

## Potentially Preventable Tragedies involving Mental Illness in Ohio

The purpose of assembling these is not to demonize persons with mental illness. The people involved in these incidents are our children, siblings and parents. But because they (i) have *serious* mental illness, (ii) often do not recognize their need for treatment, and (iii) are 'protected' by HIPAA, we can not help them get treatment until *after* they become danger to self or others. Rather than preventing violence, the law requires it. Congress can help by (i) eliminating or reforming SAMHSA which supports policies that prevent our relatives from getting care (ii) implementing demonstration projects of Assisted Outpatient Treatment, (iii) instituting HIPAA reforms so we can get info needed to care for our relatives; (iv) require agencies to prioritize mental "illness" rather than mental "health", and (iv) end the IMD Exclusion in Medicaid.

Roselawn, Hamilton, OH

On October 22, 2009, James House III, a man with paranoid schizophrenia, fatally stabbed 93-year-old Ida Martin. House had been released four months ago from court monitoring after serving 10 years in a mental health facility for stabbing a woman in 1998. Cincinnati Enquirer, 10/23/09; WKRC, 10/23/09; WLWT.com, 10/22/09

Columbus, Franklin, OH

On October 17, 2009, Daniel James Neeley fatally shot his mother and wounded his sister. In 911 emergency calls, Neeley's sister, Bethany Lafountain, told dispatchers that her brother is a paranoid schizophrenic. Prior History: On August 5, 2000, Calvin Neely attacked his father Calvin Neeley who told officers his son has mental health issues and was not taking his prescribed medicine. Dayton Daily News, 10/26/2009; Springfield News Sun, 10/28/09; WHIO, 4/28/10; The Columbus Dispatch, 4/28/10

Columbus, Franklin, OH

On May 2, 2009, Anthony Tilley, a prison parolee with schizophrenia, knocked on the door of his next-door neighbor at 3:30 a.m. and stabbed Undra Amos to death. Columbus Dispatch, 11/25/09

Hamilton, Butler, OH

On March 23, 2008, Vincent Blanda killed his 5-month-old daughter, Brooklynn Blanda, by shaking her. At the time of Brooklynn's death, Blanda was not taking his medication for mental illness. Hamilton Journal-News, 1/13/10

Columbus, Franklin, OH

On October 3, 2011, 40-year-old mentally ill Alesia Sheppard fatally stabbed her boyfriend, 62-year-old Larry Edwards. Her symptoms include "auditory hallucinations, delusional beliefs, paranoia and erratic and impulsive behaviors." She was ordered held in a secure psychiatric unit at Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare until she could be restored to competency. The Columbus Dispatch, 10/4/11, 3/5/12

South Euclid, Cuyahoga, OH

On March 11, 2012, 30-year-old Quentin Diggs killed his 61-year-old father Oliver Diggs and attacked his 58-year-old mother Brenda with a brick. Diggs had a long history of mental illness, and his parents had always tried to help him. He had a history of domestic violence against his parents. Witnesses said Quentin Diggs attacked his mother, and then his father tried to protect her. Fox 8, 3/11/12

Canton, Stark, OH

On January 26, 2011, 60-year-old Alana Monroe fatally shot her husband, 54-year-old James Monroe, before overdosing on pills. A judge ruled that Alana Monroe was legally insane when she fatally shot her husband and had paranoid schizophrenia. Newsnet5.com, 1/27/11; Canton Rep, 7/28/11, 9/7/11

Copley, Summit, OH

On August 7, 2011, 51-year-old Michael Hance killed seven people during a shooting rampage before he was killed by police. Hance shot his girlfriend Rebecca Dieter at their home and then moved to an adjacent house where he shot 51-year-old Craig Dieter, 67-year-old Russell Johnson, 64-year-old Gudrun Johnson, 16-year-old Autumn Johnson, and 16-year-old Amelia Shambaugh. Hance then pursued 44-year-old Bryan Johnson and 11-year-old Scott Dieter through neighboring backyards and shot both. Polixw asked Hance to drop his weapon, but shot him when he refused. Hance's family believed he had untreated mental illness, though the disagreed on the diagnosis. He had "delusional beliefs" that airplanes were polluting the area and the proof was on the stained roof shingles atop homes. According to the final investigative report Hance was a depressed, sometimes paranoid. ABCNews.com, 8/8/11; Plain Dealer, 8/9/11; Beacon Journal, 10/8/11

