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# 20 Years of Hate

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## Reporting on Bias-Motivated Violence against People Experiencing Homelessness in 2018-2019

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## Executive Summary

Over the past 20 years, the National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) has documented **1,852** incidents of violence against people who were homeless at the hands of people who were not homeless. At least **515** victims experiencing homelessness violently lost their lives due solely to their lack of housing.

These crimes were likely motivated by the perpetrator's bias against people experiencing homelessness and were facilitated by their ability to target homeless people with relative ease. The crimes are a litany of atrocities: murder, beatings, rapes, and mutilations. Victims have died in unfathomable ways. Not only have they been shot or stabbed to death, but they have also been set on fire, drowned, or beheaded.

While NCH has documented compelling data regarding the number and severity of attacks, these acts are underreported. The Bureau of Justice Statistics found that in 2019, "less than half (44%) of violent victimizations were reported to police." Furthermore, many attacks were likely even more gruesome than available reports imply.

Since the 1980s, the homeless community--and poor people in general--have been ostracized and dehumanized. According to the National Homelessness Law Center, at least 187 cities have enacted laws to criminalize life-sustaining acts like camping, sleeping, and panhandling. Criminalizing homelessness villainizes and pushes people experiencing homelessness into hiding. The forced isolation caused by criminalization makes people experiencing homelessness targets for those intent on causing harm to them. Because the homeless community is often forced to live on the outskirts of the community, many attacks go unreported, and homeless people are far more likely than the general population to be a victim of violent crime.

Anti-homeless violence lays bare the structural and economic injustice suffered by those who are insecurely housed. The severity of these attacks necessitates immediate policy changes, enhanced services, and legislative reforms.



*Photo by Bryan Dozier (2014)*

## Key Findings

Over the past 20 years, NCH has documented 1,852 reported acts of violence have been committed against homeless individuals. Reported violence has occurred in 48 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC. Perpetrators of these attacks were generally male and under the age of 40.

### From 2018 to 2019:

- There were **83** incidents of anti-homeless violence
- **39** victims experiencing homelessness lost their lives
- **97%** of lethal attacks were perpetrated by **men**
- **77%** of perpetrators were **40** years old or **younger**
- **85%** of the victims who lost their lives were **men**
- **65%** of victims who lost their lives were **older than 40**

This report is intended to educate lawmakers, advocates, and the general public about hate crimes and violence committed against the homeless community. Our goal is to bring about change and ensure the protection of civil rights for everyone, regardless of economic circumstances or housing status.

As part of its mission, the National Coalition for the Homeless is committed to creating the systemic and attitudinal changes necessary to end homelessness. In order to build health and compassionate communities, the civil and human rights of poor people and people experiencing homelessness must be protected and enforced.

Elected officials, advocates, and the members of the public at large all have a role to play in combating bias and violence against people who experience homelessness.

**A hate crime is defined by the U.S. Department of Justice's Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a "criminal offense committed against a person, property, or society that is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias."**

# FBI vs. NCH Defined Hate Crime Homicides

**TABLE 1 DECLARED HATE CRIME DEATHS VS. UNDECLARED HATE CRIME DEATHS OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS**

Year	Homicides Classified as Hate Crimes (FBI Data)	Fatal Attacks on Homeless Individuals (NCH Data)
1999	17 (9 racially, 2 religiously, 3 sexual orientation, 3 ethnically motivated)	49
2000	19 (10 racially, 1 religiously, 2 sexual orientation, 6 ethnically motivated)	43
2001	10 (4 racially, 1 sexual orientation, 5 ethnically motivated)	18
2002	13 (4 racially, 3 religious, 4 sexual orientation, 2 ethnically motivated)	14
2003	14 (5 racially, 6sexual orientation, 2 ethnically, 1 anti-disability motivated)	8
2004	5 (3 racially, 1 religiously, 1 sexual orientation motivated)	25
2005	6 (3 racially, 3 ethnically motivated)	13
2006	3 (3 racially motivated)	20
2007	9 (5 sexual orientation, 2 racially, 2 ethnicity motivated)	28
2008	7 (5 sexual orientation, 1 racially, 1 ethnically motivated)	22
2009	8 (6 racially, 1 sexual orientation, 1 ethnically motivated)	43
2010	7 (1 racially, 3 religiously, 1 ethnically, 2 sexual orientation motivated)	24
2011	4 (1 racially, 3 sexual orientation)	32
2012	10 (1 racially, 8 religiously, 1 sexual orientation)	18
2013	5 (2 racially, 2 sexual orientation, 1 ethnically motivated)	18
2014	4 (4 racially motivated)	26
2015	18 (11 racially, 4 religiously, 1 sexual orientation, 2 other motivation)	27
2016	9 (7 racially, 1 sexual orientation, 1 other motivation)	37
2017	15 (11 racially, 1 religiously, 2 sexual orientation, 1 anti-disability)	11
2018	24 (8 racially, 12 religiously, 3 sexual orientation, 1 gender)	21
2019	51 (racially, religiously, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, anti-disability)	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>515</b>

Chart compiled with data from the Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism (California State University, San Bernardino): Analysis of Data from the F.B.I. and the National Coalition for the Homeless.

## Background

Homelessness is not accidental, nor is it inevitable. We as society chose not to ensure that all residents have access to housing. In general, people do not choose to be homeless. Instead, we as a society are making it impossible for all people to earn a living wage and to be able to afford adequate housing, health care, and other basic needs. Specific policies have created an epidemic of income inequality, racial injustice, and homelessness.

In its 2019 annual Point-in-Time Count, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimated that on any given night there were 568,000, men, women, and children were homeless.<sup>1</sup> Another 500,000 or so formerly homeless individuals and families reside in supportive housing through HUD's homeless programs.

According to HUD's counts, roughly 210,160 are unsheltered on any given night. The National Homelessness Law Center, releases an annual report called, *Housing Not Handcuffs*, in which they analyze the ordinances in 187 communities across the country that criminalize daily acts of survival for people who are forced to live outdoors.<sup>2</sup> These laws push a cycle of structural violence<sup>3</sup>--or social injustice--that leads to negative perceptions of people who are homeless--perceptions that further relay a general lack of compassion and motivation to invest in housing and other systemic solutions to endemic poverty.

Life expectancy for someone who is homeless can be **20-30 years younger** than the general population

This dehumanization of our brothers and sisters who are experiencing homelessness leads to an environment in which hate crimes against these individuals are far too common and far too deadly. As Winter and Leighton (1999) state, "Structural violence is problematic in and of itself... but it is also dangerous because it frequently leads to direct violence."<sup>4</sup>

In this report, we analyze the direct violence people experiencing homelessness face from the housed community. The report includes descriptions of reported occurrences of bias-motivated violence and solutions for advocates, policy makers and community members to help mitigate violence against our most vulnerable.

## Methodology

The data presented in this report on violent acts committed against the homeless population were gathered from a variety of sources. NCH staff collected stories from published national and local news reports, and homeless advocates and local service providers across the country provided information about incidents in their communities.

<sup>1</sup> The 2019 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress. (2020, January). Retrieved October 21, 2020, from <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2019-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> *Housing Not Handcuffs*. (2019). Retrieved October 21, 2020, from <http://nlchp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/HOUSING-NOT-HANDCUFFS-2019-FINAL.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Galtung, J. (1969). "Violence, Peace, and Peace Research." *Journal of Peace Research* 6:3, pp. 167-191. Retrieved December 11, 2020, from [http://www2.kobe-u.ac.jp/~alexroni/IPD%202015%20readings/IPD%202015\\_7/Galtung\\_Violence,%20Peace,%20and%20Peace%20Research.pdf](http://www2.kobe-u.ac.jp/~alexroni/IPD%202015%20readings/IPD%202015_7/Galtung_Violence,%20Peace,%20and%20Peace%20Research.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Structural Violence Section Introduction. (1999, June 1). Retrieved October 21, 2020, from <http://sites.saumag.edu/danaleighton/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2015/09/SVintro-2.pdf>

We also examined community death reports for missing information. Lastly, and most importantly, this report relied on the voices of homeless individuals and formerly homeless people who self-reported incidents they have experienced.

Every reported incident was subjected to a rigorous fact-checking process designed to evaluate and verify accuracy. This process entailed follow-up discussions with those closely involved with the incident. These accounts were corroborated by other news sources reporting each incident.

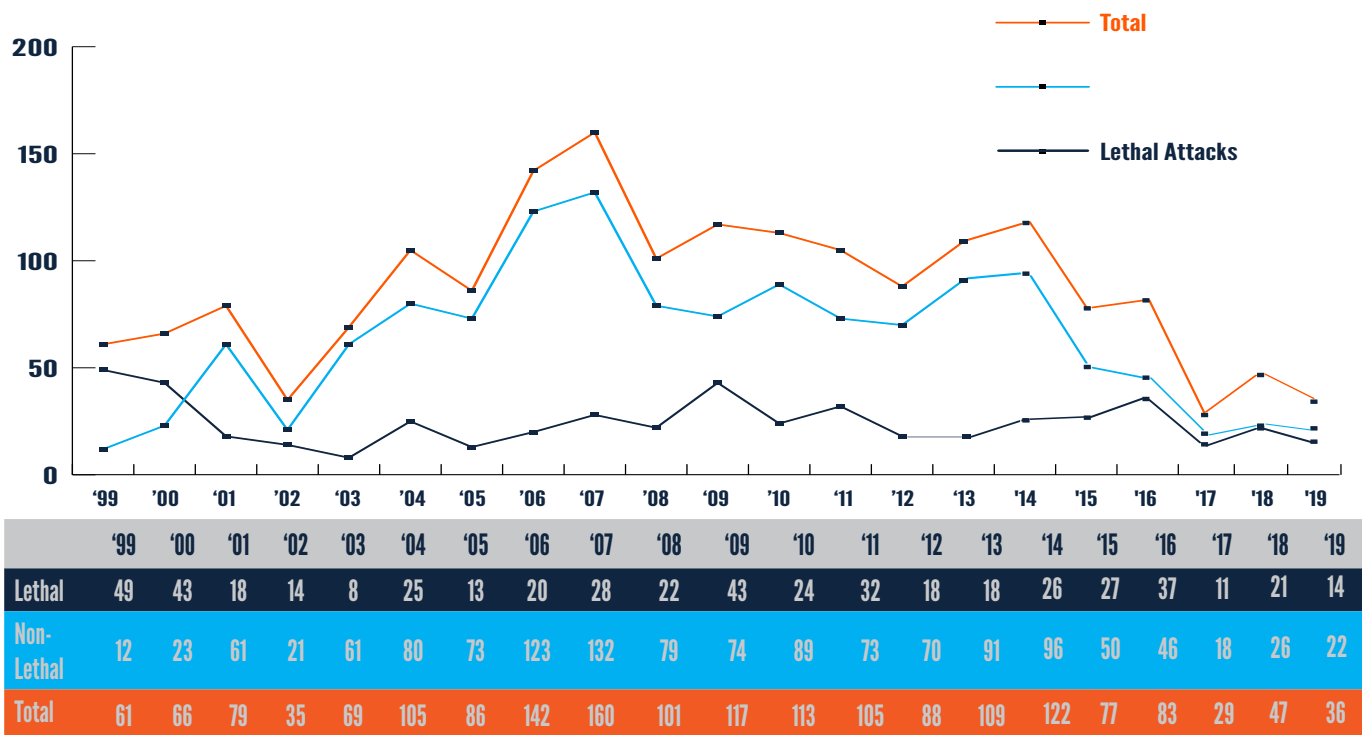
While the motive for each attack was not always clear from the information available, in many cases, there was confirmation that these violent acts were perpetrated because of a bias against the victim’s housing status. Other acts were deemed opportunistic and committed merely because the victim, due to their lack of housing, was in a vulnerable position. Only attacks perpetrated by

housed individuals against un-housed individuals were evaluated. Crimes committed by persons experiencing homelessness against another homeless person were excluded from this report.

While NCH has made every effort to verify the facts regarding each case included in this report, new information about incidents may become available after its publication. As additional evidence emerges, about prior, new, or previously unknown cases, NCH may revise our findings.

This report lays out our findings from 2018 and 2019, followed by a brief discussion and policy solutions. Appendix A and Appendix B include the perspective of legal scholars on how to combat hate crimes, and Appendix C offers guidance for communities on hate crimes legislation. Appendix D and Appendix E show all reported hate crimes against people experiencing homelessness in 2018 and 2019.

