

Show Us The Bodies: Feb 2017

Examples of Women Killing Their Male Partners in the UK: Mostly 2011 - 2016 (England, Wales and Scotland)

Ever wondered who the people were behind those statistics of male killings by their partners? Here are some recent example cases which I have been able to track down. They are mostly from the period 2011 - 2016. This will not be an exhaustive list, even for this period, and even confining attention to just England, Wales and Scotland. They are just the ones that I have found - dependent entirely upon newspaper or media reports.

I would not wish people to get the impression that, by concentrating on the deaths of men at the hands of women, I am attempting to minimise the prevalence or seriousness of partner violence against women. Of course a similar (and longer) set of examples could be compiled of women killed by their male partners. The purpose of concentrating on male victims here is to demonstrate that the PV statistics do represent real cases, not mere fiction. No one doubts this as regards female victims, but there does seem to be doubt about male victimisation in some quarters. Such doubters have been known to cry, "show us the bodies".

So, as of the February 2017 update, here are the case histories of 78 men killed by their female partners plus 8 cases of attempted murder of men by their female partners. I have also included two cases of the killing of women by their lesbian partners, and also an attempted lesbian partner murder. There is one case of a variant on killing a male ex-partner - killing his new partner instead. And finally there is one case of a killing in revenge for a friend's rape - the women in question later withdrawing the allegation. So, 91 cases histories in all.

If doubters can be made to accept that the statistics do indeed correspond to actual dead men, their next recourse is to the tried & tested "but the poor woman was finally lashing out after years of abuse from her partner". Well, sometimes. But the examples below show that these cases are comparatively rare (perhaps 4 out of the 91 cases). Very commonly the killings involve drink or drugs in an essential way, possibly with a history of arguing and violence by both parties. Where drink, drugs or a violent history are not apparent, the most common reason for women killing their partners is the partner's declaration that they intend to leave them. [Suddenly, "dumped by txt" doesn't sound so reprehensible].

This list is solely of women killing, or attempting to kill, their partners or ex-partners (with the two exceptions noted above). Cases of women killing other people, including children, are omitted. (There are many).

All cases of death due to careless/reckless driving are omitted. (There are many).

I have been inconsistent in the dating convention. Up to mid-2013 I give the date of the killing, whereas after mid 2013 I give the date of the conviction. However, whatever it means, the cases are presented in inverse order of year, though in no particular order as regards month (where given). Where given, ages relate to the stated date, not the current date.

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2017	Alan Allan 34 Stabbed to death	Ruth Carr, 32 www.dailyrecord.co.uk . Carr stabbed to death her boyfriend of just four weeks on the balcony of her flat whilst in her underwear over an argument apparently about money.



Ruth Carr

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Jonathan Baines 44 Stabbed to death	Pamela McLaggan, 51, was convicted of the manslaughter of her partner. She stabbed him after they got home from a day out at the races and after heavy drinking. www.bbc.com



Pamela McLaggan

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	James Knight 26 Stabbed to death	Emma-Jayne Magson, 23, was convicted of the murder of her partner. She stabbed him during a drunken row outside their home. After stabbing him, and with the help of James Knight's brother, she moved him into her house and left him on the floor. It wasn't until later that she called for an ambulance and even then she only said that he had collapsed and didn't mention that she had stabbed him. The court heard that if she had called an ambulance earlier he might have survived.



Emma-Jayne Magson

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Jason Capper 45 Stabbed to death	Lisa Withers, 49, mother of three, was convicted of the murder of her partner. She stabbed him in the back and sternum. He was found in the street and taken to hospital where he later died. Withers stabbed her boyfriend to death just an hour after she complained to her family she was having a shit birthday. www.bbc.com

Shortly afterwards a family row broke out which ended in Withers repeatedly knifing 45-year old Jason Capper in the back and neck. As the victim lay dying in the road Withers was allegedly seen standing over Capper shouting: "I hope you fucking die, you bastard. A 999 call handler overheard her saying: "I've stabbed him – let him die" whilst it was claimed neighbours heard Withers shout: "You deserved it you bastard. It's your own fault you cunt." Capper was stabbed seven times in the back, neck and shoulder and died in hospital less than an hour later despite attempts to revive him.



Lisa Withers

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Jolyon Wray 46 Stabbed to death	Deborah Napier, 53, was convicted of the murder of her partner. She stabbed him in the back with a steak knife while he was on the phone to the emergency services. Sentencing judge Mr Justice Dingemans gave Napier life in jail with a minimum of 13 years and six months. www.bbc.co.uk



Deborah Napier

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Tanveer Iqbal 33 Strangulation	Zatoon Bibi, 37, had been having an affair with Mr Tanveer Iqbal. He ended their relationship after she started to stir up trouble with his wife. So Zatoon Bibi plotted with her ex-husband Gul Nawaz and son Kashim Nawaz to murder him. They lured him to Zatoon Bibi's house with the promise of some birthday cake where they strangled him using items that they had purchased in advance. Zatoon Bibi was later seen in CCTV in disguise disposing of the body of Tanveer Iqbal. His body was found stuffed into a cardboard box in the back of his car. Judge Wall said Bibi was the main instigator of the killing and "recruited the others in her enterprise". She was given 27 years for murder. www.bbc.com



Zatoon Bibi

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Karl Bloxham 39 Stabbed to death	Ellishia Allen, 29, was described as an ex-glamour model. She was convicted of the murder of her boyfriend. She stabbed him with a kitchen knife after he ended their relationship. Allen, who had a previous convictions for assaulting police and being drunk on an aeroplane, got 14 years in prison. www.bbc.co.uk



Ellishia Allen

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Shenol Erol Ali 32 Stabbed to death	Gyuldzhan Hadzhieva was convicted of the murder of her partner. She killed 32-year-old Shenol Erol Ali in the couple's home, above the Bill Nicholson pub. Police found Mr Ali dead and Hadzhieva in a critical condition in rooms above the pub, close to White Hart Lane. Hadzhieva denied murder but CCTV footage showed no one had entered or left the flat around the time of the attack. It was also suggested to officers that Mr Ali had been planning on leaving Hadzhieva. A post-mortem examination carried out at Haringey Mortuary found Mr Ali died from multiple stab wounds. Hadzhieva spent 11 days in hospital after murdering her partner and claimed he had attacked her first. She refused to admit stabbing Mr Ali, even in self-defence. Detective Chief Inspector Andrew Chalmers said Hadzhieva's wounds were "consistent with having been self-inflicted". www.bbc.co.uk



Gyuldzhan Hadzhieva

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Sadie Hartley 60 Stabbed to death	Sarah Williams and Katrina Walsh were convicted of the murder of Sadie Hartley. I have included this one despite not being a partner killing - because it was instead the killing of an ex-partner's new partner (i.e., essentially similar motivation). Sadie Hartley answered the door of her house. She was stunned by a cattle prod before being brutally and savagely stabbed to death. In total, she was stabbed 41 times. The court heard that Williams and Walsh had spent more than 18 months plotting the murder, in order for Williams to win back Ian Johnston. He had been Sadie Hartley's partner since 2005, having split up with Williams following a brief relationship.



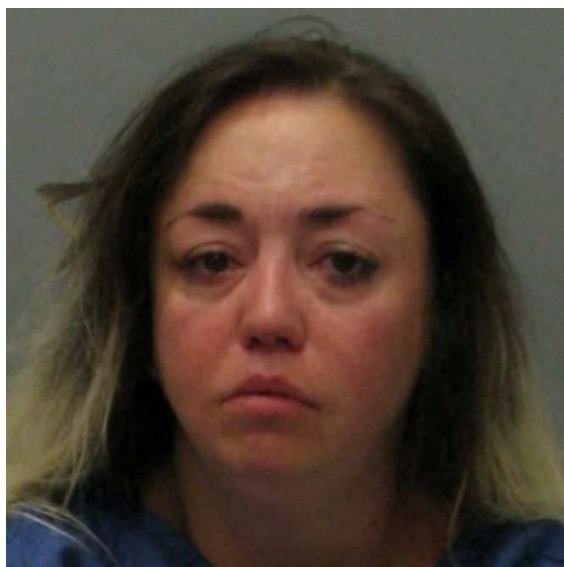
Sarah Williams (left) and Katrina Walsh (right)

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2016	Mark Hopes 45 Beaten to death	Maria Louise Hopes, 46, and Leon Port, her son, were convicted of the murder of Mark Hopes, her husband. The brutal attack left her slippers 'saturated' with blood. Mr Hopes was beaten to death in the living room of his home so violently that blood spattered up the wall almost to the ceiling and bits of a vase matching bloodstained pieces at the property were found embedded in his head wound and in his ear. The bloodied Sky remote control was also found in pieces. Maria Hopes tried to blame her son for the killing, but both were convicted of murder. Although the pair had a violent history, Judge Knowles said the murder was "not a case of an instance where one partner eventually snaps after years of abuse from the other". www.walesonline.co.uk



Maria Louise Hopes and Leon Port

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Stephen Burton 50 Stabbed to death	Julie Titheridge was convicted of the manslaughter of her partner Stephen Burton 50. She stabbed him to death during an argument at their home. www.bbc.co.uk



Julie Titheridge

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Alexander Duncan 59 Stabbed to death	Seka Ritchie, 32, was convicted of the murder of Alexander Duncan. I include it here as a 'partner' killing despite their never having had a sexual relationship - Seka was, in her own words "only interested in females" - because they were reported to have been 'close' at one time. I interpret that to mean Seka was probably taking advantage of Duncan by sponging off him. One remarkable aspect of this case is that Seka had previously been jailed for 12 months for stabbing him in 2003. But she observed that "things were fine between me and Addy. He didn't seem to have any hard feelings towards me. He just said I was 'a silly lassie' for doing it," she said. One can only regard Duncan as the silly one, especially as Seka Ritchie had been accused of four other assaults in Edinburgh between 2010-2013. She is one very violent woman. Despite that, after a chance encounter, Duncan offered friendship and after buying her a drink in a local pub, invited Seka Ritchie and her partner back to his home buying vodka and tobacco en route for them all to share. Seka Ritchie betrayed his trust and friendship and, for reasons that she alone knows and has refused to divulge, she attacked and killed him in his own home in a manner that, the evidence suggests, was completely unexpected and against which he was unable to offer any resistance. www.bbc.com



Seka Ritchie

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Glyn Evans 58 Stabbed to death	Stella Downing, 37, pleaded guilty to the murder of Glyn Evans. She had gone to his home with a friend where they had a row and she attacked him (stabbed him to death). She had an on /off relationship with him, referring to him as her boyfriend. Downing had previous convictions for violence. Exactly what happened and why remains a mystery because Downing has refused to give an explanation. Report here .



Stella Downing

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	David Edwards 51 Stabbed to death	Sharon Edwards, 42, was convicted of the murder of her husband David Edwards. She stabbed him in the heart at their home after he lost his job. They had married only two months earlier in Las Vegas. The jury was told she had beaten her husband throughout their relationship and Mr Edwards had been recorded saying his new wife could "knock him out with one punch" and that she hit "rather hard". She was described as "domineering" and "very jealous". Mr Edwards, a criminal lawyer, was said to have been "under the thumb". Mrs Edwards' 19-year-old daughter - who was a witness for the prosecution - saw Mr Edwards "calling for help" and cleaning blood from his chest. Reports here and here . This case received some attention at the time - which is unusual.



Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Lee Gillespie 26 Stabbed to death	Jodie Willis, Martin Stanislaus and Leigh Burns were convicted of killing Lee Gillespie 26. Martin Stanislaus and Jodie Willis were convicted of murder. Leigh Burns was convicted of manslaughter. Mr Gillespie was Jodie Willis's former boyfriend. The details and motivation for the killing were not revealed. However, it appears that Willis was the instigator and used the two men as her agents. The court heard Stanislaus and Willis travelled to the town and were led to Mr Gillespie by Burns. They chased him to the churchyard where he was brutally attacked and died at the scene.



Jodie Willis

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Norasab Hussain 33 Stabbed to death	Sophie Lou Butler, 20, was convicted of the manslaughter of her partner Norasab Hussain. She killed him by stabbing him in the chest. Hussain himself made an emergency call. But Butler refused to open the door to the ambulance staff. Miss Butler remained inside the flat all night, police said, refusing to answer the door to ambulance staff or police. Mr Hussain was found dead the next day when emergency services finally gained access. (I'm surprised Butler was not convicted of murder in view of that behaviour). www.bbc.com



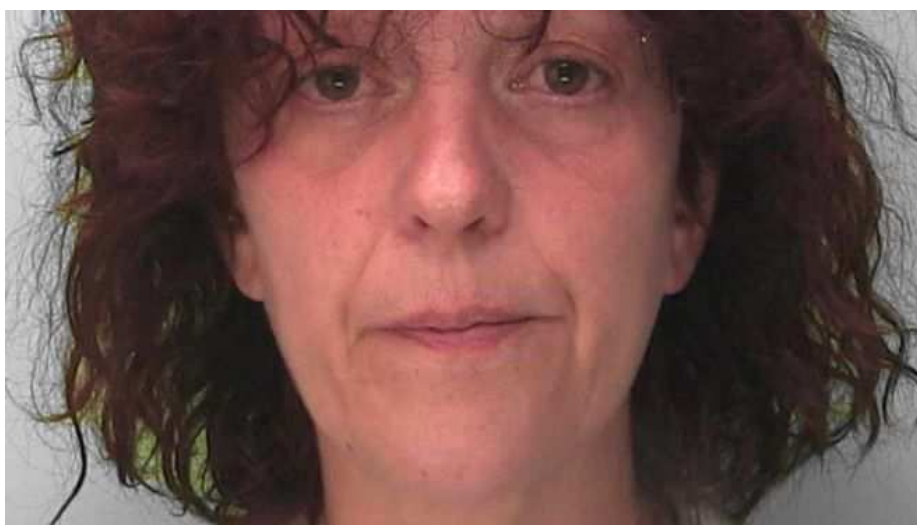
Sophie Lou Butler

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2016	Damon Searson 23. Stabbed to death	Terri-Marie Palmer, 23, was convicted of the murder of her boyfriend Damon Searson. Hairdresser Palmer stabbed her boyfriend to death at a caravan park in Morecambe after a blazing row over him spending too much time on Facebook befriending other women. She gave different accounts of what had happened to the ambulance service and to the attending police officers. She went on to give further different versions during interview and at her trial. Report here .



Terri-Marie Palmer

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2016	Marc Hastings 43 Stabbed to death	Joanne Williams, 51, was convicted of the manslaughter of Marc Hastings, her partner. Marc Hasting's family described him thus: "Despite being subject to maternal abuse before being adopted, he grew up to be a polite and well-mannered man, with childlike qualities." However, Williams told the police she was afraid he was going to rape her. Mr Hasting's body was found naked on the bedroom floor with a single stab wound to the heart. The court heard her 999 call to police. She said: "I just stabbed someone. I stabbed him in the heart. I made sure it was in the heart." She later said: "It was him or me. I could not take anymore. At least I'll get some peace now." It's possible that this was a genuine case of a woman having suffered abuse from her partner - but it depends on what you might choose to believe. Hastings' background of maternal abuse might indicate someone inclined to sexual violence towards women. Who knows. www.bbc.co.uk



Joanne Williams

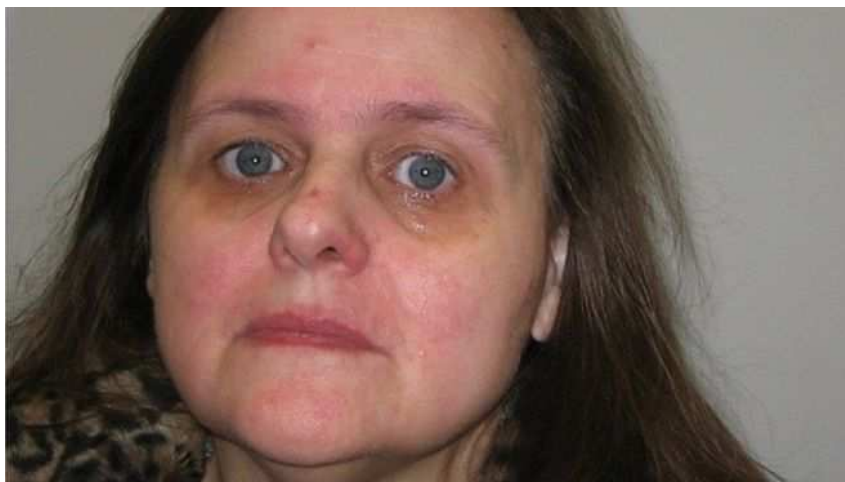
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2015	Phillip Nicholson 22 Stabbed to death	Isabella Gossling, 20, and Richard Moors were convicted of the murder of Gossling's ex-partner, Phillip Nicholson. Nicholson was lured to Gossling's flat where she and Moors had planned to kill him - and did, Nicholson dying from a stab to the neck. His final moments were recorded by Gossling on her 'phone. www.bbc.co.uk



Richard Moors (left) and Isabella Gossling (right)

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2015	Richard Brown 47 and Sophia Christopher 4 Both stabbed to death	Shelley Christopher, 36, was on trial for the murder of Richard Brown (her partner) and Sophia Christopher, and the attempted murder of another child. Technically she was found to not guilty by reason of insanity. She has been detained indefinitely in a secure psychiatric hospital. Christopher was suffering from a psychotic illness and believed her partner and her daughter were vampires. She stabbed Brown 29 times. She killed her daughter with a pencil. A week after killing them and stabbing and throttling another child she took the surviving child to hospital. Officers then visited her home and found the dead bodies of Richard Brown and Sophia Christopher. An 'amusing' aside: the BBC headline reads, "Mother who killed daughter sent to psychiatric hospital for life" - the killing of her partner didn't warrant cluttering up the headline! www.bbc.com

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2015	Douglas Patrick 70 Survived poisoning	Jacqueline Patrick, 54, was convicted of attempted murder of her husband. She put anti-freeze in his cherry Lambrini Christmas Day drink. She was jailed for 15 years. Their daughter Katherine, 21, had encouraged her mother to spike the drink. She was jailed for three years. When ambulance staff arrived, Jacqueline Patrick handed them a fake "do not resuscitate" note. During his hospital stay a blood test confirmed Mr Patrick had suffered from anti-freeze poisoning. A spelling mistake on the note, replicated by Jacqueline Patrick in a police test, confirmed she had written it. Mr Patrick spent several days in an induced coma before having to learn to walk and talk again during a year of rehabilitation. He had already survived an earlier attempt by his wife to kill him the previous October. Despite all this, Mr Patrick told the court he had not wanted to pursue a case against his wife and daughter and did not want to see them put in prison. In a statement he said: "I will never get over it. It broke me. I'm just a shell now. This was a person I was married to for over 25 years. A person I loved and love." Codependency, anyone? Report here .



Jacqueline Patrick

I Douglas Patrick do not wish to be revived as i would like to die with dignaty with my family by my side thank you

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2015	Louis Spires, 68 Suffocation	Lynn Stallard, 67, was convicted of the murder of Louis Spires, her partner. She smothered him with a pillow. Spires was disabled. The court heard Stallard had snapped after a fight and "put a pillow over his head and sat on him". The couple had a "volatile relationship" for 18 years. Stallard had a previous conviction in 1988 for unlawfully wounding a previous partner. She had also received a police caution following an incident in which she struck Mr Spires with a poker, causing a burn and bruising. Stallard had also made a number of complaints against Mr Spires over domestic abuse. She got 'life' (12 years).



Lynn Stallard

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2015	David Butterworth 38 Stabbed to death	Amanda O'Shaughnessy, 29, was convicted of the murder of David Butterworth, her partner. She stabbed him during a row at their home. The court heard that, prior to the murder, O'Shaughnessy had a fierce argument with Mr Butterworth, which she had recorded on her iPhone and which showed her "controlling and domineering attitude" towards him. O'Shaughnessy's version of events, that she acted in self-defence after Mr Butterworth grabbed her by the throat and pinned her against a kitchen unit, was not accepted by the jury. She got 'life' (14 years before consideration for parole).



Amanda O'Shaughnessy

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2015	Graham White 38 Beaten to death	Katie Marie Rose, 30, was convicted of the manslaughter of her partner Graham White after pleading guilty. She attacked him in the street.



Katie Marie Rose

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2015	Norman Bruce 64 Stamped to death	Sandra Bruce, 59, was convicted of the murder of her husband Norman Bruce. They rowed over a packet of cigarettes. The trial heard that Bruce had stamped and jumped on her husband. The former paramedic did not recover from his injuries, which included 20 rib fractures. Bruce told the jury that she could not remember the attack. Mrs Bruce is said to have smirked after being shown a picture of her husband's dead body. She got 15 years. Report here .