Bono, Lucas, OH

On October 31, 2010, 24-year-old William 'B.J.' Liske, killed his 53-year-old father, William Liske, Jr., his wife 46-year-old Susan, and her son 23-year-old Derrick L. Griffin inside their home. There was "blood everywhere in the house." A relative said B.J. was dangerous and had threatened Susie before. Police said that he suffered from Schizophrenia and at one time had been off his medications. Liske had repeated encounters with law enforcement that resulted in jail time and mental health treatment. Five months before his death, William E. Liske, Jr., called the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office to report that his 24-year-old son had walked off after yelling at him and pushing him during a confrontation at his pole barn. The elder Liske said he had brought his son home for a weekend visit from the Sandusky group home where he lived. He said his son was schizophrenic and apparently wasn't taking his medication. "He is angry and uncontrollable," the elder Mr. Liske wrote in a June 4 statement for the sheriff's office. "I do not want to press charges, but he needs to do his meds like most mentally ill individuals." ToledoOnTheMove.com, 11/1/10; ToledoBlade.com, 11/1/10, 11/2/10, 9/15/11; CBSNews.com, 11/2/10; MansfieldNewsJournal.com, 3/22/11; Las Vegas Sun, 9/15/11

Dover, Tuscarawas, OH

On September 5, 2010, Jason Lee Gordon fatally beat his girlfriend, 33 year old Gina Harper. Gordon suffers from bipolar disorder and schizoaffective disorder and had been admitted to mental institutions both as a juvenile and an adult. NewsNet5.com, 9/5/10; 19ActionNews.com, 9/6/10; The Times-Reporter, 1/3/11

Enon Beach, Clark, OH

On January 1, 2011, 57-year-old Michael L. Ferryman fatally shot 40-year-old Clark County Deputy Suzanne Waughtel Hopper before he died in a shoot out with police in a trailer park. Previously, Ferryman was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 2001, after a shootout

with authorities in Morgan County. Ferryman stayed at various state facilities for over three years due to his mental illness. DaytonDaileyNews.com, 1/3/11, 6/28/11; Columbus Dispatch, 1/4/11

#### Mansfield, Richland, OH

On April 3, 2010, Mansfield Dan Redman, 27, fatally shot John D. Williamson, 61, in the back of the head while he was sleeping. Redman, who had been staying with Williamson, said he couldn't control his actions. "It was like I was in control of my eyes, but nothing else. I didn't want to do it," said Redman. Redman's mother said her son was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and schizophrenia when he was 16, and couldn't afford to stay on medication. Mansfield News Journal, 4/7/10

#### Southington, Trumbull, OH

On July 31, 2012, 60-year-old Royce C. Honaker fatally shot his wife, 58-year-old Donna Honaker and called 911 to tell dispatchers he had just killed his wife. Family members said that Royce Honaker suffered from paranoid schizophrenia, and his condition had worsened in the last six months. He believed, among other things, his wife was poisoning his food. Family said she moved out of the house but returned frequently to care for him and make sure he was safe. Donna Honaker had taken her husband to Trumbull Memorial Hospital's psychiatric care center to be evaluated, but he checked himself out three days later against doctor's advice. Tribune Chronicle, 8/3/12

#### Newport, Washington, OH

On August 1, 2012, 48-year-old Mark Stevens shot his neighbor, Patrick Arnold. Neighbors said that Stevens, who had a history of mental illness, behaved erratically and made people uncomfortable. In 1985, he had been found incompetent to stand trial on an attempted murder charge. Marietta Times, 8/3/12; TheNewsCenter.tv, 8/4/12

#### Lakemore, Summit, OH

On January 8, 2009, Daniel Tice fatally shot his estranged wife, Brandi Tice, 28 with a single gunshot wound to the head. After keeping SWAT officers at bay with Noah, his 4-year-old son by his side, Daniel Tice was shot by police. Daniel Tice suffers from bipolar disorder. Family and police said Tice stopped taking his medication. Akron Beacon Journal, 1/10/09

