

**2024**

# Ohio Domestic Violence Fatalities

JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024



For the ninth year, the Ohio Domestic Violence Network has compiled the numbers from media reports of intimate-partner relationship fatalities identified by staff and member programs. The count includes targeted victims, perpetrators, and others who were present when the fatalities occurred.

## 114 FATALITIES IN 85 CASES

79 DECEASED VICTIMS AND  
35 DECEASED PERPETRATORS  
(64 FEMALE FATALITIES; 50 MALE FATALITIES)

**15 CHILDREN AND TEENS** WERE KILLED THIS YEAR, INCLUDING **7 CHILDREN** MURDERED BY A PARENT OR STEP-PARENT

**6 TEENS** WERE KILLED BY A BOYFRIEND OR FORMER BOYFRIEND, **5** OF THE KILLERS WERE ALSO TEENS; THE YOUNGEST KILLER WAS **14**



**5 PREGNANT WOMEN** WERE MURDERED BY THEIR BABY'S FATHER; **1** WAS **SAVED** BY A GOOD SAMARITAN, WHO LOST HIS LIFE PROTECTING HER

AT LEAST **79 MINOR CHILDREN** LOST A PARENT AND **51** LOST A GRANDPARENT IN AN IPV-RELATED FATALITY



**33 CHILDREN** WERE PRESENT AT THE SCENE TO WITNESS A PARENT OR CAREGIVER'S MURDER

THE YOUNGEST VICTIM WAS **4 MONTHS OLD**; THE OLDEST VICTIM WAS **85 YEARS OLD**

**39%** OF ALL DECEASED VICTIMS WERE **PEOPLE OF COLOR**



**25%** OF DECEASED VICTIMS DIED FROM **STRANGULATION** OR **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES**

IN **72%** OF CASES THERE WAS **PRIOR CONTACT** WITH THE **CRIMINAL** OR **CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEMS**

**6 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS** AND **1 POLICE K9** WERE SHOT AND SURVIVED

**1 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** WAS SHOT AND KILLED RESPONDING TO A DV CALL, HE SAVED THE VICTIM'S LIFE



**6 CASES** REQUIRED **SWAT RESPONSES** AND **1 AMBER ALERT** WAS ISSUED

# Leo Robinson was 1 of 7 Children Murdered by a Parent

Four-year-old Leo Robinson was shot and killed by his father in a murder-suicide on October 18, 2023. Leo's mother, Aubree Robinson, lived in Dublin, Ohio, and was working with ODVN member program Turning Point. She had a shared parenting plan with his abusive father, who had Leo every other week. On Sept. 13 Leo's father took him to Virginia, and refused to bring him home. The father falsely alleged that Aubree had physically abused Leo, but a judge in Virginia dismissed the allegations as false and ordered Leo to be returned to his mother. Aubree tried without success to get police in Virginia to enforce the judge's order. But the father did not return the child, choosing instead to fatally shoot his son and then himself.

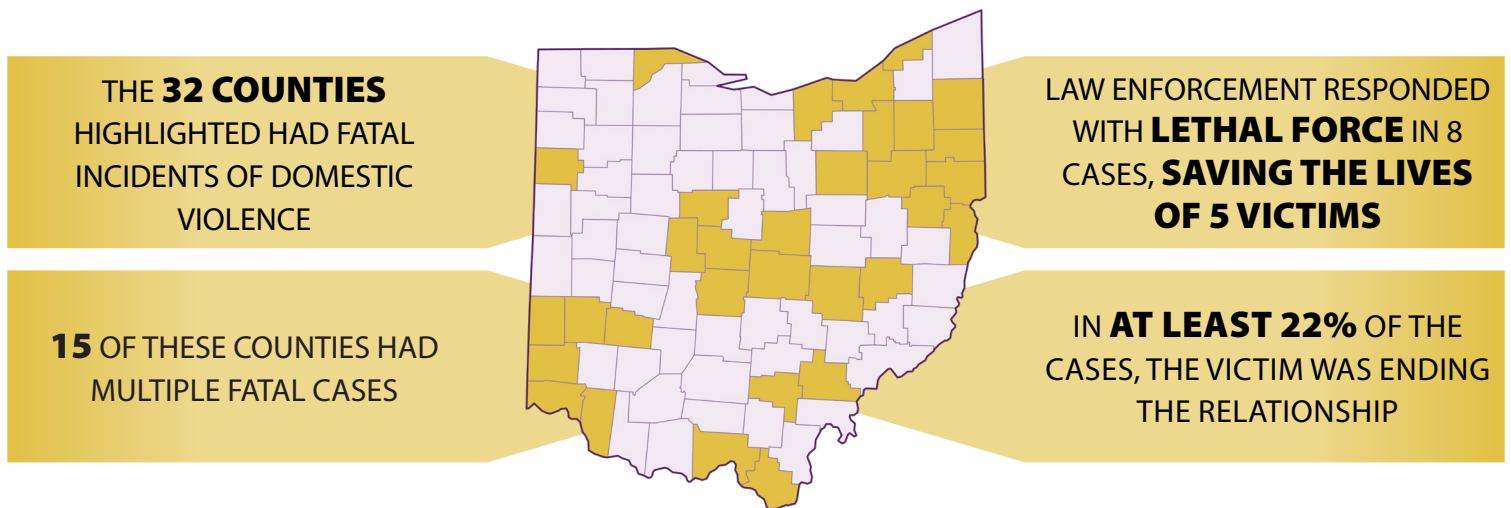
## "His Death was Preventable"

“My son was very intelligent, strong, empathetic, happy, loving, and was an amazing little boy. Notice how I say was, instead of is. I should be able to say that very small two letter word... is. Was, seems like a huge word in comparison because of what it represents. The reason I should be able to say that small two letter word is because his death was preventable.”

“I talked to police, prosecutors, lawyers, judges and pleaded that they help me on multiple occasions. I was upset so I was told to calm down. I was calm and I was told that I was too calm. I was told that's why they didn't take me seriously. I felt like no matter what I said, no matter what proof I showed them I was not going to be heard.”

“I had proof that I was telling the truth and my son needed to be saved from his father. All I wanted to do was protect my baby and not be abused by my son's father. I was forced to co-parent with my abuser and he killed my son. I should have been allowed to protect my son.”

- Aubree Robinson, Leo's mom  
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**ODVN Member Service Highlights 2023\***

**98,143** survivors served

**121,420** crisis calls and texts answered

**9,707** survivors sheltered, including **3,743** children

\* 2023 calendar year