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.
with authorities in Morgan County. Ferryman stayed at various state facilities for over three years due to his mental illness.

DaytonDayleNews.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, 1/10/09

Colerain Township, Hamilton, OH
On January 24, 2009, Timothy "Timmy" Sturgel shot his adopted father Jerry Sturgel, 51, Mary Sturgel, 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 Moorer, 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, 2001

Marietta, Washington, OH
On August 19, 2002 Faran L. Sebring, 43, shoved Hames 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, 2004

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, 2004

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, 2005

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, 2001

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, 2002

London, Madison, OH

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 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, 2006.

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 had not taken medication for the past five years. Morning Journal News (Ohio), August 25, 2004.

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, 2002.

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, 2004.

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, 2004.

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, 2004.

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, 2004.

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; Middleton 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 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, 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,
On August 29, 2008, John Matthew Hughes, 32, killed Eugene David IndeOnline, 6/6/12
Mansfield, 9/2/08; Mansfield News Journal, 4/6/10, 4/24/12; agreed Evans, had bipolar disorder and psychosis. WMFD
Officer Brian Evans, and a neighbor, 44-year-old Robert Houseman
On December 26, 2007, Larry Evans Jr., fatally shot his brother Mansfield, Richland, OH
needs medication. Canton Repository, 8/26/08, 1/5/09, 1/13/09
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"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