#### Colerain Township, Hamilton, OH

On January 24, 2009, Timothy "Timmy" Sturjel shot his adopted father Jerry Sturjel, 51, Mary Sturjel, 40, and Mary's daughter, Emily Hurst, 13 and set the home on fire. Timmy was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and reportedly heard voices. Sometimes the voice told him to do bad things. Hamilton County court documents show Timmy had been ordered to undergo psychiatric care and treatment at least four times since he was 20. Colerain Township police had been called to the house previously for a psychiatric emergency as recently as May 2008, according to records. Cincinnati Enquirer, 1/24/09, 1/25/09, 1/26/09

#### Dayton, Montgomery, OH

Eric Tyrone Moorner, a mental patient on a weekend pass from the Dayton Mental Health Center, walked into a bar near the Center and shot two men to death there. Dayton, Ohio News (Dayton Metropolitan Area), November 17,

#### Marietta, Washington, OH

On August 19, 2002 Faran L. Sebring, 43, shoved James Lupardus, 42, of Marietta, into oncoming traffic while the two men were walking together at night. The state's report indicates Sebring was hearing voices around the time of the incident and that he feared Lupardus was trying to kill him. Psychologists determined Sebring was suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. The Marietta Times (OH), February 26,

#### Noble, OH

In March 2004, Fred Mundt, a 29-year-old man from Lebanon OH, beat, raped and murdered his girlfriend's 7-year-old daughter, Brittany Hendrickson. Mundt's mother, Sara Mundt, said her son has depression and a bi-polar disorder. WTAP News, March 16, 2004 Marietta Times (OH), March 16, 2004 Akron Beacon Journal, 12/8

#### Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH

Timothy Ward, 20, of Cleveland, pled guilty to strangling 19-year-old La'Erica Patterson to death on their first date. Police later found her body in a toy chest in Ward's room. Ward said that the "devil made me do it" and was diagnosed by a court psychiatrist as a paranoid schizophrenic. Ward had a history of killing family pets and had once attacked a former girlfriend but had no prior troubles with the law. Plain Dealer (Ohio), October 1,

#### Lucas, OH

Stephen Everett, 19, raped, robbed, and murdered Rhonda Douglas on March 29, 2002 in her Lucas County home about six weeks after he was released from the Lucas County Youth Treatment Center. Everett was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and depression at age 13. He stopped taking medication before the murder, and drinking and drugs exacerbated the illnesses' effects. Toledo Blade, November 21,

#### Alliance, Stark, OH

Felicia Jennings, 35, was charged with involuntary manslaughter, child endangering and abuse of a corpse for disposing of her newborn twin sons in a plastic bag for trash pickup. Jennings has been diagnosed with schizophrenia and borderline personality disorder and twice was committed for mental health care. She was apparently not taking her medication at the time she gave birth to the twins at home. Akron Beacon Journal, November 22, 2002 The Repository (Ohio), March 13,

#### Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH

Jay D. Scott was given the death penalty for murdering 74-year-old Vinney Prince, a Cleveland delicatessen owner, during a robbery in May 1983. Prison doctors say Scott has schizophrenia and suffers from a "history of psychosis characterized by delusional thought process, paranoia and bizarre behavior." He hears voices, set his cell on fire several times, screams incoherently and bangs his head on the wall. Scott was executed on June 14, 2001. The Columbus Dispatch, April 15,

#### Columbus, Franklin, OH

Gregory A. Pack stabbed social services caseworker, Nancy Fitzgivens, to death on October 16, 2001 at his home in Columbus, OH, after she told him that Child Protective Services would be taking custody of his children. Pack had a history of bipolar disorder. Columbus Dispatch, April 27,

#### London, Madison, OH

Veniamin Linnik, 43, a Ukrainian immigrant with paranoid schizophrenia, beat his father to death after a night of drinking on December 14, 2003 inside the London, OH apartment. Columbus Dispatch (Ohio) May 22,

Akron, Summit, OH

Paul Michael Fassnacht, 32, stabbed and killed his stepmother on September 10, 2006, in her home. Prior History: According to records, police and paramedics have been called to Fassnacht's home seven times since December 2003 for incidents stemming from mental illness. The most recent call came in January. In an October 2005 incident, Fassnacht was described as schizophrenic and said he heard voices and a tapping sound on his windows. In an August 2004 incident, he was said to be yelling obscenities to himself and punching himself hard enough to fall to the ground. Barbara Lenc, a neighbor, said she noticed Fassnacht behaving strangely on several occasions. He would pace alongside the house, wring his hands, talk to himself and stomp, Lenc said. Akron Beacon Journal, September 12, 2006, November 2,

