



Femicides in Ontario
December 2023

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FEMICIDE
BECAUSE...

DECEMBER 1ST - DECEMBER 31ST, 2023

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Quick Facts

- OAITH's femicide definition includes a gender-based killing of a woman, child, trans woman, 2-Spirited Person, or gender non-conforming individual where a man has been charged in relation to the death

OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)					
Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
1	0	0	0	0	1

Unconfirmed Femicides

Total: 2

Central Region



Jane Doe, Unknown Age - East Gwillimbury, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeEastGwillimburyTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeEastGwillimburyNewmarketToday>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeEastGwillimburyCTVNews>

North Region



Jenna Ostberg, 21 - Thunder Bay, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JennaOstbergNationalPost>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JennaOstbergTBNewsWatch>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JennaOstbergCBCNews>

Newly Confirmed Femicides From Previous Months

Total : 1

Central Region



Xu Guo, 34 - Markham, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/XuGuoTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/XuGuoNewmarketToday>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/XuGuoCTVNews>



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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT



OAITH Releases 2022-2023 Femicide Media Analysis

In December 2023, no femicide cases have been confirmed, however we continue to monitor media reports for further police disclosure on two unconfirmed femicide cases. Additionally, there was one case, from November 28th, which has been confirmed as a femicide within the current reporting year.

As a part of our femicide research, OAITH, in partnership with Dr. Mavis Morton and the University of Guelph have developed a media analysis framework to examine and code news coverage of femicides. Since 2015 - 2016 an annual analysis of national, local and television coverage of Ontario femicides has been conducted. In December OAITH released the 2022-2023 Femicide Media Analysis. This year there have been some notable changes in how femicides are reported and framed within media reporting. Specifically, there has been a decrease in the use of some negative media frames, including racialization and victim-blaming that uphold racial and gendered stereotypes. This can misrepresent the issue of femicide and misdirect blame by placing blame or responsibility onto the victim as opposed to male's violence and the men responsible for these killings. There have also been notable improvements over the last few years in how femicide cases are contextualized within media reports, with identification of the root causes of violence and the connection between these killings and a gendered-social problem. Another notable shift that has been seen is the use of the term femicide within media coverage. Not only does this connect these killings to gender-based violence but also helps to identify the rates of femicides within the province for the general public.

The media has an invaluable role to play in shifting public understanding and awareness of the issue and facilitating connection to services, and the improvements that have been seen in media reporting have been welcomed. To assist with media reporting on femicide, OAITH and the University of Guelph developed a resource including a number of existing recommendations and best practices for media reporting on this issue.

The 2022 - 2023 Annual Media Analysis can be accessed here:
[2022 2023 Annual Femicide Media Analysis](#)

The Femicide Reporting Recommendations can be accessed here:
[English](#)
[French](#)

mulberryfinder.ca

To locate phone/chat/text support
through gender-based violence
services in Ontario

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