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For the last 20 years, the federal hate-crime law by extending Women's Project has been working civil rights-era protections for the first time to include violence change through public education based on gender, sexual orientation and community organizing. In those years we have survived Klan rallies, unjust public policies, Republican-controlled legislatures, sexist murders of women, Y2K and the "selection" (if I may borrow from the Reverend Al Sharpton) of George W. Bush as the 43rd President of the United States. The social climate of years before and those to come demand that the Women's Watchcare Network continue monitoring bias and violence against people based on race, gender, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation and religious identity.

Throughout the last decade, the Women's Project has worked in coalition with communities across the state to impact policy that addresses crimes against Arkansans based on bias. In the eighties, we worked toward the inclusion of violence against women as a crime of hate on the local and national levels, with the following results: in 2000, the U.S. Senate voted 57-42 to strengthen

ing civil rights-era protections for the first time to include violence based on gender, sexual orientation and disabilities. However, the bill died in the House thanks to Asa Hutchinson's opposition (according to the Arkansas League of Women Voters study of hate crimes legislation).

- A hate crime is defined by the U.S. Congress as a crime in which the defendant intentionally selects a victim, or in the case of a property crime, the property that is the object of the crime, because of the actual or perceived race, color, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, or sexual orientation of any person.
- By 1980, only five states had passed hate crime legislation.
- New Jersey was one of the first states to adopt a hate-crime law banning acts of racial or ethnic intimidation.
- Missouri is the fourth state in the nation to pass legislation prohibiting racial profiling and requiring police depart-

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ments statewide to keep racial statistics on all police stops.

- To date, Arkansas is one of only five states without hate-crime legislation.

The Women's Watchcare Log is published each year, documenting every case of bias and hate violence that we can verify by a named source around the state. In addition to bias and hate, we pay close attention to the connections between perpetrators, victims and the crimes. For example, many of the Log entries include sexist murders of women, but they also include men murdered by women. Two of the women who murdered men in 2000 claimed self-defense and/or a history of abuse. Most domestic homicides are the end result of a pattern known as the cycle of violence. The cycle is broken only if the violence ceases or someone is killed.

Another example is this edition's inclusion of murders of youth and gun and school violence. According to the *Democrat-Gazette* (3/19/00), 17 children were expelled from Arkansas public schools for making threats or taking weapons onto campuses. Many of the perpetrators and victims included in the 2000 Log are Arkansas youth. 35 of the 68 entries (51.5%) included individuals under the age 25. In 30 (86%) of the 35 incidents involving youth, the victims were youth. 22 of those 35 entries (63%) include youth assailants. In 44% (8 out of 18) of the cases of mur-

dered youth, a parent was charged with the killing. What is noteworthy concerning these and other Log entries is the relationship between experiencing violence and victimization at an early age and perpetrating violence during adulthood. Youth begin learning to commit violent acts such as harassment, rape, assault or murder at a young age. It is critical that we make the connection between children's experiences at a young age and their behavior as adults, because it is the only way we can stop the cycle of violence. Based on a training manual produced by the Northeast Arkansas Council on Family Violence:

- 50% of the time there is both child abuse and domestic violence in the same home.
- Children from violent homes have a 74% chance of committing crimes against people.
- Children from violent homes are 24 times more likely than children from nonviolent homes to commit rape and other sexual assaults.
- Children from violent homes are 1000 times more likely to abuse as adults.
- 63% of all boys ages 11-20 arrested for homicide have killed their mother's assaulters.

Another form of violence the Log monitors and records is violence against the elderly, disabled and people with HIV/AIDS. Sometimes elderly and disabled people are assaulted because they are perceived as weak or physically vulnerable. The perpetrator may also assume that they are less valuable. Nursing homes are now required by law to notify the

Coroner's office whenever a resident dies. The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* (3/15/00) stated that the Coroner's office reported 15 possible cases of abuse and neglect in Pulaski County nursing homes alone since the law was enacted.

The Log contains other entries directly or indirectly related to bias and/or hate such as Klan activity, satanic activity, racist violence/climate, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered (LGBT) violence and/or climate of intolerance and police brutality. Some of the categories of violence may contain few entries. Others were omitted completely, such as violence based on religious identity. This is not to suggest that the incidence of this type of violence is minimal or does not exist. Bias crimes and hate violence often go underreported or unreported.