TABLE 2: NUMBER OF INCIDENTS RECORDED



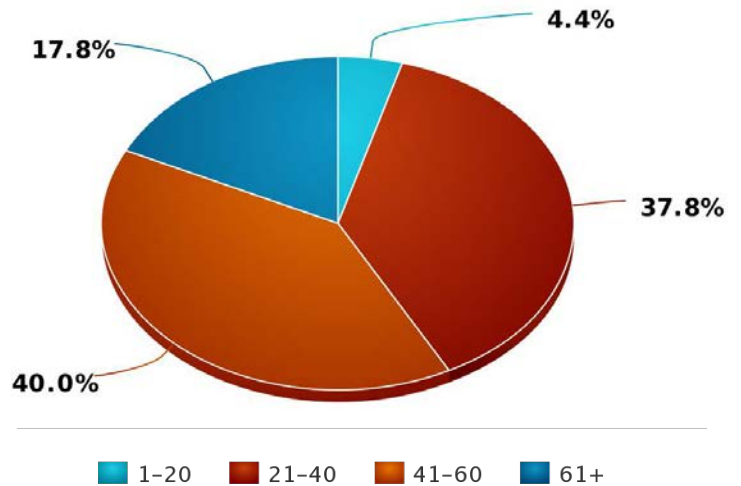


# Findings

## Demographics of Victims and Perpetrators

Victims of homeless hate crimes are most commonly middle-aged men. In 2018-2019, 81.8% of victims were between the ages of 21-60. 79.8% of the victims were men, while 20.2% were women. Perpetrators of hate crimes against homeless individuals are primarily younger men. In 2018 and 2019, 95% of the perpetrators were male, while the women represented only 4%. 77.3% of the perpetrators were 40 years old and younger.

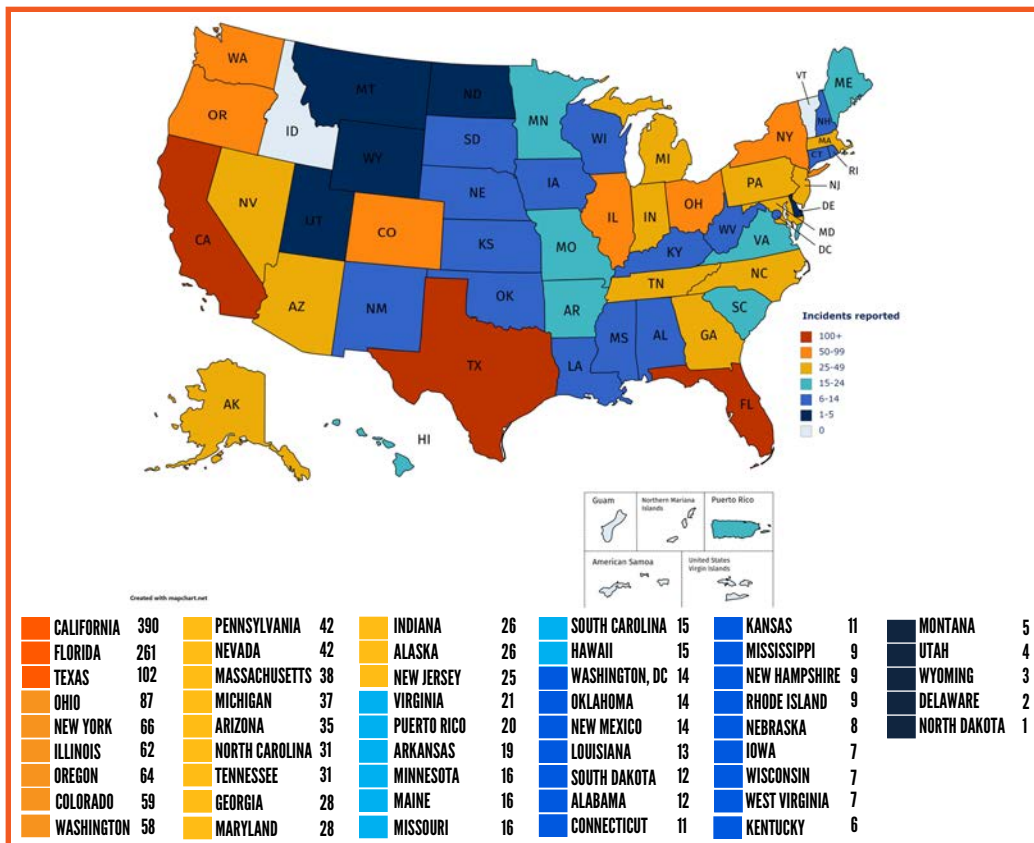
GRAPH 1: VICTIM AGE DISTRIBUTION 2018-2019



## Geography

The 83 attacks committed were against individuals experiencing homelessness in 2018 and 2019 across 30 states including the District of Columbia. An astonishing 22.9% of attacks reported in 2018-2019 took place in California. For the last four years, California has surpassed Florida with the most attacks. These two states have consistently seen high rates of violence against people experiencing homelessness, with over 600 attacks in these two states alone over the past 20 years.

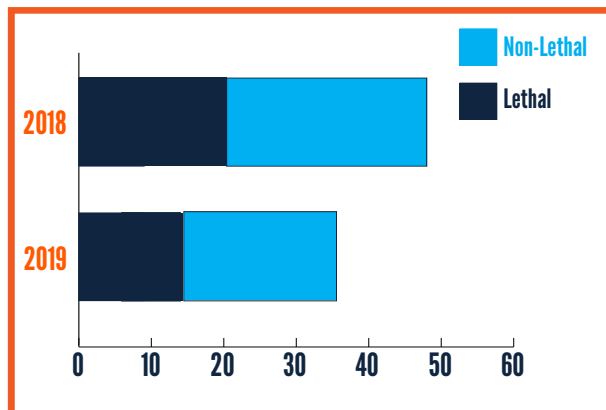
GRAPH 2: LOCATIONS OF HATE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS FROM 1999-2019



## Summary of Lethal Cases in 2018 and 2019

In the 83 documented incidents of anti-homeless violence between 2018 and 2019, 39 people experiencing homelessness lost their lives in violent attacks. Below is a sample of some of the most horrific lethal attacks. A full summary of reported cases can be found in Appendix D.

GRAPH 3: LETHAL VS. NON-LETHAL INCIDENCES



### March 18th, 2018: Albuquerque, New Mexico<sup>5</sup> *Police Say Pair of Teens Killed Homeless Man for Sport*

Two teens left a birthday party to kill a homeless man for sport, then later returned to the party after killing Ronnie Ross. Timothy Chavez, 15 years old, and Anthony Gallegos, 17-years-old, left a friend's birthday party to shoot a homeless man six times. They bragged to people that they had shot a "hobo" in the back.

### April 15, 2018: San Francisco, California<sup>6</sup> *Brutal Chinatown killing connected to SF man suspected of kicking homeless*

Quang Truong, 49, was found dead inside a large cardboard box which he called home, covered in blood from a massive head wound. Samuel Youmtoub, 59, a computer technician who has been known to be frustrated with the homeless population in San Francisco.

### July 7, 2018: Nashville, Tennessee<sup>7</sup> *Homeless man shot and killed in North Nashville*

Frazier Lumpkins, a 66-year-old homeless man, was shot and killed in North Nashville. An individual in the neighborhood said, "He was sweet and kind... it's just heartbreaking to know they shot him down like that."

### November 6, 2018: Los Angeles<sup>8</sup> *California homeless man repeatedly stabbed in shocking video; \$50G reward offered*

Los Angeles police released a video on November 6th showing a man approaching a homeless man Hernando Perez, 58, who was sleeping on a bench and repeatedly stabbed him. The man was wearing a light gray hooded sweatshirt. The perp has been desired as a man between 25-35 years old and about 6 feet 3 inches tall with a thin build and brown hair.

### November 28, 2018: Phoenix, Arizona<sup>9</sup> *Phoenix man kills homeless person because he's upset about homeless population*

A man was arrested after police said he murdered a homeless man because he was angry about the increase in the homeless population around his north Phoenix neighborhood.

### July 3, 2019: Traverse City, Michigan<sup>10</sup> *Young Michigan man arrested In May death of homeless camper*

James Chisholm, 62-year-old homeless man whose body was found by hikers with his throat slashed. Police say 18-year-old Joshua Vandehoef turned himself in for the crime.

<sup>5</sup> Kent, J. (2018, April 18). Police say pair of teens killed homeless man for sport. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.krqe.com/news/police-say-pair-of-teens-killed-homeless-man-for-sport/>

<sup>6</sup> Toren, M. (2018, December 14). Man accused of kicking homeless man linked to fatal beating in Chinatown. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.sfoxaminer.com/news/man-accused-of-kicking-homeless-man-linked-to-fatal-beating-in-chinatown/>

<sup>7</sup> Luxen, E. (2018, July 17). Homeless Man Shot and Killed in North Nashville. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.newschannel5.com/news/homeless-man-shot-and-killed-in-north-nashville>

<sup>8</sup> Lam, K. (2018, December 20). California homeless man repeatedly stabbed in shocking video; \$50G reward offered. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.foxnews.com/us/california-homeless-man-repeatedly-stabbed-in-shocking-video-50g-reward-offered>

<sup>9</sup> VIDEO: Phoenix man kills homeless person because he's upset about homeless population. (2018, November 27). Retrieved October 14, 2020, from [https://www.azfamily.com/video/video-phoenix-man-kills-homeless-person-because-hes-upset-about-homeless-population/video\\_ef2d6828-37c4-55d6-9311-c9bbb93b02b3.html](https://www.azfamily.com/video/video-phoenix-man-kills-homeless-person-because-hes-upset-about-homeless-population/video_ef2d6828-37c4-55d6-9311-c9bbb93b02b3.html)

August 16th, 2019: Westminster, Maryland<sup>11</sup>

*Fourth suspect sought after arrests in beating death of Westminster homeless man*

Officials found the body of Duc Le, a 45-year-old homeless man who was known to sleep in the area. Le was assaulted by four men who then dumped his body. Three of the suspects have been arrested: Andrew Holguin, 21, Christian Huerta, 19, and a 16-year-old unidentified juvenile. A fourth man, Jeffrey Andrade, 18, is still on the run.



## Summary of Non-Lethal Cases in 2018 and 2019

In 2018 and 2019, 45 out of the 83 total cases were not lethal, but victims were nevertheless deeply scarred. The non-lethal attacks reported here highlight the endemic discrimination and dehumanization of people experiencing homelessness. A full list of reported non-lethal cases can be found in Appendix E.

December 18th, 2019: Miami, Florida<sup>13</sup>

*Surveillance video shows homeless man in chains before being beaten, abducted*

Kennith Dougals, 36, and Terrail Jenkins, 38, have been arrested for abducting a 43-year-old homeless man. In a video that was released you can see the homeless man being held hostage with a chain around his neck. The perpetrators then punch him in the head and knock him to the ground.

### Abduction

July 30th, 2018: Montgomery, Alabama<sup>12</sup>

*Homeless man kidnapped, forced to withdraw money from downtown Montgomery ATM*

Amani Tucker, 32 and Keontaye Giles, 31 were charged with first-degree kidnapping. The victim told police that he was forced into a vehicle against his will and was forced to withdraw money from his bank account.

### Assault with a Deadly Weapon

October 5th, 2018: Los Angeles, California<sup>14</sup>

*Police seek suspect in 'evil' acid attack on homeless people*

Police are searching for whoever attacked a homeless man and woman while sleeping by throwing acid on them. The man awoke to a female companion screaming in pain and running from where they were sleeping. The man saw burn marks on her face and arms, then realized his face also was burning but to a lesser degree.

<sup>10</sup> Press, T. (2019, July 04). Man arrested in May death of homeless camper. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/07/03/young-man-arrested-may-death-homeless-camper/39651151/>

<sup>11</sup> Martin, E. (2019, August 16). 4th Suspect Sought After Arrests in Beating Death of Westminster Homeless Man. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://ktla.com/news/local-news/4th-suspect-sought-after-arrests-in-beating-death-of-westminster-homeless-man/>

<sup>12</sup> Fiscus, K. (2018, July 31). Homeless man kidnapped, forced to withdraw money from downtown Montgomery ATM. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/story/news/crime/2018/07/30/amani-tucker-and-keontaye-giles-charged-after-homeless-man-kidnapped-downtown-atm-commerce-street/864984002/>

<sup>13</sup> D'Oench, P. (2019, December 18). Surveillance Video Shows Homeless Man In Chains Before Being Beaten, Abducted. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://miami.cbslocal.com/2019/12/18/surveillance-video-shows-homeless-man-in-chains-before-being-beaten-abducted/>

<sup>14</sup> Mejia, B. (2018, October 05). Police seek suspect in 'evil' acid attack on homeless people. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-homeless-attacks-20181005-story.html>

**September 25, 2019: Los Angeles, California<sup>15</sup>**

*California man allegedly tried to set homeless man on fire: report*

A 32-year-old male is accused of lighting a sleeping homeless person on fire then taking photos of the blaze. The suspect was charged with attempted murder.