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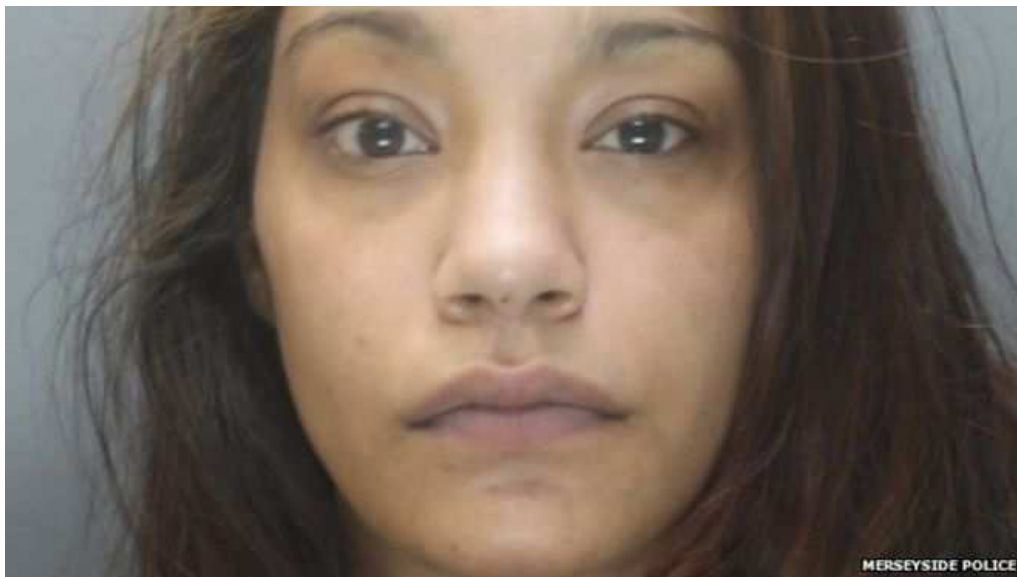
Sandra Bruce

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2015	Peter Hedley 49 Beaten to death	<p>Clare Humble, 50, was convicted of the murder of Peter Hedley 49. Clare Humble and Peter Hedley were in a relationship. She beat and stabbed him to death, tried to dispose of the body by burning but failed, and then buried him in Newburn Riverside Park with the help of a former boyfriend. Humble had previous for attacking her own elderly mother and a neighbour. She got 20 years.</p> <p>The attack on her frail partner was extremely ferocious and grisly. Humble subjected vulnerable Peter Hedley to a sustained onslaught, smashing his face, stabbing him with broken crockery and causing horrific damage to his eye. The judge said, "This was a shocking trial and I don't say that word lightly. You were Mr Hedley's partner, you had been in a relationship with him for seven years and told the jury you and he saw each other as man and wife. Of all people, you knew how frail and vulnerable he was. He trusted you with his happiness and his life and you broke that trust. Only you know exactly what happened but it is clear from the expert evidence you attacked him brutally and over a long period. You punched and kicked him in the face, broke his cheekbone and ribs and left arm. You inflicted several cuts on his back with at least two broken pieces of bowl and possibly with a knife. You stabbed him several times with something sharp, you attacked his eye and maybe tried to gouge it out. You hit him with a heavy, round table top when he was already bleeding, at least three times. He must have suffered dreadfully before he lost consciousness. I am sure, after your initial attack, he would not have been able to resist you or defend himself." Humble was branded a "practised and fluent liar" who had launched a brutal and prolonged attack on Mr Hedley. Report here.</p>



Clare Humble

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2015	Kyle Farrell 21 Stabbed to death	<p>Farieissia Martin, 22, denied murdering Kyle Farrell, who died of a single stab wound to the chest from a knife. But she was found guilty of murder and ordered to serve at least 13 years. Martin had been out drinking with a friend on the night of Mr Farrell's death, the court heard, before she confronted him when she returned home. He had been looking after their children, who are now aged two-and-a-half and one. Although they were no longer a couple they had two young children together and so saw each other regularly. The police said, "It was a volatile relationship and our investigation established that there had been verbal and physical abuse from both sides in the past. Tragically this escalated in extreme fashion on the night Farieissia came back from a night drinking at a friend's house. An argument ensued and for reasons no-one will ever know, she stabbed Kyle fatally in the chest."</p> <p>Report here.</p>



Farieissia Martin

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2015	Robert Dobinson 33 Stabbed to death	Natasha Elderfield, 41, was convicted of the manslaughter of Robert Dobinson, 33, who she stabbed to death on a canal boat. They had had a row about an affair she was having with another man. She stabbed him with a five inch kitchen knife. Elderfield admitted there was a heated argument when Dobinson caught her with her other lover, Tony Steggles. She was cleared of murder but got 9 years for manslaughter. Report here .



Natasha Elderfield

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2015	Thomas Groome 54 Blunt instrument	June Buttle, 56, was convicted of the manslaughter of Thomas Groome, her boyfriend. Buttle was a prostitute and Groome was reputedly her pimp. She killed him by hitting him over the head with a large piece of wood. Mr Groome was the recipient of an 150,000 euros award as compensation for abuse he had suffered as a child in a care home. Buttle seemingly killed Mr Groome to get her hands on this money. After his death she used his Facebook account in an attempt to access the money and even got another man to pose as Mr Groome but was denied access. It is believed Buttle got her son to dismember the body and burn it on a bonfire. (The killing actually took place on New Year's Day 2010, Buttle only confessed five years later). www.dailymail.co.uk



June Buttle

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2015	Mark Cannon 44 Stabbed to death	<p>Nicola Coleman, 40 was convicted of the manslaughter of her partner, or ex-partner, Mark Cannon. The pair had been in a relationship for 14 years, and had been living together at one point, but were living separately at the time of Mark's death. She killed him at her flat in 2008 but was not convicted until 2015. However, psychiatrists diagnosed Coleman with schizophrenia and she was handed a hospital order under section 37 and a restriction order under section 41 of the Mental Health Act for the unlawful killing.</p> <p>On the night of the killing, Cannon ran from Coleman's flat bleeding from many wounds and later died from loss of blood despite receiving swift assistance. He had suffered 13 cuts to his face and a fatal stab wound to the chest as well as at least half a dozen other slashes to his torso. Coleman attempted to claim self defence. Prosecuting council disputed the self-defence line, claiming Coleman had premeditated the attack because she had invited 44-year-old Mr Cannon to the flat on the day and had only bought the knife just days before. Report here.</p>



Nicola Coleman

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2015	Ashley Meadowcroft, 18 Stabbed to death	Rebecca Tootle, 20, was convicted of the manslaughter of Ashley Meadowcroft, stabbing him on her doorstep. He died of blood loss 45 minutes after being admitted to hospital. Meadowcroft's status as her ex-partner is unclear; he was described as her "ex-friend". Meadowcroft appears to have visited Tootle because he had a dispute with her new boyfriend (fiancé). Tootle falsely claimed that Meadowcroft had been armed with the blade. Tootle alleged to the police, "He's a fucking dick, he's stabbed me so I took the knife off him and stabbed him in self defence." She gave herself scratch marks which she claimed had been caused when she wrestled the knife from him. Before the event she had sent text messages in which she talked of ways to justify a "legal killing," the court heard. She sent messages on her mobile phone saying: "I'd love to see him break into my house when I'm there because three legal marks on me and I can actually kill him." She later admitted that Meadowcroft had never had the knife. She got 9 years. Reports here and here .



Rebecca Tootle

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2015	Jamie Belshaw 36 Stabbed to death	Lisa Claire Palmer was convicted of the manslaughter of Jamie Belshaw 36, her partner. She stabbed him at their shared premises. They had a tumultuous and sometimes violent relationship, with fault on both sides. On the evening in question they had both been drinking. Palmer was vague about what had happened, apparently being unsure herself. When asked who had stabbed Belshaw, she replied "I think it was me - yeah, we were arguing". She got 7 years for manslaughter after pleading guilty. see Chronicle Live



Lisa Palmer

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Alan Easton Stabbed to death	Angela Dowling, 48, Matthew Duffy and Stephen Schofield were convicted of the murder of Alan Easton who they beat to death on farmland in Everton, Nottinghamshire. Angela Dowling had become engaged to Alan Easton after she heard that he had inherited £40k but a week later she discovered that he had blown the money already. She then told Matthew Duffy and Stephen Schofield that Alan Easton had acted inappropriately with her daughter and they arranged to kill him. Angela Dowling, Matthew Duffy and Stephen Schofield then took Alan Easton out in their car saying that they were going to celebrate the engagement and they drove to a country lane where Matthew Duffy and Stephen Schofield stabbed Alan Easton nine times, cut his throat and buried him in a shallow grave while he was still alive. Meanwhile Angela Dowling waited in the car. The judge said she was the 'prime mover'. She got 26 years. The three got 74 years between them. Report here .



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Angela Dowling

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Alexander Cameron Survived stabbing	Joycelynn Currie, 48, admitted attempting to murder Alexander Cameron at her home. Currie stabbed her partner five times and has been jailed for 42 months. Currie and Mr Campbell had been in an on-off relationship for about three years at the time of the drink-fuelled row. The argument began when he thought she was using her laptop computer to contact someone else and accused her of having an affair. He slapped her face then told her he had "had enough" and went to bed, ignoring her threat that she was going to kill him. He was dozing when he became aware of Currie standing over him and thought he was being punched. But he was being stabbed. www.bbc.co.uk

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2014	Scott Blackwood 30 Tortured to death	Georgina Smith, 22, Allan Nicol and Thomas Moore killed Scott Blackwood. Allan Nicol and Thomas Moore were convicted of murder, Georgina Smith was convicted of manslaughter (12 years). Though probably not partners in any sexual sense, Smith and Blackwood were flatmates, and in her testimony Georgina Smith said she loved Scott Blackwood. Funny sort of love...At Allan Nicol's home, Thomas Moore beat Scott Blackwood with a barbell whilst Allan Nicol hit his legs repeatedly. Georgina Smith cried 'Finish him, finish him'. Allan Nicol became concerned about the amount of blood in his home and so they took Scott Blackwood back to Blackwood's own home where they continued to torture him. They threw him down some stairs and then Allan Nicol held him up whilst Georgina Smith hit him. Smith claimed the murder was sparked by Moore hitting Mr Blackwood on the nose with a metal bar. She said: "I could hear the sound of bone crunching and Allan was shouting at Scott: 'Lick your blood'." "Scott was shaking and crying. Allan stamped on his face. Part of his ear was bitten off." After they took him into his bathroom and tied him to the bath and bound his ankles with a dog lead. Georgina Smith then got a bottle of turps and attempted to set fire to him. The court heard that Mr Blackwood suffered 72 separate injuries, including scalds and chemical burns. Pathologist Dr Julie McAdam said the head injuries found on Mr Blackwood were usually encountered in car crash victims or people who had fallen from a great height. Moore claimed he would take the rap as he thought Smith was pregnant - but in fact she was not. Reports here and here .



