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16	1	Andrea Yates	F/42, Caucasian, divorced, 5 deceased children	Postpartum Depression, distorted perception, Paranoia	Lack of societal concern for female-specific mental disorders	2006
	2	<u>Caitlyn Marie</u> <u>Jenner</u>	Transgender/66, 6 children from previous 3 marriages	Anxiety and gender dysphoria	Family's reaction to gender transition (from Bruce Jenner)	2015
	3	Ethan Couch	M/16, Caucasian	Avoidance, deflector, indifference to others suffering	Underage drinking resulted in the death of four people	2013
	4	Heba Mohamed	F/20, Syrian of the Muslim faith	Depressed; fearful and anxious; acculturation stress.	Immigration adjustment issues; lack of services for immigrants	2015
	5	Kirby Taylor	M/67, Born in 1949, African American, Divorcee with one son (deceased).	PTSD with insomnia; Fear of being alone; nightmares, depression	Dealing with son's death and own injury due to fire set on their home by a trusted friend; blamed self for not aware of friend's mental health problem	2016
	6	Oi Ho*	F/60, Asian American, divorced Mother of Park Ho; fictitious name	Depression, insomnia, loss of appetite, anger	Cultural/Language barrier; determined to find and punish the random shooting killer of her son (Park Ho)	2015
	7	Rachel Dolezal	F/38, biologically Caucasian but identifies as African American, divorced with one son and custody of her adopted brother	Socially isolated	Encountering widespread criticism due to racial identity change from Caucasian to African American	2015
	8	Sean Penn	M/55, White, divorced with one son and one daughter.	Anxiety, insomnia, feelings of failure, sadness	Met with a drug cartel leader from Mexican for a private interview about drug war policies. Paranoid that the Mexican government blamed him for the drug cartel leader's capture	2016
	9	Steven Avery	M/53, Caucasian, single with two daughters and three sons.	Paranoid; fearful of being arrested	Has trust issues due to a criminal sentence of 18 years in prison for a wrongful sexual assault conviction	2015
	10	Tatyana Phillips	F/ 18, African American, single, currently no	Depressed mood; grief and loss	Medical malpractice led to child loss	2015



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			children after losing her			
			newborn son			
17	11	<u>Amanda Todd</u>	F/15, Caucasian student	Depressed and anxious	Being bullied by peers for her naked pictures in cyberspace.	2012
	12	<u>Dylann Storm</u> <u>Roof</u>	M/22, Caucasian, single	Obsession with disdain and hatred feelings against African Americans	Mass shooting at a historically black church; dealing with client's history of mental illness and white supremacy	2015
	13	Jenea Ann Mungia	F/ 23 years old, Born 1991, Hispanic, single with one child	Auditory and visual hallucinations	Domestic violence survivor with a history of psychiatric hospitalizations for postpartum psychosis and was recently charged with seriously injuring her 4-year-old child	2015
	14	Philip Seymour Hoffman	M/46, Caucasian, married but separated, father of two daughters and a son	Depression; Fear of being alone; physical conversion	Celebrity's personal struggles with drug addiction and family discord	2014
	15	Patricia (Trish) XX	F/31, Caucasian, an Appalachian, Divorced, mother of two girls	Drug addiction; Depression and Anxiety	Living in poverty, alienated family with criminal record and incarceration. Wants to learn how to stay clean, get children back	2010
	16	Bobbi Kristina Brown	F/23, African American	Substance Abuse Issues after Mother's death	Assuming client still living; Grieving about mother's (Whitney Houston) death. With societal pressure on perfectionism.	2015
	17	<u>Tiffany</u> <u>Klapheke</u>	F/23, military wife, Caucasian, married with 3 daughters, 1 deceased	Mental health disorders	With adverse childhood experience, being charged for child neglect leading to child death; lack of mental health services	2014
	18	Geneva Reed- Veal	F/48, African American, single mother of five daughters	Grief for her daughter's recent death; feelings of guilt, anger, and insomnia	Daughter was wrongfully arrested; suspicious suicide in jail cell	2015
	19	Micah Johnson	M/25, African American, single	Paranoia toward government entities; possible PTSD from military service	Responsible for police shooting led to mass shooting; concerned about oppression against African Americans	2016
18	20	Flora Rranxburgaj	F/44, Caucasian (Albanian citizen), married, 2 sons	Depression; immigration adjustment and stress	Deportation of husband who is the primary caregiver and financial support	2017
	21	<u>Danielle</u> <u>Hicks-Best</u>	F/20, African American, single mother with a 4- year-old son	PTSD, Bipolar Disorder with psychotic features, Paranoia, drug abuse, child abuse suicide, ADHD	Raped by several people twice; maltreated by the criminal justice system	2015