**Police Brutality****February 18th, 2018: Nome, Alaska<sup>16</sup>**

*Officer admitted punching a homeless woman while on duty, only to be hired back by the Nome Police Department*

Community service officer Carl Putnam had been working in the community for five years when he picked up a homeless woman and attempted to drive her to the emergency shelter. The woman, who had been intoxicated, passed out on the way to the shelter. Putnam became frustrated and punched her in the head. In August 2018, the Nome police department hired the officer back as a 911 dispatcher making \$21.52 an hour.

**August 14, 2019: Los Angeles, California<sup>17</sup>**

*LAPD Shoots Unarmed Homeless Man over Noise Complaint from Neighbor*

While responding to a noise complaint, officers from the Los Angeles Police Department confronted John Penny, a homeless man who had permission from the property owner to live in the driveway. Police said Penny was armed with a "bottle" when they first confronted him. Police stated, "Penny refused to drop the bottle and approached officers. The officers deployed a taser. However, it appears the darts did not strike Penny. Penny then armed himself with a three-foot-long wooden plank and again to approach the officers, which resulted in an Officer-Involved-Shooting."

**Sexual Assault****June 20, 2018: Fayetteville, North Carolina<sup>18</sup>**

*Fayetteville homeless shelter staffer charged with fondling resident*

Theon Trammell, 26, a former shelter worker at New Life Mission, was arrested with a misdemeanor sexual battery charge after fondling an 18-year-old resident of the homeless shelter.

**August 21, 2018: Cocoa Beach, Florida<sup>19</sup>**

*Officials: Man had sex with teenage daughter of homeless woman whom he befriended*

A 45-year-old man had sex with the 13-year-old daughter of a homeless woman whom he befriended while she was panhandling. This man would book motel rooms for the woman and her family.

<sup>15</sup> Wallace, D. (2019, September 25). California man allegedly tried to set homeless man on fire: Report. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.foxnews.com/us/california-suspect-who-allegedly-tried-to-set-homeless-man-on-fire-snapped-souvenir-pics-held-on-1-million-bond-police>

<sup>16</sup> Hopkins, K. (2018, August 25). Nome officer who admitted punching a homeless woman is rehired by the department. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/crime-courts/2018/08/23/he-admitted-to-punching-a-homeless-woman-while-on-duty-the-nome-police-department-hired-him-back/>

<sup>17</sup> Dimoff, N. (2019, August 19). LAPD Shoots Unarmed Homeless Man over Noise Complaint from Neighbor. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://newsmaven.io/pinacnews/cops-gone-rogue/lapd-shoots-unarmed-homeless-man-over-noise-complaint-from-neighbor-lc6SWqll30qda1W-u93WiA>

<sup>18</sup> Burns, M. (2018, June 18). Fayetteville homeless shelter staffer charged with fondling residents. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.wral.com/fayetteville-homeless-shelter-staffer-charged-with-fondling-resident/17636810/>

<sup>19</sup> Jason Kelly, J. (2018, August 20). Officials: Man had sex with teenage daughter of homeless woman whom he befriended. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.wftv.com/news/local/officials-man-had-sex-with-teenage-daughter-of-homeless-woman-whom-he-befriended/817031093/>

## Beating

**February 12, 2018: New York, New York<sup>20</sup>**

*Group beats up homeless man inside Columbus Circle subway station, police say*

A 28-year-old homeless man was on the northbound A train platform inside the station when between twenty and thirty teens and young adults attacked him. The man was taken to the hospital with a cut to his head, swelling and bruising in both of his eyes, and a broken tooth. Two 16-year-olds were charged with gang assault and obstruction.

**September 26, 2019: Portland, Oregon<sup>21</sup>**

*"Incredulous" 911 caller says brutal attack on homeless man was dismissed*

Four teenage boys attacked a homeless man in downtown Portland. A passer-by called in the incident and started following the teenage boys. However, the dispatcher said there will be no formal report unless the man who was attacked called the police.

## Harassment

**October 2, 2018: Syracuse, New York<sup>22</sup>**

*Dunkin' employees fired after viral video shows worker dumping water on homeless man*

Dunkin' has fired employees involved in a viral video that shows one worker in a New York store dumping a pitcher of water on a homeless man, while another person is laughing. The victim is named Jeremy Dufresne. One employee said something about Dufresne sleeping, then dumped water on him. The employee said, "How many times I've got to tell you to stop sleeping in here...you're here all day." Dufresne suffered from schizophrenia and was inside the Dunkin' to charge his phone so that he could call his mother and say goodnight.

**August 1, 2019: Portland, Oregon<sup>23</sup>**

*Portland man walks into homeless camp, intentionally starts fire that torches tent*

A 44-year-old man was arrested after he told homeless campers to move from their location or risk their positions being set on fire. Roy Elworthy later returned and set one of the homeless men's items on fire.

## Media Exploitation

**August 7th, 2018: Las Vegas, Nevada<sup>24</sup>**

*Khabib Nurmagomedov posts video of himself paying homeless people to do push-ups*

UFC lightweight champion Khabib Nurmagomedov and his cousin posted videos of them paying homeless people if they could do a pushup. The post was later taken down.

**May 17th, 2019: Redding, California<sup>25</sup>**

*Redding police search for young man filmed kicking homeless person*

The Redding Police Department posted a cell phone video of a juvenile kicking a homeless person lying on the ground. Due to the age of the perpetrator, the video was later removed.



<sup>20</sup> Weaver, S. (2019, October 15). Homeless man beaten up by group inside Columbus Circle subway station, police say. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.amny.com/news/columbus-circle-assault-1-16700161/>

<sup>21</sup> Cook, K. (2019, September 26). 'Incredulous': 911 caller says brutal attack on homeless man was dismissed. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.kgw.com/article/news/crime/911-homeless-attack/283-a610a5cd-77af-47de-8e6f-9a470f2b7e27>

<sup>22</sup> Yancey-Bragg, N. (2018, October 02). Dunkin' employees fired after viral video shows worker dumping water on homeless man. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2018/10/01/dunkin-donuts-employees-fired-dumping-water-homeless-man/1494239002/>

<sup>23</sup> Everton Bailey Jr. | The Oregonian/OregonLive. (2019, August 29). Portland man walks into homeless camp, intentionally starts fire that torches tent, authorities say. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.oregonlive.com/portland/2019/08/portland-man-walks-into-homeless-camp-intentionally-starts-fire-that-torches-tent-authorities-say.html>

<sup>24</sup> Mazique, B. (2018, August 07). Khabib Nurmagomedov Posts Video Of Him Paying Homeless People To Do Pushups. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.forbes.com/sites/brianmazique/2018/08/07/khabib-nurmagomedov-posts-video-of-him-paying-homeless-people-to-do-pushups/>

<sup>25</sup> Desk, F. (2019, May 07). Redding Police Search for Young Man Filmed Kicking Homeless Person. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://fox40.com/2019/05/06/redding-police-search-for-young-man-filmed-kicking-homeless-person/>

## MULTI MEDIA EXPLOITATION: AN EXPLANATION

Multimedia exploitation of the homeless population is a severe growing problem, just as digital bullying is becoming more common among the entire population.

In the early 2000's, NCH mounted a campaign against a group of videos that were released under the name, "Bum Fights." These videos included homeless men beating each other up and performing dangerous stunts like banging their heads through glass windows and going down stairs in a shopping cart. The un-housed people who participated were compensated with a few dollars or a six pack of beer, and suffered severe injuries as a result of the videos. These videos degrade and stigmatize homeless persons by perpetuating the stereotype that people living in a state of homelessness are "bums" and that they have no other worth than to provide entertainment to the rest of society by causing themselves or others bodily harm. "Bum Fights," has now been viewed more than 7.7 million times, garnering about 6,490 likes by YouTube users.

It is the decision of the National Coalition for the Homeless to include multimedia exploitation in a report on hate crimes and violence against the homeless, as there have been documented cases that show the immediate correlation between watching videos that display violence toward homeless individuals, and committing "copycat" crimes against that population. These videos are foul, hateful, and unbecoming of a modern progressive society.

## Discussion

The level of gruesome violence--both lethal and non-lethal--described in this report speaks to the urgent need to act. Some of the violent incidents we document here are grounded in perpetrators being angry that people experiencing homelessness are in their neighborhood or in their city. Other hate crimes seem to have been perpetrated because the attacker found an easy target and may have believed they would not be caught. Still others were perpetrated "for sport," and the perpetrators bragged about their crimes to friends. The fact that such horrendous crimes continue to occur against people experiencing homelessness suggests that in the minds of some people, those who are homeless are somehow less than human. Additionally, the fact that many of the crimes we document in this report did not result in arrest or conviction shore up the notion that people can sometimes "get away with it" if they attack, rape, or kill a homeless person.

Our society's unwillingness to commit adequate resources to ensure housing and services for all people has created an us and them dynamic, in which some in the general public do not believe that others are deserving of housing--or even a basic level of safety and stability. This isolation, segregation, and public perception of homeless people being a "class apart" leads to fear of the homeless population among many in the general public. The lack of education and understanding of how people became homeless helps create an "otherness," which leads to fear and disgust when many housed individuals come across a person experiencing homelessness.

### Examples of municipal codes that criminalize life sustaining behavior include:

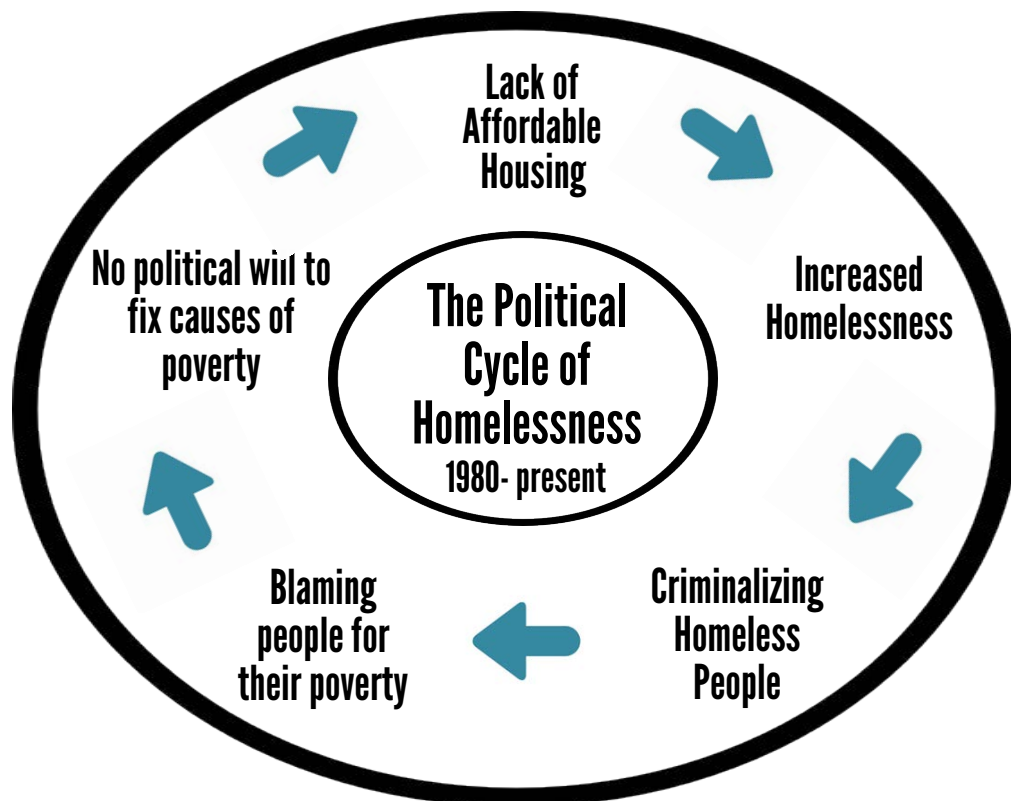
- Prohibiting sleeping in public city-wide, or in a particular public place
- Prohibiting camping in public city-wide, or in a particular public space
- Prohibiting sitting/lying in a particular public space
- Prohibiting lodging, living, or sleeping in vehicles (or parking a vehicle used as a lodging/living accommodation)
- Prohibiting loitering/loafing/vagrancy city-wide
- Prohibiting loitering/loafing in particular public places
- Laws that prohibit panhandling in public places
- Limiting, banning or requiring onerous permitting for food sharing city-wide or in particular public places

As a society, we have isolated and segregated people who experience homelessness, leading to a culture of fear and disgust when encountering a person who is homeless. Culturally, we have branded the population of people who are un-housed as criminals, and in turn, denied them access to life sustaining activities such as a place to sleep, eat, and relieve themselves. In other words, we have dehumanized our most vulnerable to such an extent that many view them not as fellow human beings, but instead as easy targets.