Georgina Smith

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	John Fletcher 53 Stabbed to death	<p>Caroline Loweth, 49, murdered her partner John Fletcher 53 at her flat, stabbing him with an 8 inch long chef's knife. She told the emergency services that he fell on the knife whilst peeling vegetables. She had a history of violence against John Fletcher who had made complaints before only to retract them and make up excuses for his injuries. But a jury decided she was guilty of murder and will serve at least 17 years. The attack was the culmination of "a considerable history of domestic violence." Loweth would regularly lose her temper and stab John. West Midlands Police said Mr Fletcher had made complaints against Loweth on several occasions only to retract them or give a false account about how he suffered injuries. Det Sgt Harry May said: "During this investigation it became quite clear that John Fletcher had suffered many extremely serious injuries at the hands of his partner. Fuelled by alcohol, Loweth would regularly lose her temper and stab John. In one of these attacks, John was stabbed through his bowel and had to undergo intensive surgery to save his life. The sad fact is that if he had followed through with these previous complaints he may still be alive." I cannot help but add that if the police, and society generally, were as alive to male victims of DV as they are to female victims, John Fletcher might have had a better chance. www.bbc.com</p>



Caroline Loweth

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Leonard Pollen 58 Pills & wrist slashing	Ann Pollen, 47, was convicted of the manslaughter of her husband Leonard Pollen 58 who she killed at their home on Hawthorn Road, Enfield in a failed suicide pact. The suicide pact was Leonard Pollen's idea after he was arrested on historic child sex abuse charges in 2012. They took pills and alcohol and cut each others wrists. In his will he wrote 'I have decided to commit suicide and Ann has agreed to join me.' When charged Ann Pollen said 'We were supposed to commit suicide. I did it to both of us.' She was given an 18 month suspended prison sentence suspended for two years. www.bbc.com



Ann Pollen

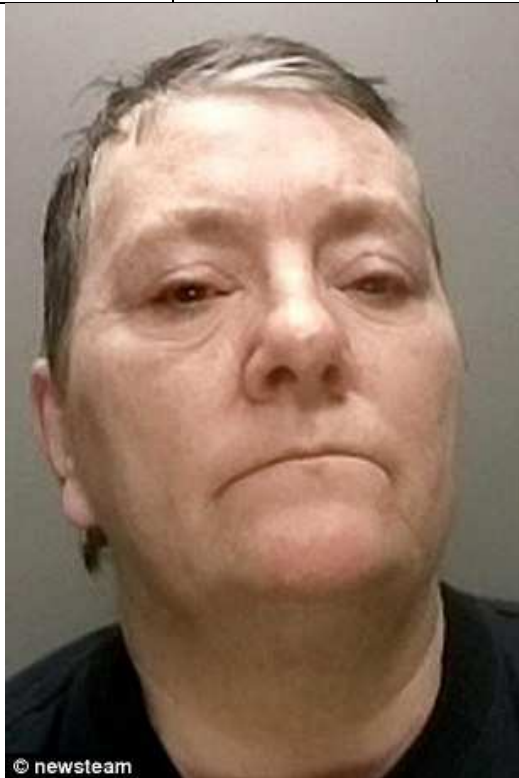
Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Leng Hie Tiong, 38 Survived stabbing	Chooi Cheung, described as a "business woman", attempted to murder her lesbian lover, Leng Hie Tiong, at the latter's home. She stabbed her in the neck and face with a knife as she lay in bed. Cheung started a sexual relationship with Ms Tiong in 2007, despite being married and having two children. She stabbed her lover because she thought she was going to return to Malaysia with £38k that she had leant her. She was found guilty of attempted murder and given life (minimum of 10 years). www.bbc.com



Chooi Cheung

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Geraint Hughes 60 Stabbed to death	Marion Hughes, 59, stabbed her GP husband, Geraint Hughes, through the heart as he lay sleeping. Marion Hughes believed that her husband was having an affair and that they were heading for bankruptcy. The court heard that these beliefs were psychotic delusions. www.bbc.com

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Geoffrey Carter, 58 Fire / smoke inhalation	Susan Buckley, 57, denied murder throughout the trial but was convicted and sentenced to life (minimum 17 years). On Christmas Day, Susan Buckley left Geoffrey Carter with two stab wounds and a black eye before setting his flat alight and leaving him to die from the fumes as he lay passed out. Buckley had piled items on his armchair before setting light to them. Det Insp Gary Plant said: "Susan Buckley deliberately set fire to the inside of Geoffrey Carter's flat, after she assaulted him following an argument between the couple. By doing what she did, she took Geoffrey Carter's life but, if the fire hadn't been controlled as quickly as it was, the lives of others within the block could also have been taken." Mr Carter was rescued by firefighters but died later that day after suffering the effects of breathing in smoke. Report here .



Susan Buckley

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Majid Khan 15 Anum Khan 8 Arson	<p>Fiaz Munshi, 38, was convicted of the manslaughter of Majid Khan and Anum Khan who died in a fire she started in 1997. Fiaz Munshi had travelled with seven others to the house of her ex-boyfriend, Amjad Khan, after he broke off their relationship. They waited until the family had gone to bed. Then petrol was squirted through the letterbox of this family home and it was set alight, killing Amjad's siblings, Majid and Anum. The target had been the whole family, the reason being Amjad Khan himself. The court heard that when Fiaz Munshi's relationship with Mr Khan ended badly in 1997 she became the focus of gossip and was thrown out of the family home with her sister Riaz. One witness described Fiaz Munshi, then aged 21, as "erratic" and like a "psychopath" on the night of the arson, which was fuelled by revenge.</p> <p>Thomas Alexander Liedl, Mohammed Nawaz, Haq Nawaz, Haroon Sharif and Alan John Swanton had been convicted of murder previously. Fiaz Munshi was initially arrested in September 1997 but released due to insufficient evidence. Later in 1997 she flew out to Pakistan, two days before significant evidence was found. Fiaz Munshi returned to the UK in 2004 but due to a processing error of that information she was not arrested until 2012. She was finally brought to book and convicted in 2014. She got 13 years.</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk; Oxford Times; Oxford Times; Oxford Times</p>



Fiaz Munshi

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Scott Dunne Stabbed to death	<p>Alexia Heckles, 35, was convicted for the murder of her partner and father of her child, Scott Dunne. She was jailed for life (minimum 12 years) for stabbing her boxer lover to death after telling him she was going on holiday to Spain without him. She got drunk then knifed Scott Dunne in the heart in the ensuing row. Police found her to have Mr Dunne's blood spattered bank card hidden in her bra when they arrested her. Prior to the killing, neighbours said they heard so many rows through the paper thin walls, they became used to Heckles' 'loud angry voice for hour after hour'.</p> <p>A year earlier, Heckles had been arrested on suspicion of stabbing Mr Dunne in the neck with a smashed wine bottle. Although Mr Dunne told medical staff he had been attacked by his girlfriend, the case was dropped after he changed his story and said he had been injured when he was 'jumped' while walking home from a party late at night. Five months later Mr Dunne himself was arrested outside the flat after Heckles complained he had punched her several times in her bedroom. This case was also dropped after Heckles appeared to taunt Mr Dunne from the doorway of their flat as the officer took him away. He later told police: 'She thinks she is the victim. She loses the plot sometimes.'</p> <p>Heckles not only denied the murder but she refused to enter the dock to listen to the unanimous verdict being returned by the jury. The court later heard she had 41 previous convictions, and had served three jail terms for offences including, robbery, intimidating a witness, wounding and assault. Report here.</p>



Alexia Heckles

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Peter Davegun, 42 Beaten to death	Samantha Adeokun, 41, murdered her partner of six years, Peter Davegun. She was sentenced to life imprisonment, to serve a minimum of 18 years. Adeokun killed her partner in a brutal attack and tried to pass it off as defending herself from assault. But Judge Simon Tonking said: "I am satisfied that you, and you alone, were the aggressor, and you beat him mercilessly and brutally so he was dead or close to death." Adeokun beat Davegun to death using her fists, feet and part of a metal guitar stand. He had extensive bruising and bite marks on his body and had suffered severe internal injuries, a cracked skull and seven fractured ribs. Callous Adeokun waited 40 minutes before she called an ambulance for Mr Davegun - using the time to smoke cannabis and chat to her daughter on the phone. Report here .



Samantha Adeokun

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Barry Wilkins 71 Stabbed to death	Susan Hughes, 48, murdered her partner, Barry Wilkins, who she stabbed 11 times. She then called for an ambulance and whilst talking to them was heard to say 'I wish I had stabbed your throat, love'. She need not have worried about failing to kill him: despite having extensive surgery, Barry did not recover and died in hospital five weeks later. During the trial, Hughes' defence team claimed a loss of control and diminished responsibility, stating that she suffered from Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder. However the jury rejected the defence's claims and unanimously found her guilty of murder. Detective Sergeant Harry May, from the Homicide Case Progression Team, said: "Susan has shown no remorse since Barry's death or during the trial. He was a generous man who gave Susan Hughes a roof over her head; she repaid him in this brutal way. Whilst she was attacking him she called the 999 system and whilst on the phone she was heard attacking Barry, physically and verbally abusing him." She got life (minimum of 12 years). Report here .



Susan Hughes

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Czeslaw Zawadzki 58 Stabbed to death	Miroslawa Dawidowicz, 58, was convicted of the manslaughter of her partner Czeslaw Zawadzki 58. She stabbed him at their home. This may be a genuine case of a female partner striking back after years of abuse, though both she and her partner were serious alcoholics, and the night in question was no exception to their habitual drunkenness. A conviction for manslaughter rather than murder, and a relatively light sentence, reflects the courts view of the abusive back-history. Report here .

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Martin Ackroyd 50 Suffocated and strangled	<p>Nicola Bedford, 30, together with Surjit Singh Sidhu, murdered Martin Ackroyd. Nicola Bedford had been in a relationship with Martin Ackroyd but began an affair with Surjit Sidhu who paid £5000 for her breasts to be enlarged and wanted to marry her. They went to Ackroyd's home and tortured him, beat him, suffocated him with a plastic bag over his head, and then finally strangled him with a length of electrical flex. Then they dumped his body in the bath and returned the next day to clean up.</p> <p>As a child, killer Nicola Bedford had changed school 36 times and left with no qualifications. Her parents divorced when she was seven. Her mother worked as a prostitute. By the time Nicola left school, she had already been working for a year as a prostitute in a brothel, even though she was just 15. By the age of 16 she had become an alcoholic and would drink between eight and 15 cans of super-strength lager a day. In 2000, she was convicted of dealing MDMA. She had four children but two died the day they were born. After developing both a crack and a heroin habit, Bedford began working on the street in Huddersfield's red light area. She got 21 years. www.examiner.co.uk</p>



Nicola Bedford

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2014	Ex-husband (unnamed) Survived stabbing	Andrea Stanton, 53, was convicted of the attempted murder of her ex-husband. Andrea Stanton carried out a premeditated attack on her ex-partner after luring him back to her address following an amicable night out. Following consensual sexual intercourse, she blindfolded him, told him she had a surprise for him then proceeded to stab him in the back with a kitchen knife. Fortunately the blade of the knife hit his shoulder blade, he managed to fight her off and leave the house. He contacted the emergency services and was discovered by the police collapsed in the road. Stanton denied attempted murder but was convicted. She was discovered to have previously written suicide notes to friends and family, which "clearly showed her intention to take his life. www.bbc.co.uk



Andrea Stanton

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2013	Richard Sherratt 57 Battered to death	Emma Bate, 26, and Paramjit Singh murdered Richard Sherratt. It is moot whether Bate and Sherratt should be regarded as 'partners' because she was a prostitute and he was her client. But she sobbed in trial: 'I feel bad because he treated me like a princess'. Sherratt was described as "a wealthy property developer". Emma Bate and Paramjit Singh were both drug users and had gone to his flat in the early hours to get money from him to fund their crack habit and to pay off their debts to drug dealers. Bate and Singh battered Sherratt to death after torturing him for his PIN number. The victim suffered 38 injuries and died from blood blocking his airways. Bate was sentenced to minimum of 25 years in jail, Singh to 18 years. Report here .



Emma Bate

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2013	Wendy Thorpe 42 Lesbian lover Battered to death	Tracy Ashfield, 43, used a concrete swan to batter her lesbian lover, Wendy Thorpe, to death at the home they shared following a row over money. The head and neck of the swan ornament, which broke off during the attack, were found floating in the nearby canal. Fragments from the ornament found in the victim's body revealed the number of blows to have run into double figures. Ashfield, who must serve a minimum of 13 years, then dragged her partner's body to the bottom of the garden and covered it with pieces of wood, carrier bags and other items. She 'phoned the police and confessed the next day. The couple had been together for about four years. Ashfield had previously been violent to Miss Thorpe - causing injuries such as a broken foot - but was never convicted because her partner dropped the charges. Report here .



