

# Social Determinants of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in the African American Community

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## 1 Introduction

Social determinants are the current paradigm of psychiatric disorders. For minority communities that have lived with this for generations reading the research or attending the webinars is akin to listening to the Beach Boys cover of Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Goode," Janis Joplin's cover of Erma Franklin's "Piece of My Heart," of Elvis Presley's cover of Big Mama Thornton's "Hound Dog." However, the worst comparison would be Pat Boone's cover of everything he could get his hands on beginning with Fats Domino's "Ain't That a Shame," i.e., sanitized facsimiles marketed as originals all of which would not have been possible without Jim Crow.

There are other social determinants that contribute to low grade running symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder, the principal one is survival and those things that threaten the physical survival of our loved ones. Hypervigilance, watching everything that moves, is mistaken for attention deficit both in children and adults. For some there is a persistent state of preparedness for flight. This is not limited to African Americans and easily observed at any synagogue.

## 2 List of Police Shooting Victims

1999: Amadou Diallo - hit by 19 of 41 shots

1999: LaTanya Haggerty - 4 police officers all black, fatal shot was from female officer (Chicago, IL)

2003: Kenneth Walker - handcuffed, face down, semi-automatic weapon (Columbus, GA)  
 2006: Sean Bell - 50 rounds, 2 others severely wounded, bystander businesses shot up  
 2014: Aura Rosser  
 2014: Eric Garner  
 2014: Michelle Cusseaux (MH)  
 2014: Akai Gurley  
 2014: Gabriella Nevarez  
 2014: Tamir Rice  
 2014: Michael Brown  
 2014: Tanisha Anderson (MH)  
 2015: Freddie Gray  
 2015: Janisha Fonville (MH)  
 2016: Alton Sterling  
 2016: Philando Castille  
 2018: Stephon Clark (20 shots)  
 2018: Botham Jean  
 2019: Atatiana Jefferson  
 2020: Andre Wright  
 2020: Manuel Ellis  
 2020: Brooks  
 2020: Daniel Prude (MH)  
 2020: George Floyd  
 2020: Breonna Taylor  
 2020: Tina Marie Davis (MH)  
 2020: Brandon Dionte Davis (MH)  
 2020: Micah Lee (MH)  
 2020: Darius Tarver (MH)  
 2020: William Howard Green  
 2020: Donnie Sanders  
 2020: Kamaal Koby Edwards  
 2020: Etonne Tanzymore  
 2020: Tommie Dale McGlothen Jr. (MH)  
 2020: Joshua Ruffin  
 2021: Dante Wright

### 3 MISSING? or Murdered? List of African American Serial Killers

1938: Roberta Elder - "Mrs. Bluebeard" - in Atlanta, GA from 1938 to 1952 murdered her family: 3 husbands, 4 children, 3 step-children, her mother, her grandchild, and a cousin by poisoning for insurance  
 1970: Samuel Little - transcontinental - 93 from 1970 to 2005 across 19 states  
 1970s: Larry Green, J.C.X. Simon, Manuel Moore, and Jessie Lee Cooks - "Zebra Killings" - San Francisco, CA 1970s  
 1971: "Freeway Phantom" killed 6 black school girls ages 10 to 17 along Suitland Parkway from 1971 to 1972 in Washington, DC, Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, Maryland - unsolved  
 1972: Carl Eugene Watts - "Sunday Morning Slasher" - strangled and stabbed 14 women from 1972 to 1982  
 1977: Lorenzo Gilyard - "The Kansas City Strangler" - 13 women in Missouri from 1977 to 1993  
 1984: Debra Brown and Alton Coleman - 53 days in 1984 murdered 8, raped 7, kidnapped 3, and committed 14 armed robberies  
 1982: Wayne Williams - 28 children in Atlanta, GA in 1982  
 1983: Darnell Hartsfield and Romeo Pinkerton - "KFC Killers" - kidnapped and murdered 5 from a KFC in Kilgore, TX in 1983 but not identified by incidental DNA until 2005  
 1985: Lonnie Franklin Jr. - "The Grim Sleeper" - murdered 25 women from 1985 to 2007 in Los Angeles, CA

