

Abbeville County

Shirley Demore (36 years old) Ms. Demore was shot and killed on June 16, 2006. Mr. Steven Tinch, who formerly cohabited with Ms. Demore, drove to O'Neals' Auto Shop, owned by Ms. Demore's father, Mr. O'Neal. Mr. Tinch pulled a rifle out of his vehicle, shot Mr. O'Neal, and then shot and killed Ms. Demore. Mr. Tinch is awaiting trial for murder. Ms. Demore is survived by her three sons.

Aiken County

Nicole McKie (34 years old) Ms. McKie died from two shotgun blasts to her chest and left arm on February 11, 2006. She was in the early stages of pregnancy. Mr. Jeffrey Scott, Jr., father of Ms. McKie's daughter, pled guilty to her murder. Mr. Scott is serving his 30-year sentence. Ms. McKie is survived by her five-year-old daughter.

Anderson County

Erica Olsen (25 years old) Ms. Olsen was stabbed to death with a kitchen knife on October 24, 2006. When law enforcement arrived at the scene, Ms. Olsen's six-year-old daughter told them her mother had been stabbed by her boyfriend, Mr. Christopher Ellis. The autopsy revealed that Ms. Olsen had suffered 25 stab wounds. She was 6-8 weeks pregnant at the time. Mr. Ellis is awaiting trial for murder.

Jerome Powers (53 years old) Mr. Powers died from asphyxiation on February 26, 2006. Mr. Powers was strangled to death with a vacuum cleaner hose. The victim's common-law wife, Ms. Evelyn Pressley, was charged with murder. The couple had a long history of domestic violence. Ms. Pressley was found not guilty by reason of insanity. Mr. Powers is survived by his daughter.

Carmencita Turman (28 years old) Ms. Turman died from multiple blunt-force trauma injuries on November 5, 2006. Police say that Ms. Turman was beaten to death by her boyfriend, Mr. Rodney Lee Thompson. In June 2002, Ms. Turman's three-year-old son was beaten, shaken, stomped, and his body was dumped near their home. Ms. Turman's boyfriend at that time, Mr. Reco Hill, pled guilty to the murder and was sentenced to life in prison. Mr. Thompson is awaiting trial for murder.

Bamberg County

Roslyn Tyler (37 years old) Ms. Tyler died from gunshot wounds to the chest and face on October 6, 2006. Witnesses say that Ms. Tyler was shot by her estranged husband, Mr. Edward Tyler, during an argument. Mr. Tyler lived next door to Ms. Tyler with his father. Mr. Tyler is awaiting trial for murder. Ms. Tyler is survived by her two children.

Beaufort County

Ellen McCormick (50 years old) Ms. McCormick was beaten, shot, and killed, and then her home was set on fire, on January 1, 2006. Ms. McCormick's estranged husband, Mr. Charles McCormick, was charged with her murder. Mr. McCormick was also charged with arson and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. He awaits trial. Ms. McCormick is survived by her two sons.

Yvette Moorner (22 years old) Ms. Moorner was shot to death on March 5, 2006. She was pregnant at the time of her death. Originally investigators thought Ms. Moorner died from a car crash; however, law enforcement received a call saying that Ms. Moorner's ex-boyfriend, Mr. Cedric Saunders, had been shooting at her car. After a three hour stand-off, Mr. Saunders surrendered to police and was charged with two counts of murder. The trial is pending. Ms. Moorner is survived by her daughter.

Berkeley County

Jason Truitt (33 years old) Mr. Truitt died from gunshot wounds on September 14, 2006. Ms. Stephanie Morosi, Truitt's former girlfriend and roommate, has been charged with his murder. Ms. Morosi has claimed self-defense. She is currently awaiting trial.

Charleston County

William Ayers (53 years old) Mr. Ayers died from a single gunshot wound to the throat on December 23, 2006. Witnesses say they heard the victim fighting with his girlfriend, Ms. Carletha Simmons, in their apartment preceding the shooting. Ms. Simmons has been charged with the murder, and she is currently awaiting trial.

Cherokee County

Melinda Ramirez (33 years old) Ms. Ramirez died from a gunshot wound to the head on October 21, 2006. Law enforcement says Mr. J.H. Lawter, Jr., Ms. Ramirez's live-in boyfriend, distributed marijuana to Ms. Ramirez, an argument ensued, and he then shot Ms. Ramirez. Mr. Lawter pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to five years suspended to 18 months home detention and three years probation. Ms. Ramirez is survived by her three sons.

Colleton County

Laura Christine Linkous (41 years old) Mrs. Linkous was shot and killed on April 13, 2006. Mrs. Linkous was killed by her husband, Mr. John Linkous, Jr. Mr. Linkous committed suicide after killing his wife. Mrs. Linkous is survived by her children.

