



# Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences Death Investigation Annual Report 2011



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Dear Reader,

*“The dead cannot cry out for justice. It is a duty of the living to do so for them. “*  
*Lois McMaster Bujold*

*The Department of Forensic Sciences was created in 1935 atop the pillars of proven scientific methods and impartiality. Over seventy-five years later, those pillars still stand strong. The sciences have evolved, growing in their ability to provide answers to long asked questions. Impartiality, on the other hand, has remained constant. Being created as separate autonomous agency allows for impartial testing and reporting absent any bias, perceived or real.*

*The Discipline of Death Investigation has grown from its humble beginnings of decedents being examined by non-medical staff at funeral homes to highly trained Forensic Pathologists performing examinations in state of the art forensic examination laboratories. Resources are routinely stretched thin and caseloads can increase to taxing levels but one thing remains constant and that is a never ceasing desire to provide quality, efficient and dignified care to the families of those examined by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences.*

Thank you,

Scott Belton  
Death Investigation Quality Manager



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## ***Dedication***

***To the men and women of the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences  
Discipline of Death Investigation***

***It is immeasurable what your service means to the citizens of this great state. Sadly you must, on a daily trek, visit those dark places known only to you and those who do what you do. Your sacrifices, although not always describable in words, do not go unnoticed and are recognized with great respect and admiration.***



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**Note to the reader:**

***This report was prepared using data generated from ADFS Departmental Laboratory Information Management Systems and manually obtained data found in regional laboratory reports. Due to the nature of Forensic Medicine, this report is considered a living document as Causes and Manners of death are subject to change with the presentation of additional evidence. Information in this document pertains to cases presented to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences for consultation or examination and does not reflect the state of Alabama's mortality rates. Nor is the report intended to report all causes of death.***

***Totals for the five generally accepted manners of death are provided however within those manners only major categories of cause of death are reported as are significant statistical discoveries.***

***Jefferson County is not reflected in this report as it is a County Medical Examiner's Officer separate from this department.***

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Quality Manager for Death Investigations**



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## ABBREVIATIONS

Medical Examiner	(ME)
Investigator	(INV)
Sudden Unexplained Infant Death	(SUID)
National Association of Medical Examiners	(NAME)
Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences	(ADFS)
Laboratory Information Management System	(LIMS)
Huntsville Medical Laboratory	(HV)
Mobile Medical Laboratory	(MB)
Montgomery Medical Laboratory	(MM)



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## Administration

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*Department Director*

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**Dr. Emily Ward**  
*Deputy Chief Medical Examiner*  
*Region I*

**Dr. Staci Turner**  
*Deputy Chief Medical Examiner*  
*Region IV*

**Dr. Stephen Boudreau**  
*Deputy Chief Medical Examiner*  
*Region III*

**Dr. Valerie Green**  
*Medical Examiner*  
*Region I*

**Dr. John Krolikowski**  
*Medical Examiner*  
*Region IV*

**Dr. Alfredo Paredes**  
*Medical Examiner*  
*Region III*

**Dr. Eugene Hart**  
*Medical Examiner*  
*Region IV*

**Dr. Steven Dunton**  
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## 2011 General Alabama Statistics

### Population:

Population 2011	4,802,740
Population 2010	4,779,308
Annual Growth 2010-2011	7.5%
Persons under 5	307,375 (6.4%)
Persons under 18	1,138,249 (23.7%)
Persons 65 and older	633,961 (13.8%)

### Gender:

Females	2,473,411 (51.5%)
Males	2,329,328 (48.5%)

### Race:

White persons	3,289,876 (68.5%)
Black persons	1,258,317 (26.2%)
Hispanic persons	187,306 (3.9%)
Asian persons	52,830 (1.1%)
Native American persons	28,816 (.6%)
Persons with 2 or more races	72,041 (1.5%)

### Education:

Language other than English at home	235,334 (4.9%)
High School Graduates 25+ age 2006-2010	3,909,430 (81.4%)
College Graduates 25+ age 2006-2010	1,042,194 (21.7%)
Persons below poverty level 2006-2010	821,268 (17.1%)



## System-wide Death Statistics

<b>Cases Reported:</b>	<b>2468</b>		
<b>Cases Examined:</b>	<b>2113</b>		
<b>Cases Autopsied:</b>	<b>1509</b>		
<b>Scenes Attended:</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>ME: 1</b>	<b>INV: 224</b>
<b>Exhumations:</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Cases with Toxicology:</b>	<b>2057</b>		