1985: Anthony McKnight - "East Bay Slayer" - murdered 5 women in Oakland from October 1985 to January 1986

1987: Chester Turner - 14 women from 1987 to 1998 in Los Angeles

1987: Harrison Graham - murdered 7 women and kept their bodies in his Philadelphia apartment in 1987

1991: Benjamin "Tony" Atkins - "Woodward Corridor Killer" - between 1991 and 1992 murdered 11 women in Detroit

1994: Henry Louis Wallace - Charlotte, NC - more than 9 until 1994

1992: Derrick Todd Lee - "Baton Rouge Serial Killer" - 9 but as many as 14 women from 1992 to 2003

1993: Ivan Hill - "60 Freeway Killer" - 1993 to 1994 murdered 6 women

1993: Paul Duroseau - several women in Germany in 1990s and 7 in Georgia and Florida from 1997 to 2003

1995: Eugene Britt - 9 women and an 8-year old child in 1995 in Gary, Indiana

Craig Price - from age 13 to 15 killed several people in Warwick, Rhode Island

2000: Reginald and Jonathan Carr - "Wichita massacre" 2000 - multiple rapes and 4 killed

2002: John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo - "Beltway Killers" - murdered 17 and wounded 10 from Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas, to Washington, D.C in 2002

2004: Charles Lendelle Carter - murdered 3 and more in Georgia from 2004 to 2006

2004: Matthew Emmanuel Macon - 7 women between 2004 and 2008 in Lansing, MI

2005: Mark Goudeau - "Baseline Killer" - 9 murders and 15 rapes in Phoenix, AZ from 2005 to 2006

2006: Ray Joseph Dandridge and Ricky Gray - 7 people in Richmond, VA in 2006

2006: Shelly Andre Brooks - murdered 7 to 13 women in Detroit, MI in the 2006

2007: Anthony Sowell - "Cleveland Strangler" - from 2007 to 2009 murdered 11 women

2008: Charles Johnston - killed three at Doctor's Hospital in Columbus, GA in 2008

2014: Darren Vann - 2014 strangled 7 women in Indiana

2017: Cleophus Cooksey Jr - shot 7 men and 2 women in Phoenix, AZ over 2 months in 2017

2021: Anthony Robinson - "Shopping Cart Killer" - killed more than 4 women in Fairfax County, VA 2021

Black Coalition Against Black Serial Murders

## 4 Mass Shootings

Between 1982 and 2021 African American shooters were responsible for 21 mass shootings defined as four or more fatalities or injuries compared to 66 by white shooters, and 10 by Hispanic shooters. The number of mass shootings during the COVID-19 pandemic increased to twice the previous five years, from 336 in 2018 to 611 in 2020. The number of children killed by gun violence increased from 699 in 2019 to 999 in 2020 (Gun Violence Archive). There have been 22 mass shooting in 2022 as of January 18, of these 7 involved black victims. One third of mass shootings are by an African American shooter.

In 2020 African American neighborhoods suffered an increase of mass shootings (US Census Bureau):

1. Chicago 31/36 (86%)
2. Philadelphia 11/18 (61%)
3. Brooklyn 7/10 (70%)
4. Houston 5/10 (50%)
5. St. Louis 7/8 (88%)
6. DC 6/7 (86%)
7. Atlanta 4/7 (57%)
8. Memphis 3/7 (43%)
9. Detroit 6/6 (100%)
10. Milwaukee 5/5 (100%)
11. Cleveland 4/5 (80%)
12. Baltimore 3/5 (60%)
13. Denver 5/5 (100%)
14. Louisville 2/5 (40%)

As of January 15 twenty-one children have been murdered in the first month of 2022.

