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“Was Love Not Enough?” Love Marriages Followed by Another Partner

RelationWatch contains thousands of relationship-connected case records. This brief uses one specific subset: 374 records with supported evidence of an extramarital affair that overlapped an ongoing marriage. It then asks where the original marriage was documented as a love or sweetheart marriage and the record showed movement toward another partner.

293 confirmed affairs | 81 strongly reported/alleged | 15 original-love records analyzed

What the 374 records do—and do not—mean

Every one of these 374 records contains supported evidence of at least one affair during an ongoing marriage. Of these, 293 are classified as confirmed and 81 as strongly reported/alleged. Suspicion-only records are excluded.

An affair here means an outside romantic or sexual relationship overlapping the marriage. It does **not** necessarily mean the outside relationship was love, that the person had more than one affair, or that the person intended to leave or replace the spouse. Premarital relationships and relationships beginning only after separation or divorce are also excluded.

374

records with an affair during marriage

All 374 involve at least one outside relationship: 293 confirmed and 81 strongly reported/alleged.

15

original love marriages identified

Full text confirmed the relevant original marriage—not merely any mention of “love.”

Direct Answers

- **Did all 374 involve an affair during marriage?** Yes under this brief's evidence rules: 293 confirmed and 81 strongly reported/alleged. This establishes at least one outside relationship—not necessarily romantic love, repeated affairs, or an intention to replace the spouse.
- **How many began as a love marriage?** A raw full-text search produced 25 records. Context review confirmed that 15 referred to the relevant original love or sweetheart marriage; one duplicate left 14 records.
- **How many then showed “monkey-branching” or partner replacement?** 10 records met the stronger operational rule: an overlapping affair plus movement toward, maintenance of, or obstacle removal for the new partner. The brief uses “partner replacement” because “monkey-branching” is informal and can imply motive rather than evidence.
- **Was love “not enough”?** The records cannot measure how much love existed or why affection changed. They document later conduct and reported motives, not the quality of the marriage when it began.
- **Was cheating habitual?** No record in this strict 10-record subset explicitly established a repeated-affair pattern. That does not prove it never occurred; it means habit cannot be claimed from the available sources.
- **What about children?** Across all 15 identified love-marriage records, children or dependents were documented in 11 records. Child status was not established in 4. None explicitly established childlessness, so “unknown” is not presented as “no children.”

The charts use all 15 identified love-marriage records

The gender, children, motive, and incident charts use all 15 contextually identified database records—not only the 10 records in the stronger partner-replacement subset. Two records describe the same underlying Monu case, so these are record-level charts; the later strong-subset table removes that duplicate.