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	22	Jade Blouins	F/6, student, petite	Depression, stress, nervousness, anxiety, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and Asperger syndrome; learning disability in written expression and language/speech fluency	Not received individualized services; lack of access to special education due to ineligibility	2018
	23	Gypsy Rose	F/26, Caucasian, single, mother deceased	Antisocial Personality Disorder	Medically abused by her mother; murdered her mother after being medically abused for years	2018
	24	<u>Dominique</u> <u>Bryant</u>	F/17, African American, Foster Child since birth, Adopted once	Depression, lack of self-confidence	Aging out of foster care, adolescent homeless, limited access to resources	2017
	25	Jaycee Lee Dugard	F/37, Caucasian, two adult children	PTSD, child sexual abuse	Abducted and locked up for 18 years since 11 years old; raped and repeatedly beaten during these 18 years	2011
	26	Rosaura Urbina	F/43, Hispanic, married, 2 children; 1 of 2 deceased	PTSD, depression, anxiety	Teenage son was killed in Police involved shooting; lack of early interventions for son with suicidal ideation	2017
	27	Salma Hayek Pinalult	F/51, Hispanic, award- winning actress and film maker; one daughter	PTSD and anxiety	Sexually abused by the film producer more than a decade ago	2017
	28	Larry Nassar	M/54 years old, Middle Eastern, divorced, 3 children	Pedophilia, Panic Disorder and Depression	Lack of intervention regarding pedophilia; Suffered from Pedophilic Disorder since late teens and acted on his urges with hundreds of underage girls	2018
19	29	Osvaldo Samuel Choc- Ruiz	M/15, Guatemalan, UAC entered the US border and was apprehended near Hidalgo, Texas	Depression, Anxiety; suicidal ideation	Immigrated from Guatemala to U.S. and was detained in an unaccompanied minor shelter for six months	2019
	30	Mike Faith	M/40?, veteran of 18 years at the Standing Rock tribal council and now councilman of the tribe	Anxiety, not being understood by others	Advocacy about oil spill from the Dakota Access Pipeline into Lake Oahe, a reservoir on the Missouri River where the Sioux tribe gets their drinking water	2017
	31	Ruben Diaz	M/36, Hispanic	Schizophrenia, autism, criminal history, homicidal ideations	Being sentenced to jail for stabbing a 74-year-old male; Lack of mental health resources	2018



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	32	Cyntoia Brown	F/30, African American	PTSD, depression; fetal alcohol syndrome	Ran away from adoptive family, suffering intimate partner violence, sex trafficking; being charged for murdering a person who solicited for sex; serviced 15 years in prison: criminal justice system issue	2018
	33	Teresa Hamilton	F/17, Caucasian, homeless teen	Anxiety; Learning disability	Distant family relationship and lack of awareness and resources for mental health issues	2015
	34	Nery Caal	M/29, from Guatemala, married to Claudia Maquin, had 4 children but one deceased	Anxiety; Depression; PTSD	Living in poverty in Guatemala; while immigrated to US, youngest daughter died in the journey because of lacking care at the border	2018
	35	Kalief Browder	M/20, African American, single, no children	Depression; PTSD; suicidal ideation, delusions; paranoia	PTSD as a result of wrongful incarceration for three year; having a difficult time in re-civilization	2015
	36	Ray Rice	M/31, Married to Janay, two children	Possible adverse child experiences	Arrested due to third-degree aggravated assault towards wife; Lack of mental health awareness	2014
	37	<u>Faith Rodgers</u>	F/21, African American, single, no children	PTSD, fear of future	Intimate partner violence; sexually abused by a famous music artist	2018
	38	Cheryl Reed	F/32, African American, 2 abused children	Bipolar Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, PTSD symptoms not diagnosed	Abused and neglected in childhood, aged out of foster care; Being charged for child neglect and abandonment after giving birth to the fifth child	2016
	39	Lavish "Diamond" Reynolds	F/28, African American, 1 child, Single	PTSD and Anxiety	Suffered from PTSD after boyfriend was gunned down by Police while their 4-year-old at the scene; Trust issue with criminal justice system	2016
	40	Christine Blasey Ford	F/52, Caucasian, married, 2 sons	Depression; PTSD; Disassociation	Alleged of being sexually assaulted by Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, during her high school age; Stigma against her about speaking the truth	2018
	41	Ana Carolina Fernandes	F/31, Latina (Brazilian origin), one five-year-old son, unmarried/separated	Depression and Anxiety	Immigration adjustment; Separated with son by the border patrol for 50 days; had concerns about son's emotion and behaviors	2018
2	42	Michelle Murphy	F/40, Caucasian, not married, 3 kids, 8 th - grade education,	Trauma Caused by Wrongful Incarceration	First-degree murder of her 15-week-old baby False confession, police misconduct	2014