### Cause of Death

<b>Shotgun Wound(s):</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Gunshot Wound(s):</b>	<b>371</b>
<b>Sharp Force Injury(s):</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Blunt Force Injury(s):</b>	<b>352</b>
<b>Drug Toxicity:</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>Drowning:</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Hanging:</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Injury(s):</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Cardiovascular Disease:</b>	<b>320</b>
<b>Ethanol Toxicity:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Strangulation:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Asphyxiation:</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Sudden Infant Death Syndrome:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy:</b>	<b>46</b>



## System-wide Death Statistics

### Cause of Death by Manner of Death

#### **Homicide: 333**

Gunshot Wounds(s): 215  
Blunt Force Injury(s): 38  
Death by Lethal Injection: 6

Sharp Force Injury(s): 30  
Asphyxia: 9  
Drowning: 1

#### **Suicide: 270**

Gunshot Wound(s): 187  
Hanging: 51  
Asphyxia: 7

Sharp Force Injury(s): 2  
Drug Toxicity: 15

#### **Accident: 717**

Gunshot Wound(s): 4  
Motor Vehicle Fatality(s): 235  
Asphyxia: 28

Sharp Force Injury(s): 2  
Drug Toxicity: 283  
Drowning: 51

#### **Natural: 614**

Cardiovascular Disease: 320  
Liver Disease: 15  
Renal Disease: 2  
Other Natural: 13

Carcinoma: 17  
Lung Disease: 45  
Chronic Ethanol: 10

#### **Undetermined: 102**

SUID: 46  
Drug Toxicity: 3

Gunshot Wound(s): 5  
Blunt Force Injury(s): 3



## Manner of Death Statistics

### Homicide

<b>System wide:</b>	<b>333</b>
<b>Huntsville:</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Mobile:</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Montgomery:</b>	<b>151</b>

### Suicide

<b>System wide:</b>	<b>270</b>
<b>Huntsville:</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Mobile:</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Montgomery:</b>	<b>102</b>

### Accident

<b>System wide:</b>	<b>717</b>
<b>Huntsville:</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Mobile:</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>Montgomery:</b>	<b>336</b>

### Natural

<b>System wide:</b>	<b>614</b>
<b>Huntsville:</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Mobile:</b>	<b>328</b>
<b>Montgomery:</b>	<b>216</b>

### Undetermined

<b>System wide:</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Huntsville:</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Mobile:</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Montgomery:</b>	<b>53</b>



## Unclaimed/Unidentified Decedents

Month	Unclaimed Bodies			Unidentified at Exam		
	HV	MB	MM	HV	MB	MM
2010-2011						
OCT	0	4	0	0	2	0
NOV	0	12	0	1	0	0
DEC	0	12	0	0	3	0
JAN	0	14	0	1	1	0
FEB	0	20	0	2	0	0
MAR	0	15	0	0	1	0
APRIL	0	19	0	0	0	0
MAY	0	15	0	0	1	0
JUNE	0	17	0	0	1	0
JULY	0	17	1	0	0	2
AUG	0	18	0	1	1	1
SEPT	0	13	0	0	0	2
END OF YEAR	0	13	1	5	10	1



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## Decedents Transported

2010-2011 Month	Transported Decedents			Monthly Totals
	HV	MB	MM	
OCT	0	0	7	7
NOV	0	0	3	3
DEC	0	0	16	16
JAN	0	0	7	7
FEB	0	0	13	13
MAR	0	0	12	12
APRIL	0	0	18	18
MAY	0	0	13	13
JUNE	0	0	11	11
JULY	0	0	8	8
AUG	0	0	8	8
SEPT	0	0	9	9
END OF YEAR TOTALS	0	0	136	136



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## Huntsville Medical Laboratory

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**Dr. Valerie Green**  
*Medical Examiner*

**Allen Perry**  
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**Robert Griffith**  
*Forensic Investigator*

**Gerald Howard**  
*Forensic Pathology Technician*

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## Huntsville Medical Laboratory Death Statistics