## CRIMINALIZING THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY

There is a documented relationship between the appearance of criminalization of homelessness laws, and the increase of hate crimes or violent acts against homeless people. In order to prove this, Florida and California will be used as case studies. Historically, many cities in these two states have enacted severe anti-camping, anti-panhandling, and anti-food sharing laws, as well as other regulations that criminalize activities related with homelessness. The legislative scenario constitutes one of the factors that explains why these two states hold the highest amounts of bias-motivated crimes against homeless individuals, far surpassing their closest competitors.

One possible explanation for this is the message that criminalizing homelessness sends to the general public: "Homeless people do not matter and are not worthy of living in our city." This message is blatant in the attitudes many cities have toward homeless people and can be used as an internal justification for attacking someone.





## Policy Solutions

Over the past 20 years, the National Coalition for the Homeless has documented over **1,869** hate crimes committed against homeless people by housed individuals. These attacks have cost **515** un-housed people their lives. The following policy recommendations offer short- and long-term solutions that will reduce violent crime against people experiencing homelessness and develop permanent solutions that keep all people safe and housed.

### 1. Ensure Housing as a Human Right for All People

The core solution to homelessness is housing. Safe, decent, affordable, and accessible housing for all not only provides a place of stability for people as they seek to reconnect with family and friends, health and community, jobs and meaning. It also keeps people from dying on the streets--from all causes, including violence crime. We as a nation must embrace housing as a basic human right, one that everyone deserves, regardless of their race, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, abilities, or any other factor.

### 2. Reverse ordinances and municipal practices that criminalize homelessness

Communities across the U.S. have passed anti-homeless ordinances that create an environment of harassment, while failing to offer solutions. Laws that outlaw camping, sleeping, eating, bathing, and relieving oneself in public--as well as anti-panhandling ordinances essentially make it illegal for someone to be homeless, opening the door to mistreatment by law enforcement and the general public. A first important step is for communities to reverse these laws and practices and instead focus on housing, supportive services, and other real solutions that help people get off the street.

### 3. Enact Hate Crimes Legislation and Sentencing Guidelines

Due to the bias-motivated violence documented here, and in past Hate Crimes reports, NCH advocates for both including people experiencing homelessness as a protected class under hate crimes status, and implementing vulnerable victims sentencing guidelines. Either type of initiatives would serve to discourage this particular type of biased victimization, and work to find justice for homeless victims. See Appendix A: Hate Crime Status vs. Vulnerable Victims Status, Appendix B: Protecting the Homeless Under Vulnerable Victim Sentencing Guidelines and Appendix C: Hate Crimes Legislation Resource Guide.

### 4. Collect More Complete Data on Crimes against People Experiencing Homelessness

NCH advocates for federal, state and city governments to conduct data collections to track violence against homeless individuals. Arrest reports could include a box indicating if a victim was homeless, or HUD could add a victimization survey to its annual Point-in-Time count and service intake survey.

## Conclusion

While some communities are taking positive steps towards protecting homeless individuals, violence against people who are homeless is a trend that will continue to grow unless there is true accountability for crimes committed, established methods of prevention, and positive action taken by advocates, legislators, and community members. Policy alone will not change the institutionalized fear and disgust for people experiencing homelessness that our communities have cultivated over the last 40 years. Legal protections must also be accompanied by a cultural shift.

Cultural shift begins with daily interaction between housed and un-housed community members. We must begin to acknowledge our un-housed neighbors, and affirm our shared humanity. Try to smile and say hello as you pass someone you believe to be homeless. Ask the person their name and share yours. Recognizing the humanity in someone who may have been invisible for an extended period of time can have huge ramifications on their health and well-being.

With this combination of humanity and just policy change, we can end the direct violence our homeless community faces on a daily basis and begin to correct the structural violence that created and perpetuates homelessness.



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## Appendix A: Hate Crimes vs. Vulnerable Victim Status

### Hate Crime Status vs. Vulnerable Victims Status

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#### Introduction: Hate Crime

Beginning in the late 1970s major metropolitan areas and various states began to address hate violence not only through new criminal laws but also through the formation of data collection, specialized police units, and new policies starting with Massachusetts.

In recent years, a debate has intensified about whether the criminal law should include targeted violence against the homeless in state and federal hate crime statutes and data collection efforts. Currently, almost half a dozen states include homeless status in their hate crime laws, although attempts at the federal level and in other states have stalled (Stoops, 2014). Hate crimes are discriminatory criminal acts committed because of an individual's actual or perceived membership in a particular socially identifiable status group. Status characteristics are those material attributes, like race or sexual orientation, common to a socially identifiable class of people. While hate crime laws and other modern legal protections on the basis of status are relatively recent enactments, their roots extend to the post-civil war era constitutional amendments.

#### Federal Law

The federal government does not protect the homeless in hate crime law (18 U.S.C. 249) or enumerate anti-homeless bias incidents in its related annual hate crime data collection, it does have a definition of homelessness and a numerical estimate of people affected by it. In its 2014 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, the Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that there are 578,424 homeless individuals nightly, with 31% of those or 177,373 being unsheltered, compared with 69% residing in shelters (Henry, Cortes, Shivji, & Buck, 2014). The U.S. population is 319 million (U.S. Census Bureau, 2015).

Federal law has defined homelessness in part as those without a "fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence" that may include shelters and hotels as well as vehicles or public places not designed for housing,

such as campsites, parks, or transportation facilities (The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 2009).

The overall rate of criminal victimization for these homeless Americans is staggering, far exceeding that of other groups. A series of state and local studies and surveys cited in Senate testimony showed annual criminal victimization rates for the homeless between 34% and 81.9% (“Crimes Against America’s Homeless,” 2010). In contrast, in 2013 the National Crime Victimization Survey showed the overall housed population 12 years and older faced an annual rate of victimization of 1.2% for violent crime and 0.4% for serious violent crimes (Truman & Langton, 2014).

### **Vulnerable Victim and Hate Crime Approaches**

While there is little debate about the fact that the homeless face targeted violence, there are vastly differing views about how to address the problem. The NCH and other homeless advocates in the past promoted the inclusion of the homeless as a protected and enumerated category in hate crime laws and data collection initiatives, while others believe such efforts are misplaced. Prejudice and stereotypes against the homeless, and the apparent role these biases play in many violent attacks, are a strong foundational argument for their inclusion in hate crime laws, supporters contend.

Oppression and prejudice against them as a socially identifiable class Identical offenders such as bigoted skinheads, neighborhood defenders protecting their turf, as well as young male thrill offenders who share identifiable characteristics and motivations Identical methods of attack that revolve around personal or imprecise weapons that cause substantial suffering frequently hostile or ineffective legal response to protect them. Steiner (2009), observes,

Thus assuming homelessness were included as a prohibited bias motivation, the prosecutor would be required to show that the victimization occurred not merely because the victim was homeless, but rather because of a pre-existing negative attitude toward homelessness, a high standard to be sure. (p. 38)

In contrast, federal vulnerable victim sentencing law’s broad range arguably could already cover homelessness:

“Vulnerable victim” means a person (A) who is a victim of the offense of conviction . . . and (B) who is unusually vulnerable due to age, physical or mental condition, or who is otherwise particularly susceptible to the criminal conduct. (U.S.S.G. § 3A1.1, comment, [n.2])

Still, the most legally unambiguous wording would be a specific statutory enumeration of homelessness as a protected status in vulnerable victim law. Such inclusion only requires a showing that the victim was homeless when targeted, without the necessity of delving into motive at all. Alaska is the only state to address the issue in this way:

5) the defendant knew or reasonably should have known that the victim of the offense was particularly vulnerable or incapable of resistance due to advanced age, disability, ill health, homelessness, or extreme youth or was for any other reason substantially incapable of exercising normal physical or mental powers of resistance . . . (Alaska Stat. § 12.55.155)

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## Appendix B: Hate Crimes Legislation Resource Guide

**“Nobody is more vulnerable. If the sole reason you beat them was because they were homeless and sleeping on a bench then that deserves extra protection.”**

- Florida State Representative Ari Porth  
Chairman of the Broward Legislative Delegation

### Enacting Effective Hate Crime Legislation in Your Community

#### I. Goals to Achieve

Hate crime legislation serves many purposes. Primarily, it seeks to punish and deter individuals from committing bias-motivated crimes. In naming a vulnerable group, hate crime legislation makes a statement to the community that this group has the full protection of the law and is deserving of such protection. Such legislation also ensures the recognition of fundamental human rights.

While there is a clear need to include and protect homeless individuals in hate crime legislation, cities and states across the country differ in their approaches towards accomplishing this goal. NCH believes certain concepts are essential for comprehensive and effective hate crimes legislation. This guide will begin by out-lining those concepts. It continues by explaining and analyzing enacted legislation in order to understand their strengths and weaknesses. It also evaluates unsuccessful attempts to amend hate crimes legislation and possible reasons for those failures. Finally, this guide will pose arguments raised in opposition to the inclusion of homeless status in hate crimes legislation, as well as possible counter-arguments. In understanding these models, other jurisdictions can

create their own comprehensive hate crimes legislation to ensure maximum protection for individuals experiencing homelessness.

#### II. Recommendations for Hate Crimes Legislation

NCH recognizes that different localities are governed by different laws and have varying needs. For this reason, it is important for state and local communities to determine what protections are already in place and what their goals are for proposing hate crimes legislation to protect the homeless. NCH also believes, however, that the homeless population is due certain fundamental protections and has identified concepts that are key to comprehensive hate crimes legislation at any level. These concepts include:

1. Recognition of the homeless on a person of “homeless status” as a protected class, thus, targeting a person due to their homeless status or perceived homeless status would qualify as violation of the law.
2. Use of a definition of homelessness in line with 42 USC 11302 (2012) as revised by the HEARTH Act.
3. Inclusion of both committed hate crimes and attempts or conspiracies to commit a hate crime against a person or their property.

4. Criminal and civil sanctions (including injunctions, reasonable actual or nominal damages for economic or non-economic loss, punitive damages, or attorney's fees) for violations of hate crime laws.
5. Development of procedures that facilitate the data collection by law enforcement and local organizations and the distribution of the data to governing bodies while maintaining the privacy of the victims. This data should be used to create strong, supported recommendations to present to lawmakers.
6. Requirement of law enforcement to complete trainings on how to interact effectively and respectfully with homeless populations.
7. Coordination between law enforcement and local service providers to ensure homeless individuals receive necessary services.
8. Awareness campaigns amongst high school students and other young people about homelessness
2. States with hate crime statutes to include "homeless status" within their current hate crimes frame-work.
3. The U.S. Department of Justice to issue a public statement acknowledging the hate crimes and/or violence against people experiencing homelessness are a serious national problem.
4. The U.S. Department of Justice to issue guidelines for law enforcement agencies on how to investigate and prosecute bias-motivated crimes against people experiencing homelessness.
5. Law enforcement agencies provide awareness training to trainees and officers about the causes and solutions to homelessness and how to deal effectively and respectfully with people experiencing homelessness in their communities.
6. Advocates and homeless service providers to provide opportunities for people who have experienced homelessness and survived bias-motivated violence to tell their stories. The Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureaus (composed of homeless and formerly homeless people), which visit both public and private schools in communities for the purposes of information and education, would be one method of providing opportunities for survivors to share their stories.

## Community Policy and Education Recommendations

### **NCH Advocates for the following:**

1. "Homeless status" to be included in the federal hate crimes statistics statute. Doing so would require the Federal Bureau of Investigation to collect data on hate-motivated violence targeted against individuals who are homeless. H.R. 1136 was introduced in the 113th Congress by U.S. Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson, and was identical to three bills introduced to previous sessions of Congress.
7. Federal, state, and local government to assure adequate affordable housing and services to bring an end to homelessness in our communities, and thus create safe alternatives to living in homeless situations



## MODEL LANGUAGE FOR ALL LEGISLATION AND RESOLUTIONS

The following is proposed language to be used in whole or in part by local advocates to propose their own forms of homeless hate crime legislation. Local advocates are encouraged to use the whole body or the pieces of the model they deem most necessary. The model language was prepared by the National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) and the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP). Advocates who have questions are encouraged to contact the National Coalition for the Homeless at [info@nationalhomeless.org](mailto:info@nationalhomeless.org).