Tracey Ashfield

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2013	Luke Harwood 18 Stamped to death (Not partner - see right - false rape allegation)	<p>Emma Hall, 21, James Danby and Tony O'Toole were convicted of the murder of Luke Harwood who they beat to death after they thought he had raped a friend of theirs.</p> <p>Harwood shared a council house with his killers. He was falsely accused of rape by an 18 year old woman visitor to the house. She had reported this rape allegation to the police but she later withdrew the complaint. Emma Hall vowed to "fucking kill him" but it was Danby who set upon Luke, punching him so hard he thought he'd broken his knuckles in the process. Hall then drove Danby, O'Toole and a still-conscious Luke to playing fields where Danby and O'Toole took the slightly built young dad to the bank of a stream and "finished him off", with Danby stamping on his victim's head until it exploded. They then burnt their clothes with petrol and cleaned the house. The next day they planned to return to the body with cutters and cut off his fingers and pull out his teeth. But Emma Hall, clearly in a bid to shield herself, notified the police and they were laying in wait for the three of them.</p> <p>Appeal judges declined to reduce O'Toole's minimum term from 17 years, or ringleader Danby's from 25, whilst Emma Hall's minimum term was <i>increased</i> from 15 to 17 years. The judge said, "Emma Hall incited the [attack in Luke's bedroom] and was party to the murder. Luke Harwood wouldn't have been transported to the place where he was killed but for her actions. She contacted police and gave an account of the night's incident, but she was plainly motivated by self-interest in this respect." Report here.</p>



Emma Hall

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2013	Darren Orrett 32 Stabbed to death	<p>Dawn Barr, 42, killed her her ex-boyfriend and father of her four children, Darren Orrett, who she stabbed in the neck. Darren Orrett was described as a "doting dad" but he had left to live at his sister's home after learning that Miss Barr had been cheating on him with one Robert Joyce. On the night of his death, Darren received a phone call from his eldest daughter asking him to call round because she was missing him. Orrett also learnt that Miss Barr was drunk and in charge of the children. Although relatives advised him not to go, clearly fearing a confrontation of some sort, Orrett said 'I can't leave the children in that situation, I need to go'. So Darren visited Miss Barr and his children and whilst there, an argument started with Barr the end result of which was her stabbing him to death. Orrett's sister testified, "the children were his life - he'd have done anything for them." That was the last time she saw her brother, who she described as the 'best' father.</p> <p>Five days before the alleged murder, Miss Barr called the police to the house in the early hours. It is alleged that Mr Orrett was upset and refusing to leave because Mr Joyce was there. Mr Orrett had a cut on his stomach after leaving the property, and complained that Mr Joyce had done it – but police at the scene allegedly suspected it of being self-inflicted, the jury heard. In the days which followed Miss Barr sent a number of messages to loved ones complaining about Mr Orrett's behaviour. She claims he was 'obsessed' and behaving in an unpredictable and threatening manner in this period. In one message to Mr Joyce Miss Barr allegedly said of Mr Orrett: "I'll stab the **** myself because it's on record what an evil controlling bully he is." The following day, Mr Joyce allegedly said in a text to Miss Barr: "Get him gone and we'll be so happy." Miss Barr is alleged to have replied: "Get him gone – I'm gonna kill this *****". Miss Barr and Mr Orrett went Christmas shopping together in Stockport. At one point they separated at the shops – and Miss Barr allegedly bought the kitchen knife which caused Mr Orrett's fatal injury. She went on to tell police at the scene 'he stabbed himself'. Report crimeandjustice.co.uk</p>



Dawn Barr

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2013	Peter McMahon 68 Beaten to death	Sharon Swinhoe, 44, and Joseph Collins murdered Peter McMahon, a former civil servant. Mr McMahon had last been seen alive when he took a taxi to the home of Swinhoe, with whom he had been having a relationship. His body was found six weeks later in December in the chest freezer in Collins's flat. A post-mortem examination revealed he had suffered a number of injuries, including gouging to the eyes. "Swinhoe and Collins targeted him for financial gain, preying on his generosity and then plundering his bank accounts after his death. The judge commented, "Mr McMahon believed they were his friends, but they conspired against him and brutally murdered him. His generosity and good nature were taken advantage of, and he did not deserve for his life to be cut short in this way." Det Ch Insp Paul Young from Northumbria Police, said: "Peter McMahon was a decent, hard-working man who was looking forward to becoming a grandfather. Report here .



Sharon Swinhoe

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2013	Richard O'Rourke Survived stabbing	<p>An Edinburgh woman has admitted attempting to murder a disabled man by stabbing him with a knife and smashing a glass over his head. Yvonne Crawford, 44, turned up at a police station with blood on her hands and announced, "the Devil made me do it" - in reference to the attempted murder of Mr O'Rourke. She has been detained at a psychiatric hospital. Crawford was described as Mr O'Rourke's girlfriend. O'Rourke is an amputee. When officers attended his house after the incident, he answered the door in a wheelchair with blood covering his head and upper body. There were wounds to Mr O'Rourke's head, face and right hand and also a puncture wound on his stomach. There was a lot of blood on the living room floor and hallway. Broken glass was also over the living room floor. Crawford admitted assaulting Mr O'Rourke by striking him with a bottle and with an eight-inch knife in an attempt to murder him. Report here.</p>

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2013	Nusrat Begum 36 Fire But the intended victim was Dawood Hussain	Tina Andrews, 30, and Nusrat Khatoon, 39, set fire to the house where Khatoon's former spouse, Dawood Hussain, was living, killing Nusrat Begum. The divorcee set fire to her ex's home with help of her best friend killing an innocent woman sleeping inside. Nusrat Khatoon was initially sentenced to 14 years, but this was later reduced to six years. Tina Andrews got 10 years. Khatoon married Dawood Hussain the previous year but divorced just four weeks later. Police said she then set about a catalogue of events where she damaged cars and threw paint at the house as well as making offensive phone calls. On one occasion, Khatoon followed and assaulted her ex-husband. Then Khatoon decided, with her best friend and co-defendant, Tina Andrews, to drive to a nearby road where the house could be seen. They drove deliberately without lights so they would not draw attention to themselves. They walked across a park area and approached the house where they set fire to a plant pot outside the front door while there were four occupants in the house. Three of the people could not get downstairs but managed to jump from the first floor into the garden, causing serious injuries and broken bones. Nusrat Begum, 36, was asleep in one of the front bedrooms but was found in the rear bedroom by fire fighters. She had tried to escape but was trapped inside the property; she died as a result of smoke inhalation and burns. Khatoon and Andrews made no attempt to call emergency services but watched the house burn from Khatoon's black BMW Coupe. A passing cyclist called the fire service and took a photo of the blaze on his phone, which enabled detectives to piece together the exact timings of when the fire was started and where the two women were. 'The fire was set by Khatoon and Andrews knowing that people would have be trapped upstairs. Reports here and here .



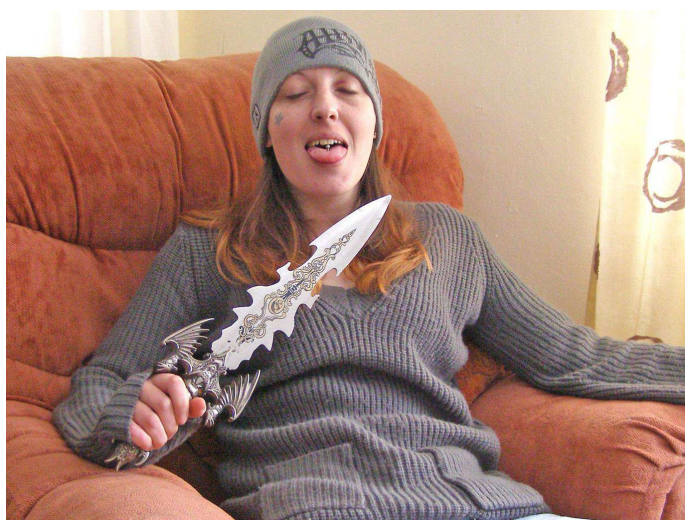
Nusrat Khatoon (left) and Tina Andrews (right)

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2013	Stephen Watt, 52 Survived stabbing	Former army sergeant Elaine Pledge, 55, was found guilty of attempted murder of Stephen Watt in a club. She claimed he had raped her 5 years earlier. They had had an on-off sexual relationship at the time. Pledge used a filleting knife from the club kitchen in the attack, but the blade missed vital organs by sheer good fortune. When Pledge was arrested she told officers she hoped Mr Watt was dead. Pledge was a binge drinker and had been drinking on the night of the attack. Mr Watt told the court that Pledge's husband had an affair with his ex-wife about eight years previously and there was some animosity between the men. When accused in court of raping Pledge, he denied the allegation, saying that the first he knew of it was when he was accused in court. In his victim impact statement, he said he was "absolutely disgusted that Pledge was able to accuse him of such a horrendous crime as rape". To Pledge the judge said, "You perceived some sort of threat or other problem from Stephen Watt who had attended the pub for a quiet drink. The fact is he did nothing. With your judgment clouded by alcohol you went into the club kitchen and found a rather cruel filleting knife and without a word you plunged the knife into his stomach." Pledge was given a 10 year jail term. Report here .



Elaine Pledge

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2013	Lukasz Slaboszewski 31 Kevin Lee 48 John Chapman 56 and attempted murder of two other men Stabbed to death	Joanna Dennehy, 31, confessed (proudly) to the cold blooded murder of three men: Lukasz Slaboszewski, Kevin Lee and John Chapman. She also admitted attempting to murder two other men. She has never vouchsafed her reasons, beyond a curiosity to find out whether she was as cold as she thought she was. Dennehy is usually classified as a serial killer, as indeed she was - her murderous spree was carried out over a short span of days - and the later victims were merely picked at random off the street. The common theme of her victims was only that they were male, though she had a particular 'fondness' for middle aged men walking dogs, apparently. However, it has rather been missed that Dennehy was also a partner killer - twice over. Unfortunate Pole, Lukasz Slaboszewski, made the fatal error of thinking he had met a girlfriend in Dennehy. And Dennehy also murdered Kevin Lee, her landlord and lover, who was said to have become obsessed with her. Fatal attraction, I'm afraid. She stabbed Lukasz Slaboszewski in the heart; Kevin Lee she stabbed in the chest; John Chapman she stabbed in the neck and chest - all in the same month. She then dumped their bodies in ditches around Cambridgeshire. At least some of the bodies were left in a deliberately sexually demeaning condition. I think we can conclude that Joanna Dennehy does not like men. Whilst in prison she has been discovered to have been plotting to kill guards in bids to escape. Her parents are on record as being relieved she is behind bars. She leaves behind two children, God help them. Report here .



