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**2005
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
IN
ALABAMA**

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Domestic Violence 2005

- Of the 19,486 violent offenses* reported in 2005, 11% were domestic violence incidents. Domestic violence was indicated in 2,159 offenses reported: in 27 homicides; 204 rapes; 70 robberies; and in 1,858 aggravated assaults. 1,185 incidents of domestic violence were cleared for a 56% clearance rate. 40% of the clearances were exceptional, i.e...lack of prosecution.
- There were 26,051 domestic simple assaults, which represent 34% of all simple assaults reported in 2005. 15,142 domestic simple assaults were cleared for a 58% clearance rate. 43% of the clearances were exceptional.
- 77% of the victims were females, and 23% were males. 55% of the victims were black, and 45% were white. In 59% of the offenses, the offender was

purposes of this report, domestic violence is indicated when the relationship of the victim and offender is husband, wife, common-law spouse, ex-husband, ex-wife, girlfriend, boy-friend, ex-girlfriend, or ex-boyfriend. Statistics contained within this report include adult and juvenile victims.

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black, and in 79% the offender was male.

- A firearm was the weapon used in 18% of the offenses; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 51%; a knife was the weapon used in 14%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 17%.
- 48% of the victims suffered injuries: 11% were injured with a firearm; 21% were injured with a knife; 52% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 16% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- In 31% of domestic violence offenses the victim was the wife/ex-wife of the offender; in 45% the victim was the girlfriend/ex-girlfriend of the offender.

*Excluding simple assaults

Domestic Violence - Aggravated Assault

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wife	27%
Common-law wife	3%
Ex-wife	4%
Husband	9%
Common-law husband	1%
Ex-husband	1%
Girlfriend	25%
Ex-girlfriend	16%
Boyfriend	8%
Ex-boyfriend	6%

Domestic Violence - Assault 2005

Aggravated

- Of the 11,489 aggravated assaults reported in 2005, 1,858 were domestic aggravated assaults - or 16% of all aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 1,027 incidents of domestic aggravated assault were cleared for a 55% clearance rate. 38% of the clearances were exceptional.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 18% of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 48%; a knife was the weapon used in 16%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 18%.
- 49% of the victims were injured: 9% with a firearm; 22% with a knife; 51% with fists, feet or hands; and 18% with other dangerous weapons

Domestic Violence - Simple Assault

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wife	29%
Common-law wife	4%
Ex-wife	5%
Husband	7%
Common-law husband	1%
Ex-husband	2%
Girlfriend	27%
Ex-girlfriend	16%
Boyfriend	5%
Ex-boyfriend	4%

- 34% of the victims were a wife or ex-wife of the offender; 41% of the victims were a girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender; and 11% of the victims were a husband or ex-husband of the offender. 59% of the offenders were black, and 76% were males.

Simple

- There were 26,051 domestic simple assaults reported in 2005, or 34% of all simple assaults for that year. 15,142 incidents of domestic simple assaults were cleared for a 58% clearance rate. 43% of the clearances were exceptional, i.e..lack of prosecution.
- Hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in 90% of these assaults, however, 36% of the victims still reported injuries.
- 38% of the victims were a wife or ex-wife to the offender; 43% were a girlfriend or ex-girlfriend.

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Ex-girlfriend	18%
Boyfriend	8%
Ex-boyfriend	6%

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wife	25%
Common-law wife	2%
Ex-wife	4%
Husband	8%
Common-law husband	1%
Ex-husband	1%
Girlfriend	27%

Domestic Violence - Homicide 2005

- There were 27 domestic homicides reported in 2005, representing 8% of the 331 homicides reported in Alabama for that year. 23 domestic homicides were cleared for an 85% clearance rate.
- 19% of the victims were males, and 81% were females. 63% of the victims were black, and 37% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 78% of the homicides; a knife was the weapon used 11%; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in 4%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 7%.

- In 48% of the homicides the victim was the wife or ex-wife of the offender; in 8% the victim was the husband; in 29% the victim was the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend; and in 15% of the homicides the victim was the boyfriend or ex-boyfriend of the offender.
- 67% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 4% occurred in a street, alley, or parking lot; and 29% occurred in other locations.
- In 27% of the homicides the offender was white; and in 73% the offender was a male. 65% of the homicides had black victims and black offenders; 27% had white victims and white offenders; 8% had white victims and black offenders; and 0% had black victims and white offenders.

Domestic Violence - Robbery

Ex-boyfriend

4%

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wife	19%
Common-law wife	0%
Ex-wife	7%
Husband	6%
Common law-husband	0%
Ex-husband	3%
Girlfriend	19%
Ex-girlfriend	38%
Boyfriend	4%

Domestic Violence - Robbery 2005

- There were 70 robberies in 2005 that indicated domestic violence. This represents 1% of the 6,151 robberies reported for Alabama in that year. 25 domestic robberies were cleared for a 36% clearance rate. 48% of the clearances were exceptional.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 27% of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 59%; a knife was the weapon used in 7%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 7%.
- 37% of the victims suffered injuries: 17% were injured with a firearm; 11%

were injured with a knife; 72% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 0% were injured with other dangerous weapons.

- 57% of the victims were the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender; 26% of the victims were the wife or ex-wife of the offender.
- 33% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 20% occurred in a street or alley; and 47% occurred in other locations.
- In 80% of the robberies, the offender was black and in 91% the offender was a male.

Domestic Violence - Homicide

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wife	48%
Common-law wife	0%
Ex-wife	0%
Husband	4%
Common-law husband	4%
Ex-husband	0%
Girlfriend/Ex-girlfriend	29%
Boyfriend/Ex-boyfriend	15%

Domestic Violence - Rape 2005

- There were 204 domestic violence rapes in 2005, representing 14% of the 1,515 rapes reported in Alabama for that year. 109 domestic rapes were cleared for a 54% clearance rate. 64% of the clearances were exceptional.
- 48% of the victims were black females and 52% were white females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 8% of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 82%; a knife was the weapon used in 2%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 8%.
- 39% of the victims suffered injuries: 13% were injured with a firearm; 6% were injured with a knife; 73% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 8% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 80% of the victims were the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender, and 20% of the victims were the wife or ex-wife of the offender.
- 78% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 3% occurred in a street or alley; and 19% occurred in other locations.
- In 44% of the rapes the offender was white, and in 56% the offender was black.
- 34% of domestic rape victims were juveniles, but only 7% of the offenders were juveniles.

Domestic Violence - Rape

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wife	13%
Common-law wife	3%
Ex-wife	4%
Girlfriend	52%
Ex-girlfriend	28%