Whereas, hate crimes and violence against homeless persons has become a nationwide trend, 1,437 reported cases of violence against homeless people over the past 15 years (1999-2013), resulting in 375 deaths;

Whereas, the scope of prohibitions against the commission of hate crimes against certain groups of persons should include homeless persons;

Whereas, understanding violent crimes committed against homeless persons and adequate punishment for such crimes play key roles in preventing and managing violence against homeless persons; and

Whereas, law enforcement needs proper training to handle and prevent violent crimes against homeless persons;

Be it enacted:

(1) For the purposes of this legislation, a “homeless person” means an individual or member of a family as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 11302 (2009) and any regulations promulgated thereafter.

(2) The state hate crimes statute shall be expanded to include homeless persons as a protected class.

(3) Prohibition on Hate Crimes against Homeless Persons – The following acts shall be deemed a hate crime and prohibited when carried out against a person on the basis that person’s status as a homeless person:

(A) Assault, aggravated assault, battery, or aggravated battery upon the person; or

(B) Acts that deface, damage, or destroy or attempt to deface, damage, or destroy the personal property of the person; or

(C) Acts that result in the death of the person; or

(D) Any other crime against the person.

- (4) Punishments for Hate Crimes against Homeless Persons –
- (A) A person convicted of aggravated assault or aggravated battery upon a homeless person based on the victim’s status as a homeless person shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 3 years and fined not more than \$10,000. The person shall be ordered by the sentencing judge to make any restitution to the victim of the offense and to perform 500 hours of community service work. Restitution and community service work shall be in addition to any fine or sentence that may be imposed and shall not be in lieu thereof.
- (B) Whenever a person is charged with committing an assault or aggravated assault or a battery or aggravated battery upon a homeless person based on the victim’s status as a homeless person, the offense for which the person is charged shall be reclassified as follows:
- (1) In the case of aggravated battery, from a felony of the second degree to a felony of the first degree.
  - (2) In the case of aggravated assault, from a felony of the third degree to a felony of the second degree.
  - (3) In the case of battery, from a misdemeanor of the first degree to a felony of the third degree.
  - (4) In the case of assault, from a misdemeanor of the second degree to a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (5) State Office of the Attorney General Study -
- (A) The Office of the Attorney General shall assess the extent of the problem of crimes against homeless persons and develop a plan to prevent these crimes and apprehend and prosecute the perpetrators of these crimes.
- (B) In developing the assessment and plan, the Office of the Attorney General shall consult homeless persons, service providers and advocates for homeless persons and law enforcement agencies with experience investigating crimes against homeless persons.
- (6) Law Enforcement Training on Hate Crimes against Homeless Persons –
- (A) The lead state law enforcement agency shall develop a telecourse that shall be made available to all law enforcement agencies in the state. Every state, local, and correctional law enforcement agency shall certify that each of its officers has taken the course. The telecourse shall address crimes against homeless persons and methods of dealing effectively and humanely with homeless per-

sons. The course shall include instruction on each of the following topics:

- (1) Information about homelessness, including causes of homelessness, its impact, and solutions to homelessness.
- (2) Indicators of hate crimes.
- (3) The impact of these crimes on the victim, the victim's family, and the community.
- (4) The assistance and compensation available to victims.
- (5) The laws dealing with hate crimes and the legal rights of, and the remedies available to, victims of hate crimes.
- (6) Law enforcement procedures, reporting, and documentation of hate crimes.
- (7) Techniques and methods to handle incidents of hate crimes.
- (8) The special problems inherent in hate crimes against homeless persons and techniques on how to deal with these special problems.

(B) The lead state law enforcement agency shall develop a protocol that law enforcement personnel are required to follow, including, but not limited, to the following:

- (1) Preventing likely hate crimes by, among other things, establishing contact with persons and communities that are likely targets, and forming and cooperating with community hate crime prevention and response networks.
- (2) Responding to reports of hate crimes, including reports of hate crimes committed under color of legal authority.
- (3) Providing victim assistance and follow up, including community follow up.
- (4) Reporting methods and procedures to track hate crimes against homeless persons.

(C) In developing the telecourse, the lead state law enforcement agency shall consult subject matter experts including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Homeless and formerly homeless individuals;
- (2) The National Coalition for the Homeless
- (3) Other local homeless service providers and advocates for homeless people;
- (4) Experts on the disabilities homeless persons commonly experience; and
- (5) Law enforcement agencies with experience in investigating hate crimes against homeless people.

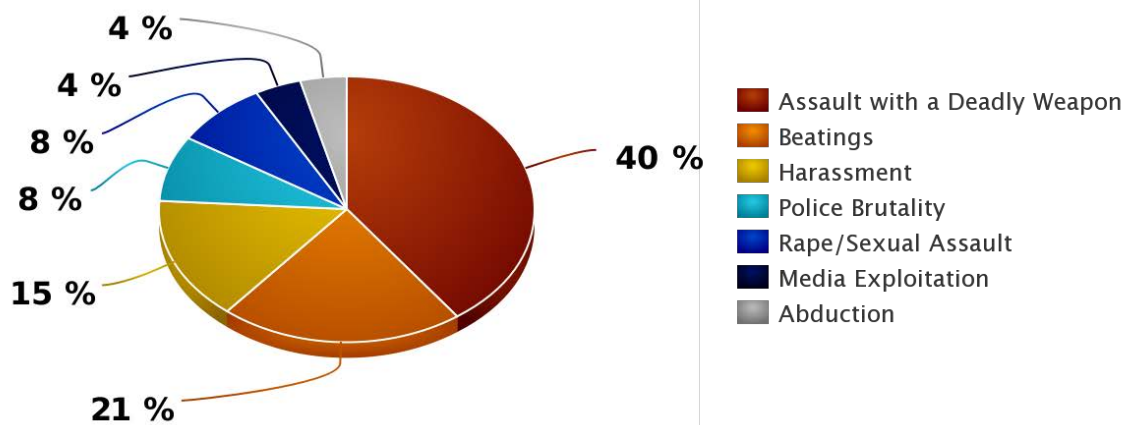
# Appendix C: All Recorded Hate Crimes from 2018 and 2019 by State

**TABLE 3: ALL RECORDED HATE CRIMES AGAINST HOMELESS PERSONS, 2018-2019**

	2018	2019	2 Year Total
<i>Total Incidents</i>			
Total Lethal Incidents	21	14	35
Total Non-Lethal Incidents	25	23	48
<i>Breakdown of Non-Lethal Incidents</i>			
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	10	9	19
Police Brutality	2	2	4
Beatings	4	6	10
Harassment	3	4	7
Rape/Sexual Assault	4	0	4
Media Exploitation	1	1	2
Abduction	1	1	2



**GRAPH 4: DISTRIBUTION OF TYPES OF NON-LETHAL ATTACKS**



## Appendix C: All Recorded Hate Crimes from 2018 and 2019 by State

Location	Date	Type of Incident	Description	Detail
<b>Alabama: 1 Non-Lethal</b>				
Montgomery <sup>1</sup>	7/30/18	Abduction	Homeless man kidnapped, forced to withdraw money from downtown Montgomery ATM	Amani Tucker, 32 and Keontaye Giles, 31 were charred with first-degree kidnapping. The victim told police that he was forced into a vehicle against his will and was forced to withdraw money from his bank account.
<b>Alaska: 3 Non-Lethal</b>				
Nome <sup>2</sup>	2/18/18	Police Brutality	He admitted punching a homeless woman while on duty. The Nome Police Department hired him back	Community service officer Carl Putnam had been working in the community for five years when he picked up a homeless woman and attempted to drive her to the emergency shelter. The woman, who had been intoxicated, passed out on the way to the shelter. Putnam became frustrated and punched her in the head. In August, 2018 the Nome police department hired the officer back as a 911 dispatcher making \$21.52 an hour.
Anchorage <sup>3</sup>	11/25/18	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Charges: Fairview fight with homeless man led to shooting	Fue Yang, 41, was arraigned on charges of first-degree and third-degree assault, as well as reckless endangerment in the gunfire at a laundromat. In the document that charged Yang stated that one of the victims told the officers that he "lives on the streets and went into the laundromat to warm up," but then Yang kicked him out and "was angry." Yang then followed the homeless man outside and got into an altercation during which he said, Yang hit him in the head five to seven times with a gun in his hand. Yang's bail is set at \$20,000.
Anchorage <sup>4</sup>	5/2/19	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Alaska man convicted of spreading pesticide at homeless site	Ron Alleva, 67, formerly owned property across the street from a homeless shelter, the Brother Francis Shelter, and a soup kitchen, Bean's Cafe. Alleva has been a critic of Anchorage's homeless policy. He had stated, people who are attracted to the shelter and soup kitchen used drugs, defaced his property and stole from him. Due to his ongoing frustration

<sup>1</sup> Fiscus, K. (2018, July 31). Homeless man kidnapped, forced to withdraw money from downtown Montgomery ATM. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/story/news/crime/2018/07/30/amini-tucker-and-keontaye-giles-charged-after-homeless-man-kidnapped-downtown-atm-commerce-street/864984002/>

<sup>2</sup> Hopkins, K. (2018, August 25). Nome officer who admitted punching homeless woman is rehired by department. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/crime-courts/2018/08/23/he-admitted-to-punching-a-homeless-woman-while-on-duty-the-nome-police-department-hired-him-back/>

<sup>3</sup> Kindle, K., Gross, S., Maguire, S., et al. (2018, November 26). APD: Suspect in court for shooting a man trying to break up a fight in Fairview. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.alaskanewssource.com/content/news/Arraignment-for-suspect-in-shooting-near-Gamble-50-1211711.html>

<sup>4</sup> Joling, D. (2019, May 1). Alaska man convicted of spreading pesticide at homeless site. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/alaska-man-convicted-spreading-pesticide-homeless-site-62768125>

				Alleva spread a white powder known as Zappit 73, a registered pesticide, around the corner where homeless people gather by the shelter. He described his action as a public service meant to mitigate a public hazard of human feces, vomit and old food that people have left.
<b>Arizona: 2 Lethal</b>				
Scottsdale <sup>5</sup>	6/24/18	Lethal	Police: Man arrested for sexually assaulting, killing homeless woman in Scottsdale	Paulette Larwinski, 70, was sexually assaulted and attacked and later died as a result of her injuries. Jayden Curtis, 22, was charged for first-degree murder, sexual assault, kidnapping and armed robbery.
Phoenix <sup>6</sup>	11/27/18	Lethal	VIDEO: Phoenix man kills homeless person because he's upset about homeless population	A man was arrested after police said he murdered a homeless man because he was angry about the increase in the homeless population around his north Phoenix neighborhood.
<b>California: 8 Lethal, 11 Non-Lethal</b>				
San Francisco <sup>7</sup>	4/15/18	Lethal	Brutal Chinatown killing connected to SF man suspected of kicking homeless	Quang Truong, 49, was found dead inside a large cardboard box which he called home, covered in blood from a massive head wound. Samuel Youmtoub, 59, a computer technician who has been known to be frustrated with the homeless population in San Francisco.
Santa Barbara <sup>8</sup>	4/18/18	Sexual Assault	Santa Barbara man found guilty of attack on homeless woman	Kahlil Byers, 24, chased a homeless woman, caught her and dragged her into a driveway. He then put her behind a trash dumpster, where he savagely beat and forcibly sexually assaulted her.
San Francisco <sup>9</sup>	5/18	Beating	Brutal Chinatown killing connected to SF man suspected of kicking homeless	In May, a 38-year-old man was beaten and his attacker Samuel Youmtoub, 59, is connected to a murder of another homeless person in April.