1993: Colin Ferguson killed 6 and wounded 19 on the Long Island Railroad in New York  
 1993: Nathan Dunlap - killed 4 at a Chuckie Cheese restaurant in Aurora, CO.  
 1996: Clifton McCree - killed 5 coworkers in Fort Lauderdale, FL.  
 1997: Hastings Arthur Wise - killed 4 at work in Aiken, SC.  
 2009: Maurice Clemmons - killed 4 police officers in Parkland, WA.  
 2010: Omar Sheriff Thornton - killed 8 coworkers in Manchester, CT.  
 2013: Aaron Alexis - killed 12 and wounded 3 at the Navy Yards in Washington, DC.  
 2016: Gavin Eugene Long - Iraq War veteran killed 3 police officers and wounded 3 in Baton Rouge, LA in retaliation for the police shootings of Alton Sterling and Philando Castille.  
 2016: Micah Xavier Johnson - an Afghanistan veteran killed 5 police officers and wounded 9 in Dallas, TX in retaliation for the police killings of Alton Sterling and Philando Castille.  
 2017: Kori Ali Muhammad - killed 3 white men in 90 second barrage hate crime in Fresno, CA  
 2017: Willie Cory Godbolt - killed 8 across Lincoln County, MS.  
 2019: DeWayne Craddock - killed 12 coworkers and wounded 5 in Virginia Beach, VA.  
 2019: David Nathaniel Anderson and Francine Graham - killed 5 at a Jersey City, NJ kosher market and an Uber driver the week before.  
 2020: 4 killed and 8 wounded in 181 rounds fired into a crowd of 400 people in Charlotte, NC.  
 2020: 1 killed and 21 injured after rounds fired into a partying crowd in Washington, DC.

## 5 Columbus, GA

Population: 198,969 and Metro Area population 328,883

### 5.1 Filicide

2021: 5-year old sex trafficked

### 5.2 Familicide

2008 - murder-suicide 23 month old twin girls, and 3 year old son  
 2016: murder-suicide  
 2019: murders of 29-year old and 3 children ages 1-month, 1-year, and 3-years  
 2019: 58-year old professional, divorcee murder-suicide 24-year old son and 20-year old daughter  
 2021: murdered pregnant girlfriend and fetus  
 2021: murder of 27 year old woman and her 3 month old son

### 5.3 Home Invasion

2016: Upatoi murder grandmother, granddaughter, son - an uncle died sudden death with the news.

## 6 Missing Women

543,018 people reported missing in 2020, 202,899 persons of color, more than 182,000 were African American (34%), Asian and Indian comprised 3%.

Even these numbers are skewed because Hispanics were folded into the White group, which means if Afro-Latinos were coded as Hispanic then there is no clue to the numbers of missing Afro-Latinos and the number of black victims is artificially lower than the actual numbers.

274,057 were male and 268,884 were female (50/50).

145,467 were children of color under the age of 18.

In 2021 the states with the most missing persons were: California (2,133) Florida (1,252) Texas (1,246) Arizona (915) Washington (643) New York (606) Michigan (556) Oregon (432) Pennsylvania (401) Tennessee (361)

HBO: "Black and Missing"

FBI Kidnappings & Missing Persons (<https://www.fbi.gov/wanted/kidnap>)

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

## 7 Sex Trafficking

### 7.1 Familial Sex Trafficking

Before the pandemic 2019 data reported 200,000 children trafficked in the United States. The suspicion has to be quarantining at home has increased that number.

90% child sex trafficking is in the home.

Average age is 5-years old.

1 out of 4 girls

1 out of 6 boys

65% mothers; 32% fathers

Demographic of Johns: average income \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year; 40-years old, married, with children.

1. Children and adults trafficked by their parents in their neighborhoods not downtown or in another city.
2. Anecdotal reports an older sibling will offer themselves to protect a younger sibling.
3. Columbus, Georgia
  - a. 13 children rescued in an 8-state child trafficking ring
  - b. 2020: arrests for child sex trafficking ring across Georgia, Alabama, and Florida - 39 children
  - c. 2021: 3 men arrested for child sex trafficking
  - d. 2021: murdered 5-year old girl sex-trafficked by her mother

### 7.2 Prostitution

In Columbus, GA COVID-19 swelled the numbers from 700 to 1500 women.

National Human Trafficking Survivor Coalition

Legislative Liaison for United Against Slavery

National Human Trafficking Hotline

Homeland Security

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

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## 8 First Responders

African American First Responders Off-duty African American first responders who respond to crime are taken for perpetrators and killed.