

DENTON COUNTY

Katie Beth Taylor, 44

APRIL 28, 2025 | AUBREY

Katie Beth Taylor died after her husband, Jesse Cole Taylor, 46, shot her in the back outside their home before dying from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Their daughter found Katie in the driveway and called law enforcement. Katie and Jesse were preparing to divorce and had been living in separate areas of the property while preparing to sell their home. Earlier that month, Katie wrote that the marriage was “toxic and emotionally abusive” and referenced Jesse’s threats of self-harm and an incident in which he frightened her enough that she stayed at a hotel. Their daughter also reported that Jesse had previously told Katie, “You ought to be shot for that.” Investigators found a suicide note believed to have been written by Jesse. Katie is survived by her two adult children.

LaVera Wardell, 39

MAY 6, 2025 | DENTON

LaVera Wardell died after her boyfriend, William Joseph Oddo III, 52, shot her with a shotgun. Oddo remained with her body for several days before it was discovered during a welfare check. Oddo was charged with murder and tampering with evidence. LaVera was a phlebotomist who loved animals and rock climbing.

Briana Castro, 24

OCTOBER 2025 | CARROLLTON

Briana Castro died after her boyfriend, JoMarr Lee Davis, 28, shot her. When tracked by law enforcement, Davis shot himself during a standoff and later died at the hospital.

Endia Denise (Guidry) Middleton, 40

OCTOBER 2, 2025 | LEWISVILLE

Endia Denise (Guidry) Middleton died after her boyfriend, Ilan Javun Carroll, 32, shot her inside a motel room. Carroll engaged in a standoff with police before surrendering. He was charged with murder and other offenses. Endia is survived by her four children and seven grandchildren.

Molly Richards, 31

NOVEMBER 25, 2025 | LITTLE ELM

Molly Richards died after her boyfriend, Christopher Charles Sanders, 53, killed her. Although her body has not been recovered, Sanders was charged with murder in March 2026. Molly had previously messaged her father about Sanders’ abusive and controlling behavior.

EL PASO COUNTY

Coral Liamas Sifuentes, 45

MARCH 2025 | EL PASO

Coral Liamas Sifuentes died after her husband, Jorge Mares Raygoza, 47, sexually assaulted and strangled her. Raygoza transported her body across the border and left it in the desert near Ciudad Juárez. He was charged with murder. Coral is survived by her three children.

Lourdes Urrieta, 58

AUGUST 26, 2025 | EL PASO

Lourdes Urrieta died after her husband, Jose Urrieta, 58, shot her inside their home before shooting himself. Authorities ruled the deaths a murder-suicide.

Mia Angelica Molina, 21

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 | EL PASO

Mia Angelica Molina died on September 24, 2025, after her boyfriend, Uriel Ontiveros, 28, shot her at a residence. During the incident, Ontiveros also shot and killed 27-year-old Victoria Whitman and injured a 59-year-old man. Mia was a graduate of New Mexico State University and a professional model remembered by the local fashion community for her talent and the light she brought to those around her.