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			became mom since age			
			15			
	43	Flor Turico	F/41, Central American,	PTSD, mental breakdown and	Introduction of alcohol, drugs and the bar scene, forced	2019
			3 kids,; cartel kidnaps	hospitalization	sex	
			attempts to murder her		Flor becomes pregnant; a child was taken away; Human	
			but escapes		trafficking past leading to a mental breakdown	
	44	<u>Sandra</u>	F/60, Aunt of Alton	Grieving, hypertension and	The Loss of Loved one after the wrongful police shooting of	2019
		Sterling	Sterling (Black, M/37),	insomnia, PTSD, complicated grief, and	Alton	
			raised Alton after his	depression		
			mother's death			
	45	Chanel Miller	F/22, Chinese-Caucasian	Dealing with PTSD with Advocacy Effort	Raped in 2015 in a fraternity party on the Stanford	2019
			mixed, writer, posted as	against Hegemony on College Campus	campus.	
			Emily Doe		"Know my name" memoir published in September 2019	
		5 1	20/20 21 1		Victim Impact Statement	2212
	46	Robert Kelley	M/53, Black, musician	Unaddressed antisocial personality disorder	Gained recognition in 1990 as a celebrity but indicted	2019
				and denial of child sexual abuse	sexual contacts with teen girls and recruiting women for	
					sex. Denied wrongdoing in sex videos	
	47	Shawn	M/27, African American,	Depression and Anxiety after Rape	Sexual assaulted women and used "hunger" and "no	2015
	''	Oakman	111, 27, 7111104117111101110411,	Accusations	money" as excuses for wrongdoing; after-effect of being	2013
		<u> </u>		7.000000.0	labeled a rapist	
	48	Shanara	F/37 (birth mother of	Identity and Familial Confusion	Black kids being kidnapped at a higher rate than white kids	2017
		Mobley	Kamiyah Mobley, F/21),	-		
			kidnapped 8 hrs after			
			birth			
	49	<u>Leticia</u>	F/15, Latina, abducted	Suicidal Ideation and Substance Use;	Assuming the client was still alive after the abduction after	2019
		<u>Serrano</u>	by a stranger and stayed	anxiety disorder; grieving the loss of	Quinceanera, concerned about Human Trafficking Impact	
			with him for 2 years;	brother (and the abductor)		
			introvert			
	50	Sherry	F/58, Black, 6 kids, 2nd	Seek faith-based support for advocacy work	As a child raped by church bishop, deacon and stepdad	2019
		<u>Johnson</u>	marriage separated in	against child sexual abuse and child	Forced marriage as a Child Bride at 11	
				marriage		



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			2002 after 26 yrs of			
			marriage			
	51	Korey Wise	M/47, African American, with learning disability and hearing loss	Moving Beyond Past Trauma and Dealing with PTSD	Wrongful conviction at age 16 and sentenced to serve 5-15 years in adult prison; Seek support to disseminate information about racism and coercion	2019
	52	Tarana Burke	F/46, African American, single mom with a 22yo daughter	Want to set up a community movement #MeToo to support and voice concerns to sexual trauma	Advocate of Resources and Safe Platforms for Sexual Assault Survivors Want to make sure girls (particularly minority girls) receive equal treatment	2019
	53	Channing Smith	M/16 Caucasian, Death by suicide	Depression, Anxiety, stress and humiliation	Cyberbullying of LGBTQ Youth Mental health issues/Support Groups of and for LGBTQ Youth Discrimination of LGBTQ Youth – D.A. did not pursue charges against the students that cyberbullied LGBTQ Youth	2019
	54	Shawn Pleasants	M/52, African-American, married, homosexual, no children.	Depression, drug addiction, unresolved grief	Homelessness problems for 10 yrs with co-occurring mental health issues; service not accessible or available	2019
	55	Stephen Paddock	M/66, Caucasian, divorced x2, no known children, oldest of 4 brothers, father was a bank robber	Bipolar, Depression, Paranoia; Substance misuse and gambling addiction; OCD with guns	Stephen Paddock killed 58 people on October 1, 2017 from his hotel room. He injured over 850 others.; did not seem to have any previous treatment	2019
	56	Keith Thomas Kinnenun	M/43, White male gunman in a recent church shooting	Depression and paranoid personality disorder	Unresolved trauma, extreme mental health and substance use problems; criminal impact on employment opportunities, access to welfare resources, and parental involvement; inconsistency of services for the homeless Oppression of those living in poverty, witness of gun violence	2019
	57	Nikolas Jacob Cruz	M/19, Caucasian, adopted, then orphaned	ADHD, Depression, developmental delays; OCD and oppositional defiant	Medical neglect and harm alerts; a mass shooting and impact on high school students	2018
	58	Botham Jean	M/26, African American from St. Lucia. Killed by	PTSD, Depression, Alleged drug use	Unwarranted and unjustifiable police brutality against African Americans.	2019



