

**Utah Domestic Violence
Related Deaths 2009
An Ongoing Public Information Report of the
Utah Domestic Violence Council**



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The Utah Domestic Violence Council compiles and continually updates information on domestic violence related deaths. Information contained in this report was gathered from public sources—largely from newspapers and the electronic media. Once cases have resulted in official governmental action, the committee may refer to publicly available information from law enforcement, prosecution offices and/or the Utah State Courts.

While virtually all homicides are covered in the media, and are therefore included in this report, the majority of suicides not related to a criminal event are not included in the report. Accordingly, it is probable that a number of domestic violence related suicides were not publicized and made knowledgeable to the compilers of this report and are not included in the report. That assumption is supported by information compiled by the Utah State Department of Health from confidential sources.

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DATE OF DEATH	NAME, AGE, RELATIONSHIP, SITUATION	PLACE OF DEATH
#1 January 4, 2009	<p>Brittany Nichols, Age 23, Cohabitant Homicide</p> <p>On Tuesday, December 30, 2008, Brittany Nichols of North Ogden was ending a four-month relationship with her boyfriend and roommate, Johnny Maurice Bell, 21. When Brittany’s father couldn’t reach her by phone on Sunday afternoon, January 4, 2009, he went to her condominium and found blood on the first floor. He discovered Brittany dead shortly after 1:00 p.m. in the master bedroom. Her father called the police. When they arrived they confirmed that Brittany was dead. An autopsy report revealed that Brittany had been stabbed multiple times on her upper and lower torso. Police say her 3-year-old daughter was on the premises when she was killed, likely for a number of hours before the homicide was discovered. Police suspected that she may have witnessed the slaying but are uncertain. North Ogden police and the Weber County Homicide Task Force began looking for Bell. Investigators pursuing leads found an acquaintance that told them Bell was on a Greyhound bus headed for San Bernardino, California, where he had family. Utah Highway Patrol and Millard County Sheriff’s Deputies intercepted the bus about 10:30 p.m. Sunday. Police Chief Polo Afuvai stated, “he confessed to the crime,” saying Bell was angered when Brittany wanted to end the relationship. He admitted to using five knives to kill her because they kept breaking. Bell made his first appearance at the Second District Court on January 7, 2009. He was formally charged with First Degree Felony Murder and Domestic Violence in the Presence of a Child, a Third Degree Felony. Court records said Judge Scott Hadley kept bail set for Bell at \$500,000. Bell changed his plea from “not guilty” to “guilty” and was sentenced sixteen years to life in prison for Murder. A Standard Examiner obituary described Brittany as a joyous personality who, “with her outrageously contagious laugh ... could melt any frown into a shining smile.”</p> <p><i>Sources: Davis Standard Examiner, September 9, 2009; Deseret News, January 6,7,14,15, and March 4,</i></p>	North Ogden, UT

	<p>2009; <i>KSL News, January 4, 2009; Ogden Standard Examiner, January 4, 5, 8,10, 14, 2009; Salt Lake Tribune January 5,6, 7,10, 2009</i></p>	
<p>#2 January 9, 2009</p>	<p>Juvenile, Age 17, Dating Violence Suicide</p> <p>On Friday, January 9, 2009, a teenage girl, 16, sent a text message to a female friend letting her know she was in trouble. The girl's former boyfriend was holding her captive at gunpoint in the parking lot at Valley Fair Mall. The girl managed to escape from the SUV and run inside the mall to get help. People in the parking lot heard a shot fired and ran inside the mall for safety because they did not know where the shot had come from. When police arrived they found the young man inside the SUV bleeding. He had shot himself. He was taken to the hospital, where he died. Friends of the two teens said the couple had recently broken up. They were both juniors at Granger High School.</p> <p><i>Sources: ABC 4 News, January 9, 2009, Salt Lake Tribune, January 10, 2009</i></p>	<p>West Valley City, UT</p>
<p>#3 January 9, 2009</p>	<p>Richard Don O'Meara, Age 54, Domestic Violence Related Death</p> <p>Draper Police received a call from a woman reporting that her estranged husband was trying to break into her home. When police arrived at the home in Draper, they found Richard O'Meara's body outside the home. Richard's estranged wife's boyfriend, James Christopher Gikiu, 48, had fired the fatal shot. Gikiu and Richard's wife told police that Richard came to the back door and hit the door with his shoulder trying to break into the home. Gikiu told police he then grabbed a shotgun while the woman called 911.</p> <p>It was not the first time that Richard had tried to break into his wife's home. The O'Mearas had a long history of domestic violence. In recent weeks, Richard had spray painted the outside of the home and broken several windows. He had failed to appear in court the day before in response to a list of charges including burglary, violating a protective order, and assault.</p>	<p>Draper, UT</p>