Edgefield County

Gwendolyn Wilson (26 years old) Mrs. Wilson was stabbed to death on February 20, 2006. Mrs. Wilson was stabbed several times by her husband, Mr. Maurice Wilson. Mr. Wilson was arrested, and he committed suicide the day after killing Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson is survived by her two sons.

Fairfield County

Louise Martin (63 years old) Mrs. Martin was shot and killed on September 24, 2006. Mrs. Martin was shot several times by her husband, Mr. Robert Martin. She was transported to the hospital and died shortly thereafter from the injuries. Mr. Martin committed suicide after shooting his wife. Mrs. Martin is survived by her two sons and three daughters.

Florence County

Joanne Karen Pompey (49 years old) Ms. Pompey was stabbed to death on June 17, 2006. Ms. Pompey was stabbed in the chest by her boyfriend, Mr. O.C. Mouzon. Mr. Mouzon was charged with murder, and he pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter. He is serving a 15-year sentence.

Georgetown County

Sheila McPherson (49 years old) Ms. McPherson was beaten to death on March 7, 2006. Ms. McPherson was hit several times in the head and upper body with a baseball bat. The victim's boyfriend, Mr. Vladimir Pantovich, has been charged with murder. He is awaiting trial.

Kesha Rudolph (33 years old) Ms. Rudolph was shot and killed on September 1, 2006. Witnesses say Mr. Eric Smith, the father of Ms. Rudolph's daughter, came to her residence demanding that she return his CD. An argument ensued, and then Mr. Smith left. Mr. Smith returned a short time later—this time with a gun. He fired three shots at Ms. Rudolph. Mr. Smith has been charged with murder, kidnapping, possession of a handgun, and discharging a weapon. His trial is pending. Ms. Rudolph is survived by her daughter.

Greenville County

Frank Brown (54 years old) Mr. Brown was murdered on August 16, 2006. Upon arrival at the scene the responding officer found the victim's wife, Mrs. Gracie Brown, standing over the victim crying with her head in her hands. The couple's 24-year-old son was also present. Ms. Brown has been charged with murder, and she is awaiting trial.

Angela Workman (27 years old) Ms. Workman died from gunshot wounds to the face, neck, and chest on April 6, 2006. Investigators say Ms. Workman's mother discovered the body when she went to her daughter's home to pick up her grandson. The four-year-old child was at the residence during the time of the murder. Mr. Leon Choice, a former boyfriend of Ms. Workman, was charged with her murder. He has also been charged with first-degree burglary and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. Trials are pending.

Greenwood County

Patricia Cantrell (28 years old) Ms. Cantrell died due to blunt-force trauma on September 30, 2006. Witnesses say that Mr. David Whatley, the victim's live-in boyfriend, beat Ms. Cantrell in the parking lot of a local club after a verbal argument. Mr. Whatley has been charged with Ms. Cantrell's murder, and he is awaiting trial. Ms. Cantrell is survived by her son and daughter.

Peggy Lail (45 years old) Mrs. Lail was shot and killed on October 3, 2006. Mrs. Lail was shot several times by her husband, Mr. Timothy Lail, while her parents were on the phone with him. Mr. Lail committed suicide after killing Mrs. Lail. Mrs. Lail is survived by her son and daughter.

McQuonia Lawton (34 years old) Mrs. Lawton was shot and killed on February 28, 2006. Mrs. Lawton was dragged from her apartment and shot 11 times by her husband, Mr. James Lawton, after a short chase. Mrs. Lawton's children were inside of the apartment at the time of the shooting. Mr. Lawton returned to his apartment after the shooting and committed suicide. Mrs. Lawton is survived by her three children.

Janet McWhorter (69 years old) Mrs. McWhorter was shot and killed on October 1, 2006. Mrs. McWhorter was shot while she was sleeping by her husband, Mr. Jimmy McWhorter. Mr. McWhorter then committed suicide. Investigators discovered their bodies a few days later after being notified by neighbors. Mrs. McWhorter is survived by one son.

Horry County

Lisa Hernandez (46 years old) Mrs. Hernandez was shot and killed on October 27, 2006. Mrs. Hernandez was shot multiple times by her husband, Mr. Jorge Hernandez, while in her horse barn. Mr. Hernandez has been charged with murder and awaits trial. Mrs. Hernandez is survived by her two children.

Mary Lynch (52 years old) Ms. Lynch was severely beaten and died from the injuries on November 23, 2006, Thanksgiving Day. Ms. Lynch was killed by her boyfriend, Mr. Christopher Smith. She suffered from traumatic brain injury and hemorrhage. Mr. Smith has been charged with murder and awaits trial. Ms. Lynch is survived by her son.