Alliance, Stark, OH

On February 18, 2007, Morgan Ellis, 53 used a gun to fatally wound his wife, Debra, 44, shortly before shooting himself. Family members and relatives described Morgan Ellis as a man struggling with mental illness. Aaron Ellis, 23, who shared the home with his parents said "He had a problem, he had a serious problem. In his mind, he thought the world was against him. He took everything out on her." Aaron Ellis said one reason he lived with his parents was to help safeguard his mother. "I had been worrying about my sister for years," Jeffrey Carter, Debra Ellis' brother, said. "He had some serious issues. I didn't think he would go this far."Canton Repository, 2/19/07

East Palestine, Columbiana, OH

Ernest B. Robinson, 21, formerly of East Palestine, OH, pleaded guilty to causing the death of his 5-month old daughter on August 14, 2002. Robinson had been treated for bipolar disorder and had taken medication for the illness, though he hadn't taken medication for the past five years. Morning Journal News (Ohio), August 25,

Columbus, Franklin, OH

Police say Robert Villalon, 46, attacked his mother Lucia Villalon, 75, on December 11, 2002 in their home in Columbus, OH. Both the defense and the prosecuting attorneys agree that he should be permanently committed. Columbus Dispatch (OH), October 14,

Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH

Eroge Thomas, a 45-year-old man with paranoid schizophrenia, stabbed and killed his boss in a downtown Cleveland, OH hotel restaurant on July 28, 2003. Thomas attacked 29-year-old head cook Amy Brin in the restaurant's kitchen and stabbed her 13 times with a large chef's knife in front of their co-workers. Thomas, who court records show was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia in 1981, was on parole after serving 20 years in prison for another murder. In 1980, he robbed and fatally shot Charles Nixon, 23, of Cleveland. Cleveland Plain Dealer, August 1, 2003; 218/04; 1/23

Huber Heights, Montgomery, OH

On July 22, 2004, Duane Allen Short, 36, shot and killed his wife, Rhonda Michelle Short, 31, and her friend, Donnie Ray Sweeney, 32 in Huber Heights. Short had recently been diagnosed with bipolar

disorder and depression, but had flushed medication down the toilet. The Dayton Daily News, September 21,

Miami Township, Clermont, OH

Christina Miracle, 25, a woman with mental illness, killed her 6-year-old son on February 6, 2004 after she stopped taking her psychiatric medication. Miracle thought she was bringing her dead brother back to life and baptizing her son. Prior History: In March 2003, Miracle began acting irrationally and expressing paranoid fears that somebody had poisoned her water, family members said. Miracle was admitted to a psychiatric ward for two days and then released. In the following days Miracle was re-admitted to the hospital and stayed for a week. Hospital officials told Miracle's family she suffered from major depression and sent her home with medication and orders to see a counselor. Miracle never sought additional treatment and discontinued her medications. Cincinnati Enquirer, September 23, 2004; Cincinnati Enquirer, October 13, 2004; Cincinnati Enquirer, March 1, 2005; Cincinnati Enquirer, March 9, 2005.

Canton, Stark, OH

On July 3, 2004, Sherah N. Bennett, a woman with bipolar disorder, rammed her car into a delivery truck in Canton, OH, killing the driver, retired Canton police officer Sheldon Gotschall. Bennett's attorney Timothy C. Ivey told the judge that his client is very "functional" when she is properly medicated. But when her medication is altered or she fails to take it, Ivey said, problems can arise. Three weeks before the July 3 crash, Bennett was involved in another crash when she hit a parked tractor-trailer in a rest area on Interstate 71. After that incident, according to police records, Bennett told a state trooper that she was "bipolar and not taking her medication". Akron Beacon Journal, September 30, 2004 Akron Beacon Journal, October 5 & 27, 2004 NewsNet5.com, OH, November 4,

!!!!Springfield Township, , OH

On August 24, 2004, Paul Thomas Faith, 25 entered a K-Mart store in Springfield Township, OH, shot and killed one man and wounded another, then shot and killed himself after leading police on a short car chase. Faith's mother said he was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia in 1999. He often heard voices and didn't take his medications, she said. "I am angry that the system failed my son," Linda Faith said, adding that Faith often wanted to stay in the hospital but was released because he wasn't deemed ill enough. Prior History: Hamilton County court records show that Faith was twice declared mentally ill and was hospitalized four times between 1999 and 2003. Cincinnati Inquirer, October 6,