	<p>Gikiu was arrested and released without charges.</p> <p><i>Sources: Deseret News, January 11, 12, 13, 2009; KSL News, January 10, 2009; KUTV 2 News, January 10, 2009; Salt Lake Tribune, January 11, 2009; 3rd District Court</i></p>	
<p># 4</p> <p>January 30, 2009</p>	<p>Tiffany Marvin, Age 33, Dating Relationship Homicide</p> <p>Tiffany Marvin’s life ended tragically on Friday, January 30, 2009. Tiffany’s ex-boyfriend, Jeremy Scott Taylor, shot her in the upper torso several times before turning the .38 caliber revolver on himself.</p> <p>The couple had dated on and off for three years and had broken up six months before the murder suicide. Tiffany and Taylor exchanged text messages shortly after two o’clock that afternoon and subsequently met in the parking lot just outside her workplace. Witnesses overheard them arguing and then heard four gunshots. Nurses from nearby Avalon Care Center responded immediately in an unsuccessful attempt to resuscitate Tiffany. She is survived by two children ages ten and thirteen.</p> <p><i>Sources: Daily Herald, January 31, 2009; Deseret News, January 30, 31, 2009; KSL News, January 31, 2009; KUTV 2 News, January 30, 2009; South Salt Lake Journal, February 26, 2009</i></p>	<p>South Salt Lake, UT</p>
<p>#5</p> <p>January 30, 2009</p>	<p>Jeremy Scott Taylor, Age 33, Dating Relationship Suicide</p> <p>(See above story #4)</p>	<p>South Salt Lake, UT</p>
<p>#6</p> <p>February 28, 2009</p>	<p>Jeffery Ackerman, Age 45, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>Colton Louder, 25, was visiting his grandparents in Pleasant Grove and was talking with his uncle Jeffery Ackerman in the garage. Louder began running from</p>	<p>Pleasant Grove, UT</p>

	<p>the garage with Jeffery in pursuit through the neighborhood. Louder pulled out at 45-caliber handgun and shot Jeffery in the chest. The men had been using drugs. Charges against Louder were amended in a plea deal with the Utah County Attorney's Office for Manslaughter, enhanced to a First-degree Felony.</p> <p><i>Sources: KSL News, March 2, 9, 2009</i></p>	
<p>#7</p> <p>February 17, 2009</p>	<p>Tony Padilla, Age 22, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>On Tuesday, February 17, 2009, police arrived in Ogden, and found Tony Padilla stabbed to death. The apartment belonged to Katherine and Kurt Wangler. Katherine, 27, had recently filed for a protective order against her husband Kurt Wangler, 38, who had been serving a sixty day sentence in jail at Ogden's Kiesel facility for a February 9, 2009, domestic violence incident that left Katherine severely injured. On the morning of February 17, Wangler had been released on a work permit. Instead of looking for a job, he violated the protective order by going and went to his wife's apartment, forcing his way in. He was angry because he had found Tony in the apartment as a visitor. Eight hours after police found Tony stabbed to death; they were able to track down Wangler and his wife, Katherine in Salt Lake City through a phone-tracking device. He had apparently abducted her after the incident.</p> <p>According to charging documents in the Second District Court, Wangler confessed to killing Tony Padilla. He pled guilty to First Degree Murder and aggravated burglary and was sentenced sixteen years to life.</p> <p><i>Sources: Davis Standard Examiner, August 19, 2009; KUTV 2 News, February 18, 2009. Ogden Standard Examiner, February 17, 18, 20, 2009; Salt Lake Tribune, February 18, 19, 21, 2009</i></p>	Ogden, UT
<p># 8</p> <p>March 8,</p>	<p>Adult Male, Age Unknown, Perpetrator Suicide</p> <p>Payson police called in the Utah County SWAT Team</p>	Payson, UT