Carma Russell (31 years old) Ms. Russell was shot and killed on March 4, 2006. Ms. Russell was shot in the face by her boyfriend, Mr. Billy Lee, outside of a local church. Ms. Russell and her children were attending a play at the church with their pastor, at whose home they were seeking refuge due to domestic violence. Ms. Russell's children were inside the church at the time of the shooting. Mr. Lee has been charged with murder and awaits trial. Ms. Russell is survived by her three children.

Rebekah Winkler (50 years old) Mrs. Winkler was shot and killed on March 6, 2006. Mrs. Winkler was living in a condominium with her children when her estranged husband, Mr. Louis Winkler, broke into the home and shot her in the head. Mr. Winkler is charged with first-degree burglary, assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, and murder. He awaits trial. Mrs. Winkler is survived by her two children.

Laurens County

Jolene Dotson (42 years old) Mrs. Dotson was shot and killed on August 13, 2006. Mrs. Dotson's husband, Mr. David Dotson, shot and killed her at their residence in the presence of their children. Mr. Dotson committed suicide after killing his wife. Mrs. Dotson is survived by her two children.

Georgia Coker Hughes (42 years old) Ms. Hughes was shot and killed on February 24, 2006. Mr. Stanley Kinard, with whom Ms. Hughes allegedly had a relationship, shot Ms. Hughes in the head and set her home and vehicle on fire. Mr. Kinard then committed suicide. Ms. Hughes is survived by her two children.

Lois Gregory (34 years old) Ms. Gregory was shot and killed on August 12, 2006. Ms. Gregory was shot by her boyfriend, Mr. Robert Ford. After killing Ms. Gregory, Mr. Ford turned the gun on himself and took his own life. Ms. Gregory is survived by her son and daughter.

Michael Tumblin (58 years old) Mr. Tumblin was shot and killed on January 3, 2006. Mr. Tumblin was shot by his wife, Mrs. Judy Tumblin, after having an argument over a family matter. According to reports, one of the Tumblins' grandchildren witnessed the shooting. Mrs. Tumblin was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and she was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Mr. Tumblin is survived by his daughter.
Lee County

Regenia Holloman (32 years old) Ms. Holloman was shot and killed on October 5, 2006. According to reports, Ms. Holloman's mother was present during the shooting. Ms. Holloman's boyfriend, Mr. Bruce Thomas, was convicted of the murder, and he was sentenced to life in prison.

Lexington County

Tarquinius Leonard Russell (34 years old) Mr. Russell was stabbed to death on July 23, 2006. According to reports, Mr. Russell and his girlfriend, Ms. Beulah Butler, were having an argument when Ms. Butler stabbed Mr. Russell in the chest. Ms. Butler has been charged with murder, and she is currently awaiting trial. Mr. Russell is survived by his four children.

Woodrow Smith (62 years old) Mr. Smith was shot and killed on May 17, 2006. Reports say that Mr. Smith was shot by his ex-wife, Mrs. Ann Baxley Smith. Upon arrival at Mr. Smith's home, Mrs. Smith allegedly became upset upon seeing Mr. Smith's girlfriend's car. Mrs. Smith asked Mr. Smith to come outside, where she shot him. The couple had a history of domestic violence and harassment. Mrs. Smith was arrested and charged with murder and possession of a firearm during a violent crime. She is awaiting trial. Mr. Smith is survived by his children.

Marlboro County

Pamela Goins (43 years old) Ms. Goins was shot and killed on January 31, 2006. An officer responded to Ms. Goins's residence to conduct a welfare check. The officer found Ms. Goins and her boyfriend, Mr. Howard Scott, in the residence. The officer was concerned and asked Ms. Goins to step outside and talk alone. As they walked outside, Mr. Scott pulled his shotgun and shot Ms. Goins. The officer pulled his weapon and shot Mr. Scott. Mr. Scott was later pronounced dead at the hospital.

Patricia Thompson (43 years old) Ms. Thompson was stabbed to death on November 28, 2006. Ms. Thompson's estranged boyfriend, Mr. Luther Ford, has been charged with murder. According to reports, Ms. Thompson was stabbed several times by Mr. Ford after having an argument. Mr. Ford is currently awaiting trial.

Pickens County

TracyMichelle Stegall (34 years old) Mrs. Stegall was beaten to death on January 6, 2006. Mrs. Stegall's husband, Mr. Richard Stegall, beat his wife in their car, hitting her head against the window and then dragging her out onto the pavement. According to reports, prosecutors alleged that Mr. Stegall then kicked his wife in the head, which killed her. Mr. Stegall was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter, and he was sentenced to twenty-eight years in prison.