Sometimes, when a woman is struck by her husband or significant other, she is not able to call the police. Episodes of intimidation or harassment reported to authorities based on a person's religion, race or sexual orientation are not always recorded as hate crimes.

Bias and violence are processes that work to intimidate, harass and assault not just individuals, but the communities to which they belong. The Women's Watchcare Network continues working to educate, empower and organize communities to take a stand against hate in Arkansas. The Log is an important tool that we use to carry out this work ■

Racist Violence

January 1, Eureka Springs

A Eureka Springs resident phoned the Women's Project after a man threatening him with a knife accosted him. The African American told the local police that after sliding on the ice and hitting another vehicle, he attempted to apologize to the driver who was white. The white male pulled a knife and threatened him while shouting racial slurs. The man was discouraged from continuing the assault by his passenger who said, "He's not worth it."

Victim's Account

Racist Climate

April 5, Little Rock

Since 1997, at least thirteen women have filed lawsuits against Dillard's department store chain citing alleged discrimination based on race.

Eleven women filed a federal lawsuit against Dillard's department store claiming that they were discriminated against because of their race. They contended that security guards subjected them to unreasonable search and seizure. Of the eleven women, ten were stopped due to suspicion of shoplifting. Of those ten, only two of the women were criminally charged. Charges against one woman were dismissed. The other was found innocent.

Two other women filed suit around a year later alleging discrimination. A representative from Dillard's stated, "At no time has Dillard's ever profiled or targeted any person because of their race or age for any kind of suspect of shoplifting. There is no policy for anyone to be singled out. It's wrong and it doesn't make good business sense."

ADG: 4/5, 9/28

Sexist Murders of Women

February 5, Magnolia

The body of 15-year-old Brittini Pater was found in a gravel pit in Columbia County around 3:30 a.m. Brittini was twelve weeks pregnant and was leaving her parents' home with her boyfriend, 16-year-old Matthew Elliot, to seek an abortion at 2:00 a.m. the same morning. Her parents found a note left by Brittini insisting that she cared for them, but there was something that she desperately needed to take care of.

Elliot and 17-year-old William Davis were charged with murder after Davis' brother-in-law discovered the bludgeoned body while hunting and reported his discovery to authorities. First denying

the fetus' paternity and pleading innocent to the murder, the boys eventually confessed to plotting for three weeks to kill Brittini because she was pregnant. "Brittini was bludgeoned with a long piece of metal and possibly run over by a car. Deputies believe that tire marks at the crime scene suggest that Matthew circled Brittini and then possibly ran over her to make sure she was dead."

Elliot was found guilty and sentenced to life without parole after Brittini's parents agreed

not to pursue the death penalty. Davis was awaiting an October trial date.

ADG: 2/7, 2/8, 2/9, 2/10, 2/18, 3/1, 4/5, 4/9, 4/20, 9/29, 10/30, 10/31

March 15, Little Rock

Darwin Shields, 21, strangled to death his 17-year-old girlfriend, Sarah Stafford, at Interstate Park. Her naked body was discovered buried under trash and debris in a patch of woods behind Shields' mother's home in Wrightsville. Sarah was killed after arguing with Shields about her unborn child

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who she claimed he fathered. Shields' first-degree murder charge was upgraded to capital murder. During his trial, the autopsy report revealed "evidence of an internal stab wound near Sarah's cervix that happened sometime after she died. Dr. Steven Erickson of the state Crime Laboratory testified that he discovered "a small foreign object that looked like the end of a stick had been rammed into Stafford's vagina, causing internal injuries."

Shields was convicted in November and sentenced to life without parole. Sarah was a junior at McClellan High School. *ADG: 2/18, 3/17, 6/10, 11/14, 11/15*

June 22, Fayetteville

Before a battered Lucilla Flores, 21, died, she told medical personnel at Washington Regional Medical Center that her estranged husband was responsible for her beating. Angel Chevez Flores, 28, was charged and eventually convicted of first-degree murder after striking, kicking and choking Lucilla in her home the morning of her death.

Angel Flores discovered Nicholas Reyes, 23, at Lucilla's home. Flores attacked him with a knife, but Reyes managed to escape and contact Fayetteville authorities. The police arrived to find Lucilla lying unconscious with a bloody nose and a bruised neck. According to authorities, Flores has a history of abuse. On May 30, Lucilla petitioned for a temporary restraining order against her husband. She wrote in the petition, "[he] threatened to kill me if he finds me and told a friend he is going to beat and kill me." The hearing for a full restraining order was scheduled

for June 30.