College Hill, Hamilton, OH

Michael Meridy, a 20-year-old man with mental illness, stabbed and beat his grandfather to death at the elderly man's College Hill, OH home in November 2003. Meridy told detectives that God and the devil made him kill Pillow. Meridy suffers from schizophrenia and was not in his right mind during the killing. Prior History: A month before the murder, Meridy was taken by family to a psychiatric ward, after he walked around the house asking if others could hear the voices he was hearing. Cincinnati Enquirer, October 14, 2004 Cincinnati Post, October 14, & November 2,

Westlake, Cuyahoga, OH

Daniel Jung, a 22-year-old man with a history of mental illness, killed his 68-year-old father and injured his mother with the family car in the driveway of their Westlake, OH home. On October 18, 2004, a judge ruled that Jung was mentally incompetent to stand trial. Court

psychiatrists who evaluated Jung and reviewed records of past psychiatric treatment diagnosed him as schizophrenic. Plain Dealer (Cleveland), October 19,

Columbus, Franklin, OH

On December 8, 2004, 25-year-old Nathan Gale entered a Columbus, OH nightclub and shot and killed four people, including a well-known heavy metal guitarist who was up on stage. Gale, who had taken a hostage after shooting the last victim, was then shot and killed by a police officer at the scene. Gale's mother, Mary Clark, said her son was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia in 2003, when he was sent home from the Marine Corps on an early medical discharge. "He came home with his medications, and I don't know if he took them or not," Clark said. MSNBC.com, December 15, 2004; Cincinnati Enquirer, April 14, 2005; Cincinnati Enquirer, May 12,

Hyde Park, Hamilton, OH

On May 31, 2005, Andrew Warrington, a 16-year-old boy with mental illness, killed his brother Johnny Warrington, 17, in their Hyde Park, OH home by beating him to death with a baseball bat because he thought Johnny, was trying to poison him. Warrington suffers from paranoid schizophrenia and was refusing to take a prescription antipsychotic medication. Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/16/05, 11/30/05, 12/2/05, 6/12/08, 12/5/08; ChannelCincinnati.com, 11/30/05; WLWT-TV, 12/16/05; Middletown Journal, 12/17/05; Cincinnati WCPO.com

Cincinnati, Hamilton, OH

William Ushry, a 23-year-old man with mental illness, stabbed a woman to death after burglarizing her apartment in Cincinnati, OH on April 25, 2004. Ushry accused his parents of trying to poison him, took a knife out of his father's drawer, and left the house. When Ushry returned, he told his parents he "might have hurt someone," said his father. Prior History: After returning from the Army, Ushry told his parents that the government was reading his mind, that he was getting messages from the television, and that he could see spirits. Ushry later lost a job with the Cincinnati Public Schools because of his mental health problems, his father said. Ushry's parents took him to University Hospital, where he was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. The Kentucky Post, August 12, 2005; Cincinnati Post, August 19, 2005; Cincinnati Post, September 23,

Middletown, Butler, OH

On September 3, 2005, 25-year-old Michael Carreiro fatally stabbed his mother, 56-year-old Christine Minnix in his apartment. Carreiro told detectives he killed his mother as part of a prophecy he received from a higher power. Carreiro's stepfather said he suffered from paranoid schizophrenia. He said Carreiro stopped taking his medication when he turned 18 and had spent four years in outpatient mental health care, which was initiated in November 2000 through a civil commitment proceeding, before he was released on December 7, 2004. Middletown Journal, 9/7/05, 11/8/05, 9/5/06, 11/21/06, 12/12/06, 11/28/06, 12/11/06, 8/10/11, 11/28/11; Cincinnati Enquirer, 9/5/05, 9/7/05; Dayton Daily News, 9/14/05; Journal-News, 10/19/05; Cincinnati.com, 6/15/11, 12/1/11; Dayton Daily News, 6/21/11

Canton, Stark, OH

Henry A. Sunderman, 32, is accused of raping and killing his infant niece on March 10, 2006, when Sunderman was baby-sitting 7-month-old Zoey Sunderman, her two sisters and a brother. Ward has bipolar disorder and has been on disability for at least five years. Canton Repository, March 14,