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			a Caucasian's female		Mistrust of police officers; criminalize the victim	
			police officer.			
	59	Omar Mateen	M/29, Afghan American,	Perceived "Mentally unstable /Mentally ill";	The tragedy may have been a result of resentment of his	2016
			divorced	Domestic Violence on wife	own sexuality. Several classmates assumed that Mateen	
					was a closeted gay man.	
	60	Patrick Crusius	M/21, Caucasian, college	Loner, rare social interaction, irritable and	The effect of school bullying; racism	2019
			student who moved out	short-tempered, bullied	Social Injustice – Some of the laws that govern immigration	
			of grandparents' house 6 weeks before		and the views government officials hold about immigrants are damaging to other races and cultures.	
			shooting.		are damaging to other races and cultures.	
	61	Demi Lovato	F/28, Singer, mixed race	Binge-eating and self-harm since age 12;	Lack of coping skills; fight against stigma; constant co-	2018
	-	201111201440	1,25,585.,	father's mental health problems; bipolar	occurring disorder struggle unresolved	
				disorder; drug overdose and addiction	6	
				relapse		
	62	AJ Armstrong	M/20, African American,	Grief and loss, legal issues, accused of a	Mental health disparities; disparities in the criminal justice	2019
			teenager accused of	crime he is adamant not committed, spent	system	
			killing his parents	teen years in jail.		
	63	<u>Aaron</u>	M/28, Hispanic,	Brain damage with chronic traumatic	Childhood trauma and stigma on sexual identity; judgment	2019
		<u>Hernandez</u>	Engaged, father	encephalopathy (CTE), Depression	problems due to brain injuries	
	64*	Gypsy Rose	F/27, Caucasian, single,	Severe child and adult abuse; possible	Childhood trauma caused by a mental illness of mother's	2019
			mother deceased	borderline personality	imposing Munchausen syndrome by proxy (now called	
					"factitious disorder imposed on another FDIA) and faking her disabilities and cancer; current mental illness defiance	
					disorder; accused of killing her mother with her boyfriend	
					to escape from mother's control	
21	65	Chrystul Kizer	F/19 - Trial for the	PTSD, self-harm, and harm others	-Trafficking	2019
Н			murder of M/34		-Criminal Justice System	
	66	Chester	M/41- White, Married,	Suicide (with a focus on prevention?)	Family and friends were unaware of the warning signs.	2017
		Bennington	Father of six, Suicide by	Substance Abuse, Depression, childhood	Repeated relapse after being sober for several years.	
			hanging,	trauma.	Had no mental health treatment	
	67	<u>Lisa</u>	F/52 EXECUTED by lethal	mental illness, childhood trauma, childhood	death penalty (executing people with mental illness)	2021
		<u>Montgomery</u>	injection	abuse		



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	68	Mya Ponsetto	F/22 -Caucasian and Puerto Rican; Arrested for assaulting teen	Substance use disorder; Alcohol use disorder; Aggressive disorder; Paranoid	Mental Health access and bias against needs (racial profiling)	2020
	69	Kyle Rittenhouse	M/17, Caucasian, single, no children, no known history of medical conditions/medications	-mental illness -homicidal ideations	Shooting occurred in Kenosha, WI, on August 25, 2020: Facing charges of first-degree intentional homicide, first-degree reckless homicide, and attempted first-degree intentional, reckless homicidecriminal justice system; gun control reform	2020
	70	Misty Upham	F/32, Native American, single, no children (one pregnancy lost), history of sexual assault and rape	Mental Illness, childhood trauma, rape, PTSD, Substance abuse	Lack of justice for Misty when she was raped and sexually assaultedHeavy reliance on medication for client -Lack of intervention for suicidal ideations -Lack of early intervention for trauma	2014
	71	James E. Holmes:	M/33, Caucasian, single, no children (crime was committed when he was 24)	- Suicide attempts - Visual hallucinations - Homicidal ideations: Perpetrator of the 2012 Aurora, Colorado shooting - Borderline Personality Disorder DX	- Lack of early intervention mental health treatment that could have prevented shooting -Ignored warning signs by family/ friends/ and mental health professionals - Repeated inpatient hospitalizations leading up to shooting w/o hospital commitment - Calculated/ planned mass shooting at movie theater (Killed 12 people/ injured 70)	2012 - 2020
	72	Walter Wallace	M/27, African American, married, father of 9 children, taking lithium and a mood stabilizer.	-3 days prior to the shooting client was admitted to a Crisis Center -Violence psychological episodes Shooting occurred in Philadelphia on October 26, 2020	-racial profiling by Philadelphia PD -Excessive force by Police (14 shots fired) - Lack of Mental Health resources used by Philadelphia PD (Crisis Intervention trained officers/ de-escalation training and improving coordination with mental health specialist)	2020
	73	Yovahnis Roque	M/26, Caucasian single father; living with his mother	Delusional thoughts, Paranoia, possible traumatic brain injury, possible PTSD; Injured in the accident which killed his daughter's mother; Later killed 2-year-old daughter with a hammer	Lack of access to mental health servicesClient's mother obtained a mental health warrant on him	2019