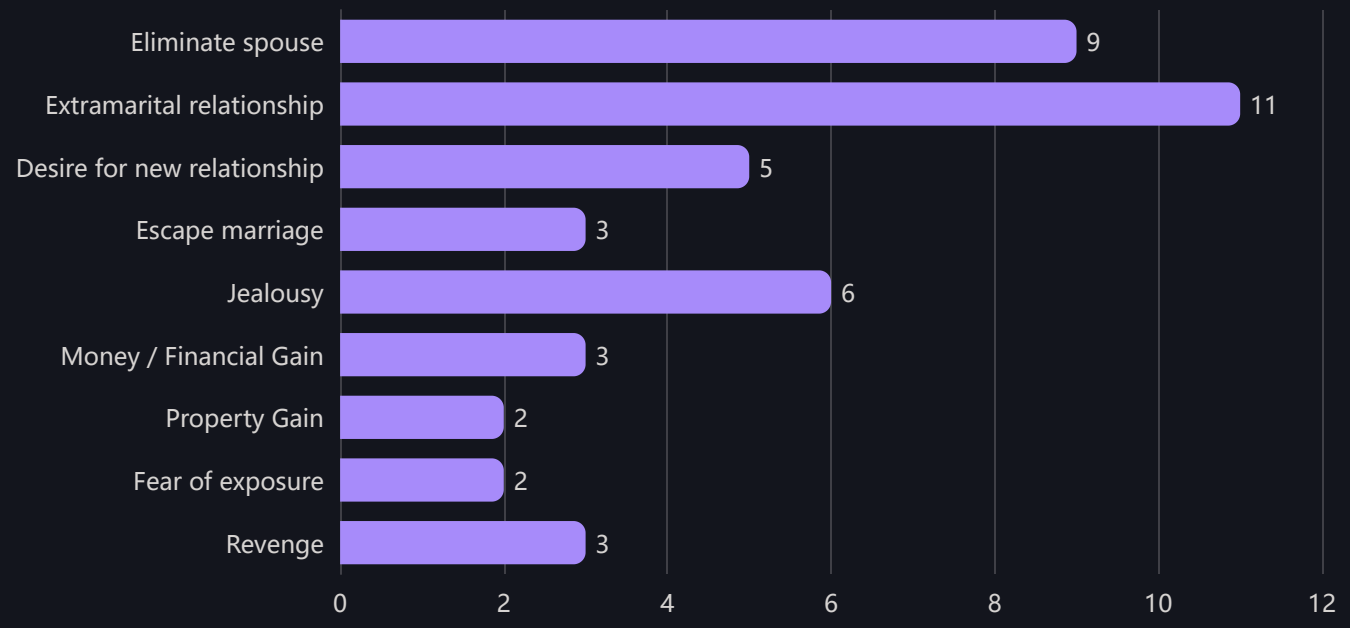
How the cohort was narrowed

Supported affair-during-marriage records	374
Raw full-text love/sweetheart matches	25
Contextually relevant original love marriages	15
After duplicate removal	14
Strong love-marriage to new-partner sequence	10

The database also contains 20 records with a structured Love Marriage stage. The final cohort does not rely on that dropdown alone; it requires contextual source text.

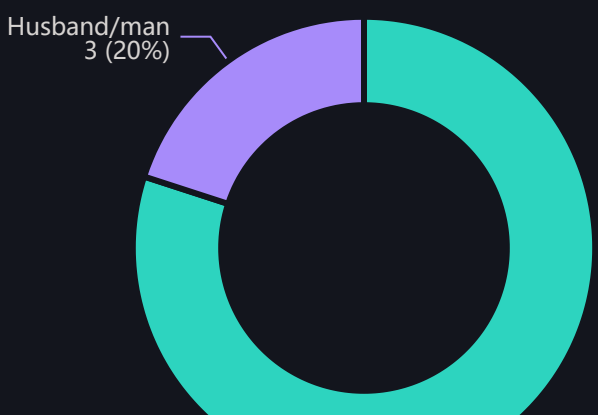
Reported motives across all 15 records

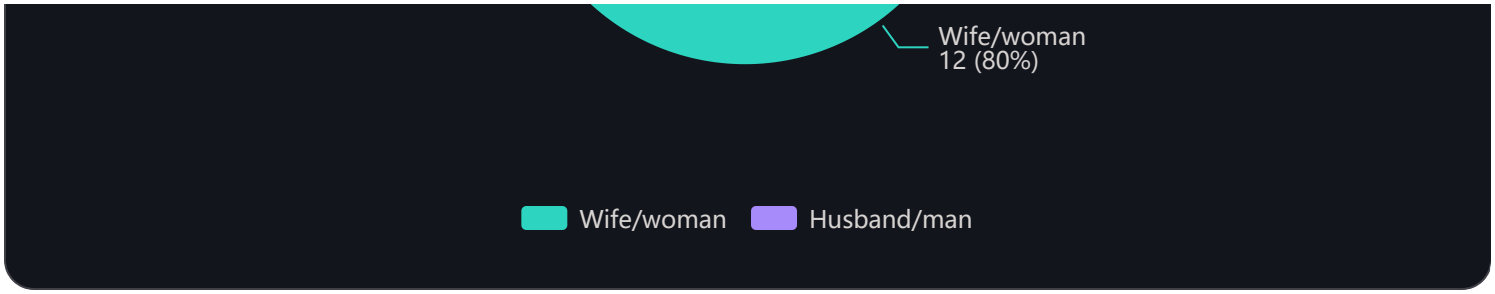
Structured motives can overlap and are not psychological diagnoses.