Richland County

Nekia Dionne Mallory (23 years old) Mrs. Mallory was stabbed to death on May 14, 2006. Mrs. Mallory's husband, Mr. Justin Mallory, has been charged with her murder, and he is currently awaiting trial. Mrs. Mallory is survived by her two children.

Shirlene Yarborough (19 years old) Ms. Yarborough was stabbed to death on November 2, 2006. Reports say Mr. Charles Gamble, Jr., Ms. Yarborough's ex-boyfriend and father of her child, broke into her apartment and found her with another man. Mr. Gamble stabbed Ms. Yarborough and fatally shot two other men who were in the apartment. Mr. Gamble then hid the three bodies in a drainage pipe near the residence. Mr. Gamble is charged with three counts of murder and is awaiting trial. He had been charged with stalking Ms. Yarborough twice before. Ms. Yarborough is survived by her son.

Karen Yongue (52 years old) Mrs. Yongue was shot to death on June 4, 2006. Mrs. Yongue was killed by her husband, Mr. Richard Yongue. Reports say that a relative called 911 early on the morning of June 4th and said that someone from the Yongue house had called needing the police. When officers arrived, they found both Mr. and Mrs. Yongue dead due to gunshot wounds to the head. Police believe Mr. Yongue shot his wife and then committed suicide.

Spartanburg County

Karen Chisholm (46 years old) Ms. Chisholm was shot to death on February 17, 2006. Reports say Ms. Chisholm was shot by her boyfriend, Mr. John Compton. He and an accomplice then put her body in the trunk of his car, drove to Greenwood County, and dumped her body off of a highway. Mr. Compton was convicted of murder and sentenced to serve 30 years in prison. Ms. Chisholm is survived by her daughter.

Eliza Hernandez (22 years old) Mrs. Hernandez was shot and killed on November 23, 2006. After an argument, Mrs. Hernandez was shot in the head by her husband, Mr. Santiago Pasquel Rios. Mr. Rios has been charged with murder and awaits trial.

Sheila Sanders (42 years old) Ms. Sanders was shot and killed on September 25, 2006. Ms. Sanders was shot several times by her common-law husband, Mr. Gregory Scott Denton. Mr. Denton has been charged with murder and awaits trial. Ms. Sanders is survived by her three daughters and son.

Sumter County

Lashonna Nelson (27 years old) Ms. Nelson was shot and killed on November 11, 2006. Ms. Nelson was shot seven times by the father of one of her children, Mr. James Dinkins, Jr. Mr. Dinkins shot himself after killing Ms. Nelson. There was an infant in the home at the time of the incident. Ms. Nelson is survived by her two sons.

Deshaunda Russ (31 years old) Ms. Russ was shot and killed on September 3, 2006. Ms. Russ was shot in the chest by Mr. David Rhodes, with whom she had a child in common. Mr. Rhodes has been charged with murder and is still awaiting trial. Ms. Russ is survived by her four sons and daughter.

Jamie Thomas (34 years old) Mr. Thomas was stabbed and killed on July 16, 2006. Mr. Thomas was stabbed by his wife, Mrs. Calinda Thomas, after an altercation in their home. Mrs. Thomas has been charged with murder and is awaiting trial. Mr. Thomas is survived by his two children.

Williamsburg County

Willie Dunmore (42 years old) Mr. Dunmore was stabbed and killed on December 23, 2006. Mr. Dunmore was stabbed by his common-law wife, Ms. Lou Ann Robinson. Ms. Robinson has been charged with murder and is awaiting trial. Mr. Dunmore is survived by his children.

York County

Carlos Latta (35 years old) Mr. Latta was stabbed and killed on December 31, 2006. Mr. Latta was stabbed by Ms. Iris Gilmore during an altercation in front of their daughter. Ms. Gilmore was charged with murder and is awaiting trial. Mr. Latta is survived by his daughter.

Sherry Mobley (33 years old) Ms. Mobley was stabbed and killed on January 31, 2006. Ms. Mobley was stabbed by her ex-boyfriend, Mr. Darren Jones. She was taken to the hospital and into surgery. Ms. Mobley died from the injuries three days later. Mr. Jones was charged with her murder. He pled guilty and is serving a 30-year sentence. Ms. Mobley is survived by her two sons and her two daughters.

Shavon Turman (24 years old) Ms. Turman was shot and killed on July 16, 2006. Ms. Turman was shot by her boyfriend, Mr. Eric Crawford. Mr. Crawford was charged with murder and possession of a firearm during a violent crime. He pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and is serving a 30-year sentence. Ms. Turman is survived by her son.