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	74	<u>Pearl</u>	F/34, Hispanic, mother	Severe child abuse leads to child death.	No departmental intervention even after CPS was called	2013
		<u>Fernandez</u>	of three	Diagnoses: depressive disorder,	several times.	
				developmental disability, possible	Child suffered 8 months of extreme abuse.	
				personality disorder, possible	School system did not follow up on the child's about when	
				posttraumatic stress disorder, and	he stopped coming to school. Allowing the parent to state	
				homophobia	that he moved with other relatives with no proof.	
				Pearl and her boyfriend abused her 8-year-		
				old son to the point of death.		
	75	<u>Dimitrios</u>	M/ 17, at time of	Depression, Intermittent Explosive	Premeditated school shooting and suicide (did not	2020
		<u>Pagourtzis</u>	shooting. HS student	Disorder, Personality Disorder	complete suicide plans). charged with capital murder;	
					punishable by death or life without parole. Confined to cell 23 hrs out of the day.	
21	76	FKA Twigs	F/33, Biracial, Single,	PTSD, Trauma related depression	Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Abuse	2020
0	/0	TKA TWIGS	Actor/Singer, UK	F 13D, Trauma related depression	Intilifiate Faither Violence, Sexual Abuse	2020
	77	James Holmes	M/25/Caucasian,	Homicidal ideations, suicidal ideations,	Held in isolation; Planned homicide: was found to be sane	2015
	' '	<u>sames monnes</u>	graduate student	Schizotypal personality disorder	at the time of shooting despite known mental illness and	2013
			B. da date stade	Common, par personant, also ac	instability prior to the incident	
	78	William Rick	M/58, Caucasian,	Obsessive-Compulsive Personality Disorder,	Charged with Racketeering conspiracy, money laundering	2019
		Singer	Divorced	Histrionic Personality Disorder, Narcissism,	conspiracy, conspiracy to defraud the U.S., and obstruction	
				Depression	of justice.	
	79	Jeffrey Epstein	M/66, Caucasian, single,	Pedophilia and depression	Sex trafficking and child abuse	2019
	80	<u>Gabriel</u>	M/8, Hispanic,	Depression, Anxiety	Child Neglect. Child Abuse	2020
		<u>Fernandez</u>	Palmdale, California			
	81	Kanye West	M/43, BLK Music Artist	Bipolar Disorder, self-doubt	Publicly misrepresents BLK historical facts about slavery,	2020
			and fashion Designer		which is harmful to the legacy and legitimacy of African	
			,		Americans' contributions in America.	
	82	Johnny Depp	M/57, Caucasian, single,	Alcohol Use Disorder, Substance Use	Domestic Violence, lack of societal concern of male victims	2016
			Actor	Disorder, Depression, ADHD		-
	0.2	Cianna Elevel	E/C African American	Domessian Trauma PTCD windows	Dispuss outline to be used to a final substitution D. P.	2020
	83	Gianna Floyd	F/6, African American	Depression, Trauma, PTSD, nightmares	Disproportionately more people of color killed by Police	2020
		George Floyd's				
		<u>daughter</u>				



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22 H	84	Wanda Cooper Jones	F/50 African American, married, mother of Ahmaud Arbery	PTSD, depression	Racial profiling, modern-day lynching	2020 - 2021
	85	Gloria Williams	F/35 African American, 6 children	Homicide/DV/abandonment of children	Lack of mental health support, lack of domestic violence assistance, CPS investigation procedure may have failed to save one child Kendrick Lee	2021
	86	Dominick Tricoche	M/29, Bi-racial: Caucasian/African American, single, former Capitol Police Officer	PTSD with depression	Lack of mental health support for police officers, explicitly following traumatic events such as the January 6 Capitol attack.	2021
	87	Clayton Osteen	M/24, Caucasian, married, former sheriff deputy, father	suicide, stress	Lack of support for men's mental health and law enforcement officers and their families.	2022
	88	Gabby Petito	F/22, Caucasian, fiancé Brian Laundrie	PTSD, Anxiety, OCD, partner violence (physical); at risk of extreme violence	Violence against women, lack of domestic violence assistance, lack of mental health services	2021
	89	Mayra Guillen	F/24, Younger sister of Vanessa Guillen, murdered by another soldier while serving in the military.	PTSD, depression, grief	Sexual harassment in the military, violence against women	2020
	90	Jordan Turpin	F/21, Caucasian, abused and kept captive by her parents for years	PTSD, Depression, Anxiety	Child Abuse and Neglect	2018
	91	Ethan Crumbly	M/15, Caucasian, School shooter, Son of James and Jennifer Crumbly	Depression, Homicidal ideations, Antisocial Personality	Gun control, School Negligence, Parental Negligence, Lack of mental health support	2021
	92	Daisy Hohman	F/37, Caucasian, Parent to three children: two girls and a boy	Unspecified addiction, grief, adjustment disorder, family disruption due to separation	Poverty contributing to family separation	2021



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	93	<u>Pearl</u>	F/35, Hispanic American,	Depression, Anxiety	Child Abuse & Neglect	2021
		<u>Fernandez</u>	Mother of Gabriel			
			Fernandez			
	94	<u>Jennifer</u>	F/40 Caucasian, abused	Scared and fearful	Spouse abuse and lack of trust for abused women	2016
		<u>Moston</u>	by her husband, four			
			children,			
22	95	Jordan Turpin	F/22, Caucasian	Depression, anxiety, PTSD	17 years of child abuse and neglect amongst herself and 12	2022
0					siblings from parents living in inhumane conditions; failed	
					systems; social media coverage	
	96	Britney Spears	F/40, Caucasian	Depression, anxiety, potentially other	Movement to reform legal guardianship; Public	2022
				mood disorders TBD	information released and the #FreeBritney movement	
					begins	
	97	Gabby Petito	F/22, Caucasian	Anxiety, OCD	domestic dispute was mishandled and mislabeled by the	2022
			- /a - /		responding police force.	2212
	98	<u>Deysi Diaz</u>	F/35*, Hispanic,	Depression, anxiety, trauma	Elder son, beaten as a baby at a daycare facility, has brain	2016
			Married, 2 children.		damage and disability; Developmental Disabilities,	
	00	Alv Deigneen	E/27 Coversion (Jawish	Doction working through discussion and a service.	Systemic Abuse, and Discrimination	2021
	99	Aly Raisman	F/27, Caucasian (Jewish and Romanian)	Posttraumatic stress disorder, anxiety	USA Gymnastics team hired Nassar despite continued sexual abuse allegations since 1992; Department of Justice	2021
			and Komaman)		chose not to prosecute the former FBI agents involved in	
					the mishandled investigation.	
	100	Kyle Beach	M/31, Caucasian	Depression, PTSD, anger, anxiety,	Sexual assault prevention has not been incorporated into	2021
	100	Kyle Bedell	ivi, 51, caacasian	disassociation, fear of stigma and public	major men's sports leagues	2021
				retaliation	major men o operto reagues	
	101	Karen, Mother	F/39, Caucasian	Childhood trauma, Intermittent Explosive	Mental illness assessments often cannot be assessed in	2021
		of the	, ,	Disorder	children until they reach a certain age	
		Wisconsin Girl				
	102	Andrew	M/27, Filipino-American	substance-related disorders, potential	Homosexuality phobia; lack of support for single-mother	2020
		Cunanan	and Caucasian (Italian)	antisocial personality disorder, histrionic	households	
				personality disorder		
	103	<u>Ethan</u>	M/15, Caucasian, Oxford	Depression, anxiety, stress	Increased need for counselors and behavioral health	2021
		<u>Crumbley</u>	High Schooler		services for students during the pandemic	