<sup>5</sup> Staff, A. (2018, July 14). Man arrested in Scottsdale sex assault, murder. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.abc15.com/news/region-northeast-valley/scottsdale/police-man-arrested-for-sexually-assaulting-killing-homeless-woman-in-scottsdale>

<sup>6</sup> VIDEO: Phoenix man kills homeless person because he's upset about homeless population. (2018, November 27). Retrieved October 14, 2020, from [https://www.azfamily.com/video/video-phoenix-man-kills-homeless-person-because-hes-upset-about-homeless-population/video\\_ef2d6828-37c4-55d6-9311-c9bbb93b02b3.html](https://www.azfamily.com/video/video-phoenix-man-kills-homeless-person-because-hes-upset-about-homeless-population/video_ef2d6828-37c4-55d6-9311-c9bbb93b02b3.html)

<sup>7</sup> Toren, M. (2018, December 14). Man accused of kicking homeless man linked to fatal beating in Chinatown. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/man-accused-of-kicking-homeless-man-linked-to-fatal-beating-in-china-town/>

<sup>8</sup> Santa Barbara man found guilty of attack on homeless woman. (2019, January 23). Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://ksby.com/news/local-news/2019/01/22/santa-barbara-man-found-guilty-of-attack-on-homeless-woman>

<sup>9</sup> Toren, M. (2018, December 14). Man accused of kicking homeless man linked to fatal beating in Chinatown. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/man-accused-of-kicking-homeless-man-linked-to-fatal-beating-in-china-town/>

San Diego <sup>10</sup>	7/15/18	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Homeless man repeatedly stabbed in the back	A resident found a 36-year-old homeless man sitting on a bus bench suffering from several stab wounds to his upper back.
Fresno <sup>11</sup>	9/5/18	Sexual Assault	'Sick human being': Police Make arrest in Violent Fresno Rape	Micah Orlando Collins, 24, was arrested for the violent rape of a 52-year-old homeless woman. Luckily, the incident was caught on camera, and when the police released part of the video it showed the suspect throwing a left-handed punch that knocked the victim to the ground. The police also stated the motivation behind the attack was because the woman "disrespected" him. After the attack Collins returned to the victim to punch her in the head and kick her before covering her with cardboard boxes.
Los Angeles <sup>12</sup>	10/5/18	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Police seek suspect in 'evil' acid attack on homeless people	Police are searching for whoever attacked a homeless man and woman while sleeping by throwing acid on them. The man awoke to a female companion screaming in pain and running from where they were sleeping. The man saw burn marks on her face and arms and then realized his face also was burning but to a lesser degree.
Los Angeles <sup>13</sup>	10/9/18	Lethal/other	Houston man faces new charges in Los Angeles area crime	Romon Escobar, 47, went on a crime spree attacking homeless individuals. Between September 8-24, Escobar killed one and injured three others.
Santa Monica <sup>14</sup>	10/18	Lethal	Houston man faces new charges in Los Angeles area crime	Jorge Martinez, slipped into a coma and died after being badly beaten and robbed in Santa Monica. Ramon Escobar, 47, went on a violent crime spree between September 8 through September 24, when he was captured.
Los Angeles <sup>15</sup>	11/6/18	Lethal	California homeless man repeatedly stabbed in	Los Angeles police released a video on November 6th showing a man approaching a homeless man Hernando

<sup>10</sup> Jennewein, C. (2018, July 15). Homeless Man Found Stabbed, Bleeding on Bus Bench. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://timesofsandiego.com/crime/2018/07/15/homeless-man-found-stabbed-bleeding-on-bus-bench/>

<sup>11</sup> Guy, J. (2018). 'Sick human being': Police make arrest in violent Fresno rape. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.fresnobee.com/news/local/crime/article217812585.html>

<sup>12</sup> Mejia, B. (2018, October 05). Police seek suspect in 'evil' acid attack on homeless people. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-homeless-attacks-20181005-story.html>

<sup>13</sup> Hensley, N. (2018, November 09). Houston man faces new charges in Los Angeles area crime spree aimed at homeless. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Houston-man-faces-new-charges-in-Los-Ang-les-area-13376639.php>

<sup>14</sup> Hensley, N. (2018, November 09). Houston man faces new charges in Los Angeles area crime spree aimed at homeless. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Houston-man-faces-new-charges-in-Los-Ang-les-area-13376639.php>

<sup>15</sup> Lam, K. (2018, December 20). California homeless man repeatedly stabbed in shocking video; \$50G reward offered. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.foxnews.com/us/california-homeless-man-repeatedly-stabbed-in-shocking-video-50g-reward-offered>

			shocking video; \$50G reward offered	Perez, 58 who was sleeping on a bench and repeatedly stabbed him. The man was wearing a light gray hooded sweatshirt. The perp has been desired as a man between 25-35 years old and about 6 feet 3 inches tall with a thin build and brown hair.
North Hollywood <sup>16</sup>	1/14/19	Lethal	3 MS-13 Members Arrested in North Hollywood Slaying of Homeless Man	Three members of the notorious Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) were arrested for the shooting and killing of Bradly Kavika Hanaway who was 34 years old.
Modesto <sup>17</sup>	1/31/19	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Four injured after man drives into Beard Brook homeless camp	Four individuals were injured when a driver of a dark four-door Saturn appeared to be hitting people intentionally when driving into a sanctioned encampment. The driver Israel Bazan, 29 hit three people inside the park and a fourth while fleeing the scene.
Lodi <sup>18</sup>	4/4/19	Lethal	Homeless women shot, killed at Lodi park	During a drive by shooting, Christina Cantu was shot and killed in Lodi park where she lived. Lodi Police Lt. Shad Canestino said, "I believe she was targeted. I know why she was targeted specifically... because of who she was or just because she's transient..."
Redding <sup>19</sup>	5/17/19	Media Exploitation	Redding Police Search for Young Man Filmed Kicking Homeless Person	The Redding Police Department posted a cell phone video of a juvenile kicking a homeless person lying on the ground. Due to the age of the perpetrator the video was later removed.
Los Angeles <sup>20</sup>	6/20/19	Lethal	Homeless man dies after being stabbed while sleeping in Reseda Park	LAPD officers responded to a call at Reseda park where they found a 64 -year-old homeless man bleeding from his abdomen. The Los Angeles Fire Department took the man to a hospital, but he passed five days later.

<sup>16</sup> CBS Los Angeles. (2019, June 20). 3 MS-13 Members Arrested In North Hollywood Slaying Of Homeless Man. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2019/06/20/three-ms-13-members-arrested-in-north-hollywood-slaying-of-homeless-man/>

<sup>17</sup> J Johnson Personal Injury Attorney at Johnson Attorneys Group James Johnson is passionate about educating the public about the myriad of individuals who are not following the rules of the road. His hope is to bring public awareness in order to change the la. (2019, January 31). Car Drives Into Beard Brook Camp in Modesto; Israel Bazan Arrested. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://californiainjuryaccidentlawyer.com/car-drives-into-beard-brook-homeless-camp-in-modesto-israel-bazan-arrested/>

<sup>18</sup> Martinez, M. (2019, April 05). Homeless woman shot, killed at Lodi park. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.kcra.com/article/deadly-shooting-at-lodi-park/27045910>

<sup>19</sup> Desk, F. (2019, May 07). Redding Police Search for Young Man Filmed Kicking Homeless Person. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://fox40.com/2019/05/06/redding-police-search-for-young-man-filmed-kicking-homeless-person/>

<sup>20</sup> Cosgrove, J. (2019, June 27). Homeless man dies after being stabbed while sleeping in Reseda Park. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-homeless-man-dies-after-stabbing-in-reseda-park-20190627-story.html>



San Francisco <sup>21</sup>	7/1/19	Harrasment	Man Admits to Dumping Water On Homeless Woman from San Francisco Rooftop	Don Soker, an artist has taken responsibility for pouring water on a homeless woman's head. A customer of his told him that the woman outside was harassing her. When he confronted her she cursed at him, so he poured a bucket of water on her head.
Modesto <sup>22</sup>	8/10/19	Lethal	Attackers who beat homeless man thought he was a sex offender, police say. He wasn't.	Jace Decker, 63 was brutally attacked and later passed after two men, Matthew Arguello, 21, and Ruben Rosales, 25 approached him without warning and started attacking him. They believed he was a registered sex offender, but police confirmed was not.
Los Angeles <sup>23</sup>	8/14/19	Police Brutality	LAPD Shoots Unarmed Homeless Man over Noise Complaint from Neighbor	While responding to a noise complaint LAPD confronted John Penny, a homeless man who had permission from the property owner to live in the driveway. Police said, Penny was armed with a 'bottle' when they first confronted him. Police stated, "Penny refused to drop the bottle and approached officers. The officers deployed a taser, however it appears the darts did not strike Penny, Penny then armed himself with a three-foot-long wooden plank and again approach the officers which resulted in an Officer-Involved-Shooting"
Los Angeles <sup>24</sup>	9/25/19	Attempted Murder	California man allegedly tried to set homeless man on fire: report	A 32-year-old male is accused of lighting a sleeping homeless person on fire then taking photos of the blaze. The suspect was charged with attempted murder.
<b>Colorado: 1 Lethal, 1 Non-Lethal</b>				
Denver <sup>25</sup>	8/9/18	Lethal	Suspect Arrested in Connection to August Triple Homicide on South Broadway	Maurice Butler, 38, has been named as a suspect in the shooting deaths of Nicole Boston, 28, Jerome Coronado, 39, and Christopher Zamudio, 45.

<sup>21</sup> Man Admits To Dumping Water On Homeless Woman From San Francisco Rooftop. (2019). Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/video/4114759-man-admits-to-dumping-water-on-homeless-woman-from-san-francisco-rooftop/>

<sup>22</sup> Ahumada, R. (2019, September 3). Attackers who beat homeless man thought he was a sex offender, police say. He wasn't. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.modbee.com/news/local/crime/article234640787.html>

<sup>23</sup> Dimoff, N. (2019, August 19). LAPD Shoots Unarmed Homeless Man over Noise Complaint from Neighbor. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://newsmaven.io/pinacnews/cops-gone-rogue/lapd-shoots-unarmed-homeless-man-over-noise-complaint-from-neighbor-lc6SWqll30qda1W-u93WiA>

<sup>24</sup> Wallace, D. (2019, September 25). California man allegedly tried to set homeless man on fire: Report. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.foxnews.com/us/california-suspect-who-allegedly-tried-to-set-homeless-man-on-fire-snapped-souvenir-pics-held-on-1-million-bond-police>

<sup>25</sup> Walker, C. (2019, July 23). Suspect Arrested in Connection to August Triple Homicide on South Broadway. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.westword.com/news/maurice-butler-is-dpds-suspect-in-homeless-triple-homicide-on-south-broadway-10754054>

Golden <sup>26</sup>	6/13/19	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Golden police searching for man who attack homeless while yelling "Get out of my city"	Roger Allan Coderre, 51, has been arrested for beating two homeless men with a stun gun, while yelling "get out of my city."
<b>District of Columbia: 1 Lethal</b>				
District of Columbia <sup>27</sup>	8/8/19	Lethal	Homeless Man Beaten to Death in Adams Morgan	Todd Messr, 51, a homeless man died in Adams Morgan after being beaten to death.
<b>Florida: 3 Lethal, 5 Non-Lethal</b>				
Miami <sup>28</sup>	6/8/18	Lethal	A Miami model has been accused of beating a homeless man to death at a gas station	Pedro Cruz, a homeless man, was in a heated exchange at a gas station with Hivo Gonzales, 33. Gonzales struck Cruz in the head twice. Cruze died a couple days later.
Cocoa Beach <sup>29</sup>	8/21/18	Sexual Assault	Officials: Man had sex with teenage daughter of homeless woman whom he befriended	A 45-year-old man had sex with the 13-year-old daughter of a homeless woman whom he befriended while she was panhandling. The man would book motel rooms for the woman and her family.
Holiday <sup>30</sup>	8/27/18	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Pasco deputies: Carload of teens shot BB gun at homeless people, chased them with car	Two homeless people were fired upon by a passing car while taking shelter at a bus stop. Three 17-year-olds and a pair of 15-year-olds were arrested on charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon for shooting a BB gun at the homeless individuals.