2009	<p>as a precautionary measure after a man barricaded himself inside his home. Police responded to a domestic dispute in Payson, Utah on the evening of Sunday, March 8, 2009. The man's family was able to get out of the house safely. His wife was treated at a nearby hospital for minor injuries.</p> <p>Authorities tried to talk to the man for about six hours with no response. The SWAT team used a robot with a camera to go inside the house to try to make contact with him and had no success. Just before midnight, they heard a shot fired inside the home and later found the man dead; apparently from a self-inflicted gunshot.</p> <p><i>Sources: KSL News, March 8, 2009; Daily Herald, March 9, 2009</i></p>	
#9 March 8, 2009	<p>Ivan Teixeria, Age 35, Perpetrator Suicide</p> <p>Officers responded to a domestic dispute call around 7:00 p.m. Ivan Teixeria and his wife had been fighting. His wife and their two children were able to exit the home safely as they heard gunshots go off.</p> <p>Officers surrounded the home and shut down the residential block. After being unable to make contact with Teixeria inside the home, at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday morning, they sent in a robot and SWAT team. They discovered he had killed himself.</p> <p><i>Sources: Deseret New, June 11, 2009; KSL News, June 9, 2009; KSTU New, June 9, 2009; Salt Lake Tribune June 9, 11, 2009</i></p>	Saratoga Springs, UT
#10 June 16, 2009	<p>Jeanie White, Age 40, Cohabitant Homicide</p> <p>Police in Springville, Utah investigated a murder-suicide on the morning of June 16. The night before at 9:45 p.m., family members had called the police department with concerns that they had not seen or heard from their mother. When officers arrived at the home, they found cars in the driveway, however, were unable to make contact with anyone inside the home. Officers entered the property through an open window</p>	Springville, UT

	<p>and found a dead couple, Jeanie White and Brian Scott Sebastian in the bedroom; each with a bullet to the head. The gun was found next to Sebastian. A bag packed with Jeanie's clothes was found nearby. It appeared that Jeanie was planning to leave.</p> <p>A month earlier, on May 22, 2009, a neighbor called the police to report a domestic disturbance after finding Jeanie whimpering and injured outside her door. Sebastian had punched her in the face during a fight after she had brought home a new baby rabbit.</p> <p>According to Jeanie's daughter, the couple met online about two years before and moved in together shortly after.</p> <p><i>Sources: Chicago Tribune, June 16, 2009; Deseret News, June 16, 2009; KSL News, June 16, 2009; KUTV News, June 16, 2009; Mid-Utah Radio, June 16, 2009; Salt Lake Tribune, June 16, 2009</i></p>	
<p>#11</p> <p>June 16, 2009</p>	<p>Brian Scott Sebastian, Age 46, Perpetrator Suicide</p> <p>(See above story #10)</p>	<p>Springville, UT</p>
<p>#12</p> <p>August 17, 2009</p>	<p>Touch "Jennifer" Choum Lambdin, Age 41, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>Touch Choum's body was found in a pool of blood in her Cottonwood Heights duplex after a man in Maryland called police when he received an e-mail from his friend, Dennis Wayne Lambdin, 60, saying he had just stabbed his wife. Touch had been brutally beaten and stabbed in an act of rage. Lambdin punched Touch in the face several times and then stabbed her multiple times with a kitchen knife, cutting his own hands in the process. He then hit her head with a heavy glass snow globe until she stopped moving. Police had been called to their duplex a couple of times during the past two weeks. Touch had just arrived from work at 6:30 a.m. before the argument started. She worked two jobs in order to help support the family. Lambdin was booked for murder and held on a one million dollar bail. First Degree Murder charges have been filed in</p>	<p>Cottonwood Heights, UT</p>

