*Seventy-three men, women and children were slain in the Albuquerque metro area in 1999. Summaries of their deaths, the status of their cases and the listed motive behind their killings were compiled from criminal complaints, reports and interviews from the Albuquerque Police Department, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, the FBI and Rio Rancho Department of Public Safety. The agency that handled the case is also noted.*

## The homicides of 1999

1, 2. **Jan. 4.** APD. Rico Porras, 22, and Antonio Nuñez, 18, were found in their apartment at 6801 Los Volcanes Road N.W. -- one on the living room floor, a pillow covering his face, a heavy-gauge wire twisted about his neck, the second in the bedroom covered with a blanket on a bed. Brothers Jonathan Gomez, 16, and Marlo Gomez, 18, are charged. **Motive: Robbery. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

3. **Feb. 4.** APD. Alex Ganadonegro, 10 months, died at his foster home at 813 Grace Ave. N.E. of blunt trauma to the abdomen resulting in a ruptured stomach. Foster mother Williette Ulmer, 29, is charged with child abuse resulting in death. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

4. **Feb. 7.** APD. Felix Vigil, 39, was found on the sidewalk of the west side of I-40 underpass at 12th Street. He had one stab wound to the chest and was believed to have been in a fight or scuffle. **Motive: Unknown. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

5. **Feb. 14.** BCSD. Jason Toledo, 19, of Rio Rancho was shot to death and left in an arroyo near the southern end of Eubank Boulevard. Jeremy Butler and Manuel Anthony Flores, both 18, are

charged. **Motive: Drug-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

6. **Feb. 14.** APD. Ronald Andrew Baca, 36, was stabbed with a sharpened object, or shank, in City-County Jail. **Motive: Gang-related. Case status: Awaiting grand jury indictment.**

7. **Feb. 19.** APD. Robert Miranda, 44, walked into the home of acquaintances Jan. 19 in the 400 block of Santa Fe Avenue Southwest, told them he was shot and passed out. A month later he died. **Motive: Unknown. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

8. **Feb. 25.** APD. Manuel Montaño, 45, was shot and killed after an apparent altercation with passengers in another vehicle on Gibson near San Mateo Boulevard Southeast. Christopher Aaron Thomas, 15, is charged. **Motive: Drug-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

9. **Feb. 26.** APD. Wayne Daily, 48, was stabbed in the chest with a butcher knife at the Gaslite Motel, 601 Central Ave. N.W. Roland Talk, 33, was charged in the death, which he claimed was accidental after the two transients were "just messin' around." **Motive: Drug-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

10. **March 27.** APD. Michelle Montoya, 23, was shot point-blank when she answered the door at her apartment in the 300 block of Grove Street Northeast. Kyle Raybon, 27, is charged with her death. The killing was apparently the result of a grudge over a drug-motivated scuffle. **Drug-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

11. **April 7.** APD. Ben Curley, 29, was found shot to death in an apartment in the 13000 block of Wenonah Avenue Southeast. His sister's ex-boyfriend, Matthew Gonzales, 32, is charged. He had gone to Curley's apartment looking for his ex-girlfriend and their baby, and the two men got into a fight, reports said. Gonzales is also accused firing 10 bullets into Valencia County Sheriff's Deputy Rodney Jones during a routine traffic stop that day. Jones lived, most likely because he was wearing a

bulletproof vest. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

12. **April 11.** BCSD. Christine Valles, 20, died a day after she and two others were sprayed with gunfire in a drive-by shooting in the 1500 block of Valley Road Southwest. Jesse Chavez, 16, a gang member and ninth-grader, is accused of shooting Valles during what may have been a fight over a carpet cleaner and a bad joke. **Motive: Gang-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

13. **April 19.** Rio Rancho. Stephane Murphey, 37, a flight attendant, was found strangled in a car parked at the Warren Coronado Apartments on Indian School Road Northeast, but authorities say she may have met with foul play at her Rio Rancho home. A $30,000 reward is offered for the capture of her killer. **Motive: Unknown. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

14. **April 20.** APD. Robert Tischmacher, 70, a tourist from Arizona, was pumping gas at Love's Gas Station, 2200 Sixth St. N.W., when two men walked up and demanded his wallet. Tischmacher refused and sprayed one of the men with gasoline. One of the men shot him to death, reports say. Toby Chavez, 27, and Patrick DeHerrera, 28, are charged. A girlfriend later said the suspects had been cruising around looking for "a way to make money." **Motive: Robbery. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