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			time of treatment)			
	104	<u>Huwe Burton</u>	M /48, African American	Grief, depression, PTSD; Dealing with past	Racial disparity of more African Americans, especially	2019
				trauma	males, going to prison for crimes they did not commit,	
					Against interrogative tactics with no parental supervision	
					on a minor	
	105	Genene Jones	F/71, Caucasian,	PTSD, Histrionic personality disorder,	The rarity of histrionic (1.8 % of the population) and	2019
			adopted, LVN, multiple	factitious disorder, possible sexual disorder	Munchausen by proxy (1 percent); Client's personal	
			marriages, 2 children		requests for a bible were rejected	
	106	Sarah Beam	F/41, Caucasian,	Pandemic fatigue, pandemic fear, collective	Criminalization of parents in front of children; Empathy for	2022
			teacher, mother, Texan)	trauma, anxiety	the parent versus strict protection of the child	
	107	Evan Rachel	F/34, Caucasian	Long-term PTSD, depression, addiction,	Stigma of IPV; Advocacy for LGBTQ+ community and sexual	2021
		Wood		agoraphobia, night terrors, self-harm, two	assault/IPV legislation	
				previous suicide attempts		
23	108	<u>Vanessa</u>	F/age of death 20,	Sexually harassed, murdered, missing	Vanessa was beaten to death after twice sexually harassed	2020
0		<u>Guillen</u>	Mexican American		by her killer. (Protection order was not in place?). Her	
		'Mother	Mother as client: F/46,		family worked tireless for justice and pass a new law	
		(Gloria	Mexican			
		Guillen)				
	109	<u>Jeannette</u>	F/30, Caucasian	Eating disorder, codependence,	Physical and emotional abuse inflicted by a parent. Mental	2022
		<u>McCurdy</u>		relationship problems, mental illness	illness, religion, and associated stigma preventing the	
					parent seeking treatment, which negatively impacted the	
					client.	
	110	STEPHEN	F/34, Asian American	Traumatic grief	Mental health awareness and suicide prevention	2022
		<u>'TWITCH'</u>				
		BOSS's wife				
		Allison Holker				
	111	<u>Emma</u>	F/47 Ethnicity/Race not	Domestic violence; physical, mental,	Intimate partner violence awareness and prevention.	2021
		<u>Dalmayne</u>	disclosed	emotional abuse; lack of access due to	Increasing access to care for people who are disabled	
				disability		
	112	<u>Ghislaine</u>	F/61, Caucasian	Sex trafficker, Narcissistic, Behavior	Sex Trafficking of minors, sexual abuse, and exploitation of	2021
		Maxwell		Disorder, infantile anorexia	minors	
	113	Megan Thee	F/27, African American	Victim Blaming, Sexism, Racism	This case highlights violence against a woman of color	2021
		<u>Stallion</u>			whose victimhood has been blindsided and deflected from	



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			time of treatment,		by her sexuality and perceived lack of femininity likely associated with her race. (Details of the blaming can be included in your team's PPT).	
	114	Tyre Nichols mother of RowVaughn Wells	F/N/A African American	Grief and Loss, Police brutality	During a traffic stop, Nichols was brutally beaten by 5 police officers. Coverage was limited due to swift action of Memphis Police who fired the police officers involved after video coverage was seen.	2023
	115	Hilary Tompkins	F/54, American Indian	Issues of identity, grief	Adopted by white parents due to the Indian Adoption Project of the 60's and 70's; did not know about her Navajo identity growing up. Several states are currently attempting to roll back the Indian Child Welfare Act, designed to prevent what happened to her.	2022
	116	Rafael Ruiz	M/24; Hispanic	Depression, Anxiety, PTSD	Wrongly convicted of first-degree rape, sodomy, robbery, and sexual abuse. After seven years, the individual was eligible for patrol but was denied due to refusing to admit to the crime.	2020
	117	Ezra Miller	M/30, Caucasian, pronouns they/them	Gender identity, depression, anxiety	Actor has shown "erratic" behavior over the course of several years – theft, burglary, and choking incident. He has a history of violence, aggression, and coercing young admirers. In his childhood, he was known to burn, break, yell and hit things.	2011 - 2023
23 H	118	Brandon Tsay	M/26, Asian	PTSD, anxiety, trauma, Sleeping issues	Survivor of a mass shooting, gun violence, and victim of a crime. Overwhelming feelings of overtaking the gunman, public spotlight, etc.	2023
	119	Ellen Gilland	F/76, Caucasian	PTSD, Anxiety, Guilt, depression, Grief,	Quality of life, assisted suicide, right to euthanasia. Gilland was arrested for killing her 77- year old terminally ill husband in a homicide in a hospital.	2023
	120	Melissa V. Jefferson "Lizzo"	F/34 Black	Depression, Anxiety, Body Image	A famous full-figured female singer as a body positive movement has received negative (shamed) and positive feedback concerning her ideas around body positivity.	2019