	<p>the Third District Court against Lambdin. A court hearing has been set for December 15, 2009 and a trial has not yet been scheduled. Touch is survived by three children.</p> <p><i>Sources: Deseret News, August 19, 27, 2009; Salt Lake Tribune, August 17, 18, 27, 2009</i></p>	
<p>#13</p> <p>August 23</p>	<p>Misty Lamoreaux, Age 19, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>One of Misty Dawn Lamoreaux’s neighbors and daughter were spending a quiet evening at home when they heard Misty and her husband, Tristan J. Lamoreaux, 19, arguing. They heard Misty scream and then shots erupted. Misty died from multiple gunshot wounds to the head. Lamoreaux is charged with First-degree Felony Murder, possession of a firearm by a restricted person, a Third-degree Felony and fleeing from police, a class A misdemeanor, in connection with the shooting of his wife, Misty.</p> <p><i>Sources: Deseret News, August 25, 2009; Salt Lake Tribune, August 24, 26, 2009; The Spectrum, August 25, 26, 27, 2009</i></p>	<p>Cedar City, UT</p>
<p>#14</p> <p>August 25</p>	<p>Marvin Sidwell, Age 51, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>Marvin Sidwell sometimes worked for his brother-in law, Steven Strate, 54. His neighbors said they often had heated arguments. Marvin lived in the basement of his mother’s home and she had recently been discharged from the hospital. Strate had gone over to the home to fix a problem. When police responded to a 911 call, they found Strate waiting for them on the front porch with a gun; he surrendered to them peacefully. He admitted to shooting Marvin during an argument claiming Marvin had come at him with a chair. Strate was released after posting a one million dollar bail. A request for a hearing to lower the bail amount has been postponed after the key witness failed to show up for the hearing on November 11, at the Fourth District Court.</p> <p><i>Sources: Daily Herald, October 26, 2009; Herald</i></p>	<p>Orem, UT</p>

	<i>Examiner, November 4, 11, 2009; KSL News, August 25, 2009; Salt Lake Tribune, November 6, 2009</i>	
#15 September 26, 2009	<p>Vivian Hall, Age 65, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>A witness reported seeing Ronald Leroy Hall, 72, hit his wife Vivian Hall several times on her left eye. The next morning Vivian was unable to rise out of bed and was taken to Sanpete Valley Hospital where she was treated for several hours. She was then transported to Intermountain Health Care Center (IHC) in Murray, Utah and remained hospitalized there for three weeks until her death on September 26, 2009. Her body was taken to the Utah State Medical Examiner's office where an autopsy officially determined the cause of death was "complications from a head injury." On October 30, 2009, Hall was arrested and charged for murder, obstruction of justice and prescription fraud. Hall has a criminal record of violence dating back to 1956, which includes twenty arrests and eleven convictions.</p> <p><i>Sources: Salt Lake Tribune, November 16, 2009; Sanpete Messenger, November 4, 2009; The Pyramid, November 5, 2009</i></p>	Fairview, UT
#16 October 2, 2009	<p>Lisa Olivera, Age 32, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>Although the Olivera's were separated, Daniel Olivera, 33, was staying with his estranged wife Lisa Olivera. The couple had gone out for the evening and argued when they returned home. The babysitter who had watched the couple's 10-year-old son and 6 month old baby told police that she had gone outside for a few moments and when she returned, she found Lisa slumped over the kitchen table bleeding from the neck. Olivera was on probation for threatening to kill his wife in New Mexico last year. Lisa died from a stab wound to the throat. Olivera's sister told police he had shown up at her house covered in blood telling her he had stabbed his wife. That morning he had threatened to kill his sister and her roommate.</p> <p><i>Sources: Bridgerland, October 3, 2009; Deseret News,</i></p>	Salt Lake City, UT

