# **Beyond Statistics:**

# Lethal Domestic and Sexual Violence Against Women in Kansas

An Update

2.8.07

Since KCSDV released "Beyond Statistics: Lethal Domestic and Sexual Violence Against Women in Kansas" in October 2006, at least nine women have been murdered during sexual or domestic violence-related incidents in Kansas, according to media reports. All information for this update is based on information as it appeared in Kansas newspapers. The number of murders found in the media may or may not represent the actual number.

#### Barton County, 1.11.07

Treasa, 31

Treasa was killed at home after being stabbed multiple times in her upper body. Her common-law husband was arrested on a second-degree murder charge.

## Cowley County, 1.9.07

Jodi, 19

Police found Jodi's body eight miles from Cowley State Fishing Lake where her car was found. She had been missing since January 5. Authorities said she was raped, strangled and suffered blunt force trauma. They charged a 23-year-old man with capital murder, rape and aggravated kidnapping.

#### Franklin County, 12.23.06

Tonie, 47

Police ruled her death a homicide and are still searching for whoever killed Tonie, whose body was found on a rural country road. She was declared missing on December 7.

#### Geary County, 1.7.07

Rachelle, 28

Police find the body of Rachelle at her home after receiving a complaint about a domestic disturbance. She had been stabbed to death. Prosecutors said they planned to charge her estranged husband with first-degree or felony murder and aggravated burglary.

#### Johnson County, 12.24.06

Natasha, 20

Natasha was raped and murdered on Christmas Eve. Prosecutors have charged her ex-boyfriend with first-degree murder and rape. Natasha's family said that the couple, who have a one-year-old daughter together, were broken up at the time of the murder, and Natasha was staying with him so she could make it to work while her car was being repaired. Nine months before the murder, he was convicted of battering Natasha and ordered to stay away from her for a month.

#### Osage County, 12.2.06

Kristina, 29

Kristina was shot and killed at her home by her husband who then killed himself. Authorities ruled the case a murder-suicide. An aunt and the couple's four children were nearby in the home at the time of their mother's murder.

### Sedgwick County, 12.2.06

Debrie, 26

Debrie's nine-year-old daughter found her mother in her bed one Saturday morning, dead from a gunshot wound to the head. Debrie's four young children were nearby in the home at the time of their mother's murder. Her boyfriend fled to his parent's home out of state, confessed to killing Debrie, and then killed himself.

#### Sedgwick County, 12.2.06

Angela, 31

Angela was killed at her home after being raped, stabbed 13 times and set on fire. Autopsy results suggested she was still alive and breathing when she was set afire. Her 34-year-old male friend has been charged with murder and rape. His trial was set for March 12, 2007.

#### Shawnee County, 12.14.06

Nacole, 15

Police are still searching for the killer of Nacole, whose body was found near Lake Shawnee. She was declared missing on November 30. Police said she was "brutally murdered" and dental records were used to identify her.