Toledo, Lucas, OH

On March 10, 2006, Sharon John Hawkins, 62, allegedly beat his 77-year-old roommate, Norbert Konwin, to death at the Foundation Park Alzheimer's Care Center. Hawkins has schizophrenia. Toledo WUPW, 3/29/06; Toledo Blade, 8/8/07

Middletown, , OH

On January 1, 2006, Dean Geldrich killed his roommate, Miranda Lint, 29, in their Malvern Street home after he bound Lint's limbs with duct tape and brutalized her for hours. The judges said they spared Geldrich's life because his mental illness — a bipolar disorder with psychotic features — was an overwhelming mitigating factor against the death sentence. Middletown Journal, 8/9/06, 9/6/06, 9/18/06, 6/5/08; Journal News, 9/27/06; Cincinnati Enquirer, 9/26/06

Youngstown, Mahoning, OH

On March 11, 2007, James R. DiCioccio, 49, choked and killed Stephen A. Lawson, 34. Lawson died at St. Elizabeth Health Center shortly after a fight at Illinois Manor, a group home for mentally ill men. In February 2006, staff wanted him removed to the psych ward of a hospital, saying he was becoming too violent. Youngstown Vindicator, 3/20/07

Cleveland Heights, Cuyahoga, OH

On May 26, 2007, Timothy Halton Jr., 27, shot officer Jason West, who later died at Huron Hospital.

- Nineteen days before, Timothy showed up for a psychiatry appointment at the downtown offices of Mental Health Service for Homeless Persons Inc. He had skipped his monthly anti-psychotic injections recently.. The psychiatrist asked Halton to stick around for the shot. But Halton left, and the staff never saw him again. As with Halton's mother, who struggled to get her son help, there was nothing the agency could do to compel treatment.
- On October 4, 2003, Halton's mother, Jeanette Tiggs, called police to report Halton's threats to relatives. Halton says that he wants "a bullet in his head" and that he is going to "kill a police officer." Halton is stopped by police, smashes a patrol car with a brick and punches Patrolman Mark Merims in the face. He was sentenced to probation and ordered to take antipsychotic medication. His probation ended in June 2006, according to court records.
- On May 24, 2001, Halton's mother, Jeanette Tiggs, called police to say her son was threatening to "go kill" President Bush, who is visiting Greater Cleveland.
- On July 8, 2000, Timothy Halton Jr. punched and kicked a 60-year-old man who walked past his home. Police get a call from Halton's screaming sister, who has locked her brother out of the home telling them he is bipolar and "violent when not properly medicated." Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/26/07, 5/30/07, 5/31/07, 10/30/09; The Morning Journal, 6/2/07; Plain Dealer, 6/2/07, 6/3/07; Cleveland Free Times, 6/6/07; WKYC.com, 10/30/09

Mansfield, Richland, OH

On May 7, 2007, Preston Fenderson bludgeoned Larry Gutshall at his apartment in Dalton Place, a 12-room apartment building for people recovering from mental illness. Fenderson was a diagnosed paranoid schizophrenic. Police said they believed Fenderson had been off his medication. Bacyrus Telegraph (CA), 6/13/07; Mansfield New Journal, 3/19/09, 3/27/09, 4/1/09, 4/2/09

Canton, Stark, OH

On July 9, 2006, Brian C. Aduddell who has a history of mental illness, admitted using a cane and a carving knife to murder Charles W. Evans Sr., 81, and Evelyn C. Evans, 80, inside their home. Aduddell told police that God told him to kill his grandparents in order to save the world. Aduddell, whose his grandparents basically raised him since he was 5 years old, had moved in with the couple the day before. He suffered from severe mental illness. For at least two years before the killings, Aduddell's behavior was erratic. He believed in UFOs and spent his days writing his bizarre thoughts. His relatives have said he claimed to chase flying saucers and preach the Bible to aliens. At one point, Aduddell was hospitalized for mental illness; a month before the murders he sought treatment at a crisis center in Wayne County, Stafford said. Aduddell's mother had schizophrenia and committed suicide when he was young. That Aduddell wasn't treated for mental illness frustrates his cousin, John Gardiner. Aduddell lacked insurance and when he went to the crisis center and was told nothing was wrong even though his family knew better, Gardiner said. Canton Repository, 8/7/07

South Euclid, Cuyahoga, OH

On March 22, 2008, Walter D. Spencer Jr. critically wounded his mother and killed his father in their South Euclid home. Walter D. Spencer Jr. suffers from paranoid schizophrenia and may not have been taking his medication. Cleveland Plain Dealer, 3/24/08

