

MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER SUMMARY, 2015

Date and Location of Incident	Victim		Assailant		Weapon Used	Relationship of Victim to Offender	Circumstances
	Age	Sex	Age	Sex			
1/26/2015 Fryeburg	52	F	52	M	Handgun	Wife	Victim shot and killed in their home by her husband, who then shot and killed himself.
3/01/2015 Houlton	61	M	16 18	M M	Knife	Acquaintance Acquaintance	Victim beaten and stabbed inside his home. Offenders charged with murder.
3/07/2015 Troy	49	M	16	M	Knife	Father	Victim stabbed inside his home by his son. Son charged with murder.
5/07/2015 Millinocket	6 mo.	M	33	M	Hands, fists, feet	Son	Infant died two days after being brought to the hospital with injuries. Baby's father indicted and arrested for murder.
5/12/2015 Parkman	61	M	38	M	Handgun	Father	Victim shot to death outside his home. Son charged with murder.
5/25/2015 Portland	19	M	20 30	M M	Gun	Unknown	Victim shot to death in a downtown recording studio. Two men arrested in July and charged with murder.
6/5/2015 Parkman	37	F	38	M	Handgun	Girlfriend	Victim shot to death inside her home. Ex-boyfriend charged with her murder after he surrendered to police after a lengthy manhunt in August.
7/04/2015 Boothbay Harbor	75 40	F M	71	M	Handgun	Wife Son	Victims shot to death inside their two separate homes. Suspect then shot and killed himself.
7/11/2015 Lee Benedicta	20 58	M M	35	M	Handgun	Stranger Stranger	20-year-old victim shot and killed in home. Second victim, 58-year-old man, shot and killed in woodlot separate from first victim's residence. Suspect charged with two counts of murder.
8/09/2015 Portland	49	M	23 36 31	M M M	Hands, fists, feet	Acquaintance Acquaintance Acquaintance	Victim beaten to death inside his apartment. Three men charged with his murder.
8/19/2015 Saco	59	F	31	F	Knife	Stranger	Victim stabbed to death inside local supermarket. Suspect charged with murder, pleaded guilty.
9/10/2015 Eastport	75	M	39	M	Hands, fists, feet	Acquaintance	Victim was assaulted and died at his home. Friend indicted for murder.
9/24/2015 Caribou	58	M	Unk.	Unk.	Unknown	Unknown	Victim found deceased inside his residence, which was set on fire. Investigation ongoing.
10/26/2015 Gray	3 mo.	M	24	M	Hands, fists, feet	Son	Infant died from multiple injuries. Father charged with murder.
11/04/2015 Oakland	28 30 29	F F M	42	M	Handgun	Girlfriend Acquaintance Acquaintance	Victims shot to death inside their apartment house by suspect, who then shot and killed himself. 28-year-old female victim was suspect's girlfriend.

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11/23/2015 Augusta	31	M	25 27 45 26	M F M M	Other dangerous weapon	Acquaintance Acquaintance Acquaintance Acquaintance	Victim beaten to death inside apartment of his friend. Suspects charged with murder. One suspect committed suicide in the jail. Drug related.
11/27/2015 Bangor	38	M	27 37	M M	Handgun	Acquaintance Acquaintance	Victim shot to death at an apartment house. Two suspects from New York charged with murder.
12/25/2015 Manchester	35 26	M F	29	M	Handgun	Acquaintance Acquaintance	Victims shot to death inside their vehicle on a back road in Manchester. Suspect from New York charged with 2 counts of murder. Drug related.

The following incidents, classified as manslaughters by negligence, are not discussed elsewhere in this report. Added to the 23 murders and non-negligent manslaughters, they make a total of 25 homicides for 2015.

08/09/2015 Lebanon	19	M	20	M	Shotgun	Brother	Victim shot and killed inside family home with shotgun fired by brother. Brother indicted for manslaughter.
11/16/2015 Bath	22	F	23	M	Handgun	Girlfriend	Victim shot by boyfriend while sitting in car. Boyfriend was showing gun to anticipated buyer when gun went off, striking girlfriend and killing her. Boyfriend charged with manslaughter.

MURDER AND NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER

Murder and non-negligent manslaughter are described by UCR as the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another — or a death that results from the commission of another criminal act.

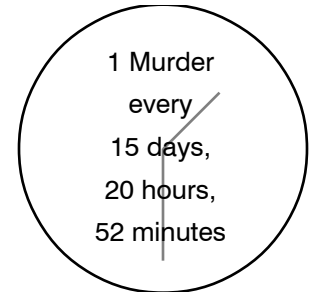
Murder — “1. A person is guilty of murder if: A. He intentionally or knowingly causes the death of another human being; B. He engages in conduct which manifests a depraved indifference to the value of human life ...; or C. ... causes another human being to commit suicide by the use of force, duress or deception.” M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 201

Felony Murder — “1. A person is guilty of felony murder if acting alone or with one or more other persons in the commission or attempt to commit immediate flight after committing or attempting to commit ... [another felony offense], he or another participant in fact causes the death of another human being ...” M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 202

Manslaughter — “1. A person is guilty of manslaughter if he: B. ... causes the death of another human being ... while under the influence of extreme anger or extreme fear ...” M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 203

Not included in the count for this offense classification are deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident. Although manslaughter by negligence is recorded on the “offenses known to police” form along with murder, it is not considered an index offense and is not discussed in this report. Attempts to murder or assaults to murder are scored as aggravated assaults and not murder.

Crime Clock



<i>Trend</i>						
Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2011–2015
Number reported	25	24	24	22	23	
% change from previous year	4.2%	−4.0%	—	−8.3%	4.5%	
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Rate per 1,000	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	
% change from previous year	—	—	—	—	—	
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