The couple has two children who were two and three years old at the time Lucilla was murdered.

ADG: 6/25, 1/17/01

SW Times Record: 6/23

Jonesboro Sun: 6/26

El Dorado News-Times: 6/26

Benton County Daily Record: 6/26

NW Arkansas Times: 6/23

June 23, Brinkley

A relative of Jerlene Britt, 68, discovered her body and the body of her husband, Charles Britt, 73. Authorities believe that Britt shot Jerlene and then shot and killed himself.

ADG: 6/29

July 4, Hope

Jerry Lural Edmond shot Maxine Turner, a female friend, in the head at the residence they shared just south of the Hope city limits. Authorities reported that Edmond shot and killed Maxine after an argument between the two ensued.

ADG: 7/6

July 4, Bentonville

Bonnie Cabral, 23, was shot and killed by her husband Robert Daco Cabral, 24. Cabral told authorities that his wife shot herself inside of their home while he was "backing out of the driveway." He later changed his story to say, "His wife was accidentally shot after the couple struggled with one of Cabral's pistols." Relatives of the victim told authorities that they have seen Cabral threaten his wife with a gun and that they frequently argued about Cabral's "girlfriend."

Cabral was charged with capital murder.

ADG: 7/12

July 9, Mena

Jesse Heath, 32, walked into Rich Mountain Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, shot and killed his wife, Marita Heath, 25, while she was working in the kitchen.

ADG: 7/10

Southwest Times Record: 7/11

De Queen Daily Citizen: 7/10

De Quenn Bee: 7/13

Camden News: 7/10

July 21, Fayetteville

A murder-suicide perpetrated by Michael Estes, 47, left him and his estranged girlfriend dead in their rented home. Police found the charred body of Tonya Burrow, 26, lying face down with a gunshot wound to the back of her head. Her body was burned beyond recognition. Estes' body was lying next to the bed with a gunshot wound to the forehead. His body was burned, but not as badly as Tonya's. A jug of flammable liquid was found near the bodies.

Police reported that the couple was preparing to move from the residence and separate. According to friends, "Estes was upset over an impending breakup and had talked about suicide in recent days." Neighbors told authorities that they heard the couple "bickering" a number of times since moving into the home. They were scheduled to move on August 1.

ADG: 7/29

El Dorado News-Times: 7/29

Pine Bluff Commercial: 7/29

July 22, Jacksonville

Ricky Modlin, 30, beat his wife, Evelyn Modlin, 23, to death with a wrench after an argument at a motel where the

couple worked and lived. The couple's two sons witnessed the attack.

Earlier, Modlin confessed to his cousin that he wanted to kill his wife. Carl Holland, Modlin's cousin, tried talking Modlin out of the murder. Several days later, Holland discovered the body in a bathroom next to the Modlin's suite. Evelyn's body remained in the bathroom for four days while Modlin and the boys continued to live in the suite. Modlin duct-taped the bathroom to conceal the odor.

Modlin confessed and was charged with first-degree murder after the police apprehended him. Custody of the children was awarded to a maternal grandparent.

ADG: 7/27, 8/1

White River Journal: 7/27

Jacksonville Patriot: 7/26

August 22, Bentonville

Eunice Belinda Bradley's body was set on fire after a man with whom she allegedly had an affair shot her to death. Benton County firefighters discovered her charred body as they fought a large brush fire in a field behind a vacant house. Roger Dale Barrett, 41, told his wife and her friend that he accidentally shot 40-year-old Eunice.

Barrett's wife, Nola, and a friend, Debbie Steenblock, told authorities how Barrett attempted to conceal the murder. They admitted having seen Bradley's body inside the Bradley home on the day that her remains were discovered in the fire.

"Nola Barrett told investigators her husband had been having an affair with Bradley but was trying to end the relationship," according to the

investigator's affidavit.

ADG: 8/28

El Dorado News-Times: 8/28

August 22, Mountain Home

Major L. McPherson, 77, shot and killed his wife, Carol, 56, then shot and killed himself. McPherson was a retired Baxter County sheriff's deputy. Carol McPherson's son found the bodies at the couple's home. Relatives told authorities that the couple "quarreled" the night before their bodies were discovered.

ADG: 8/17, 8/23

September 2, North Little Rock

Six children playing near a carwash discovered the body of Alice Marie Page, 33, who had been stabbed to death. Police picked up her live-in boyfriend, Bobby Lee Russell, 35, at his sister's home in Little Rock.