Joanna Dennehy

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2013	Michael Kerr, 30 Stabbed to death	Charlotte Coulson and Alicia Davis, both 22, were convicted of the murder of Michael Kerr, said to have 'learning difficulties'. Both defendants were heavy drinkers and, on the day before his death, Davis had sex with Mr Kerr for money so she could buy more alcohol. So this is a case where the status as 'partner' is debateable, being based on a prostitution arrangement. Later there was a heated text message exchange between the two women and Mr Kerr, and in the early hours of the following day they stabbed him to death during a car journey. The pair conducted a violent and vicious attack in which Kerr didn't stand a chance. The court was told they "concocted a vicious story about Michael Kerr trying to rape them in order to exonerate themselves". Davis and Coulson fled the scene, discarding his mobile phone and secreting the weapon as they made their way home to eventually destroy their clothes. Coulson will serve a minimum of 20 years in prison, and Davis will be spend at least 25 years behind bars. www.bbc.co.uk



Alicia Davis (left) and Charlotte Coulson (right)

Date	Victim & method	Killer & link
July'13	Andrew Lyle, 47 Drugged, doused in petrol and set alight Survived	Wife, Karen Lyle, 50 http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2620011/Wife-drugged-husband-doused-petrol-set-alight-jailed-22-years.html

Karen Lyle drugged her husband before dousing him in fuel and setting him alight. She has been jailed for 22 years. Karen had previously searched the internet for 'ways to poison somebody' before secretly administering a strong anti-depressant to husband Andrew. The father-of-two was only saved by the fact he woke up halfway through the 'horrific' attack, which left him traumatised and with life-changing burns,



Karen Lyle

Date of killing	Victim & method	Killer & link
Jul'13	John Sampford, 83 Strangling	Wife Sheila Sampford , 75, She claimed it was a mercy killing, but the judge did not agree http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-26353262

Shiela Sampford, who admitted strangling her terminally ill husband, did not act out of mercy, the judge ruled. Mr Sampford was diagnosed with leukaemia on 6 June'13 and told he had months to live. Judge Foster told Sampford it was clear her husband had taken the news well and had given no indication that he wanted to end his life. He told his daughter Caroline Vant that he wanted to be resuscitated and was planning a full course of chemotherapy. "There was clearly some hope he might survive for some months," he said. "The treatment seems to have been going well. He was positive. What you did in particular was to deprive your daughter of the opportunity to say goodbye to him, and for him to say goodbye to her."



Sheila Sampford

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
30/1/13	Michael Moss 48 Beaten to death	Partner Collette Booth 47 with two others. Collette got a couple of young men to beat Michael up, and he died. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-24040454

Collette Booth arranged for two men to attack her former partner and was jailed for manslaughter. The court heard that a relationship between Booth and Mr Moss had "grown sour". Mr Moss, 48, was attacked and killed in the front room of the house where he had been staying and looking after an elderly occupant, who was in hospital at the time of the assault, the court was told. The killing of Michael Moss, 48, of Ilkeston, was described as a "mindless and violent attack". Mr Moss was described by his family as "a loving father and son, who loved all his children and grandchildren".



Collette Booth

Date of attempted murder	Victim & method	Would-Be Killer & link
2013	Carl Gallagher Plot foiled, he's still alive	Partner Kelly Cliff 40 was convicted of soliciting to murder. She had asked a former neighbour to kill her partner who she had been with for 22 years. The court heard that she had had numerous affairs during that time and wanted him out of the way permanently. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-25354320

Carl Gallagher, who had stayed with Kelly Cliff throughout their 22-year relationship during which she had a string of affairs, survived a plot by Cliff to have him murdered.

Mother-of-two Cliff was found guilty of soliciting Dalton Bowen, a friend of the couple, to murder Mr Gallagher. The jury had been told how Mr Gallagher put up with the repeated affairs by the woman who wanted him dead. He said in a sworn statement read to the court: "The relationship always had its ups and downs and throughout that time I have been aware that she had relationships with other men behind my back."

The couple had married during their long relationship, but divorced seven years ago, before reuniting. Mr Gallagher described how he believed she was being unfaithful again, during the weeks running up to the plot being discovered, after Mr Bowen went to the police. Mr Bowen, aged 45, who had known the intended target for 15 years, was so shocked that he revealed the plot to detectives who arrested Cliff in April.



Kelly Cliff - What is she smoking?

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
22/2/13	Gareth Matthews, 32 Stabbed to death	Girlfriend Rebecca Dormer , 23 http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/11938

Rebecca Dormer of Spring Hill, Whitby, was convicted of deliberately killing 32-year-old Gareth Matthews. The jury heard how Dormer had picked up a 12-inch knife and stabbed Mr Matthews in the chest during a domestic argument. The knife went through Mr Matthews' heart and into his liver, causing severe and, ultimately, fatal loss of blood. They had been in a relationship for a number of years and it is clear from the investigation that it could become volatile, with alcohol frequently being a factor.



Rebecca Dormer

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
May'09 Deportation ruling Apr'13	Piotr Rafacz, husband Repeated stamping on head	Wife Teresa Rafacz . She killed her husband while he was drunk by repeatedly stamping on his head. Rafacz's shoes and jeans were splattered with his blood. The EU does not consider this serious enough to justify deportation. She got a 2 year sentence. http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2304888/Polish-wife-killed-husband-stamping-repeatedly-head-deported-EU-rules.html

A Polish woman, Teresa Rafacz, who killed her husband, Piotr, by repeatedly stamping on his head cannot be deported from Britain because of EU rules.

A judge rejected the Home Office's claim that Theresa Rafacz posed a danger to the public despite her admitting the gratuitous attack. Mr Justice Blake, the UK's most senior immigration judge, ruled that she could stay because her crime did not cross a 'seriousness threshold' under European law.

EU citizens can only be ordered out of the country if they have committed crimes in 'exceptional circumstances.'

Rafacz pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was jailed for two years after Belfast Crown Court was told how she 'lost control' when she came home from work to find her husband Piotr drunk while he was meant to be looking after their three-year-old son.



Teresa Rafacz

can include the dead man's name in the final list (though murderer is unclear)

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2012	Don Banfield 63 Unknown method, body not found	<p>Lynette Banfield, 41, and her retired tax inspector mother, 65 year old Shirley Banfield, were convicted of the murder of Don Banfield but their convictions were later quashed. Mr Banfield disappeared 11 years earlier. No body has ever been found. Prosecutors said that shortly before his disappearance, he had complained of "assaults" which, they argued, were indicative of failed murder attempts by both women. He had also expressed concerns that "they would kill him". The claim was that the two women killed Don Banfield, who had planned to start a new life without them, in order to get his retirement nest egg. Shirley Banfield was claimed to have enlisted the help of their daughter, Lynette, to dispose of bookmaker Don Banfield. Police never found a body, but the court heard how Lynette had written about disposing of a body in a creative writing notebook. In the book she described the smell of a corpse lingering in a car, and how glad she was when she scrapped it. Shirley was initially told she would serve at least 18 years and Lynette was initially given a 16-year minimum term.</p> <p>But their convictions were quashed on appeal. The problem hinged upon the difficulty of demonstrating that both women - or a specified one of them - was to blame. Even a defence lawyer representing Shirley Banfield said he accepted that the "likelihood" was that "one or other" of the women had murdered Mr Banfield. But neither one, nor both, could be convicted. Essentially they (or at least one of them) appear to have got away with murder. But you can see the judge's difficulty in the following observation: "This was an alleged joint enterprise murder with no body, no suggested mechanism of death, no identified day when the murder was said to have occurred, no time and no place, and no suggestion of what happened to the body". The perfect crime, then?</p>



Shirley Banfield (left) and Lynette Banfield (right)

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2012	Lisa Ann Quigley 30 Stabbed to death (lesbian lover)	Shazia Johnston, 25, killed her lover Lisa Ann Quigley who she stabbed in the heart after she taunted her for being a 'mummy's girl'. She had been accused of murder, but was found guilty of the lesser charge of culpable homicide. Johnston said she lashed out to stop an attack on her and her toddler son, but she had no injuries. The couple had a turbulent relationship, including claims that Miss Quigley thought Johnston was cheating on her with men. Johnston disposed of the knife she used to kill Miss Quigley and it was never found. Johnston was jailed for eight years for the killing and a further year for concealing the knife. www.bbc.co.uk



Shazia Johnston

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2012	Lionel Morl 49 Beaten to death	Tracy Hurrell, 32, and David Hardman, 51, murdered Lionel Morl. They kept his body in a suitcase for several weeks until it was discovered by police, called to a separate incident in the neighbourhood, noticed the smell. Hurrell had been living at Hardman's flat but had moved out after a row and became homeless. She then befriended Mr Morl. Hurrell moved in with Mr Morl but she began bullying him, treating the flat as her own and threatened him with a knife. Hurrell and Hardman preyed on Mr Morl to get money to feed their addictions to heroin, crack cocaine and alcohol. Ultimately they attacked and murdered him, stuffed him into the case and continued to collect his benefits cheques. Mr Morl's post office card - which he used to withdraw his fortnightly invalidity benefit of £200 - went missing twice before he died, and continued to be used after the killing. Hurrell and Hardman each initially blamed the other for his death. Hardman finally admitted the charge, but Hurrell denied it and was found guilty of murder at trial.



Tracy Hurrell

Year of conviction	Victim & method	Killer & link
2012	Winston Fernandez 69 Beaten to death	Natalia Woolley, 38, of West Kensington, London, denied murdering Mr Fernandez but was found guilty of manslaughter. She fractured 17 of Mr Fernandez's ribs and broke his larynx in two places. Woolley was a Russian prostitute (so designation as 'partner' is debateable). The last call made from Mr Fernandez's phone was to a mobile number belonging to Woolley. Clearly she had attended his premises voluntarily in the capacity of seeing a client. But Woolley claimed that Mr Fernandez locked her in his house and demanded she perform sex acts and attacked her by pinning her down and grabbing her legs. Woolley also said Mr Fernandez's injuries were caused when she slipped and landed on him. She also cut Mr Fernandez's telephone wires. It was a number of weeks until his body was found and during this period Woolley made no attempt to contact the police or seek medical help for Mr Fernandez. Instead she tried to cover her tracks by deleting messages and changing her phone number. www.bbc.co.uk



Natalia Woolley

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
25/2/12	Sean Martin 21 Stabbed to death	Girlfriend Shaniece Dobson , 21. She caught him on the 'phone to his ex. He had only been arranging for his former girlfriend to take his pet dog. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-21276307

Shaniece Dobson, 21, stabbed Sean Martin, also 21, in front of his younger brother and sister at her home in Coatbridge, North Lanarkshire. Ann, 17, and 15-year-old Paul Martin both told how they witnessed Dobson attack 21-year-old Sean in a jealous rage after she caught him on his mobile phone to an ex. Dobson went to the kitchen, grabbed a large knife and returned to plunge it into Sean's chest, they said. The seven-and-a-half inch blade pierced both lungs and sliced open both his windpipe and his main artery. He collapsed and died within minutes from massive blood loss. It emerged in evidence that Sean, from Coatbridge, had only been arranging for his former girlfriend to take his pet dog.