<sup>26</sup> Tabachnik, S. (2019, June 13). Golden police searching for man who attacks homeless while yelling "Get out of my city". Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.denverpost.com/2019/06/12/golden-homeless-attack/>

<sup>27</sup> Savage, C. (2019, August 21). Homeless Man Beaten to Death in Adams Morgan. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/homeless-man-beaten-to-death-in-busy-stretch-of-adams-morgan-nightlife/133196/>

<sup>28</sup> Robinson, C., & Inc., H. (2018, August 27). Model allegedly seen on video beating homeless man to death with fishing bat. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.wdsu.com/article/model-allegedly-seen-on-video-beating-homeless-man-to-death-with-fishing-bat/22837411>

<sup>29</sup> Jason Kelly, J. (2018, August 20). Officials: Man had sex with teenage daughter of homeless woman whom he befriended. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.wftv.com/news/local/officials-man-had-sex-with-teenage-daughter-of-homeless-woman-whom-he-befriended/817031093/>

<sup>30</sup> Evans, J. (2019, August 22). Pasco deputies: Carload of teens shot BB gun at homeless people, chased them with car. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from [https://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/Pasco-deputies-Carload-of-teens-shot-BB-gun-at-homeless-people-chased-them-with-car\\_171251564/](https://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/Pasco-deputies-Carload-of-teens-shot-BB-gun-at-homeless-people-chased-them-with-car_171251564/)

Tampa <sup>31</sup>	11/21/18	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Teens fire BBs into crowd of homeless Tampa residents	Two teens fired BBs into a crowd of homeless people. Instead of going to jail the teens ended up serving the homeless population a warm meal.
Sarasota <sup>32</sup>	2/11/19	Beating	Sarasota police: Teens attacked homeless man, off-duty officer in park	An off-duty Sarasota police officer stepped in to defend a homeless man who was being harassed by a group of teens. The officer was out for a jog when he saw a pack of teenagers harassing and hitting a homeless man. There were at least five teens involved in the attack.
Gainesville <sup>33</sup>	3/13/19	Beating	Man accused of beating homeless man with stick	Jared Parker, a 20-year-old Florida man, has been arrested for beating a homeless man with a stick during an argument over \$10.
Miami <sup>34</sup>	7/22/19	Lethal	Homeless man shot and killed in Miami, killers caught on camera: Police	Troy Wilison, a 45-year-old homeless man, was found with multiple gunshot wounds. Investigators said two men with guns walked up to him and shot him. Police believe the killers are between 20 and 30.
Florida Keys <sup>35</sup>	10/21/19	Lethal	Keys man charged with the stabbing death of homeless man, police say	Manuel Garcia-Avila, 79, stabbed a 68-year-old homeless man to death. Deputies found the victim sitting on a chair outside and bleeding heavily. A kitchen knife with blood on it was on a nearby table.
Miami <sup>36</sup>	12/18/19	Abduction	Surveillance Video Shows Homeless Man In Chains Before Being Beaten, Abducted	Kennith Dougals, 36, and Terrail Jenkins, 38, have been arrested for abducted a 43-year-old homeless man. In a video that was released you can see the homeless man being held hostage with a chain around his neck, is punched in the head and knocked to the ground.
<b>Georgia: 2 Lethal</b>				

<sup>31</sup> Person. (2018, November 22). Teens fire BBs into crowd of homeless Tampa residents, but victim offers a hand. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.fox13news.com/news/teens-fire-bbs-into-crowd-of-homeless-tampa-residents-but-victim-offers-a-hand>

<sup>32</sup> Report, S. (2019, February 09). Teenager arrested in attack on Sarasota police officer. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20190208/teenager-arrested-in-attack-on-sarasota-police-officer>

<sup>33</sup> Florida man accused of beating homeless man with stick. (2019, March 12). Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://apnews.com/article/f8f02a1a73714e6fa52bba329408c77e>

<sup>34</sup> Detman, G. (2019, August 08). Homeless man shot and killed in Miami, killers caught on camera: Police. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <http://cbs12.com/news/local/homeless-man-shot-and-killed-in-miami-killers-caught-on-camera-police>

<sup>35</sup> Madan, M. (2019). Keys man charged with the stabbing death of homeless man, police said. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/florida-keys/article236472913.html>

<sup>36</sup> D'Oench, P. (2019, December 18). Surveillance Video Shows Homeless Man In Chains Before Being Beaten, Abducted. Retrieved October 14, 2020, from <https://miami.cbslocal.com/2019/12/18/surveillance-video-shows-homeless-man-in-chains-before-being-beaten-abducted/>

Atlanta <sup>37</sup>	9/6/18	Lethal	Homeless man found beaten to death on Midtown sidewalk	Moses Cooper, 59, was found beaten between the blocks of Peachtree Street and 5th and 6th streets. Once police found Mr. Cooper it was apparent that he had received blunt force trauma, and was dead at the scene.
Atlanta <sup>38</sup>	2/25/19	Lethal	Homeless man found beaten to death in Grant Park	Billy Bethune, 52, was found dead behind a Chevron station in Grant Park around 9:00 am. Police believed he died from blunt force trauma to the head. Bethune, was well known, and well loved in the community. He had been reported holding the door open at the gas station for everyone and did favors for people.
<b>Hawaii: 1 Non-Lethal</b>				
Honolulu <sup>39</sup>	12/18/19	Police Brutality	Honolulu Police Officer Admits to Forcing Homeless Man to Lick Urinal to Avoid Arrest	To avoid arrest due to the criminalization of homelessness, 37-year-old Samuel Ingall was forced by two officers who made him sit in urine then shoved his head in a toilet. There was also a bruise on his arm where an officer had hit him with a stick. Both officers involved in the incident were arrested in April.
<b>Illinois: 1 Lethal</b>				
Evanston <sup>40</sup>	11/26/18	Lethal	Murder of Homeless Woman on Steps of Evanston Church Points to Need for More Shelter	Tanual Major, 49, was found beaten to death while sheltering in between an Evanston church doorway. Suspect still unknown.
<b>Indiana: 1 Lethal</b>				
Terre Haute <sup>41</sup>	9/27/18	Lethal	Indiana man convicted in homeless man's fatal shooting	Raymond Rose, 37, was fatally shot for being suspected of vandalizing the vehicle of Clarence Bell Jr, 49. Bell has been known to complain about people who are homeless that have been crossing his property and he wanted them to stop.
<b>Kansas: 1 Non-Lethal</b>				

<sup>37</sup> Chelsea Prince, Z. (2018, September 06). Homeless man found beaten to death on Midtown sidewalk. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.ajc.com/news/crime--law/just-man-found-beaten-death-popular-area-midtown/mSBonCslUS W75GvVW8veal/>

<sup>38</sup> Hansen, Z. (2019, February 24). Homeless man found beaten to death in Grant Park. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.ajc.com/news/crime--law/homeless-man-found-beaten-death-grant-park/t5mMtdxMBCT4vXX JSII08M/>

<sup>39</sup> Olmstead, M. (2019, December 17). Honolulu Police Officer Admits to Forcing Homeless Man to Lick Urinal to Avoid Arrest. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/12/honolulu-police-officer-guilty-bullying-homeless-man-urinal.html>

<sup>40</sup> Kavin, N. (2018, November 27). Murder of Homeless Woman on Steps of Evanston Church Points to Need for More Shelter. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.dearevanston.org/post/2018/11/26/murder-of-homeless-woman-on-steps-of-evanston-church-points-to-need-for-more-shelter>

<sup>41</sup> Indiana man convicted in homeless man's fatal shooting. (2019, September 27). Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://apnews.com/article/26355794951b406f84b8585acb14d58e>

Wichita <sup>42</sup>	4/16/18	Beating	19- year-old tied to pole and hit, Wichita police say	A 19-year-old homeless man was tied up to a pole and hit over and over again by four young adults, 3 male and one female. Timothy Karl Larson, 20, Vance Diamond Halsey, 20, Shelby Emma Saxton, 18, and an unnamed 16-year-old boy were arrested.
<b>Massachusetts: 1 Lethal, 1 Non-Lethal</b>				
Lynn <sup>43</sup>	4/20/19	Beating	Homeless man stabbed to death in Lynn identified as Charles Stankiewicz; Suspect Beatrice Ortiz facing a murder charge	Charles Stankiewicz, a 36-year-old homeless man was found stabbed and later died from his injuries. Later, police arrested Beatrice Ortiz, 34, for the murder.
Boston <sup>44</sup>		Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Homeless man in stable condition after stabbing near Copley Square	A homeless man was hospitalized with a stab wound to the neck near Copley Square. The man who was stabbed is in stable condition. After the stabbing members of the public helped the man after he collapsed on a park bench in Copley Square. The homeless man's uncle stated, "We're all family, we're all homeless, we're trying to do the best we can do and all of a sudden I saw all of the blood... I was like, "You've got to be kidding me; because I just went to the store so we could have a couple of drinks and talk because he was about to go get his apartment."
<b>Maryland: 2 Lethal</b>				
Baltimore <sup>45</sup>	8/13/18	Lethal	Homeless man beaten to death with brick, 19-year-old charged	A 67-year-old homeless man, Randolph Cockrell was beaten to death with a brick. Dion Dixon, 19-years-old was charged with the death. Investigators believe Dixon confronted the victim and then assaulted him with a brick.
Westminster <sup>46</sup>	4/16/19	Lethal	4th suspect sought after arrests in beating death of Westminster homeless man	Officials found the body of a 45-year-old homeless man Duc Le who was known to sleep in the area, and was assaulted by four men who then dumped his body. Three of the suspects have been arrested: Andrew Holguin, 21, Christian Huerta, 19, and a 16-year-old unidentified juvenile. A fourth man, Jeffrey Andrade, 18, is still on the run.

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<sup>43</sup> Mhanson@masslive.com, M. (2019, August 20). Man stabbed to death in Lynn identified; Suspect Beatrice Ortiz facing a murder charge. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.masslive.com/boston/2019/08/homeless-man-stabbed-to-death-in-lynn-identified-as-charles-s-tankiewicz-suspect-beatrice-ortiz-facing-a-murder-charge.html>

<sup>44</sup> Frias, J. (2018, November 17). Homeless man in stable condition after stabbing near Copley Square. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.bostonherald.com/2018/07/27/homeless-man-in-stable-condition-after-stabbing-near-copley-square/>

<sup>45</sup> Proctor, B. (2018, August 08). Homeless man beaten to death with brick, 19-year-old charged. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2018/08/08/homeless-man-beaten-to-death-with-brick/>

<sup>46</sup> Martin, E. (2019, August 16). 4th Suspect Sought After Arrests in Beating Death of Westminster Homeless Man. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://ktla.com/news/local-news/4th-suspect-sought-after-arrests-in-beating-death-of-westminster-homeless-man/>

<b>Maine: 1 Non-Lethal</b>				
Bangor <sup>47</sup>	8/2/19	Beating	2 Maine teenagers accused of attacking homeless man after video shows up online, police say	August 2nd, 2019: Officers responded around 8:00pm after a homeless man reported he was attacked by two men as he was making repairs to his bike. Liam Geagan, 18, and Benjamin Gilliland, 19, were charged with the assault.
<b>Michigan: 1 Lethal</b>				
Traverse City <sup>48</sup>	7/3/19	Lethal	Young Michigan man arrested In May death of homeless camper	James Chisholm, 62-year-old homeless man whose body was found by hikers with his throat slashed. Police say 18-year-old Joshua Vandehoef turned himself in for the crime.
<b>Missouri: 1 Non-Lethal</b>				
St. Louis <sup>49</sup>	6/26/18	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Homeless being targeted with paintball attacks	Someone is terrorizing the homeless community for the last four weeks by firing paintball pellets at the Biddle House homeless shelter in downtown St. Louis. One man said, "I think it's wrong for people to do us like this because we are minding our own business" He also believes these people are sending a hurtful message, "... you all are homeless, you're not good."
<b>North Carolina: 3 Non-Lethal</b>				
Fayetteville <sup>50</sup>	6/20/18	Sexual Assault	Fayetteville homeless shelter staffer charged with fondling resident	Theon Trammell, 26, a former shelter worker at New Life Mission was arrested with a misdemeanor sexual battery after fondling an 18-year-old resident of the homeless shelter.
Fayetteville <sup>51</sup>	2/14/19	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Cops say man tried to burn homeless woman in Fayetteville fire	Diqan Jerel McCullough, 25, was charged with three counts of attempted first-degree murder and one count of first-degree arson. According to records the gentleman tried to set a main office building on fire as an attempt "to kill and murder" three homeless woman who apparently were living in the building.

<sup>47</sup> 2 Maine teenagers accused of attacking homeless man after video shows up online. (2019, August 02). Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.wmtw.com/article/2-maine-teenagers-accused-of-attacking-homeless-man-after-video-shows-up-online-police-say/28585307>

<sup>48</sup> Press, T. (2019, July 04). Man arrested in May death of homeless camper. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/07/03/young-man-arrested-may-death-homeless-camper/39651151/>

<sup>49</sup> Tallan, E. (2018, June 25). Homeless being targeted with paintball attacks. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://fox2now.com/news/homeless-being-targeted-with-paintball-attacks/>

<sup>50</sup> Burns, M. (2018, June 18). Fayetteville homeless shelter staffer charged with fondling resident. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.wral.com/fayetteville-homeless-shelter-staffer-charged-with-fondling-resident/17636810/>

<sup>51</sup> Futch, M. (2019, February 14). Cops say man tried to burn homeless women in Fayetteville fire. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.fayobserver.com/news/20190214/cops-say-man-tried-to-burn-homeless-women-in-fayetteville-fire>

Asheville <sup>52</sup>	8/21/19	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Asheville Police arrest man wanted for setting homeless person on fire	Robert Austin, 66, was charged with attempted murder for pouring an accelerant and tried to set fire to a 58-year-old homeless male.
<b>New Mexico: 2 Lethal</b>				
Albuquerque <sup>53</sup>	3/18/18	Lethal	Police say pair of teens killed homeless man for sport	Two teens left a birthday party to kill a homeless man for sport, and then later returned to the party after killing Ronnie Ross. Timothy Chavez, 15, and Anthony Gallegos, 17, left a friend's birthday party to go shoot a homeless man six times. Apparently they were bragging to people that they had shot the man in the back and described him as a "hobo."
Albuquerque <sup>54</sup>	10/28/19	Lethal	New Mexico Cops Shoot and Kill Mentally Ill Homeless Man	A man suffering from mental illness was approached by five officers who said, "Lay on your stomach or force will be used against you..." The 57-year-old homeless man lifted himself up to the bench and reached into his waistband. The first bullet was a rubber one and then last than a second latter he was shot with real bullets and later died. Police tried to blame the homeless man for having a lethal weapon on him.
<b>Nevada: 2 Lethal, 1 Non-Lethal</b>				
Las Vegas <sup>55</sup>	1/17/18	Lethal	Suspect facing charges in deaths of homeless man, woman	Michael Thompson, 32, was charged with murder with a deadly weapon after he shot to death Alfred Windhelm, 53, and Rhonda Ballow, 27, where they had been living.
Las Vegas <sup>56</sup>	8/7/18	Media Exploitation	Khabib Nurmagomedov Posts Video of Him Paying Homeless People to Do Push-ups	UFC lightweight champion Khabib Nurmagomedov and his cousin posted videos of them paying homeless people, only if they could do a pushup. The post was later taken down.

