6	19%			
Unknown	0	1	2	0	3	10%			
Trauma	0	1	0	0	1	3%			
Strangulation	0	0	0	1	1	3%			
Physical Force	1	0	0	0	1	3%			
Acid/Fire	1	0	0	0	1	3%			
	6	8	11	6	31	100%			

Mecklenburg County provided by the Domestic Violence Advocacy Council (DVAC)

l						
	2003	2004	2005	2006		
					Totals	Avg.
Gun	9659	9385	10100	Unknown	29144	68%
Knife	1828	1866	1914	Unknown	5608	13%
Physical Force	962	943	892	Unknown	2797	7%
Unknown	807	856	943	Unknown	2606	6%
Trauma	650	667	597	Unknown	1914	4%
Strangulation	184	156	120	Unknown	460	1%
Fire	170	118	123	Unknown	411	1%
	14260	13991	14689		42940	100%

FBI Uniform Crime Reports - Murder Circumstances By Weapon Numbers pulled from all homicides - not just domestic violence related

## Appendix

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Colleges

Local companies

Local churches

For more information on DVAC Events and information:

3623 Latrobe Drive Suite 112 Charlotte, NC 28211 704-432-1568 704-336-2537 Fax <u>dvac@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov</u> http://dvac.charmeck.org 2006 Domestic Violence Related / Intimate Partner Homicides

### State of North Carolina

72 Domestic Violence related homicides this year

72 for all of 200581 in all of 200472 in all of 2003

## Mecklenburg County

6 Domestic Violence related homicide this year (James Tant, John & Sara Miranda, Joey Nesmith, Latrina Daniels, Gloria Cobos)

11 in all of 2005 8 in all for 2004 6 in all for 2003

### Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department

83 Homicides (85 in 2005, 60 in 2004, & 66 in 2003)

16 Domestic Violence related homicides this year
\*City of Charlotte including "Family Related"
(Samantha & Tessara Crespi, McColl, Roberts, Howell, Miller, Shevlin, Davis, Lotharp, Bullard)

### Domestic violence can be deadly. Call for help.

Emergency 911

National Domestic Violence Hotline **800-799-SAFE** (7233)

Shelter For Battered Women (24-hour hotline) 704-332-2513

Mecklenburg County Women's Commission 704-336-3210

CMPD DV-Unit **704-336-2811** 

The Domestic Violence Advocacy Council is a group of committee members dedicated to eliminating domestic violence in our community.

### **Domestic Violence Homicides**

By Month 2003-2006

North Carolina by Month													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2006	7	4	8	5	3	9	9	3	8	2	6	8	72
2005	1	2	8	5	14	10	5	3	11	5	1	7	72
2004	6	5	2	5	8	6	8	9	7	12	4	9	81
2003	10	4	10	7	5	5	5	2	4	4	6	10	72
Totals	24	15	28	22	30	30	27	17	30	23	17	34	297
Average	6.00	3.75	7.00	5.50	7.50	7.50	6.75	4.25	7.50	5.75	4.25	8.50	74.25
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	

	Mecklenburg County by Month												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2006	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	6
2005	0	0	1	0	4	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	11
2004	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	1	8
2003	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	6
Totals	2	1	4	0	4	5	1	2	5	3	3	1	31
Average	0.50	0.25	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.25	0.25	0.50	1.25	0.75	0.75	0.33	7.75
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	

### Domestic Violence Homicides By Holidays 2003-2006

North Carolina by Holidays (2003-2006)										
	New Year's Day	Super Bowl	Valentine's Day	4th of July	Halloween	Thanksgiving	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	New Year's Eve	
2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2006
2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2005
2004	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2004
2003	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2003
Totals	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	Totals
Avg.	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.3	Avg.

	Mecklenburg County by Holidays (2003-2006)									
	New Year's Day	Super Bowl	Valentine's Day	4th of July	Halloween	Thanksgiving	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	New Year's Eve	
2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2006
2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2005
2004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2004
2003	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2003
Totals	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Totals
Avg.	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Avg.

# Domestic Violence Resource Guide

Victim Services

If a battered person needs immediate, emergency assistance, call one of the following:

Police	911
The Shelter for Battered Women (UFS)	704-332-2513
Charlotte/Mecklenburg Police Department (DV Unit)	704-336-2811
Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office	704-336-2543

If a battered person needs additional services, call one of the following:

### **Mecklenburg County Women's Commission**

Adult Victim Services

- Individual Counseling
- Domestic Violence Support Groups
- Parenting Group
- Legal Information Services
- Employment Assistance
- Case Management Services
- No fee

### Child Services (HERO)

(Serves children age 5 to 18 years old who have witnessed Domestic Violence)

- Domestic Violence Support Groups
- Individual Counseling (School based)
- Case Management Services
- No fee

### Teen Victim Services

(Serves teens ages 13-18 who are in or have been in a teen domestic violence relationship)

- Domestic Violence Support Groups
- Individual Counseling
- Case Management Services
- No fee

### REACH (Reaching to Educate Adolescents about Choices and Healthy relationships)

- 12 session, weekly group sessions
- Participants are 13-17 years of age
- Educational program for adolescent witnesses of domestic violence who demonstrate at-risk behaviors
- Primary goal is to deter future abusive behavior

### Programa Confianza (Battered Latina Program)

- Individual Counseling (Bi-lingual Social Worker)
- Case Management Services
- No fee

### NOVA (New Options For Violent Actions)

- Batterer's education program
- 26 weekly & 6 monthly aftercare services (required)
- Participants are 18 years of age and older
- Educational groups; weekdays, evenings and Saturdays

704-336-4344

704-336-3210

VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday)1-800-247-9658VINE is a toll-free, computerized information service that provides inmates' status and release dates in Mecklenburg County, 24 hours a day. Anyone with a touch-tone phone can call to check the status of an inmate. To check an inmate's status one must have the inmate's first name and last name or the inmate's jail identification number.									
SAVAN (Statewide Automated Victim A SAVAN is a toll-free computerized informa inmates' status and release dates in the state is available in English as well as Spanish.	ation service, like '	VINE, that provides							
Mecklenburg County Department of Soc Community Social Worke	ers: Cha	704-336-CARE (2273) Kim Addo 704-432-0996 arleta Wylie 704-336-2954 mica Kelley 704-336-4971							
Victims with active child protective cases c with the Community Social Worker on staf regarding domestic violence issues and serv her/his social worker to obtain this service.	f for further case c	ollaboration and planning							
National Domestic Violence Hotline		<b>1-800-799-SAFE</b> (7233)							
Surrounding County Battered Women S Turning Point, Union County CVAN, Cabarrus County	helters: 704-283-723 704-788-282								

Partnership between United Family Services and Carolina Medical Center

24 hour a day, 7 days a week assistance to victims of domestic violence receiving

**United Family Services – Victim Assistance** • Criminal Court Services

- Civil Court Services (50B)

• Domestic Violence support group

- Individual Short Term Counseling

- No Fee •

#### **United Family Services – Domestic Violence Healthcare** Project

- Individual Counseling •

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No Fee •

No fee

### **United Family Services – Shelter for Battered Women**

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### 24 – Hour Crisis Hotline

Events - Speaking Engagements - Trainings

Advocates - DV Professionals - Survivors

Silent Witness silhouettes available

- Emergency Shelter for Adults and Children in eminent danger •

care at CMC

No Fee

- Domestic Violence Support Group for Adults and Children •

### **Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau**

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704-446-3999

704-336-4126



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