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Nevada Continues to Confront Alarming Rates of Domestic Violence NCEDSV Releases 2023 Homicide Report. Reveals Stark Realities

[Reno, Nevada] - <u>The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence</u> (NCEDSV) unveils its 2023 Domestic Violence Homicide Report, exposing the truth of domestic violence (DV) fatalities in Nevada. Released annually, this report offers a comprehensive analysis of DV-related fatalities from January 1 to December 31, 2023, aiming to illuminate the severity of the issue, spark conversation, and drive action towards change.

Nevada ranks second in the nation for domestic violence, with 44% of women and 33% of men experiencing intimate partner violence. In 2023, Nevada law enforcement responded to 27,931 domestic violence calls. The Violence Policy Center reported that Nevada has consistently ranked in the top ten states with the highest rates of women killed by men for 23 out of the past 25 years.

"NCEDSV strongly believes in recognizing the worth and humanity of every individual while respecting their privacy," said Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem, Executive Director of NCEDSV. "The homicide report is an important way to recognize the deep toll that domestic violence takes on our communities. We count the things we believe matter. We ask everyone to take some time to read this report, acknowledge that each of these lost lives matters, and pledge to do at least one thing in 2024 to make your community safer."

Despite its population of approximately 3 million residents, Nevada witnessed 72 DV-related homicides in 50 incidents in 2023. Highlighting the relationship between access to firearms and DV deaths, the report reveals that 76% of fatalities in 2023 were firearm-related, with 20% of victims being male, dispelling the myth that DV exclusively impacts women. It is important to note that the Homicide Report was created using publically available resources. Since every incident is not publicized, it is recognized that all deaths are not accounted for in the report.

"As we look ahead to the 2025 legislative session, we ask lawmakers to join us in crafting legislation that supports victim-survivors and moves us closer to an end to domestic violence," said Abdur-Raheem.

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About NCEDSV:

The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) is a statewide advocacy organization committed to ending domestic and sexual violence in Nevada through education, public policy, and advocacy. NCEDSV provides support to survivors, raises awareness, and works to create systemic change to end violence.