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					(Does your team want to address public stigma on weight as a social justice issue?)	
	121	Richard Fierro	M/45, Hispanic	PTSD, trauma, anxiety	Fierro, a military veteran, disarmed a shooter at LGBTQ+ nightclub while attending a drag performance by his daughter's friend.	2022
	122	RowVaughn Wells	F/50?, Black	PTSD, anxiety, depression	Mother of Tyre Nichols, a 29-year-old Black man who died after a violent encounter with Memphis police officers following a traffic stop. Excessive use of police brutality and disproportionate impact on the Black community.	2023
	123	<u>Stephen</u> <u>Burkes</u>	M/27. Black	Depression, PTSD, Grief, Bipolar	Shot his mother and killed her fiancé. He is the brother of Delano Burkes, the missing male found dead in November 2022; lack of awareness of helping family survivors of the death of a high-profile person.	2023
	124	Sullivan Walter	M/53, Black	Posttraumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression	Sullivan Walter, a 53-year-old black man, was released from a correctional facility 36 years after a wrongful conviction of home-invasion rape.	2022
	125	Justin Go Michelle Alyssa Go's father	Father: M/65?), Asian Daughter (40, died of subway violence)	Grief, violent/traumatic death, complicated mourning, depression	Lack/limited access to mental health services for the homeless population living in the New York Subway station	2022
	126	Paul & Sarah Castro	M/40? Hispanic F/38? Hispanic	F: Rage PTSD Anger & M: grief, remorse depression	Racism, implied disregard/conflict, road rage, possible SUD, 17-y-o son's death due to road rage	2022
	127	<u>Dana Jones</u>	F/61, Black	Anxiety, depression, PTSD, sleep concerns	Climate change and environmental justice, housing, poverty, lack of mental health resources for people of color	2022
	128	Bryan Kohberger	M/28, White	Anxiety, Depression, Drug Abuse, Premeditated crime	28-year-old male snuck into a home shared by college students and stabbed 4 of them to death. We will focus on drug abuse and mental health issues	2022
	129	Brittney Griner	F/32, African American (mother of Latin American descent)	Anxiety, Depression, Anger, Trauma, PTSD, Dissociation	American WNBA Player, 32, was detained in Russia for carrying a small amount of cannabis oil. She was found guilty and given a harsher sentence than others convicted of equivalent crimes and sent to Russia's worst prison. The	2022



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			time of treatment)			
			,		ruling appeared politically motivated, and President Joe	
					Biden said she was wrongfully detained.	
	130	Salvador	M/18, Hispanic	Signs of aggression, angry outbursts,	A young 18-year-old male legally purchased firearms	2022
		Ramos		isolation	before the school shooting—also, gun violence and	
					restrictions.	
20	131	Pete Davidson	M/29, Caucasian	Borderline Personality Disorder, PTSD during	Compared to other mental health disorders, Borderline	2023
23				childhood, Depression, Substance abuse	Personality Disorder is most likely to be misdiagnosed, especially	
FO				disorder.	in males. BPD are less likely to ask for help due to stigma.	
					Advocating for research on childhood PTSD and treatments.	
	132	Kristen Bell	F/43/Caucasian	Depression, anxiety	Open with the public about struggles with mental health; Stigma	2023
					for women seeking mental health treatment and medication	
					management; Partnering with "Hers" (an NGO) as a mental	
					health ambassador, geared toward female mental health	
					treatment without stigma.	
	133	Meghan Markle,	F/42/Biracial	Depression, Anxiety, Suicidality	Stigmatization around mental health and seeking treatment. Lack	2023
		<u>Duchess of</u>			of support/knowledge regarding mental health support. Concerns	
	124	Sussex Will Smith	M/55, African American	Anxiety, PTSD	about image. Struggles with relationships while being an African-American	2023
	134	<u>vviii Sitiitii</u>	Wi/55, African American	Affixiety, PTSD	celebrity—intergenerational patterns of behavior and PTSD.	2023
	135	Majid Khan	M/42, Pakistani	Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	Guantanamo Bay Prison, unethical treatment and unlawful	2023
	133	<u>Iviajia itiiaii</u>	111/12/14/13/41	1 ostil daliliadi Stress Bisorder	punishment (i.e., social isolation).	2023
	136	Melissa Towne	F/37, Caucasian, Mother of	Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar history of	The case highlights the importance of proper investigation of	2022
			4	denying mental health and safety training	child abuse/neglect. Towne has had a long history with CPS but	
					has not lost custody of one child.	
	137	<u>Lori Vallow</u>	F/50/White/ married/	Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar Type	Child abuse/neglect, homicidal ideations, intimate partner	Convi
			mother of 3		violence, lack of mental health support, and early interventions	cted
					(Killed children in 2019).	in
						2023
	138	Simone Biles	F/26, African American	ADHD, PTSD, Anxiety	African American gymnast sexually abused by gymnastics coach	2021
					Larry Nassar. Movement to speak out about sexual abuse,	
	100	Calara Carra	5/24 -in-l- Mileit-	Binalas Binasalas Assista Basalatia Bi	especially in the sports community and among women of color.	2022
	139	Selena Gomez	F/31, single, White	Bipolar Disorder, Anxiety, Psychotic Disorder	Woman of color actress dealing with mental illness while her life	2022
			Mexican/Italian American		has been in public view fighting her illness with stigma on	
					hospitalization due to Lupus.	



