



Ontario Femicide List, 2014



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4. Reta Jones
5. Emma Brown
6. Roma Bogaczewicz
7. Sarah Eley
8. Ramona Kapoor
9. Roxanne Mathalon

A number of sources were accessed to generate this year's Femicide List including databases, individual media websites and OAITH Member Organizations. These sources include; deFactiva, Canada News Stand, APTN, The Toronto Star, CBC, CTV News, The Toronto Sun, Community Media Stations, Interval House of Hamilton and Alternatives for Women. OAITH counts on the collaborative efforts of our partners and member organizations, and we appreciate your time and commitment.

If there is someone who we may have missed who has been murdered as a result of gender-based violence please send an email to marlene@oaith.ca



There have been approximately 600 women and children who have been murdered in Ontario as a result of gender-based violence since OAITH began keeping track in 1990. This list is only partial.

Below are the 29 women and children whose lives were taken from November 2013-November 2014 as a result of gender-based violence...

Jiali Zhang (No Photograph)

Age: 40

Date of Femicide: November 12th, 2013

News Source: *The Hamilton Spectator*

Zhang had been an escort service worker in Canada, who emigrated from Hong Kong, China in 2007. Zhang was found in a Stoney Creek apartment and had been bludgeoned to death. Dalibor Klaric was apprehended for Zhang's murder after Klaric called 911 to report that he had murdered her in the apartment after hiring her for her working services.

Chi-Ling Yip (No Photograph)

Age: 41

Date of Femicide: December 24th, 2013

News Source: *The Toronto Star*

Yip was murdered at a Markham condominium complex on Christmas Eve. Also murdered was 35-year-old Haimwanti Persaud. Both were murdered by David Howe from Penetanguishene, who was known to both women and has been charged with first-degree murder.

Haimwanti Persaud (No Photograph)

Age: 35

Date of Femicide: December 24th, 2013

News Source: *The Toronto Star*

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To Nu "Sandy" Hua

Age: 64

Date of Femicide: December 26th, 2013

News Source: *The Toronto Star*

Hua was found inside a Scarborough apartment building in an "obvious state of trauma," having sustained sharp force injuries. Hua was described by neighbours as "friendly" and had live in the area for several years. The news report stated that Hua's family had been calling for help at around 11 pm that Thursday evening. Patrick Wai Leung Lee, 61, has been charged with second-degree murder.



Margaret Elizabeth Steer

Age: 56

Date of Femicide: Saturday, January 4th, 2014

News Source: CBC

Steer went with her partner to retrieve an item they had borrowed from a neighbour in their Hamilton apartment building. When a fight broke out between her partner and Kathryn Flynn's boyfriend, Steer was stabbed by Flynn in the neck and chest. Steer was the second Hamilton homicide of the 2014 year.



Brenda Pathammavong

Age: 16

Date of Femicide: January 8th, 2014

News Source: CP24

Pathammavong, from Brampton, was a victim of a double-homicide shooting in Richmond Hill. She died at the scene of her shooting from her gunshot wounds. Pathammavong and the second victim were found to be known to the shooter and that the attack was a targeted shooting. Pathammavong was considered positive and selfless by family and friends, said to "deeply love her family."

Judith Fraser (No Photograph)

Age: 73

Date of Femicide: January 16th, 2014

News Source: CHCH

Judith Fraser, a St. Catharines woman, was murdered by her estranged Husband, George Fraser. Fraser had recently separated from her Husband after a 44-year marriage. Fraser was stabbed multiple times outside her apartment building and died of her injuries. Fraser was described by family as "an amazing person and a wonderful sister."



Anita Summan

Age: 51

Date of Femicide: January 21st, 2014

News Source: *MacLean's Magazine*

Summan was killed January 21st by her estranged husband, Iqbal Singh, in Brampton, ON. Singh attacked Summan and stabbed her, also injuring a friend of Summan's. Summan died of her injuries in hospital. Singh has been charged with murder of Summan and attempted murder of her friend. Singh had been Summan's second husband after the death of her first. Summan had been a seamstress and designer, who had sold dresses in a Mississauga store.



Jagtar Gill

Age: 43

Date of Femicide: January 29th, 2014

News Source: *The Ottawa Citizen*

Gill was found stabbed in her home in Barrhaven, within the predominantly Sikh community. The murder was considered a "gruesome slaying." Gill was bludgeoned with a metal pipe and had had her wrists and throat cut by Ronald. Gill was home alone at the time of the murder and had been recovering from surgery. Ronald, 38, was charged with first-degree murder of Gill, and had been a neighbour. Gill had been the mother of three children, aged 15, 10, and 8.