<b>Cases Reported:</b>	<b>366</b>	
<b>Examined:</b>	<b>364</b>	
<b>Autopsied:</b>	<b>273</b>	
<b>External Examination:</b>	<b>89</b>	
<b>Scenes Attended: 3</b>	<b>ME: 1</b>	<b>INV: 2</b>
<b>Exhumations:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Cases with Toxicology:</b>	<b>312</b>	

### Causes of Death

<b>Shotgun Wound(s):</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Gunshot Wound(s):</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Sharp Force Injuries:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Blunt Force Injuries:</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Drug Toxicity:</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Drowning:</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Hanging:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Injury:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Cardiovascular Disease:</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Ethanol Toxicity:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Strangulation:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Asphyxiation:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Sudden Infant Death Syndrome:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy:</b>	<b>16</b>

### Manners of Death

**Homicide: 83**

<b>Gunshot wound(s): 54</b>	<b>Sharp Force Injury(s): 7</b>
<b>Blunt Force Injury(s): 12</b>	<b>Asphyxia: 4</b>



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## **Mobile Medical Laboratory**

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**Dr. Eugene Hart**  
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## Mobile Medical Laboratory Death Statistics

\*Including Mobile County ME Office Statistics

<b>Cases Reported:</b>	<b>1063</b>	
<b>Examined:</b>	<b>863</b>	
<b>Autopsied:</b>	<b>512</b>	
<b>External Examination:</b>	<b>351</b>	
<b>Scenes Attended: 154</b>	<b>ME: 0</b>	<b>INV: 154</b>
<b>Exhumations:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Cases with Toxicology:</b>	<b>863</b>	

### Causes of Death

<b>Shotgun Wound(s):</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Gunshot Wound(s):</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Sharp Force Injuries:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Blunt Force Injuries:</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Drug Toxicity:</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Drowning:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Hanging:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Injury:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Cardiovascular Disease:</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>Ethanol Toxicity:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Strangulation:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Asphyxiation:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Sudden Infant Death Syndrome:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy:</b>	<b>14</b>

### Manners of Death

**Homicide: 99**

**Gunshot Wound(s): 60**  
**Blunt Force Injury(s): 11**

**Sharp Force Injury(s): 5**  
**Death by Lethal Injection: 6**



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## Montgomery Medical Laboratory

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## Montgomery Medical Laboratory Death Statistics

\*Including Tuscaloosa County ME Office Statistics

<b>Cases Reported:</b>	<b>1041</b>		
<b>Examined:</b>	<b>886</b>		
<b>Autopsied:</b>	<b>724</b>		
<b>External Examination:</b>	<b>162</b>		
<b>Scenes Attended: 68</b>	<b>ME: 0</b>	<b>INV: 68</b>	
<b>Exhumations:</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Cases with Toxicology:</b>	<b>882</b>		

### Causes of Death

<b>Shotgun Wound(s):</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Gunshot Wound(s):</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Sharp Force Injuries:</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Blunt Force Injuries:</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Drug Toxicity:</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>Drowning:</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Hanging:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Injury:</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Cardiovascular Disease:</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Ethanol Toxicity:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Strangulation:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Asphyxiation:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Sudden Infant Death Syndrome:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy:</b>	<b>16</b>

### Manners of Death

**Homicide: 151**

**Gunshot Wound(s): 101**

**Blunt Force Injury(s): 15**

**Sharp Force Injury(s): 18**

**Asphyxia: 5**



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## Medical Examiner County Death Statistics Mobile County

Cases Reported:	827	
Examined:	625	
Autopsied:	338	
External Examination:	287	
Scenes Attended: 154	ME: 0	INV: 154
Exhumations:	0	
Retained Hospital Cases:		

### Causes of Death

Shotgun Wound(s):	4
Gunshot Wound(s):	100
Sharp Force Injuries:	3
Blunt Force Injuries:	116
Drug Toxicity:	53
Drowning:	9
Hanging:	14
Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Injury:	15
Cardiovascular Disease:	131
Ethanol Toxicity:	2
Strangulation:	1
Asphyxiation:	3
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome:	0
Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy:	12

### Manners of Death

Homicide: 75

Gunshot Wound(s): 53  
Blunt Force Injury(s): 9

Sharp Force Injury(s): 2  
Asphyxia: 0



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## Medical Examiner County Death Statistics Tuscaloosa County