15. **April 26.** APD. Paul Dutchover, 31, was stabbed to death after a night of drinking disintegrated into a bloody brawl at a halfway house apartment for inmates in the 1700 block of Coal Place Southeast. Shannon Richard Patchell, 19, is charged. **Motive: Drug-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

16. **April 26.** APD. Jesus Lujan, 18, was shot in the back after a weapon was fired through the window of the Golden Cue Billiards, 4224 Menaul Blvd. N.E. Dominic Childers, 17, and Daniel Arriola, 16, are charged. **Motive: Gang-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

17. **May 2.** APD. Joel Avalos, 29, was stabbed numerous times in his home at 1830 Rio Grande Blvd. N.W. **Motive: Drug-related. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

18. **May 12.** BCSD. Robert Almazar, 18, was shot at the Giant gas station at Coors and Arenal boulevards Northwest after an apparent altercation over a girl between him and his friends and at least two youths in a car. Rolando Manuel Garza, 21, is charged. **Motive: Other. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

19. **May 16.** APD. Carlos Julian Lucero, 20, was shot in the back with a shotgun in the 200 block of Girard Boulevard Southeast. Kerry Haley, 29, is charged. Detectives say Lucero blamed Haley for breaking into his home and stealing his possessions. Lucero then apparently broke into the home of a friend of Haley's and took back all his property. **Motive: Other. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

20. **May 18.** APD. Lydia Salas, 48, called "Mom" by fellow street people, was found stabbed numerous times and bleeding to death behind a church at Central Avenue and Broadway Boulevard Northwest. Linda Platero, 35, another transient, is charged. **Motive: Robbery. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

21. **May 18.** BCSD. Brandon Xavier Raver, 6 weeks, died as the result of shaken-baby syndrome at his home in the Sedillo Hill area of the East Mountains. His father, Edward Raver, 23, is accused of child abuse resulting in death. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

22. **May 22.** APD. Raymond Anaya, 40, was kicked and beaten to death on Dora Avenue Northwest near Old Town. Dean Jaramillo, 38, told detectives that friends at a barbecue attacked him after his 12-year-old daughter said Anaya tried to fondle her. Charged in the death are Jaramillo, Daniel Baca, 39, Randy Torres, 20, and Daniel Vigil, 21. **Motive: Other. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

23. **May 25.** APD. Moises Alderete, 19, was fatally shot outside a residence at 1200 Coal Ave. S.W. The killing

happened after a party at a nearby apartment complex. **Motive: Gang-related. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

24, 25, 26. **May 29.** BCSD. Matthew Hunt, 17, Kevin Shirley, 17, and Luis Garcia, 16, were shot numerous times and found in Shirley's orange Datsun in Sandia Knolls. The boys had been at a friend's house and were on their way home when they were attacked. Witnesses said two people in a dark sport-utility vehicle with tinted windows were seen leaving the scene. A reward fund for information leading to an arrest totals $36,500. **Motive: Unknown. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

27. **May 30.** BCSD. Jerry Lopez, 30, was reported missing in February, his maroon Ford Ranger found abandoned in a parking lot at Coors Boulevard and I-40. His bullet-shot body was found three months later at Laguna Pueblo. Lopez was closely associated with a violent and highly organized street gang, and detectives said people with information on his death may not have come forward for fear of retaliation. **Motive: Gang-related. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

28. **June 4.** APD. Ronald Vigil, 40, was beaten with fists, kicks and possibly a rock in the 1200 block of John Street Southeast. Harvey Saavedra, 24, is charged. **Motive: Robbery. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

29. **June 12.** APD. Leonardo Montero, 34, was shot dead in the 500 block of Vermont Northeast. Police are looking for two males in a red Chevrolet Cavalier in connection with the shooting. **Motive: Drug-related. Case status: Arrest warrants issued.**

30. **June 14.** Sam Gonzales, 37, was in bed when he was shot in the head at the family home in the 8100 block of Waterbury Place Northwest. His daughter, Jade Gonzales, 12, is charged, although some family members say the shooting was accidental. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

