



2017 Stanislaus County Homicides

There were 49 reported homicides in Stanislaus County in 2017. The map shows the location of the incidents. The numbers depict the order in which they occurred and correspond to the circumstances listed below. The blue dots depict officer-involved shootings. Reporters Erin Tracy and Rosalio Ahumada gathered information for the map with the help of local law enforcement agencies. For more information on all the homicides, along with links to stories and video, go to www.modbee.com.

- 1. 01/27/2017** Witnesses heard gunshots, a woman scream and saw victim Kalpesh Patel, 39, on the ground in front of a home.
- 2. 01/28/2017** Rafael Avina, 38, was found on the ground injured by gunfire in front of the Midway Market.
- 3. 01/29/2017** Stockton man's body found in burned vehicle in rural area near Turlock.
- 4. 01/30/2017** In an officer-involved shooting, Spencer Herckt, 42, was shot after resisting officers, hitting one with a glass object.
- 5. 02/05/2017** Rick Foreman, 53, allegedly broke into his estranged wife's home and fired shots. He was subdued and strangled by a male family member.
- 6. 02/09/2017** Javier Zuniga, 46, was found shot to death at Venice Motel.
- 7. 02/15/2017** In an officer-involved shooting, Mauro Garnica, 55, was found with a weapon attacking a female. An officer shot him.
- 8. 02/23/2017** Benito Garcia, 17, was shot in the upper body at a home in the 100 block of Washburn Street. A 17-year-old was arrested.
- 9. 02/26/2017** Yeraldin Dominguez, 26, was allegedly stabbed to death by her boyfriend during a jealous rage.
- 10. 03/01/2017** Benjamin Martinez, 24, was shot during a struggle with home owner.
- 11. 03/02/2017** At the time of his death, Gilbert Escamilla, 3, had burns, lacerations and bruises on his body. Mother and fiancé arrested.
- 12. 03/16/2017** David Reyes, 31, was shot in the leg. The bullet hit a major artery and he died several hours later.
- 13. 04/04/2017** An anonymous tip led detectives to Valerie Smith's body on Claus Road
- 14. 04/09/2017** Steve Monkhouse, 55, was found dead in a vehicle in a field near Tioga and Legion Park.
- 15. 04/21/2017** Jenny Wu, 41, had been reported missing from a mental health facility the night before her body was discovered.
- 16. 05/04/2017** Jagjeet Singh, 32, was stabbed to death while working as a clerk at Hatch Food & Gas.
- 17. 06/12/2017** Terelle Swearengin, 25, and another man were shot during a drive-by shooting in the 800 block of Sutter Avenue. The other man survived.
- 18. 06/15/2017** Joga Shergill, 54, was shot at Lander and West Glenwood avenues.
- 19a. 06/17/2017** Tiffany Espinoza, 30, died after allegedly being beaten to death by husband Oscar Espinoza.
- b. 06/17/2017** Spencer Giese, 9, died after allegedly being beaten to death by step-dad Oscar Espinoza.
- c. 06/17/2017** Edward Espinoza, 4, died after allegedly being beaten to death by father Oscar Espinoza.
- 20. 06/18/2017** Adrian Gomez, 20, was a passenger in a truck involved in the road rage incident. He was struck by a vehicle.
- 21. 06/25/2017** Benjamin Montalvan-Valasquez, 44, died in a drive-by shooting in front of a home on Thrasher Avenue.
- 22. 07/03/2017** John Barnes, 54, was stabbed near Fourth and I streets after an altercation.
- 23. 07/03/2017** The body of Timothy Lambert, 55, of Keyes, was found in a Turlock Irrigation District Canal.
- 24. 07/25/2017** The body of Norberto Martinez, 36, was found on Golf Road.
- 25. 08/01/2017** Deputies found Gregory Mendoza, 29, and unnamed 25-year-old man injured on West F Street. Mendoza later died.
- 26. 08/08/2017** Turlock Irrigation District employee found Salvador Del Toro's body in a canal at Montpelier and Dallas roads.
- 27. 08/26/2017** Victor Enriquez, 27, was found dead on a driveway of a home south of Turlock.
- 28. 09/18/2017** David Bricchetto, 64, was found dead in a parked white four-door sedan next to a canal along Geer Road near The Fruit Yard.
- 29. 09/19/2017** Heaw Douangdy, 52, was thrown out of a house and hit his head. The suspect picked him up and pushed him down again. He later died.
- 30. 09/30/2017** An argument led to the deadly shooting of Adam Wagner, 24, who was pronounced dead at the scene on H Street in Turlock.
- 31a. 10/12/2017** The body of Alfredo Marcado Lomeli, 32, was found near a shop behind a house on Claribel Road. The property was home to a marijuana grow.
- b. 10/12/2017** The body of Martin Alvarez Jr., 24, was found near a shop behind a house on Claribel Road. The property was home to a marijuana grow.
- 32a. 10/21/2017** Lisa Herger, 29, was found suffering from gunshot wounds near Orestimba and Bell roads near Newman.
- b. 10/21/2017** Tiffany Herrera, 27, was found suffering from gunshot wounds near Orestimba and Bell roads near Newman.
- 33. 10/21/2017** Rudy Yvanes, 59, was found with a gunshot wound in front of a vacant home frequented by homeless people on I Street.
- 34. 10/22/2017** In an officer-involved shooting, Nicholas Adam Pimentel, 27, reportedly led police on a chase from Ceres to Modesto, where he was shot.
- 35. 10/28/2017** Xavier Smith, 5, was killed in a drive-by shooting on a street near Lakewood Avenue.
- 36. 10/29/2017** Justin Anderson, 38, was found suffering from at least one gunshot wound on Angelus Street.
- 37. 11/03/2017** Authorities found Jorge Daniel Quijano, 38, with a gunshot wound on McGee Road.
- 38. 11/10/2017** Modesto security guard Karl Whitehead died from an assault at a downtown Modesto parking garage.
- 39. 11/18/2017** An unidentified Latino man was found dead in Ingram Creek near McCracken Road in Westley.
- 40. 11/21/2017** Cody Lea, 21, was shot to death near the basketball courts at Ustach Park in northeast Modesto.
- 41. 12/04/2017** Cameron Tracy, 21, was robbed and beaten at Donnelly Park on Dec. 4, and died a few weeks later.
- 42. 12/22/2017** An altercation inside a house on Vernon Avenue escalated into the fatal shooting of Michael Calhoun, 48.
- 43. 12/24/2017** A verbal altercation between two groups in downtown Modesto led to the shooting of Jimmy McAny, 26.
- 44. 12/30/2017** The victim, Ricardo Vasques, 24, and suspect got into a fight near the Mellis Park baseball field. The suspect left, then returned and shot the victim.

Note: A Stockton man was killed in the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department jurisdiction on **Oct. 26, 2017**. The site has not been disclosed.