<b>Cases Reported:</b>	<b>317</b>		
<b>Examined:</b>	<b>167</b>		
<b>Autopsied:</b>	<b>114</b>		
<b>External Examination:</b>	<b>53</b>		
<b>Scenes Attended: 68</b>	<b>ME: 0</b>	<b>INV: 68</b>	
<b>Exhumations:</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Retained Hospital Cases:</b>			

### Causes of Death

<b>Shotgun Wound(s):</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Gunshot Wound(s):</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Sharp Force Injuries:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Blunt Force Injuries:</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Drug Toxicity:</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Drowning:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Hanging:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Injury:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Cardiovascular Disease:</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Ethanol Toxicity:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Strangulation:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Asphyxiation:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Sudden Infant Death Syndrome:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy:</b>	<b>1</b>

### Manners of Death

**Homicide: 11**

**Gunshot Wound(s): 5**  
**Blunt Force Injury(s): 2**

**Sharp Force Injury(s): 0**  
**Asphyxia: 2**



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## Laboratory Case Distribution Statistics

### Huntsville Medical Laboratory

Total Examinations Performed:	364	
External Examinations:	89	(24%)
Autopsies:	273	(76%)
Partial Examinations:	0	

\*Average per Medical Examiner: 151 per ME (2)

### Mobile Medical Laboratory

Total Examinations Performed:	863	
External Examinations:	351	(41%)
Autopsies:	512	(59%)
Partial Examinations:	0	

\*Average per Medical Examiner: 210 per ME (3)

### Montgomery Medical Laboratory

Total Examinations Performed:	886	
External Examinations:	152	(18%)
Autopsies:	724	(82%)
Partial Examinations:	10	

\*Average per Medical Examiner: 195 per ME (4)

\* Averages are calculated using the NAME recommended 3 external examinations = 1 autopsy.



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## Medical Examiner Individual Statistics

### Dr. Emily Ward

Total Examinations Performed:	152	
External Examinations:	47	(31%)
Autopsies:	105	(69%)
Homicides:	31	

### Dr. Valerie Green

Total Examinations Performed:	213	
External Examinations:	38	(18%)
Autopsies:	175	(82%)
Homicides:	41	

### Dr. Staci Turner

Total Examinations Performed:	283	
External Examinations:	141	(49.5%)
Autopsies:	142	(50.5%)
Homicides:	24	

### Dr. John Krolikowski

Total Examinations Performed:	270	
External Examinations:	104	(39%)
Autopsies:	166	(61%)
Homicides:	32	



## Medical Examiner Individual Statistics

### Dr. Eugene Hart

Total Examinations Performed:	298	
External Examinations:	107	(36%)
Autopsies:	191	(64%)
Homicides:	28	

### Dr. Stephen Boudreau

Total Examinations Performed:	371	
External Examinations:	62	(17%)
Autopsies:	309	(83%)
Homicides:	79	

### Dr. Alfredo Paredes

Total Examinations Performed:	272	
External Examinations:	54	(20%)
Autopsies:	218	(80%)
Homicides:	29	

### Dr. Cameron Snider \*

Total Examinations Performed:	225	
External Examinations:	45	(20%)
Autopsies:	180	(80%)
Homicides:	35	

\* No longer on staff



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## Medical Examiner Individual Statistics

### Dr. Adel Shaker \*

Total Examinations Performed:	9	
External Examinations:	0	
Autopsies:	9	(100%)
Homicides:	0	

### Dr. Kenneth Snell \*

Total Examinations Performed:	3	
External Examinations:	0	
Autopsies:	3	(100%)
Homicides:	0	

### Dr. Steve Dunton

Total Examinations Performed:	6	
External Examinations:	1	(17%)
Autopsies:	5	(83%)
Homicides:	0	

\* No Longer on staff



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## Case Closure Rates

### System-wide

<i>Homicides closed in under 60 days:</i>	23%
<i>Non-Homicides closed in under 90 days:</i>	48%

### Huntsville Medical Laboratory

<i>Homicides closed in under 60 days:</i>	23%
<i>Non-Homicides closed in under 90 days:</i>	36%

### Mobile Medical Laboratory

<i>Homicides closed in under 60 days:</i>	17%
<i>Non-Homicides closed in under 90 days:</i>	55%

### Montgomery Medical Laboratory

<i>Homicides closed in under 60 days:</i>	26%
<i>Non-Homicides closed in under 90 days:</i>	44%

\*\*\*Most Medical Examiner Reports over 60 and 90 days are due to outside testing.