Waynesburg, Stark, OH

During the week of August 17, 2008, 22-year-old Joseph P. Grossi of Waynesburg killed his former roommate, Bruce Bai, 38, after walking 17 miles to Bai's apartment by stabbing him once in the lower back. His mother Catherine Grossi said her son bipolar disorder, and needs medication. Canton Repository, 8/26/08, 1/5/09, 1/13/09

Mansfield, Richland, OH

On December 26, 2007, Larry Evans Jr., fatally shot his brother Officer Brian Evans, and a neighbor, 44-year-old Robert Houseman and held police officers at bay for several hours before surrendering. Evans was off his psychotropic medication at the time. The defense team, court and prosecution team each hired an expert and they all agreed Evans, had bipolar disorder and psychosis. WMFD Mansfield, 9/2/08; Mansfield News Journal, 4/6/10, 4/24/12; IndeOnline, 6/6/12

Zanesville, Muskingum, OH

On August 29, 2008, John Matthew Hughes, 32, killed Eugene David Durben. Wendy Pritchard, Hughes' sister, of Mississippi, said while she is shocked her brother had anything to do with Hughes' death, she wants the Hughes family to know her family is extremely sorry. Pritchard said her brother has suffered from mental illness for years. "He's been diagnosed as a bipolar, paranoid schizophrenic and has never really gotten any help with his problems," Pritchard said. "We aren't excusing him we're just hurting ourselves." Pritchard said the justice system has never addressed any of Hughes' problems. "They just keep putting him in prison and not allowing him to have his

medication," Pritchard said. "We've asked and asked that they keep him locked up and get him help, but nothing seems to work." Zanesville Times Recorder, 9/10/08, 1/23/09

Toledo, Lucas, OH

On July 18, 2010, 24-year-old Lawrence Fitzgerald James was charged in the fatal stabbing of University of Toledo student 22-year-old Casey Bucher. James had a history of not taking the anti-psychotic prescriptions he needed for Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder. Prior History: James was diagnosed with Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder as a teenager, and attempted to claim he was incompetent to stand trial during a similar case two years ago. He was released from the Lebanon Correctional Institution near Cincinnati June 6 after serving time for a 2008 attack in which he stabbed a gas station attendant who did not comply when he asked for 70 cents. In both cases, his brother, Lawrence E. James, said he was not taking the anti-psychotic prescriptions he needed for Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder When he left the prison in Lebanon last month, he did not refill his four prescriptions for psychiatric drugs, according to his brother. Toledoblade.com, 7/21/10; Toledoonthemove.com, 7/19/10, 7/21/10; ABC 13, 7/21/10

Harrsville, Butler, OH

On July 28, 2010, 49-year-old Thomas Smith fatally shot his former brother-in-law, 56-year-old Clifford Stevenson. A relative said that Stevenson was providing Smith with food and a place to live. Stevenson's sister said Smith was being treated for Paranoid Schizophrenia and was off his medication. KDKA, 8/01/10; Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, 8/2/10; Allied News, 7/12/11

Dayton, Montgomery, OH

On March 17, 2011, 47-year-old Michelle Walker was shot in the head. The next day, her son, 27-year-old Glenn Walker was taken into custody and charged with murder several days later. According to a family member, Glenn Walker suffers from mental illness. Dayton Daily News, 3/21/11, 3/23/11; WHIOTV.com, 3/17/11

Colerain Township, Hamilton, OH

On July 12, 2011, 24-year-old Lanny Stoinoff violently shook his infant niece killing her. Stoinoff asked to hold 1-month-old Roslyn Stoinoff, then shook her while his mother and sister, the baby's mother, tried to get him to stop. Officers arrested Stoinoff, who was staying at this parents' home, where he been since being released from a psychiatric hospitalization a few weeks before. "He had some mental issues and he was committed like for seven days, and they released him. Prior History: On June 27, 2011, Stoinoff was taken from his home by police to University Hospital's psychiatric unit. Stoinoff told a nurse at the hospital that he had killed his dog "because it had demons in it" A deputy called Stoinoff's father, who said his son was paranoid schizophrenic and off his medicine. Cincinnati.com, 7/14/11, 11/26/12; Fox19.com, 7/22/11; WLWT News 5, 7/14/11, 8/10/11

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