Shaniece Dobson

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
9/1/12	Alan Kopp 30 Stabbed to death	Partner Susan Colquhoun . She claimed he had been stabbed in the street and had staggered back to their house. She was only caught because she confessed to a friend some months later, who reported to the police. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-20945007

Susan Colquhoun fatally stabbed her partner in the back during an argument at their flat in South Lanarkshire. Colquhoun and Mr Kopp had argued because she would not let one of his friends into their house. During the row she stabbed him in the back, inflicting a wound from which Mr Kopp bled to death. After the attack, she washed her hands, wiped the knife clean on her housecoat and threw it from the balcony of the flat in Kelvin Gardens.

But Susan Colquhoun claimed Alan Kopp had staggered back to their home after being attacked in the street. She nearly got away with it.

During the investigation into Mr Kopp's death more than 400 witnesses were questioned by police. One wonders why the police were not more suspicious when no one had seen anything untoward out on the street. Colquhoun was questioned three times during the inquiry but stuck to her story. The court heard, however, that 3 months after the event, Colquhoun told a friend what she had done. Boasting? Thankfully the friend told the police.

Colquhoun was charged with murder but admitted culpable homicide and attempting to cover up her crime. Her background included a conviction for assault and severe injury. The judge took the view that she was a danger to the public.

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
Mar'12	James Dornan 33 "Glassed"	Girlfriend Natalie Scott , 27, http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-21296367

Natalie Scott pleaded guilty to culpable homicide after killing her partner with a wine glass. Natalie Scott was standing trial at the High Court in Glasgow for murder, but admitted the reduced charge. Scott, 27, admitted striking James Dornan, 33, at their home in Stirling in March last year after he "flew into a rage" and claimed she was the victim of "systematic" domestic abuse. (This appears to have been a genuine case in which previous abuse by Dornan was a significant mitigating factor in Scott's action).



Natalie Scott

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
1/5/12	John Whyte 50 Stabbed to death	Elizabeth Reid 58 Regular drinking partners, whether 'partners' in the usual sense is not clear. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-21691439

The jury found Elizabeth Reid guilty of murdering John Whyte during a drunken disturbance at a flat in the city. Elizabeth Reid had denied murdering John Whyte with a knife, or similar instrument. At the High Court in Aberdeen, the jury convicted Reid, by majority, of killing the 50-year-old.

Reid admitted her actions at the outset, notably to those first emergency responders who tried in vain to save Mr Whyte's life. However, a main artery in his neck had been irreparably damaged and he didn't stand a chance.

The court had heard that Mr Whyte had thrown a cup of alcohol over Reid, who had then walked to the kitchen, retrieved a knife and stabbed him before returning the knife to the kitchen cupboard.



Elizabeth Reid

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
6/11/12	Edward Miller 20 She stabbed him 24 times with extreme force	Partner Michelle Mills 31. She claimed he had abused her, but at the trial it came out that she had a history of abusing her partners. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-22293984 . http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2303336/Scalford-mother-Michelle-Mills-31-killed-young-lover-Edward-Miller-20-stabbing-24-TIMES.html

Michelle Mills stabbed Edward Miller 24 times with such force that the handle of the knife broke away from the blade. Mills then waited 20 minutes before raising the alarm as her besotted partner lay dying on the living room floor of their cottage in the upmarket Leicestershire village of Scalford.

The jury heard that minutes before the killing Mills had texted one of her 70 previous lovers and told him: 'I still love you and always have. I'm sorry xx.' In a second text she wrote: 'I wish I'd never let you go xx.' Moments later she took a kitchen knife and repeatedly stabbed Mr Miller to death as he sat drinking wine on their sofa.

The jury heard that Mills was Eddie's first serious girlfriend. He was 18 when they met, to her 29. Yvonne Coen QC, prosecuting, said 'Michelle Mills was considerably older than her boyfriend and obviously had a good deal more life experience.

She told police her 20-year-old boyfriend had been violent to her but the trial heard she had attacked previous partners. And Eddie had told his dad, Colin Miller, that Mills had previously pulled a knife on him. In fact she had previously attacked three other former boyfriends with a knife.

Det Insp Lee Hill said: "Michelle Mills is a violent, self-centred and manipulative woman who was happy to portray herself as the victim of domestic violence at the hands of a number of her partners, including Eddie Miller." At Lincoln Crown Court today, judge Michael Heath passed a life sentence on Mills and described her as a 'manipulative woman' who had shown no signs of remorse.



Michelle Mills

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
July 2012	Colin Ballinger 66 Suffocated. He was terminally ill.	Partner Joyce Evans 69. Was it or was it not a mercy killing? http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-22062512 http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-22569668

Joyce Evans killed her terminally ill partner, Colin, because she could not cope with caring for him. The court heard Evans put pressure on Mr Ballinger's neck and put a bag over his head, before telling a neighbour: "I think I've killed Colin. He was getting on my nerves."

She had been reluctantly caring for the former soldier for six months. Psychiatrist Dr Piyal Sen told the Old Bailey: "She felt trapped with no way out." Richard Carey-Hughes QC, for Evans, said: "She was probably the last person in the world to become his carer."

She was found guilty of manslaughter, but given only a suspended sentence.

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
20/11/12	Ian Graham 51 Stabbed to death	Partner Louise Cox 45. She tried claiming self-defence but the jury didn't wear it. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-wiltshire-22551451

Louise Cox, 45, of Newtown, Trowbridge, admitted stabbing Ian Graham, 51, at his flat in Beaufort Mansions, Stallard Street, Trowbridge, in November. She had denied the murder charge on the grounds of self-defence, but the jury at Bristol Crown Court returned a unanimous guilty verdict.

Mr Graham was stabbed with a kitchen knife on 20 November and sustained a 12cm (5in) deep wound that penetrated his lung. An ambulance was called but he was pronounced dead on arrival at the Royal United Hospital in Bath.

After stabbing her partner, Cox fled the scene and was arrested by officers at Trowbridge train station. The court was shown footage of Cox stating she wanted Graham dead.

"By pleading not guilty to the charge of murder, Cox has refused to take any responsibility of her actions," said Det Ch Insp Ian Saunders from Wiltshire Police. "She forced Mr Graham's family to endure a trial."



Louise Cox

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
13/5/12	Alan Clinch, 48 Stabbed to death with scissors	Wife Sandra Clinch , 49 Classic case of long term partner abuse ending in death http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2224835/Sandra-Clinch-49-stabbed-husband-dead-scissors-wouldnt-help-tidy-up.html

A four-times married Sandra Clinch stabbed her latest husband to death with a pair of dress-making scissors because he wouldn't help her clean the house. She lashed out – stabbing Mr Clinch in the heart and lungs with dressmaking scissors – after he told her to 'shut up'. The blades of the scissors penetrated ten to 12cm into his chest. The blade caused serious injury to his left lung and his heart and he bled to death.

The mother-of-five killed Alan Clinch after a 'blazing row' over his refusal to tidy up before some friends came over for Sunday lunch. Clinch was nicknamed the Hulk by neighbours because of her mood swings and violent temper, the court was told. They could hear her shouting and ranting at her husband at least once a week.

Sandra was known to have a violent temper. Her family testified that she regularly lost her temper and attacked them, sometimes using household objects as weapons. She was married three times before Alan. Neighbours would often see and hear the couple arguing. A neighbour testified that 'About once a week I would hear very one-sided, heated rows. Only one voice was heard, the voice of Sandra.' He added that he closed his doors and windows because of the noise and the language used and described the defendant as 'aggressive and scary'. The court heard that Clinch had joined her husband working at Homebase and their manager Michael Radford, described an incident when he saw Clinch attack her husband in the car park. Lisa Townsend, who lived next door to the Clinch family, described American car enthusiast Mr Clinch as 'lovely, very helpful and hard-working', but said he had become withdrawn lately.



Sandra Clinch

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
17/8/12	Darren Dempsey 37 Stabbed to death	Partner Cherie Anne Cooper 25 stabbed Mr Dempsey in the chest, killing him. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-20686494

The court heard that police and paramedics were called to a house in Briardale Road, Birkenhead after receiving reports of a disturbance. Miss Cooper shared the property with Darren Dempsey, her partner of five years and they have a two-and-a-half year-old son together.

Friends and family of Mr Dempsey released Chinese Lanterns in Birkenhead Park shortly after the news of his death in his memory and touching tributes have been posted on Facebook. Cooper pleaded guilty to Darren's murder at Liverpool Crown Court and she was told she would serve a minimum of 13 years in prison.



Cherie Anne Cooper

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
2/3/12	Karl Jones 37 blunt force abdominal injuries and injuries to his jaw.	Partner Maxine Oliver 44. Jones died from abdominal injuries. She denied having caused the injuries and was the person that called the ambulance. The court heard that after the beating she stripped Jones and put his clothes in the washing machine to get rid of any forensic evidence. Also that neighbours heard screams and loud banging around the time of the murder. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-surrey-20137349

Maxine Oliver from Surrey has been jailed for life for murdering her partner in what police described as a brutal attack. The body of Karl Jones was found in the home he shared with Maxine Oliver on Shawfield Road in Ash in the early hours of Friday 2 March 2012. A post-mortem examination found the 37-year-old died from blunt abdominal injuries. He also had injuries to his jaw.

Surrey Police said the couple were known to have a volatile relationship. According to the police, the emergency services were alerted by a call from Oliver but she denied any responsibility or involvement in her boyfriend's death. Det Ch Insp Claire Pridgeon, of Surrey and Sussex Major Crime Team, said: "This was a brutal attack for which Maxine Oliver has never revealed a motive or shown any remorse."



Maxine Oliver

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
14/10/11	Kevin Carter, 30 Stabbed 19 times	Ex-Wife, Janice Carter , 29 http://www.kentonline.co.uk/kentonline/news/2012/april/3/janice_carter_murder.aspx

Janice Carter was jailed for life after being found guilty of murdering her partner - just hours after he was released from a prison, having served an 180-day sentence for motoring offences. She plunged a kitchen knife through the heart of Kevin Carter during a frenzied attack at their home.

Carter admitted stabbing her ex-husband in self-defence but denied murder. She knifed him 24 times after a reunion between the couple turned sour during an argument. Passing sentence, Judge Adele Williams told her: "It started out as a defence - but turned to attack."

The pair had a long history of alcohol-fuelled domestic violence. Although they had divorced three years before the murder, they had recently got back together. There were some sources of tension between the two of them in the run up to Kevin's release from prison. One of these concerned the arrangements for the terms of his release which involved the installation of an electronic tagging device in their flat - about which Janice was unkeen.



Janice Carter

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
29/12/11	Paul Norfolk, 77 (her lover) Beaten with hammer	Girlfriend Bunthawee Rimmer , 48. She killed him right after he'd changed his will to leave everything to her. http://murderpedia.org/female.R/r/rimmer-bunthawee.htm

Bunthawee Rimmer bludgeoned to death her pensioner lover with a claw hammer after he changed his will to leave her £340,000. She launched the frenzied attack on veteran soldier Paul Norfolk with a 12oz hammer as he slept.

Rimmer arrived in Britain in 1998 after her late husband Geoffrey Rimmer met her on a Thai beach where she was selling doughnuts. After Mr Rimmer died, Bunthawee started a sexual relationship with Mr Norfolk - her dead husband's best friend. The judge opined that 'Paul Norfolk was by all accounts a well liked, decent man. His death is a tragedy for his family'.