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		пурстніку	time of treatment)	process purposes)		
	140	Jada Pickett Smith	F/52, Black, separated from spouse, 2 adult children,	Depression, anxiety, & suicide ideation; Childhood trauma (mother had substance abuse	Celebrity's struggle with social and cultural stigma: vilification of black women in the media and society. Misogynoir	2023
			and 1 adult step-child	issues).	(intersectionality), racial discrimination, gender inequality, and its impact on her mental health.	
	141	Alex Murdaugh	M/55, Caucasian	Depression, Narcissistic Personality Disorder, Opioid Use Disorder	Murdered wife and youngest son to conceal various financial and violent crimes - Classism	2021
20 23 FH	142	Chloe Cole	F/19, Mixed race, American nationality, ethnicity/race undisclosed	Gender dysphoria, SA victim, suicidal ideation, autism, ADHD, depressed	Opposes gender-affirming care for minors and supports bans on such care following her own detransition.	2022
	143	Carlee Russell	F/25, African American	Attention-seeking, personality disorder, pathological lying	Missing African American women/girls, kidnapping hoax, the lack of attention from the media on missing Black women/girls, media exploitation, criminal justice	2023
	144	Azealia Banks	F/32, Black, single	Bipolar Disorder, suicidal ideation, PTSD, childhood abuse and domestic abuse, anger management issues	Intimate partner violence, media discrimination against Black women, mental health stigma, cancel culture	2020
	145	Rory Ward JR	M/33, African American	Bipolar and Schizophrenia	Mental Health and Policing, Carcarel System, Inmate Health Rights	2021
	146	<u>Alyson Stoner</u>	F/27/Caucasian	PTSD, Anorexia Nervosa, childhood sexual abuse	Child's rights, childhood grooming, discrimination based on sexual orientation	2023
	147	Amber Heard	F/37 White/Caucasian	Borderline Personality Disorder; Histrionic Personality Disorder; PTSD	-Intimate Partner Violence -Bias against women and a silencing of their experiences -Perpetuation of the 'perfect victim' myth.	2022
	148	Josh Duggar	M/35 White/Caucasian	Narcissistic personality disorder, Addiction, Paraphilic Disorders	-Sexual Abuse of Children, Violence against children, Protected by church and community in AK, Active participant of a religious-like cult (IBLP) fundamentalist.	2002 - 2023
	149	Jill Duggar Dillard	F/32 White/Caucasian	Generalized Anxiety, depression, and signs of PTSD, SA survivor	Spiritual abuse, sexism, violence against women, white Christian supremacy, revictimization, child exploitation, Parentification of children	2003 - 2023
	150	Richard Rojas	M/32/Hispanic	PTSD, Addiction, Schizophrenia	Transitional resources for post-military, Increased access to preventative mental health care, Safer drug reform laws, Safety vs confidentiality	2017 - 2023
	151	Philip Chism	M/14 African American	Unspecified Schizophrenia Spectrum and other psychotic disorders.	The discrediting of mental illness, racial bias in the media portrayal of the suspect, and also the psychologist, prosecution of a minor (14) as an adult.	2013 2023



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			time of treatment)			
	152	Carl Lentz	M//44	Anxiety, Depression, SA victim, Addiction	Labor Exploitation, Discrimination, Abuse of power in a church	2010
			Caucasian		setting, cover-up of sexual abuse in church	-
						2023
	153	Michael Oher	M/37 African American	Attachment Disorder, Abandonment, Childhood	Food Insecurity, Custody/Rights, Homelessness,	2005
				Trauma, PTSD	Addiction (mother), Racism	-
						2023
	154	Jeffrey Dahmer	M/34 White/Caucasian	Borderline personality disorder, schizotypal	Anti- BIPOC and Anti- LGBTQ. Discrimination against these	2020
				personality disorder, and psychotic disorder	vulnerable populations.	-
						2023
	155	<u>Alex</u>	M/29	Alex: Substance use, antisocial personality	Alex: White supremacy, privilege, child neglect, gun violence,	2019
		Murdaugh's	White/Caucasian	disorder	intimate partner violence, familicide, fraud against	-
		<u>son</u> , Buster			undocumented immigrants and others	2023
	156	Kanye West	M/46 African American	Bipolar Disorder	Mental Health Stigma in the African American Community	2016
						-
						2023

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Event year=the year when the issue was brought out (first time or the year current/recent discussions were found)

^{*}Media case repeated: with a different mental health or justice focus