31. **June 19.** APD. Ricky Solis, 21,

was shot in the head in what was apparently a prearranged showdown between him and a carload of individuals at San Pedro and Montgomery Boulevard Northeast; the altercation started over Solis calling a girl a derogatory name, reports said. Rodrigo Castillo Dominguez, 26, and Charles Isaac McClaugherty, 18, are charged in the killing. **Motive: Other. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

32. **June 22.** APD. Manuel Baca, 54, was stabbed in the back of the head and found face down in an alley off the 600 block of Rosemont Avenue Northwest. **Motive: Unknown. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

33. **June 23.** APD. Jan Holmes, 65, was shot by her husband, Shary Holmes, 68, who then walked into the couple's back yard at 2605 Christine N.E. and shot himself. Several suicide notes were found in the home; police say the murder-suicide was over the ailing wife's medical problems. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Exceptional clearance (murder-suicide).**

34. **June 25.** BCSD. Arthur Crespin, 34, was found dead at a home at 1904 Marston S.W. near Goff Boulevard and Five Points Road. Shawn Anthony Gonzales, 26, is charged. **Motive: Robbery. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

35, 36. **July 2.** BCSD. Steven Sanchez, 40, and John Sanchez, 39, not related, were shot in the driveway of the former Sandia Ranch residential-care facility, 6309 Edith Blvd. N.E. Carl Bell, 52, previously convicted of killing a Moriarty police officer, is charged. **Motive: Drug-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

37. **July 10.** APD. Adam Anaya, 18, was the victim of a drive-by shooting in the 3500 block of Eastern Avenue Southeast. Edwin Wilson, 18, Tyrone Taplin, 17, and Nakiesha Barnes, 16, are charged. Detectives say the three returned to the home after earlier being chased away, supposedly by Anaya and his friends, when they wanted to talk to girls. **Motive: Gang-related. Case**

**status: Closed by arrest.**

38. **July 22.** APD. Michael Hernandez, 20, was shot in the chest at the Chevron station at Eubank and Hotel Circle Northeast after he got into an argument with the occupants of another vehicle. Gerald Nieto, 17, of Edgewood, and Craig Gabaldon, 17, of Moriarty, are charged. **Motive: Gang-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

39. **July 24.** APD. Elliot Vasquez, 18, died in a hail of bullets that injured three other teens in a street shootout in the 700 block of Nuanes Lane Southwest. Investigators believe the incident was retaliation for an episode that occurred weeks before. Police are still looking for the suspects, who drive a 1980s model Chevy Camaro and frequent the South Broadway area. **Motive: Gang-related. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

40. **Aug. 13.** APD. Steven Waters, 45, was stabbed after an altercation in the 300 block of Virginia Northeast. Samuel Edward Hart, 49, who lived at that location, is charged. **Motive: Other. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

41. **Aug. 14.** APD. Ivan Hernandez, 18, was bragging about being from Los Angeles and challenging a crowd made up largely of gang members to fight him when he was stabbed to death with an 8-inch kitchen knife at a party in the 2700 block of Montclaire Drive Northeast. Heriberto Martinez, 18, is charged. **Motive: Gang-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

42. **Aug. 19.** APD. Candice Bell, also know as Ada Marie Bell, in her 20s, was found shot in the head at the Sand and Sage Motel, 6522 Central Ave. S.E., apparently over the theft of $100 worth of crack cocaine. Jerome Baty, 34, is charged with homicide. **Motive: Drug-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

43, 44. **Aug. 24.** BCSD. Lisa Guerrero, 30, and her brother, Eddie Guerrero, 20, were found shot in or near a small pickup truck parked on Sunnyslope west of Second Street and Rio Bravo Boulevard Southwest. The sister died at the scene. Her brother died

five days later. **Motive: Unknown. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

45. **Sept. 2.** APD. Amanda Templeton, 11 weeks old, suffered extensive neurological damage as the result of shaken-baby syndrome in 1990. She died July 17, 1999, and her death was ruled a homicide two months later. Her father is the suspect in the case, but the District Attorney's Office has not decided whether to charge him. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Exceptional clearance (District Attorney's Office must decide whether to prosecute).**

46. **Sept. 6.** BCSD. Antonio Martinez, 38, was shot to death at 1826 Tapia St. S.W. Frank Gonzales, 24, and Lorenzo Valdez, 20, are charged. **Motive: Drug-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