	<i>October 6, 2009; Salt Lake Tribune, October 3, 7, 2009</i>	
#17 & 18 October 21	<p>William Sharp, Age 51, and Charmaine Sharp, Age 54, Domestic Violence Related Homicides</p> <p>Charmaine Sharp started the morning routine of preparing breakfast for the family and was getting ready to start the children’s lesson for the day. Shortly after 9:00 a.m. Peter Simon Sharp, 26, walked into his parent’s back bedroom and killed his father William with a shotgun. Sharp then shot and killed his mother, Charmaine, in the hallway leading out of the kitchen. After the shootings, two of Sharp’s teenage siblings, a brother and sister wrestled the gun away from him. Sharp then walked out the door and into Main Street without wearing any shoes. Ambulance Supervisor, Jim Gordon had just heard of the incident when he saw the man without shoes and notified dispatch. William and Charmaine have 10 children and four of them were in the home when the shootings occurred. The youngest child is 8 and Sharp is the oldest. The children feared for their own lives when they courageously wrestled the shotgun away from their older brother. The Emery County Attorney’s Office has charged Sharp who has suffered with mental illness with two counts of Criminal Homicide, Aggravated Murder, Domestic Violence and one count of Aggravated Assault in connection with the shooting deaths. Sharp appeared in court on November 1, 2009 before Judge George M. Harmond who ordered mental competency tests for him. The case will be reviewed in court on January 5, 2010.</p> <p><i>Sources: Emery County Progress, October 27, 2009; Sun Advocate, October 27, 2009; Salt Lake Tribune, October 22, 2009</i></p>	Castle Dale, UT
#19 November 21, 2009	<p>Michelle Welch, Age 54, Dating Relationship Homicide</p> <p>On November 21, 2009 Gary Robert Howard, shot and killed Michelle Welch inside her brand new home that she had worked so hard to purchase. It was located in a gated community of West Jordan, Utah. He then called a friend and threatened to take his own life. After about</p>	West Jordan, UT

	<p>four hours of negotiations with West Jordan Police, Howard turned a 12-gauge shotgun on himself ending the stand-off. According to family and friends, Michelle and Howard had an “on-again, off-again” relationship and police had previously been to her home to investigate domestic violence before the murder-suicide. Michelle had recently retired after a 30 year career as a dispatcher for Salt Lake City Fire Department. Howard did odd jobs and preferred to be paid in alcohol instead of money.</p> <p><i>Sources: Deseret News, November 21, 2009; KUTV 2 News, November 21, 2009</i></p>	
<p>#20 November 21, 2009</p>	<p>Gary Robert Howard, Age 43, Dating Relationship Suicide</p> <p>(See above story #19)</p>	<p>West Jordan, UT</p>
<p>#21 November 26, 2009</p>	<p>Steven J. Dolittle, Age 41, Dating Relationship Homicide</p> <p>On Thanksgiving Day Steven J. Dolittle was stabbed multiple times in the upper torso by his former girlfriend’s boyfriend, Justin Jay Guyman, 28. Steven had dated Cherie Rich, 27, who lived across the street from him. He and Guymon would get into confrontations whenever Guymon would visit or stopped by to pick Cherie up at her home. Sometime before noon Guyman went to Steven’s home, and later that afternoon Steven crossed the street to Cheri’s residence to confront Guyman. A fight broke out between the two men. Guyman stabbed Steven several times on his side and back. He was pronounced dead after being transported to Pioneer Valley Hospital. The murder weapon was never found. Guyman has been charged with three felonies; first-degree murder, second-degree obstructing justice, and third-degree possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted person.</p> <p><i>Sources: Democratic Underground, November 26, 2009; Deseret News, November 26 and December 3, 2009; KSL News, November 26, 2009; Salt Lake</i></p>	<p>West Valley City, UT</p>

	<i>Tribune, November 27 and December 3, 2009</i>	
#22 December 17, 2009	<p>Melissa Ann Matern, Age 31, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>On December 17, 2009, police received reports from several individuals who had received a disturbing text message from Justin Zachariah Matern around 7:00 p.m. stating that he had carried out a threat of killing his estranged wife, Melissa Ann Matern and two sons, Gabriel and Raiden Matern and that he was next. At 8:45 p.m. police discovered the bodies of the family of four. Matern shot and killed Melissa and their two sons and then turned the handgun on himself taking his own life. Matern had left a suicide note at his place of employment stating his intentions to harm his family. The note was not discovered until after the murder-suicide occurred. According to friends and co-workers, Matern appeared distraught over the recent marital break up and had expressed thoughts of suicide.</p> <p><i>Sources: Deseret News, December 18, 2009; KSL 5 News, December 18, 2009; KSTU Fox 13, December 18, 2009; KTVX 4 News, December 17, 18, 2009; KUTV 2 News, December 18, 2009, Salt Lake Tribune, December 18, 19, 2009</i></p>	West Jordan, UT
#23 December, 17, 2009	<p>Gabriel Matern, Age 6, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>(See above story #22)</p>	West Jordan, UT
#24 December, 17, 2009	<p>Raiden Matern, Age 4, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>(See above story #22)</p>	West Jordan, UT
#25 December, 17, 2009	<p>Justin Zachariah Matern, Age 34, Perpetrator Suicide</p> <p>(See above story #22)</p>	West Jordan, UT

