MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER SUMMARY, 2017

Date and Location of Incident	Victim		Assailant		W	Relationship	0:	
	Age	Sex	Age	Sex	Weapon Used	of Victim to Offender	Circumstances	
1/12/2017 Troy	7 weeks	М	32	F	Hands, fists, feet	Son	Infant beaten to death in family home. Mother charged with murder.	
2/8/2017 Waldo	43	М	24	F	Knife	Acquaintance	Victim stabbed to death at the home of a friend. Suspect indicted for manslaugher.	
2/22/2017 Richmond	76	М	54	M	Hands, fists, feet	Father	Victims beaten in home, later died at hospital. Son arrested and charged with manslaughter.	
2/22/2017 Acton	42	М	46	F	Knife	Ex-spouse	Victim stabbed after an argument with his ex-wife. Ex-wife charged with murder.	
2/27/2017 Portland	35	М	Unk.	Unk.	Firearm	Unknown	Victim found dead in car along Portland street. Investigation is ongoing.	
Date of homicide 5/9/1979; Date of arrest 4/7/2017; Brunswick	4 mo. at time of murder	M	24 at time of murder	М	Hands, fists, feet	Son	Suspect arrested and charged with death of son nearly 38 years ago. Victim found unresponsive in family home, died at hospital May 9, 1979. Investigation later revealed evidence to arrest suspect and charge him with murder.	
4/16/2017 Bangor	36	М	40	M	Firearm	Acquaintance	Victim shot to death along street in Bangor. Suspect charged with murder.	
6/17/2017 West Gardiner	41	М	26	M	Firearm	Acquaintance	Victim shot outside suspect's home. Homeowner/suspect indicted for manslaughter in August.	
7/5/2017 Madison	52 25 57	F M M	51	M	Firearm	Wife Son Acquaintance	Suspect shot and killed victims in their homes. He was later shot and killed by sheriff's deputy.	
7/11/2017 Jay	51	F	56	M	Blunt object	Girlfriend	Victim found beaten to death in her home. Suspect, longtime boyfriend, charged with her murder.	
7/19/2017 Cherryfield	55	F	37 19	M F	Handgun	Girlfriend Acquaintance	Victim found dead in roadway. Suspects later arrested in New York and charged with murder.	
9/10/2017 Portland	54	М	Unk.	Unk.	Knife	Unknown	Victim found dead off Temple Street in Portland. Investigation is ongoing.	
9/30/2017 Saco	53	М	42	М	Gun	Stranger	Victim shot during altercation at a residence in Saco. No charges filed.	
10/18/2017 Bucksport	2	F	Unk.	Unk.	Unknown	Unknown	2-year-old died at home. State Police announced death as homicide in December. Investigation is ongoing.	
10/28/2017 Whitneyville	48	М	Unk.	Unk.	Unknown	Unknown	Victim found deceased in his burned-out mobile home. Investigation ongoing.	
11/17/2017 Caribou	44	М	22	М	Hands, fists, feet	Acquaintance	Victim died following fight with another man in Caribou. Suspect indicted for manslaughter.	

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12/8/2017 Wiscasset	4	F	43	F	Blunt object	Child in care	4-year-old victim died from a number of injuries. Her caregiver charged with murder.	
12/9/2017 Manchester	62	F	82	М	Gun	Wife	Victim shot and killed by husband, who shot and killed himself inside their home.	
12/19/2017 Millinocket	59	M	38 43 21	M M F	Gun	Unknown Unknown Unknown	Victim shot to death following a home invasion. Wife was wounded. Two men and one woman arrested and charged with murder.	
The following incident, classified as manslaughter by negligence, is not discussed elsewhere in this report. Added to the 21 murders and non-negligent manslaughters, it makes a total of 22 homicides for 2017.								
10/28/2017 Hebron	34	F	38	М	Rifle	Stranger	Victim shot to death by deer hunter on first day of hunting season, on land that she owned. Suspect 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

1 Murder every 17 days, 9 hours, 9 minutes

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.

Trend									
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2013–2017		
Number reported	24	22	23	18	21				
% change from previous year	_	-8.3%	4.5%	-21.7%	16.7%				
						% change	-12.5%		
Rate per 1,000	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02				
% change from previous year			-13.5%	-21.9%	16.3%				
						% change	-21.4%		