Evangeline Adotey

Age: 6

Date of Femicide: February 3rd, 2014

News Source: *The Toronto Sun, The Toronto Star*

Adotey was found dead in a Scarborough hotel after being murdered by her father, Jason Adotey. Her father was charged with first-degree murder of Evangeline Adotey and attempted murder of the accused's son, who was hospitalized with unknown injuries but recovered. Evangeline Adotey had been in senior kindergarten at a Scarborough school before her murder. The cause of her death was not reported in the press.



Vilanong Douangphachanh

Age: 26

Date of Femicide: March 10th, 2014

News Source: 680 News

Douangphachanh was shot in the head in her apartment building on Don Mills Road, Toronto in March. A suspect has been charged with manslaughter in her murder, but other circumstances surrounding the shooting have not been released to press.



Delores White (No Photograph)

Age: 85

Date of Femicide: April 17th

News Source: CTV News Barrie

White was attacked and seriously injured in her Kearney, Ontario home. She was taken to hospital where she later died. White was the mother of two daughters, Patti and Joan. Two men, both 23 years of age are facing charges related to her murder.



Luce Lavertu

Age: 49

Date of Femicide: April 22nd, 2014

News Source: CBC News

Lavertu was found in her home in East Ottawa. Lavertu's throat had been slashed. She was found by her husband. Her son is facing first-degree murder charges for her death. Lavertu was known as being "loved by others in the community, friends and colleagues."



Patricia Asselstine

Age: 43

Date of Femicide: June 6th, 2014

News Source: CBC News

Asselstine was found dead off Daley Road in Tyendinaga Township, Napanee. Police reported the autopsy confirmed that Asselstine had been murdered by Benjamin Lindsay, her husband, before Lindsay ended his own life.

Tyrese

Age: 10 yrs Old

Date: July 3rd, 2014

Tyrese was found dead with his brother and Father just north of Barrie in Oro-Medonte Township, as a result of a double murder-homicide inside a charred motor vehicle. Barrie OPP report that they believe the person responsible, who also died in the fire, was their Father. Media reports indicate that the child's Mother, was going through a separation.

Santash

Age: 4 Yrs Old

Date: July 3, 2014

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Susan Gubbels

Age: 55

Date of Femicide: July 13th, 2014

News Source: *The Toronto Sun*

Gubbels was murdered in her home by her son, Jeremy Gubbels. She had been an active community member in Watford, Ontario for over fifteen years. Gubbels' husband Mario was also murdered by Jeremy Gubbels on the same day. Gubbels was found inside her home on July 13th after police were contacted by Amanda Gubbels, a deputy administrator of Warwick Township and daughter of Susan and Mario Gubbels.



Raquel Junio

Age: 42

Date of Femicide: August 18th, 2014

News Source: *The National Post*

Junio was kidnapped from her Brampton home by her estranged husband, who forcibly confined her. Her body was discovered in a pond near Palgrave, Ontario. Ermacora, her estranged husband, has been charged with first-degree murder by police. Junio left behind a three-year-old daughter.



Brandi Marie Wingert

Age: 8

Date of Femicide: August 11th, 2014

News Source: *Thunder Bay Police Service*

Wingert was critically injured when her mother's ex-boyfriend broke into the home and assaulted both her and her mother. Wingert was rushed to hospital but was pronounced dead. Both Wingert's mother and the other child present at the attack were not critically injured.



Jelena Loncar

Age: 32

Date of Femicide: August 26th, 2014

News Source: *The Toronto Star*

Loncar was fatally shot outside of a Toronto nightclub called the C-Lounge in late August. She was not suspected to be the intended target, but was struck fatally by a single bullet and found unconscious by a friend after the bar was evacuated due to shots fired. Loncar was taken to hospital where she later died. Loncar was a bartender who had finished a shift at a downtown bar that night.



Carmela Knight

Age: 39

Date of Femicide: September 15th, 2014

News Source: *The Toronto Sun*

Knight was killed in a Pickering garage fire that was ruled as a homicide by Durham Regional Police due to obvious signs of trauma on Knight's body. The trauma signified that Knight's murder had occurred before the fire was set. Knight was a mother of two young boys and had worked as a mortgage agent for a firm in Oshawa. The investigation into Knight's murder is currently ongoing.