<p>#26</p> <p>December 25, 2009</p>	<p>Robert A. Stom, Age 65, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>On Christmas Day, Robert Stom's son and his family arrived at his father's and stepmother's home in Ogden, Utah. They had traveled from Sacramento, California to surprise his father and stepmother, Patricia Stom for Christmas. After trying three times unsuccessfully to get them to answer the door, the son decided he had better call the police. At about 10:30 p.m., police found the bodies of the Ogden couple, dead from an apparent murder-suicide. The medical examiner's report showed that Robert had five gunshot wounds: two in the legs, two in the arms and one in the chest hitting his heart. Patricia Stom was found sitting in a chair with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. According to neighbors, Robert had terminal lung cancer and had recently developed pneumonia.</p> <p><i>Sources: Deseret News, December 28, 2009; KSL 5 News, December 27, 28, 2009; KSTU Fox 13, December 28, 2009; KTVX 4 News, December 28, 2009; KUTV 2 News, December 28, 2009, Salt Lake Tribune, December 28, 2009; USA Today, December 28, 2009</i></p>	<p>Ogden, UT</p>
<p>#27</p> <p>December 25, 2009</p>	<p>Patricia Stom, Age 70, Perpetrator Suicide</p> <p>(See above story # 26)</p>	<p>Ogden, UT</p>

COHABITANT HOMICIDES: 2 (2 female)
 PERPETRATOR SUICIDES: 5 (4 male, 1 female)
 DATING RELATIONSHIP HOMICIDES: 3 (2 female, 1 male)
 DATING RELATIONSHIP SUICIDE: 3 (3 male)
 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED HOMICIDE: 13 (6 female, 7 male (2 Children))
 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED SUICIDE:
 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED DEATH: 1 (1 Male)
TOTAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED DEATHS IN UTAH IN 2009: 27
NUMBER OF DV RELATED DEATHS CAUSED BY THE USE OF A FIREARM:
21

“Domestic violence” means:

- any criminal offense involving
 - violence
 - physical harm
 - threat of violence or physical harm
- any attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit a criminal offense involving
 - violence or physical harm
- when committed by one cohabitant against another

(See Utah Code Ann. § 77-36-1(2))

“Domestic violence” also means commission or attempt to commit any of the following offenses by one cohabitant against another:

- aggravated assault
 - assault
 - criminal homicide
 - harassment
 - telephone harassment
 - kidnapping, child kidnapping or aggravated kidnapping
 - mayhem (mutilation of a body part)
 - sexual offenses
 - unlawful sexual intercourse
 - rape
 - object rape
 - sodomy-forcible sodomy
 - forcible sexual abuse
 - aggravated sexual assault
 - sexual exploitation of a minor
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- stalking
 - unlawful detention
 - violation of a protective order
 - offenses against property (theft is not a domestic violence offense)
 - offenses against possession of a deadly weapon with intent to assault
 - discharge of a firearm from a vehicle, near a highway, or in the direction of any person, building or vehicle
 - disorderly conduct if conviction result of plea negotiation from an original domestic violence offense
 - child witnessing domestic violence child abuse
 - any other criminal offense involving violence or physical harm

(See Utah Code Ann. § 77-36-1)

2. “Cohabitant” means:

- an emancipated person or a person who is 16 years old or older who:
- is or was a spouse of the party (separated or divorced)
- is or was living as if a spouse of the other party (common law marriage, cohabitant)

- is related by blood or marriage to the other party; (relative, in-law, elder parent)
- has one or more children in common with the other ; or
- resides or has resided in the same residence as the other party (roommates, same sex relationships)
- is the biological parent of the other's unborn child
- "cohabitant" does not include the relationship of a natural parent, adoptive parent, or step-parent to a minor or the relationship of minor siblings to each other

(See Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-102(2), (3)).