Authorities suspect that after Alice returned home from work, she and Russell "got into a disturbance." At that point, Russell got a large kitchen knife and stabbed his girlfriend in the back. It is believed that she collapsed behind her house attempting to get help for her injury.

ADG: 9/3, 9/6, 9/8

Harrison Daily Times: 9/8

November 14, Malvern

Darrell Wayne Piltcher, 39, who had just been released from jail on kidnapping and battery charges against his former girlfriend, Carolyn Farley, 41, killed her and dumped her remains. Her body was found in the Ouachita River between Interstate 30 and Malvern.

Carolyn was reported missing and investigators suspected Piltcher in her disappearance. He admitted to

participating in her disappearance and death. He later led investigators to her body. Authorities believe that his motive was jealousy because Carolyn had left him.

ADG: 11/30

December 16, Lewisville

Barbara Jones, 33, was shot and killed by the father of her two-month-old child. Stanley Wyrick, 37, shot himself in the neck after authorities pursued him in connection with Barbara's death. Wyrick was in critical condition in a Louisiana hospital. No further information on his condition is available.

Two of Barbara's relatives and her infant child were at the house during the time of the shooting, but no one else was harmed.

Texarkana Gazette: 12/19

Men Murdered by Women

January 1, Little Rock

Audrey Skinner, 48, stabbed and killed her live-in boyfriend, Lee Holmes, 51, just five hours into the New Year. She pled innocent after being arrested at their home. She told officers that she and Holmes argued after he returned home at 4 a.m. instead of midnight. They began fighting and she "realized that she was cut on her hand." She saw that Holmes had a knife and stated she didn't know how, but she got the knife away from him and stabbed him in the chest.

ADG: 1/2, 1/4

February 18, Mountain Home

Bobbie Elder, 43, shot her

husband, Leonard Eric Elder, 33, July 18, Little Rock in the chest. Officers found Elder dead in the living room after Bobbie Elder called to notify them that she had shot her husband. Mrs. Elder had "cuts and bruises and a knot on her head the size of a baseball," according to Baxter County Sheriff Joe Edmonds.

Mrs. Elder alleged that she experienced a history of abuse from her husband. She petitioned for protective orders in 1998 and 1999. Sheriff Edmonds said that Leonard Elder had also beaten and threatened his former wife.

ADG: 2/19

Other Related Domestic Murders

February 9, Locust Bayou (Calhoun County)

Ben Williams, 38, was shot and killed after attempting to aid a woman as she frantically left the home of Larry Heggler, 49. Earlier, Heggler gave the woman (name unknown) a ride to his home full of weapons. Officers suspect that Heggler may have known the woman since she accepted a ride from him. After entering his home, he claimed that all of the guns were loaded. The woman became nervous and ran from Heggler's trailer.

Williams was passing the area when he heard the unidentified woman yelling for help. He got out of his truck and Heggler pointed one of his guns at Williams. He fired one shot at Williams and then another into his back after he collapsed from the first shot.

ADG: 2/10

On four separate occasions, Dale Dunn, 48, had protective orders filed against him. He went to his ex-girlfriend's job, harassed and threatened her after she had police escort her to return his belongings to him. His history of abuse ended when he entered the home of his former girlfriend, Carole Edwards, 46, shot her, shot at her son and shot and killed himself. Carole Edwards recovered from her gunshot wounds.

Authorities reported that Dunn broke into his recently married ex-girlfriend's home disgruntled over their breakup. Carole Edwards' husband, Larry Edwards, locked himself in a room and phoned 911. Three hours after the first shots were fired, S.W.A.T. members entered the home to find Dunn's body.

ADG: 7/19

December 30, Little Rock

A Little Rock attorney and gym owner shot his wife in the face and killed himself. Officers found Samantha Grace, 43, lying on the floor of a room at the Best Western Governors Inn Suites with a bloody towel covering her face. Unable to speak, she pointed to her wedding band when authorities asked her who shot her. William Lee Grace, 43, was found dead in the bathtub.

The couple was staying at the hotel due to the winter ice storms.

ADG: 12/31, 1/1/01

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Hate Group Activity

Several business cards containing hate group contact information were left in and circulated around highly public areas in the city such as the public library and the campus of UALR. These are some sample cards.

