



Remembering and Responding

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Maryland Domestic Violence Fatality Review Council Coordinator's Update

Recent Domestic Violence Homicides

As many of you know, MNADV tracks domestic violence-related fatalities each year. The purpose of this update is to highlight two recent homicides.

BALTIMORE COUNTY

On March 5th in Dundalk, Timothy Virts, age 38, stabbed his ex-partner Bobbie Jo Cortez, age 36, and kidnapped one of their children, Caitlyn Virts, age 11. It is believed that Caitlyn's brother and sister were also in the home at the time of the murder. Some of you may remember the Amber alert that went out that day. A hotel worker in South Carolina recognized the pair from the Amber alert and notified the police who brought Timothy into custody. For additional information about the case, click [here](#).

BALTIMORE CITY [Homicide occurred in Virginia]

The second homicide occurred less than a week later. Two Baltimore residents, Kelvin Forde, age 50, and Ruby Forde, age 55, were driving in Loudoun County, VA when they got into an argument. Kelvin Forde shot and killed his wife, Ruby Forde, during the argument. Kelvin had a domestic violence charge against him from 2004, where the final protective order was dismissed. Kelvin and Ruby had a divorce pending. For additional information about the case, click [here](#).

Please continue to send the MNADV information related to homicides occurring in your county. For information on the July 2012—June 2013 domestic violence-related deaths in Maryland click [here](#).

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Anne Arundel County, Est. 2003

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About the patchwork design: The patchwork symbol represents the different voices and perspectives on Fatality Reviews Teams that come together with the common goal to effect change. The cross bottony in each corner marks the counterchange—the implementation of recommendations—that occurs in the four corners of the state as a result of fatality review.

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