47. **Sept. 10.** APD. Girly Hossencofft, 36, failed to show up for work days after warning co-workers that if she went missing to expect the worst. Her estranged husband, Diazien Hossencofft, 34, and his girlfriend, Linda Henning, 46, are charged in her disappearance and presumed homicide. Her body has not been found. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

48. **Sept. 15.** APD. Patricia Griego, 35, was shot by her husband, John Griego, 32, who then shot himself in their home in the 10400 block of Heron Road Southwest. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Exceptional clearance (murder-suicide).**

49. **Sept. 16.** APD. Raymond Turner, 79, was found nude on his bedroom floor at 1135 Texas N.E., his hands bound by a pillowcase. Another pillowcase was tied around his neck, and he had signs of blunt trauma to his head. David Crespin, 35, is charged. Detectives say he admitted hitting Turner in the head with a bottle and then stealing checks and an ATM card because he had just gotten out of jail and needed money. **Motive: Robbery. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

50. **Sept. 18:** APD. Isidro Ortiz, 20,

was stabbed to death during a birthday party in the 11200 block of Ralph Northeast. Ortiz had gotten into a fight and yelled out an epithet against a rival gang when, detectives say, Adrian Molina, 19, a member of that rival gang, stabbed him, saying "I'll finish this now." **Motive: Gang-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

51. **Sept. 23.** BCSD. Florencio Pfieffer, 39, was shot to death on the street near 1817 Corte Elicia S.W. after a party disintegrated into a fatal fight. Javier Palomo, 17, is wanted in connection with the shooting death, but authorities believe he is in Mexico. **Motive: Other. Case status: Arrest warrant issued.**

52. **Sept. 24.** APD. Orlando Olivas, 19, was hit in a drive-by shooting at 6220 San Mateo Blvd. N.E. on Aug. 15 and died more than a month later. Brian Heppler, 18, is charged. **Motive: Other. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

53. **Oct. 7.** APD. Thomas Norman, 77, was assaulted August 1998 in the parking lot of the Harwood Art Center, 1114 Seventh St. N.W., where he worked as a custodian. He never recovered fully from the assault and died June 2, 1999. Four months later, his death was ruled a homicide. **Motive: Robbery. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

54. **Oct. 12.** BCSD, APD. Ty Wiersema, 34, was shot in the head, had a plastic bag put over his face, was bound in metal wire and wrapped in a rug before being set ablaze on the West Mesa near the South Valley landfill west of Pajarito Road and Coors Boulevard Southwest. Robert Mirabal, 34, is charged with the slaying, which was apparently sparked by an insult. Both men were believed to have been involved in the trafficking of methamphetamines and firearms. **Motive: Drug-related. Case status: Closed by arrest. (Although this homicide occurred in the city and is counted in APD statistics, the case was solved by BCSD.)**

55. **Oct. 15.** APD. Eloy Lovato, 42, never regained consciousness and died

as a result of blunt trauma to his head. He died more than a week after he was found lying in the street Oct. 9 in the 200 block of 64th Street Northwest. Lovato had gone to neighbor David Pacheco Jr.'s apartment to borrow money for cigarettes, reports say. Pacheco, 22, is accused of beating and kicking Lovato, dragging him to the street, slamming his head against the curb and, while Lovato was unconscious, rifling through his pockets. **Motive: Other. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

56. **Oct. 23.** APD. Natalie Madore, 23, was found shot in the head after what was apparently a domestic dispute in the 3400 block of Wellesley Northeast. Her boyfriend, Gar Medina, 29, was charged after police became suspicious of his story that she had committed suicide. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

57. **Oct. 25.** BCSD. Joe Perea, 21, was found shot in the yard of a home in the 3100 block of Foothill Road Southwest, a known crack house. Eddie Garcia, 29, is charged in the death, which is believed to have occurred over a $75 drug debt. **Motive: Drug- and gang-related. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

58. **Oct. 29.** APD. Cameron Anderson, 3, died as a result of shaken-baby syndrome, which most likely occurred at his home at 8116 Monterey East Ave. N.E. The mother's boyfriend, Charles Taylor, 25, is charged with child abuse resulting in death. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