The Southern Poverty Law Center's *Intelligence Report*, a magazine that documents and reports on hate violence throughout the US, reported that the following organized hate groups were active in Arkansas in 2000 in their Spring 2001 issue:

Imperial Klans of America: Magnolia, Plainview

International Keystone Knights of the Ku Klux Klan: Parkin

Invisible Empire National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan: Luxora

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan: Harrison

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August 5, Siloam Springs
Church of the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan rallied outside the Siloam Springs Administration Building. Area churches turned out Siloam Springs residents to protest the Klan. The events took place without incident.

ADG: 6/17, 8/1

LGBT Climate of Intolerance

A student at Henderson State University came back to his dorm room one evening and found the work "FAG" written in large block letters that took up his entire dry-erase message board on the door. The student is openly gay and was leading SPECTRUM!, the LGBT group during that time. He reported the incident to the HSU police and they came to the dorm room to take pictures and fill out a report. Later, after he erased the word "FAG" from the board, someone wrote "alarmist" on his door.

In a separate incident at the University one of SPECTRUM's first signs was vandalized. The words "shoot a queer" were written on the bottom. The incident was never reported to officials.

Victim/Witness Account

Memorial Day Weekend, Hot Springs

"Calling for the Christian community to boycott businesses is not a fun thing, but unfortunately it's sometimes the only way to let people know that we're opposed," said Reverend Terry Thompson of Second Baptist Church in Hot Springs regarding the Mid-South Gay Pride Festival. Despite opposition to the event, Davis Tillman, Festival organizer, told the *Arkansas Times*, "This was a good event, a very positive event." The Festival, Freedom 2000, raised \$7000.00 for the Arkansas AIDS Foundation and HPWA (Helping People With AIDS).

After learning of the festival, some area churches and the Arkansas Family Council bought a full-ad that appeared in the *Hot Springs Sentinel-Record*. The ad was an "open letter to the community regarding the Gay Pride Festival." "Christians in Hot Springs should not have any hateful attitudes about homosexuals. God's Word clearly teaches His displeasure with the homosexual lifestyle." The letter stated that the sponsoring churches "desire that Hot Springs continue to be a 'family-friendly community.'" It called for the festival's opponents to "make your views known to others, including businesses that associated themselves with the festival." After the controversy became public, businesses were sprayed with "derogatory" graffiti and cars parked at participating businesses were vandalized. A caller phoned one restaurant owner and threatened to pour kerosene on him and set him afire. He also received several calls from "ministers" who recited Bible passages.

After the ad appeared, Tillman met with three local ministers. They called for Tillman to promise that there would be no second Gay Pride Festival. Tillman agreed never to organize another event.

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Murders of Youth

January 11, Pine Bluff

Brittany Ashley, 3, was pronounced dead by the Jefferson County coroner's office. Her father, Garrick Ashley, 19, was charged with capital murder.

ADG: 1/20

January 19, Pine Bluff

Antonio Smith, 8-weeks-old, died as a result of multiple blunt-force trauma to the head. His mother, Kelly D. Pike-Smith, 21, was charged with capital murder.

ADG: 1/20

February 9, Rogers

Christopher John Steimel, Jr., 11-months-old, was shot in the head and killed by his father, Christopher Steimel, who shot and killed himself.

ADG: 2/10

February 16, Wynne

Paigedrianna Lee Jennings, 6-weeks-old, died of asphyxiation. The infant had multiple bruises covering her body and 15 fractured ribs. Her father, Joshua Jennings, 17, was charged with capital murder.

ADG: 3/29

March 20, Little Rock

Antwan Jones, 17, died of a gunshot wound to the neck. Brandon Hardman, 16, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

ADG: 3/23, 3/24

March 26, Hot Springs

Victor Stephens, 3, was beaten to death and his mother's

boyfriend, Bryant Flores, 21, was convicted of second-degree murder. His mother, Karen Stephens, 21, was charged with capital murder.

ADG: 11/3

March 31, Little Rock

Eugene Hulum, 25, smashed the head of his 19-month-old son, Marquis Hulum. He then "swung his corpse like a club while attacking the officers who arrested him," said authorities. Hulum was charged with capital murder.

ADG: 4/1, 8/2, 9/30

April 3, Little Rock

Harry Allen Carter, 58, shot and killed his 15-year-old grandson, Farrin Jamell Carter after the two argued over a missing cellular phone. Carter and his wife, Marie, had adopted their grandson and raised him from an early age.