<sup>52</sup> Weston, A. (2019, August 21). Asheville Police arrest man wanted for setting homeless person on fire. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <http://wcti12.com/news/state-news/asheville-police-arrest-man-wanted-for-setting-homeless-person-on-fire>

<sup>53</sup> Kent, J. (2018, April 18). Police say pair of teens killed homeless man for sport. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.krqe.com/news/police-say-pair-of-teens-killed-homeless-man-for-sport/>

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Las Vegas <sup>57</sup>	7/1/19	Lethal	Witness says shooting of homeless man near 215 Decatur was 'senseless killing'	Brian Love, a 26-year-old security guard at the shopping center where an innocent homeless man slept, was charged with murder. Police believe the armed security guard, shot and killed the man who was laying down. The homeless man died alone and was sitting there for eight hours before authorities were called.
<b>New York: 1 Lethal, 5 Non-Lethal</b>				
New York, NY <sup>58</sup>	2/12/18	Beating	Group beats up homeless man inside Columbus Circle subway station, police say	A 28-year-old homeless man was on the northbound A train platform inside the station when between twenty and thirty teens and young adults attacked him. The homeless man was taken to the hospital with a cut to his head, swelling and bruising in both of his eyes and a broken tooth. Two 16-year-olds were charged with gang assault and obstruction.
New York, NY <sup>59</sup>	7/19/18	Harrasment	Video: Police called after McDonald's employee 'sprayed' homeless couple with hose to force them off the street	A McDonald's employee was caught spraying a homeless couple sitting outside the restaurant with a water hose in a bid to get them to leave the store front. The woman who is homeless said, "They don't want us here and we have the right to be here."
Syracuse <sup>60</sup>	10/2/18	Harrasment	Dunkin' employees fired after viral video shows worker dumping water on homeless man	Dunkin' has fired the employees involved in a viral video that shows one worker in a New York store dumping a pitcher of water on a homeless man, while another person is laughing. The victim is named Jeremy Dufresne. One employee said something about Dufresne sleeping, and then dumped water on him. The employee said, "how many times I've got to tell you to stop sleeping in here... you're here all day." Dufresne suffers from schizophrenia and was inside the Dunkin' to charge his phone to call his mother to say goodnight.
Brooklyn <sup>61</sup>	1/28/19	Beating	Suspect Charged in Beating of Homeless Man	A 62-year-old homeless man was sleeping in a Brooklyn apartment lobby when Lytee Knox Hundley 31, started beating him. The homeless man was left with his nose and

<sup>57</sup> Kendrick/FOX5). (. (2019, July 01). Witness says shooting of homeless man near 215, Decatur was 'senseless killing'. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from [https://www.fox5vegas.com/news/local/witness-says-shooting-of-homeless-man-near-215-decatur-was-senseless-killing/article\\_3edd9216-9a92-11e9-88bb-8f4fbd414a2.html](https://www.fox5vegas.com/news/local/witness-says-shooting-of-homeless-man-near-215-decatur-was-senseless-killing/article_3edd9216-9a92-11e9-88bb-8f4fbd414a2.html)

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			in Brooklyn Apartment Lobby: Police	eye socket broken. Hundley was charged with two counts of second-degree assault.
New York, NY <sup>62</sup>	3/11/19	Beating	Police search for 4 Suspects that beat homeless man into coma	Police arrested Jesus Guadalupe, one of five men who beat a homeless man into a coma and also attacked three other homeless men while they slept. Reports say the suspect kicked, punched and threw objects at the homeless men as they demanded money but they only made off with \$5.
Queens <sup>63</sup>	7/23/19	Lethal	Cops make arrest in slaying of Queens homeless man	Luis Del Castillo, 31, was charged with manslaughter in the death of Fabian Cymry, 40. Police say Del Castillo and two accomplices approached the victim and allegedly began punching him. One of his accomplices joined in on the punching while the third perpetrator stabbed Cymry three times.
<b>Oklahoma: 1 Non-Lethal</b>				
Oklahoma City <sup>64</sup>	8/14/18	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Two Oklahoma men arrested for shooting at the homeless	A homeless man was walking when a black car drove by him and began shooting. The homeless man had a gunshot wound to his leg. Evan Grisham and Kamari Cole were later arrested and stated they were shooting a paintball gun at the homeless man.
<b>Oregon: 4 Non-Lethal</b>				
Salem <sup>65</sup>	10/3/18	Police Brutality	Sheriff apologizes after deputies caught on video punching homeless person	Kevin Straw, 28, was punched seventeen times by five Oregon deputy officers. At the time, Straw was reported yelling at passers-by in the area. In the video, an officer forces Straw's right arm behind his back and another grabs his left arm. Once on the ground Straw, extends his left arm in front of him, that is when Straw is punched.
Portland <sup>66</sup>	2/1/19	Harrasment	7-Eleven plays piercing sound targeting the homeless	The 7-Eleven in downtown Portland came up with a unique idea on how to deter homeless people from their property. So they bought a small box that emits a high pitch tone. The owner stated, "Our goal is to protect the safety of our employees, tenants, and guests in a location that has been

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<sup>63</sup> Burke, K. (2019, June 23). Cops make arrest in slaying of Queens homeless man. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/nyc-crime/ny-police-arrest-homeless-man-slay-suspect-20190622-vr4tf2d4ovcd5ampiy7pndq5iu-story.html>

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<sup>65</sup> Press, A. (2018, September 30). Sheriff apologizes after deputies caught on video punching homeless person. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://calgaryherald.com/news/world/sheriff-apologizes-after-deputies-caught-on-video-punching-homeless-man>

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				consistently plagued by public drug use, and menacing behavior.”
Portland <sup>67</sup>	8/1/19	Harrasment	Portland man walks into homeless camp, intentionally starts fire that torches tent, authorities say	A 44-year-old man was arrested after he told homeless campers to move from their location or risk their positions being set on fire. Roy Elworthy, later returned and set one of the homeless men's items on fire.
Portland <sup>68</sup>	9/26/19	Beating	'Incredulous': 911 caller says brutal attack on homeless man was dismissed	Four teenage boys attacked a homeless man in downtown Portland. A passer-by called in the incident and started following the teenage boys. However the dispatcher said there will be no formal report unless the man who was attacked called the police. Needless to say this attack of a vulnerable man was not seen as a priority for Portland's emergency response system.
<b>Pennsylvania: 1 Lethal</b>				
Philadelphia <sup>69</sup>	10/16/18	Lethal	Man Faces Homicide Charges in Killing of Homeless Man in Roxborough	Enrico “Enie” Stanziani was found dead after being stabbed to death where he slept. Bronson Keefe, 38, was charged with criminal homicide, robbery and possession of an instrument of crime.
<b>Rhode Island: 1 Non-Lethal</b>				
Providence <sup>70</sup>	2/11/19	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Police arrest JWU student in stabbing of homeless woman	A 59-year-old homeless woman was stabbed in the arm with a stake knife which required surgery. Police arrested Conor Noll, 22, at Johnson & Wales University.
<b>Tennessee: 1 Lethal, 2 Non-Lethal</b>				
Nashville <sup>71</sup>	7/7/18	Lethal	Homeless Man Shot and Killed in North Nashville	Frazier Lumpkins, a 66-year-old homeless man, was shot and killed in North Nashville. Many individuals in the neighborhood said, “he was sweet and kind...it’s just heartbreaking to know they shot him down like that.”

<sup>67</sup> Everton Bailey Jr. | The Oregonian/OregonLive. (2019, August 29). Portland man walks into homeless camp, intentionally starts fire that torches tent, authorities say. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.oregonlive.com/portland/2019/08/portland-man-walks-into-homeless-camp-intentionally-starts-fire-that-torches-tent-authorities-say.html>

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Nashville <sup>72</sup>	10/25/18	Harassment	Shots fired at vehicles where homeless were sleeping in Nashville	A dark sudan came up to a group of cars where homeless people were sleeping and started open firing. A 59-year-old man was injured by broken glass from his truck windows.
Knoxville <sup>73</sup>	10/27/19	Robbery	12 juveniles, one adult arrested after reportedly robbing homeless man	Twelve juveniles aging from 13-15 and one 18-year-old woman were arrested for robbing a homeless man.
<b>Texas: 2 Lethal, 2 Non-Lethal</b>				
San Antonio <sup>74</sup>	3/26/18	Lethal	\$5,000 reward offered for info on suspect who killed homeless woman in downtown San Antonio	Tammy Fudge, a 46-year-old homeless woman, was found dead in a parking lot. San Antonio police said, "It was a violent act... don't know what type of act it was, whether it was blunt force, or whether it was a stab, it was a violent act."
San Antonio <sup>75</sup>	8/27/18	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	Homeless person sleeping outside business shot after argument with owners	A homeless man was sleeping outside when he was woken up by the business owner where he was sleeping. The homeless person and the owner fought, ending on the owner firing a single shot to the homeless person's leg.
Fort Worth <sup>76</sup>	10/15/18	Lethal	Suspect in beating death of homeless man arrested at his mother's home	Jeremy Johnson, 30, was charged with the murder of Mark Hague, 58 and homeless. Hague had been a fixture in the community. One member of the community stated, "We just love him."
San Antonio <sup>77</sup>	12/12/18		Gunman at large after shooting homeless man in groin for no apparent reason on East Side, police say	A 31-year-old homeless man was lying on the sidewalk when the suspect walked past him a couple times and then came back and started shooting at the man. Apparently no words were exchanged.
<b>Utah: 1 Lethal</b>				

<sup>72</sup> Staff, W. (2018, October 25). Shots fired at vehicles where homeless were sleeping in North Nashville. Retrieved October 16, 2020, from <https://www.wkrn.com/news/shots-fired-at-vehicles-where-homeless-were-sleeping-in-north-nashville/>

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Ogden <sup>78</sup>	8/28/18	Lethal	Two men who wanted 'to and harass homeless people,' Ogden police say, are charged with murder	Brian Racine, a homeless man was shot in the head. Two men--one 27 and the other 35--admitted to purposefully going into the wooded area to find and harass homeless people.
<b>Washington: 1 Lethal, 2 Non-Lethal</b>				
Seattle <sup>79</sup>	10/31/18	Lethal	Prosecutors: Suspect became 'fixated' on homeless man before fatal Seattle shooting	Daniel Alberto, a 26-year-old homeless man, was fatally killed by John Thomas Davis, 55. Apparently, "Davis has harbored significant animosity towards the victim Alberto and the local homeless community for months...Davis was fixated on exacting consequences on the man who broke his window, Alberto, and made statements on several occasions that he might have to take matters into his own hands with regard to fighting crime." Davis has been previously warned by the local police department to stop confronting individuals who he finds bothersome.
Lynwood <sup>80</sup>	1/24/19	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	'I want them to learn a lesson': Homeless man attacked by teens with paintball gun	Four teenage boys approached a homeless man, rolled down their windows and said, 'Hey buddy' and started shooting. The homeless man said, "[He] feared for [his] life."
Seattle <sup>81</sup>	3/27/19	Assault with a Deadly Weapon	He hit a homeless man with an ax while the victim was sleeping, records say	A 4-year-old man was standing over a few homeless people and began kicking the victim. He then proceeded to pick up an ax and hit the sleeping man over the head with the ax's 30-inch handle. The victim threw up his arms to protect himself.
<b>West Virginia: 1 Lethal</b>				
Huntington <sup>82</sup>	10/19/18	Lethal	Homeless man killed in Huntington shooting	Jason Allen Shank, 40, who was homeless was killed by a gunshot wound to his head. Video surveillance showed Ronald Eugene Flowers, 44, as the primary suspect.

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