Who had the overlapping outside relationship? — “Monkey Branching”

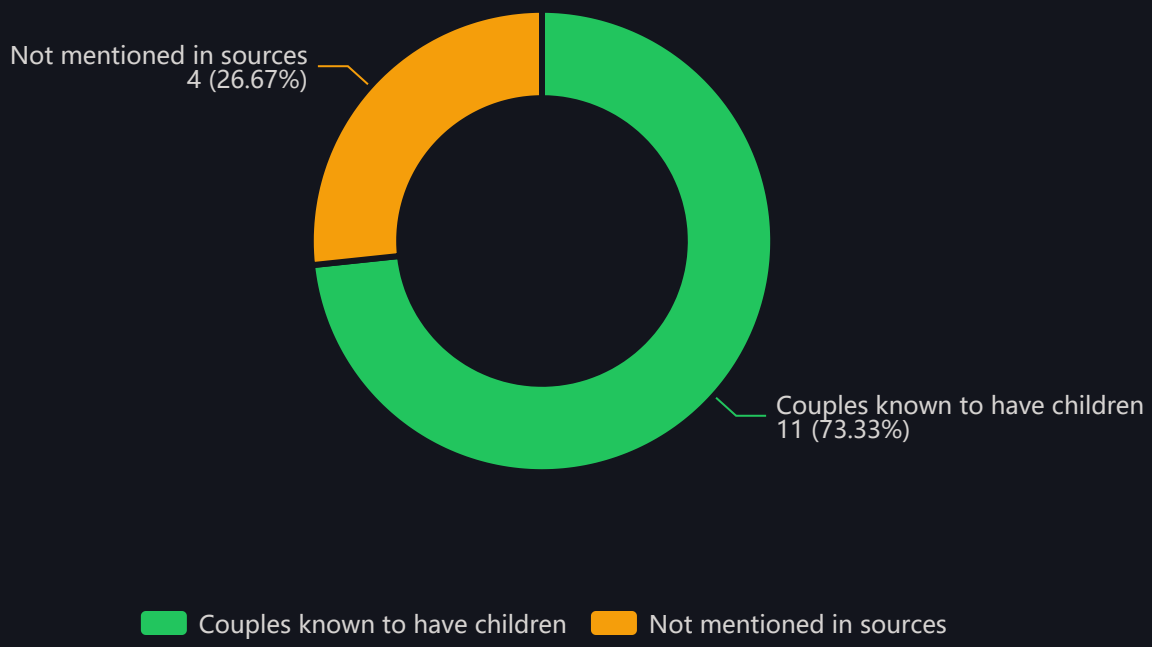
In 12 of the 15 records, the **wife/woman in the original marriage** had the outside relationship (80.0%). In 3 records, the **husband/man** did so (20.0%). This identifies the married participant in the affair—not the gender of the spouse who was left, targeted, or replaced.





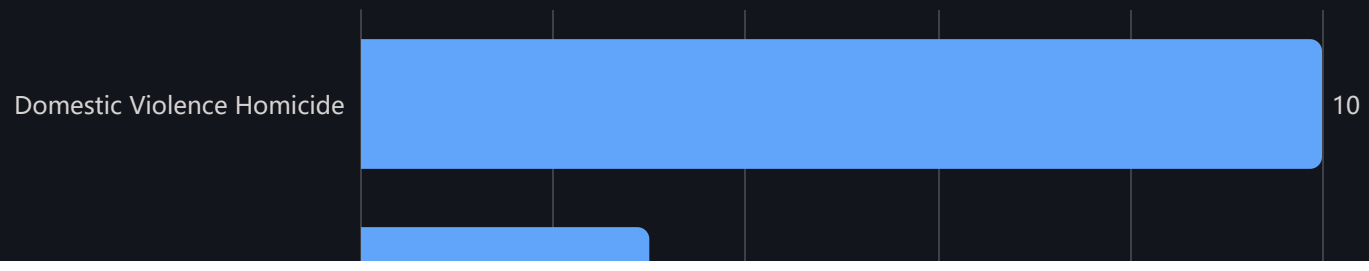
Did these couples have children?