ADG: 4/4, 4/5

May 2, Hot Springs

Amata Colley, 44, shot and killed herself and her son, Matthew Colley, 10, in their home. Colley's sister, Mary Hazen, lived in the basement of the home and contacted police after discovering the bodies.

ADG: 5/2

June 6, Jacksonville

Rodger Lewis Nunn, Jr., 18, was fatally stabbed in a mobile home park just north of Jacksonville. A 22-year-old resident of the park, who police did not identify, was charged with the murder.

ADG: 6/7

June 18, Bentonville

Dominic DeAsis, 5-

months-old, bled to death from a three inch cut to his throat. His father, Jerome DeAsis, 26, was hospitalized after being pulled from a fire that destroyed the family's home. DeAsis was charged with the murder of his son.

ADG: 6/19, 6/22

January 12, Fayetteville

Scharel Burley, 43, was charged with first-degree murder after being accused of jamming a plastic thermometer cover into the anus of her 18-month-old nephew, Samuel Sams. Samuel died from acute peritonitis. A tear in the baby's bowels caused the infection.

ADG: 1/16, 2/28, 6/22, 8/8

July 31, Little Rock

Aaron Floyd, 18, was shot and killed at a bus stop by a man wearing a red bandanna over his face, according to a witness.

ADG: 8/1

August 2, Little Rock

Eldrick Williams, 17, was shot in the back of the head during a robbery. 20-year-old, Kareem Holloway and Phillip Williams, 19, were arrested.

ADG: 8/3, 8/17

August 14, Little Rock

Thierry Thomas, 19, was shot and killed as the result of an argument over a barbecue grill. Rodrick Moorehead, 24, was arrested and charged with first-degree-murder.

ADG: 8/14

September 20, Forrest City

Tawana Blunt, 19, was discovered dead in her home. The woman who discovered her body said it appeared as though she died from "strangulation."

Her body was sent to the state Crime Lab for an autopsy.

ADG: 9/20

November 18, West Helena

Kim Amos, 18, and Karen Stiles, 20, were killed by a co-worker, Brian Winston, 24. He was arrested on charges of aggravated robbery and capital murder.

ADG: 11/19

December 4, Little Rock

5-year-old Jamal Wood was shot and killed as he rode in his family's vehicle on Roosevelt Road. The family recognized the shooter as a family relative. Sgt. Jeff Norman reported, "As far as a motive, we're not sure yet, but certainly we don't think a 5-year-old was the intended victim."

ADG: 12/5

Gun/School Violence Perpetrated by Youth

March 15, Newport

A Tuckerman High School student told classmates that he was going to "shoot to kill when the time came." The 17-year-old was charged with felony terroristic threatening and arrested after running away from his foster parents' home. He admitted to investigators that he had compiled a "hit list" only as a scare tactic.

White was later cleared of all charges. He allegedly tore up the list and no weapon was ever found.

ADG: 3/18

March 15, West Fork

A 14-year-old student was arrested after a 9 mm semiautomatic and two empty magazines were found inside of his backpack at West Fork Middle School. The boy showed the weapon to a friend at school who later reported it to the principal. The gun belonged to his brother-in-law who kept the gun locked up inside a workshop.

ADG: 3/15

April 10, Benton

Three teens were arrested in the stabbing of a Benton High School student. A bounty was placed on the student's head because she had "narked" on some people, according to an affidavit.

ADG: 4/18

May 11, Prairie Grove

A 12-year-old seventh grade student shot a Prairie Grove police officer near Lower Elementary School. The student was dropped off at school but apparently left school grounds, returned home to get a shotgun and was returning to school, according to officials. The student shot at Sgt. Greg Lovett five times hitting him in the face, chest, back and buttocks. The officer returned fire hitting the boy in the stomach.

Both were released from the hospital. The juvenile was charged with attempted capital murder.

ADG: 5/12, 5/13, 6/5, 6/7, 8/20

August 21, Conway

A teen-age girl, 15, and her boyfriend, 16, plotted to kill her mother. The boyfriend entered Patsy Bailey's home, struck her, slashed her wrists and left her to die in a bathtub,

according to police. Officers found a note in the daughter's bedroom that read, "Mom must die."

Patsy Bailey was treated and released. Both teens were charged as adults. The boy was charged with attempted murder. Bailey's daughter was charged as an accomplice.