Bunthawee Rimmer

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
4/6/11	Shaun Corey 42 Doped, tied up, strangled and suffocated	Partner Karen Otmani 42. She doped his beer, tied him to her bed and then strangled and suffocated him with a plastic bag after she discovered he had been unfaithful to her. Nice story this one. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-20268715

Karen Otmani, who is also known as Tammy Cameron or Karen Boyce, doped Shaun Corey's beer, tied him to her bed and then strangled and suffocated him with a plastic bag after she discovered he had been unfaithful to her. Otmani, of Stanstead Road, then hid the body in a green wheelie bin in her bedroom for 11 days.

Jurors heard that Otmani had been talking about getting rid of Mr Corey and had asked another boyfriend to experiment with some "blue liquid" to see if it would knock him out. Her new boyfriend, Keith Jones, rang the police after visiting the flat and being told "he's in there", the court heard. She said she'd measured her freezer but it was too small and she needed to get a bigger freezer.

The court heard Otmani told officers: "I killed him. He freaked me out and I killed him."



Karen Otmani

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
28/3/11	Carlos Vilela 45 Burnt alive	Wife Georgina Vilela 45. She poured petrol on her husband Carlos 47 and set him on fire. The lives of her four step daughters were also endangered, and some were injured, in the house fire which followed. She just watched. https://warband.wordpress.com/category/murder/page/2/

Georgina Vilela, a wife with a fiery temper, killed her husband by pouring petrol over him as he slept and setting fire to him in bed. She was found guilty of murder and arson with intent to endanger life. The action was apparently prompted by her husband having fathered a child by another woman. Georgina was herself unable to bear children.

She set fire to their property knowing that four of her husband's six daughters, aged 13 to 21, were inside. She then left the property and watched as neighbours and emergency services battled to rescue Carlos and his daughters. The most seriously injured daughter, Josefina then aged 14, suffered 60 per cent burns in the blaze and had to be rescued from inside the house by the fire service. She was resuscitated by emergency services at the scene and has suffered life changing injuries including amputation of both legs and one arm. Another of the daughters, aged 17 at the time, suffered a broken pelvis and leg after she jumped from the first floor window. The 21-year-old daughter suffered smoke inhalation as well as cuts and bruises, while the 13-year-old girl was rescued by neighbours as she climbed onto a porch roof.



Georgina Vilela

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
Oct'11	Arunas Ramanauskas stabbing	Partner Eliska Novotna 23 http://www.itv.com/news/border/update/2012-06-19/nine-year-sentence-for-borders-farm-killer/

Eliska Novotna tied up her housemate and stabbed him six times after they played “sex games”, killing him. She denied murdering Arunas Ramanauskas. She claimed she stabbed him in the chest with a kitchen knife in self-defence because she feared he would sexually assault her. A jury took less than two hours to convict her by majority of the lesser crime of culpable homicide.

Novotna said Arunas started touching her “lovingly” after she went to his bedroom to watch a DVD she had loaned him. She said she asked him to stop and then went into the kitchen. She then returned to his room, where he took her top and bra off. She said: “He was touching me. I didn’t want it to happen.”

Asked why she went back to Arunas’s bedroom, Novotna said she had wanted to know what time he planned to drive her to work in the morning.

Novotna said she told Arunas she was shy and did not want him to see her naked. Then she tied a dressing gown cord around his neck and eyes. She then left the room and put a knife in her pocket before returning, still topless. Then she stabbed Arunas to death.



Eliska Novotna

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
27/12/11	Martin Rusling, 44 Stabbed	Partner Carol Kemp , 45. http://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/9732749.UPDATED_Life_sentence_for_online_murderer/

Carol Kemp killed Martin Rusling by stabbing him through his heart in a moment of rage. Carol Kemp and Martin Rusling had been in a relationship for approximately seven months. The couple met on an internet dating website. Ms Kemp had hoped that she and Mr Rusling would eventually set up home together.

The couple spent some time together over Christmas at Mr Rusling's home in Portland. During this time, according to Ms Kemp, Mr Rusling seems to have indicated that he did not wish her to move in with him. Ms Kemp admitted to feeling frustrated and depressed and stated that there was an argument between the two of them. It seems that shortly after this Mr Rusling received the fatal wound to his heart.

Kemp, when arrested, initially told the police that she did not mean to kill him and appeared to take responsibility for Mr Rusling's injuries. She maintained this version for two days and then gave a new statement where she said that Mr Rusling was accidentally stabbed while he tried to stop her committing suicide.

The court heard that Kemp had a history of self-harm and had a history of abusive relationships. Mrs Justice Dobbs said: "The jury has rejected your evidence. I do not accept the submission that you picked up the knife to use on yourself." Several people gave testimony as to Mr Rusling's kind and gentle nature.



Carol Kemp

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
2011	Alan Meeking 49 Husband Car crash	Wife Caroline Meeking 45 killed her husband during a row when she pulled the handbrake of the car he was driving whilst going 60mph. They had spent the day drinking and Alan had blood alcohol level of 168mg/100ml. The car spun out of control and into an on-coming vehicle. http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/4043588/Wife-jailed-over-handbrake-killing.html

A WOMAN who killed her husband by grabbing the handbrake of their car as they sped along at almost 60mph has been jailed. Caroline Meeking was having a drunken row with husband, Alan, when she sent their car spinning uncontrollably into an on-coming vehicle.



Caroline Meeking

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
Jun'11?	David Twigg Suffocation/fire	Partner Julie Dixon (43). David Twigg died as a result of inhaling smoke after he was locked in a store cupboard at his joinery workshop in Burgh Le Marsh and a fire lit outside the door. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lincolnshire-16393773

Julie Dixon murdered her fiancé by locking him in a cupboard and starting a fire. She received a life sentence. Julie Dixon from Lincolnshire admitted murdering David Twigg but said it was part of a suicide pact. The court rejected that claim.

Judge Michael Heath said Mr Twigg did not want to die. The judge told Dixon: "What you did to him was evil in its conception and execution." He added that Dixon's lies were worthy of an Oscar nomination. "Her performance in the 999 call and to the emergency crews at the scene, including to the firefighters and at the hospital, would have been worthy of the highest praise had she been an actress in some fictional drama and would have warranted an Oscar nomination."

Judge Heath stated that the murder was 'pre-meditated' and that Dixon's account during the hearing was a 'pack of lies'. He described the evidence as 'overwhelming' and stated that Dixon had 'lied and lied and lied'.

Julie was responsible for the book-keeping of David's business, but concealed from him that she had run up huge debts and that she was facing a bankruptcy hearing. It would appear that this fact played a part in the true motivation for the murder.



Julie Dixon

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
2004 and 17/10/10	Kenneth Quy and Carl Everson, 41 Stabbing/stamping	Tracey Antoinette Van Dungey , 37 / 43 Partner to Quy, no relation to Everson http://murderpedia.org/female.V/v/van-dungey-tracey.htm

Tracey Van Dungey had already been convicted of the manslaughter of her former partner Kenneth Quy in 2004 and had served 42 months for that offence when she was also found guilty of murdering Carl Everson in 2010.

Carl Everson was found dead at a house in Sugden Way, Barking, east London. He had suffered stab wounds to his neck and had been stamped on so hard a shoe imprint was left on his shoulder. Two women were charged with murder, Van Dungey and Kelly Gentry, 40, of Bedford Road, Tottenham. Gentry was cleared of murder but convicted of grievous bodily harm with intent. Van Dungey was convicted of murder. She was jailed for life with a minimum of 19 years before parole.

The two women attacked Mr Everson after inviting him to Van Dungey's birthday party. Van Dungey, who suffered from alcohol dependence syndrome, had a history of violence towards vulnerable and elderly men. Mr Everson had moved to Norfolk to beat his drinking problem but was befriended by the two women in the street while visiting his daughter in London for her 10th birthday.



Tracey Antoinette Van Dungey

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
Oct'10	Andrew Oates 44 Hammer to head	Partner Sharon Hollinsworth , 44, with her children Christopher Hollinsworth, 19, and Natalie Hollinsworth, 22. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-19061466

Sharon Hollinsworth admitted murdering her partner in the Aberdeenshire town of Peterhead. Her children Christopher and Natalie Hollinsworth admitted conspiracy to murder. Mr Oates, 44, had died of blunt force head injuries consistent with the use of a hammer.

Sharon Hollinsworth described the victim as a "violent bully". Advocate Kath Harper said the Crown accepted that Sharon Hollinsworth had been assaulted by Mr Oates during their relationship.

The court heard of text messages exchanged between the three accused in the run-up to the attack describing a plan. The thrust of the communications demonstrates there was a plan to get rid of him with a hammer. Sharon Hollinsworth said it was her intention to bury the body in the back garden. She started to dig but could not go through with it.



Sharon Hollinsworth

Date of murder	Victim & method	Killer & link
27/1/09	Lakhvinder "Lucky" Cheema, 39 (her ex-lover) Poisoning (aconite)	Girlfriend Lakhvir Kaur Singh , 40 " <i>The Curry Killer</i> " Jealousy - he dumped her for another woman. http://murderpedia.org/female.S/s/singh-lakhvir.htm

Lakhvinder Cheema was murdered in Southall, West London, by his former lover, Lakhvir Kaur Singh through the use of the poison aconitine. Singh became known as "The Curry Killer" due to the food to which the poison was added. The case is of note due to the unusual and cruel method of killing and degree of premeditation, with Singh travelling to India to procure the ancient poison aconitine. Singh received a life sentence with a 23 year minimum term.

Singh had engaged in a 16 year affair with Lakhvinder Cheema after his first marriage had failed. The main event leading up to the murder of Cheema was his breaking off the sixteen-year affair he had been having with Singh to marry a younger woman in October 2008. After the break-up, Cheema had been hospitalized for a week with suspected poisoning after consuming a meal prepared by Singh. A month later, Singh returned from a trip to India with the aconite that would later be used in the murder. On 27 January'09 Singh went to the victim's home and laced a curry in his refrigerator with the poison, knowing that he and his fiancée were planning to eat the dish that evening.

After the curry dinner, Cheema began to vomit, and his face became numb; he soon lost vision and the use of his limbs. Though his sister was able to get the couple to a hospital, Cheema died within an hour of arrival. Choough suffered the same symptoms, but was placed into a medically induced coma and made a full recovery. During a 999 call, Cheema stated he had been poisoned by his ex-girlfriend.

The case gained attention due to the particularly cruel nature of Cheema's killing. Victims of aconite poisoning suffer severe vomiting, become paralysed and have the sensation of ants crawling over their body. Their organs stop working and they die from asphyxiation, yet they remain conscious throughout. The case was also unusual, as the last prosecution for murder using aconite was that of George Henry Lamson in 1882.

The trial took place at the Old Bailey in 2010. Singh attempted to blame her brother-in-law Varinda for the crime but a lodger had witnessed her taking the curry out of the fridge on the day of the murder. It was also revealed that a plastic bag containing brown powder was found in Singh's coat. She had claimed this was medication for a rash on her neck, whereas it was in fact aconite, matching the poison found in the curry.

Singh was convicted on 10 February 2010 of the murder of Lakhvinder Cheema and grievous bodily harm against his new fiancée who survived the attack.



Lakhvir Kaur Singh