Patsy Lewis

Age: 61

Date of Femicide: September 30th, 2014

News Source: *CBC News*

Lewis was found inside her home on September 30th while police were searching the home for a male regarding an unrelated issue. The results of the autopsy indicated that Lewis' death was a homicide. Police had arrested a person of interest, but have not made charges concerning Lewis' murder.

Pamela Mimnaugh (No Photograph)

Age: 55

Date of Femicide: October 2nd, 2014

New Source: CBC

Pamela was found dead in her community of Arnprior after she was hit by a vehicle driven by her Husband, Clive Mimnaugh. He has been charged with dangerous driving causing death and at the time of the report the investigation was still ongoing.

Unknown Name

Age: 75

Date of Femicide: October 6th, 2014

News Source: CTV News Barrie

An unknown 75 year old woman and 42 year old man were found in a house fire in Richmond Hill. The 75 year old woman later died of her injuries in hospital. Police later found out that there was another woman and 6 children who had escaped the house and received care at another hospital. The 42 year old man has been identified as the husband of the woman who did escape the fire. He has been charged with murder, six counts of attempted murder, arson with disregard for human life, uttering threats and breach of probation.



Evelyn Castillo

Age: 43

Date of Femicide: October 11th, 2014

News Source: *The Toronto Star*, *the Toronto Sun*

Castillo was found after a Mississauga hotel fire, on October 11, 2014. Castillo, a nanny from Thornhill who had emigrated from the Philippines early the previous year, was found without vital signs in a hotel room and succumbed to her injuries in hospital. Police ruled the death “foul play.” Later reports suggested Castillo was a sex worker, and had allegedly met with her killer for a date the night of her death. Niran Vade “Nick” Murray was arrested and charged with first-degree murder for Castillo’s death. At the time of his arrest, Murray had already been before the courts for assault and mischief charges.

Manjulaben Mistry (No Photograph)

Age: 57

Date of Femicide: October 11th or 12th, 2014

News Source: *The Toronto Star*

Mistry was victimized in a double-murder-suicide perpetrated by her husband, Hashmukhlal Mistry. Also murdered was Hashmukhlal’s 91 year-old father. Police have not released the cause of death out of respect for the families. The case is listed as the second murder-suicide in Brampton in the past three years.

Xian Xu Liu (No Photograph)

Age: 65

Date of Femicide: October 15th, 2014

News Source: *The Toronto Star*

Liu was a regular walker in the Lappin Avenue area, where she lived with her husband and son’s young family. She was the victim of a fatal assault in the park area behind the Wallace-Emerson Community Centre and was pronounced dead at the scene with major facial trauma. Shou Quan Chen was convicted of second-degree murder for Liu’s death. Chen had no previous criminal record.



Elizabeth Nugent

Age: 32

Date of Femicide: October 27th, 2014

News Source: *Toronto Sun*

Elizabeth Nugent was murdered by her intimate partner, Malcolm Copeland. Police found Nugent when responding to a “verbal altercation” call and found Copeland barricaded in the apartment with a firearm. A search of the apartment found Nugent, who had been killed. Her killer has been charged with second-degree murder.

Lise Fredette (No Photograph)

Age: 74

Date of Femicide: Nov 12th, 2014

News Source: The Peterborough Examiner

On November 12th, 2014 Lise Fredette keys and purse were found in her driveway. Police began a missing person’s investigation on November 13th when she didn’t report to work. A couple months prior, a report had been made to police by Fredette, that her 76 year old boyfriend, Andrew Watson had been harassing her. Police explain that they had warned him to stay away from her, however it doesn’t appear that he was charged at the time based on media reports. On November 22nd police formally laid charges against Andrew Watson for first degree murder. Police reported that evidence collected in their investigation indicates that a homicide has been committed. They believe that Fredette was attacked in her driveway by Watson and taken to another location. As of Dec 2nd, 2014 her body has not been located.



Diedre Patayash

Age: 29

Date of Femicide: November 18th,
2014

News Source: APTN

Diedre was found murdered in a hotel room in Sioux Lookout. Reports indicate that Diedre was in Sioux Lookout as she had to attend court regarding custody matters.

Weagamow Police Chief, Dinah Kanate explains that Diedre was living with her boyfriend Alvin Ash in Cat Lake First Nation for the past few months. Her boyfriend Alvin has been charged with assault relating to the investigation.