59. **Oct. 29.** BCSD. The decomposing body of a woman was found in a drainage canal off Second Street Southwest near I-25. She was light-skinned, about 40-50, 5 feet to 5 feet 2 inches, 165-175 pounds with brown, slightly graying hair and possibly brown eyes. She also had pierced ears, wore dentures, a white bra, dark thin sweat or stretch pants, and turquoise socks. **Motive: Unknown. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

60. **Oct. 29.** BCSD. Jose Holguin, 21,

was hit in a drive-by shooting at Coors Boulevard and Arenal Road Southwest and died while his brother and friends were driving him to the hospital. Detectives are looking for a male in his early 20s with several tattoos on his arms. His vehicle is a late-model, dark-colored Honda with silver five-star custom rims. The second of three youths in the Honda is described as a male in his mid- to late-teens. **Motive: Unknown. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

61. **Nov. 10.** BCSD. Servando "El Hungro" Bustillos, 35, was found shot in the chest in the driveway of a home at Nutrias and San Ygnacio Southwest. **Motive: Unknown. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

62. **Nov. 12.** APD. Fred Olivas Jr., 18, was being chased by suspects in another vehicle Nov. 3 when he was shot in the neck, lost control of his vehicle and hit a retaining wall at Candelaria and Broadway Northeast. He later died. Witnesses said Olivas may have been dragging a cat behind his vehicle, and police say the shooting may have been prompted by rage over animal abuse. Police are looking for a white sport-utility vehicle with temporary tags. **Motive: Other. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

63. **Nov. 16.** BCSD Angelique Griego, 24, was found dead of apparent asphyxiation at her home at 1301 Sunset Road S.W. **Motive: Unknown. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

64. **Nov. 16.** BCSD. Alex Bradician, 52, owner of the Vivian Gas Station, 6502 Fourth St. N.W., was shot to death while working. A dark-colored, 1980s Monte Carlo or Buick occupied by two males was seen parked behind the gas station. A dark-complexioned man, possibly the gunman, with a white T-shirt, khaki pants and dark-colored beanie was seen running out of the store and hopping into the dark car. A reward fund totals $5,000. **Motive: Robbery. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

65. **Nov. 17.** APD. A newborn was found stashed in a closet under a pile of clothes after a woman living in an

apartment at 5410 Phoenix Ave. N.E. found blood in the bathroom and followed a trail of blood leading to the closet. The woman's sister, Melissa Fairbanks, 19, is accused of giving birth to the baby and then hiding it before she went to work. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

66, 67. **Nov. 26.** APD. Pedro Escobedo, 19, and Lori Montano, 28, were killed by shotgun blasts at a mobile home where they had been staying in the 2500 block of Evita Way Southwest. The two had been watching television with the homeowner's son, Jason Helmstetler, 22, when a fight broke out. Helmstetler is charged. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

68. **Nov. 28.** APD. Alberto Nevarez, 25, was found in an alley near San Pedro and Gibson Southeast suffering from head injuries. He died the next day. Joseph Jamon, 21, is charged. Police believe that Nevarez went to buy crack from Jamon and the two got into a fight over Nevarez's girlfriend, who had once dated Jamon. **Motive: Drug-related, domestic. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

69. **Nov. 30.** FBI. Carla Simmons, 38, of Carnuel was found dead in the middle of N.M. 165 near the Sandia Man Caves. She had suffered blunt trauma. **Motive: Unknown. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

70. **Dec. 6.** APD. Mary Romero, 43, was bludgeoned in the head with an ax and found covered by a pillow and blanket in bed in her home in the 1200 block of Headingly Avenue Northwest. Her boyfriend, Nathan Johnson, 34, said he killed her because she had abused him. He later hung himself in City-County Jail. **Motive: Domestic. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

71. **Dec. 20.** BCSD. Fernando Brey, age unknown, was found shot to death in an home at 3313 La Junta Road S.W. after an anonymous caller used a nearby pay phone to alert authorities. **Motive: Unknown. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

72. **Dec. 23.** BCSD. Martin Ortega,

40, was beaten with a blunt object, possibly a bat or club, in a carjacking that occurred Dec. 4 in the 2000 block of Viola Road Southwest. He later died. **Motive: Carjacking. Case status: UNSOLVED.**

73. **Dec. 28.** APD. Demetrius Sims, 16, was stabbed to death after a large party on Tracy Street Northeast went out of control. Michael O'Leary, 17, is charged. **Motive: Other. Case status: Closed by arrest.**

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