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## Juvenile Death Statistics

**Period:        October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012**

**TOTAL CASES EXAMINED:                    175**

**White: 86        Black: 71        Hispanic: 9        Asian: 1        Other: 2**  
**Male: 106        Female: 66        Unknown: 3**

**HOMICIDES:                                26**

**Age Range: 4m to 18y                    Youngest: 4M OF – Abusive Head Trauma**  
**White: 8            Black: 16            Hispanic: 1        Other: 1**  
**Male: 15            Female: 11**

**Gunshot Wounds: 15**

**Age Range: 6y to 18y**  
**White: 5            Black: 10**  
**Male: 11            Female: 4**

**Scalding Injuries: 1**

**3y BF**

**Seizure (Physical Exertion induced): 1**

**9y WF**



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## Juvenile Death Statistics

### **Abusive Head Trauma: 5**

3y BM, 1y WF, 4y HF, 6m BF, 4m OF

### **NON HOMICIDES: 149**

Age Range: 0d to 17y

Youngest: 0d fetus

### **Sudden Unexplained Infant Deaths: 25**

Age Range: 3w to 12m

White: 14      Black: 11

Male: 20      Female: 5

### **Those with Sleep Related Findings: 24**

Co-sleeping: 15

Prone: 4

Other: 5

### **Other Utilized Causes of Death: 4**

Smothering: 1

Overlay: 1

Positional Asphyxiation: 2



## Juvenile Death Statistics

### **Gunshot Wounds: 6**

Age Range: 14y to 18y

White: 6      Black: 0

Male: 5      Female: 1

All (6) Suicidal

### **Blunt Force Injuries: 21**

Age Range: 0d to 18y

Documented Restrained: 3

Driver: 1

Passenger: 7

Pedestrian: 7

Bed of Pickup Truck: 1

### **All Terrain Vehicle Related (ATV): 1**

6y WF

Rear seated passenger

Not wearing helmet

ATV flipped backwards causing crushing brain injury

Father was intoxicated driver of ATV





## Juvenile Death Statistics

### Fire Deaths: 10

Age Range: 15m to 11y

White: 1      Black: 9

Male: 4      Female: 6

### Hanging: 5

Age Range: 11y to 13y

White: 1      Black: 2      Hispanic: 2

Male: 3      Female: 2

Suicidal: 3

### Drowning: 16

Age Range: 2y to 17y

White: 9      Black: 6      Hispanic: 1

Male: 14      Female: 2

Pool related: 10      River/Lake: 4      Ocean: 2

### Drug Toxicity: 4

Accidental: 3      Suicidal: 1

Hydrocodone, Methadone, Oxycodone

2y BM with acute alcohol intoxication



## Juvenile Death Statistics

### **Aircraft Crash: 1**

17y WM

Single Aircraft/Student Pilot

### **Hyperthermia: 1**

3y WF

Climbed into family vehicle in driveway

### **Industrial Accident: 1**

16y WM

Shrimp boat deckhand

Tangled in wench

### **Suffocation: 1**

6y BF

Face down sleeping in bean bag chair

### **Chopping and Blunt Force Injuries: 1**

6y WF

Jump from tractor driven by mother



## Juvenile Death Statistics

**Aspiration: 2**

2y WM

7m BM

**Jet Ski: 1**

11y WM

Passenger

15y driver collided with pier

**Domestic Violence Related: 2**

17y WF

18y BM

**No Documentation Supported Texting or Bullying related Deaths**

**Cases Pending (without cause of death): 32**



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## Anatomical Gifting Statistics

### System-wide

<i>Number of Decedents Gifting:</i>	174
<i>Percentage of Cases Gifting:</i>	8.2%

### Huntsville Medical Laboratory

<i>Number of Decedents Gifting:</i>	13
<i>Percentage of Cases Gifting:</i>	3.5%

### Mobile Medical Laboratory

<i>Number of Decedents Gifting:</i>	108
<i>Percentage of Cases Gifting:</i>	12%

### Montgomery Medical Laboratory

<i>Number of Decedents Gifting:</i>	51
<i>Percentage of Cases Gifting:</i>	5.7%

\*\*\*Anatomical gifting partners include the Alabama Eye Bank and the Alabama Organ Center



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