ADG: 8/22, 8/23

September 15, Springdale

A Springdale High School student was arrested in the shooting and wounding of a classmate after an argument at a fellow classmate's home. The police were looking for a second suspect, within whose home the incident occurred. The boy was treated and released the same day.

ADG: 9/15

November 3, Conway

Police arrested a 17, 18 and 20-year-old in connection with bomb threats at Conway and Mayflower High Schools. Authorities would not comment on the motive.

ADG: 11/4

Elderly, People w/Disabilities, HIV/AIDS

January 4, DeQueen

Police investigated a homicide after Dean Sherill Whitten was found dead in his home. He was believed to be 64 years old.

ADG: 1/5

January 22, Little Rock

A 68-year-old woman

was raped after a neighbor broke into her home. Joe Darryl Thompson, 38, was sentenced to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to the charges.

ADG: 10/31

January 25, Bentonville

Carl Glenn Hunter, 61, was found dead from a gunshot wound in the Ozark National Forest.

ADG: 1/25

March 15, El Dorado

Hugh P. Watson, 80, was found dead in his home. Police investigated the murder as a homicide.

ADG: 3/16

May 11, Camden

The body of 79-year-old R.L. Nash was found on his living room floor. Due to evidence found at the scene, the state police investigation unit and the state Crime Lab were notified.

ADG: 5/12

July 11, Hot Springs

A 20-year-old and two 18-year-olds were arrested in connection with the robbery and slaying of a disabled man. Jack Anthony Wright, 46, died from a single gunshot wound.

ADG: 7/12

August 10, Little Rock

Two men were arrested and charged with sexually abusing a blind woman in her home.

ADG: 8/19

August 18, Little Rock

Elderly Black Arkansans were the target of a "cruel scam" that promised them \$5000.00 if they provided personal information to a Washington, DC address. The personal information could be used to establish a false identity and

fraudulently obtain credit cards, according to a warning issued by Attorney General, Mark Pryor.

ADG: 9/19

October 10, Fort Smith

Misanni Lewis, 83, was beaten and robbed in her home by a man who was released from prison in June after serving time for robbing and beating another elderly woman.

ADG: 10/11

October 30, Manila

C.B. Murphy, 74, was killed after a screwdriver was lodged in his throat. Jimmy Ray Smart, Jr., 19, confessed to the murder. Robbery was said to be the motive.

ADG: 10/31

December 8, Pulaski County

Michelle Wilson was arrested in connection with a string of nursing home robberies. She entered several nursing homes around the county claiming to be related to residents and leaving with their belongings such as televisions and videocassette recorders. She was charged with residential burglary and theft.

ADG: 12/22

December 13, Russellville

Frederick Kain, 71, was shot and killed by 17-year-old Vann Clark Tucker at his home near Russellville.

ADG: 12/21

altercation after a routine traffic stop, according to authorities and witnesses. The officer walked to Cavallaro's car and the two argued. Witnesses said, "Cavallaro pointed his finger at the officer, and the two exchanged heated words. Turner then swung a roundhouse punch at Cavallaro and began pummeling him to the ground." He was knocked unconscious and remained in a coma until he died November 10.

On November 14, Turner's charge changed from first-degree battery to murder.

ADG: 12/27

Spring 2000, Paris

Bill Walker, 53, filed a complaint in U.S. District Court in Fort Smith seeking compensation for injuries that he suffered at the hands of two former Logan County deputies.

The officers arrested Walker at a neighbor's home for reportedly leaving the scene of an accident in Subiaco. The arrest was caught on video compliments of a neighbor. Walker was handcuffed on the porch and dragged down the steps. Police then led Walker behind a bush outside the view of the camera. Walker emerged with a bloody head and a swollen bruise below the right eye.

One of the officers was convicted of misdemeanor battery and fired from his job.

ADG: 9/13

Police Brutality*

* Race is not necessarily a factor in these instances of police brutality.

May 8, Edmondson

Edmondson police officer, David Turner, beat Leo Cavallaro, Jr., 48, unconscious following an

Satanic Violence

Cemetery vandalized



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Pulaski County sheriff's deputies are investigating the placing of two pentagrams on a walkway at Woodson Cemetery in south Pulaski County. Deputies said someone took flowers from nearby graves and created one of the designs. The second was outlined with white chalk and pine needles. The pentagrams were discovered Thursday morning.

This photo was included in the August 18, 2000 edition of the *Democrat-Gazette*. The photo was taken by Rick McFarland. The caption reads:

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