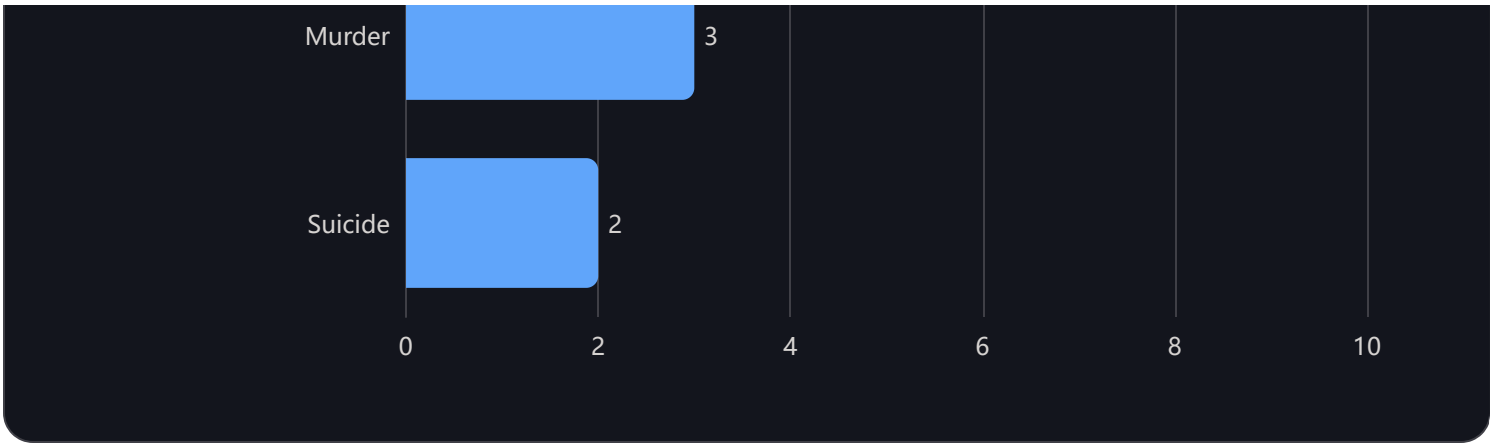
Sources say **11 of the 15 records involved couples with children (73.3%)**. For the other **4 records (26.7%)**, the sources did not say whether the couple had children. This does not mean they had no children—we simply do not know.



What happened in the 15 records?

Each record has one incident type. These selected records concern severe outcomes; this is not the outcome distribution of affairs generally.





What happened in the other 359 affair-during-marriage records?

These are the 374 supported affair records minus the 15 records where the reviewed text identified the original marriage as a love or sweetheart marriage. **This does not prove the other 359 marriages were arranged or non-love marriages.** It means the available text did not establish their origin as a love marriage.

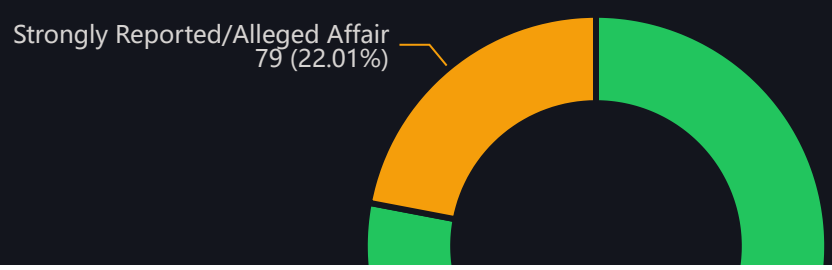
Among these 359 records, 321 (89.4%) have a homicide-related incident type. Incident types are mutually exclusive and total 359. Downstream outcome tags can overlap, so those counts do not add to 359.

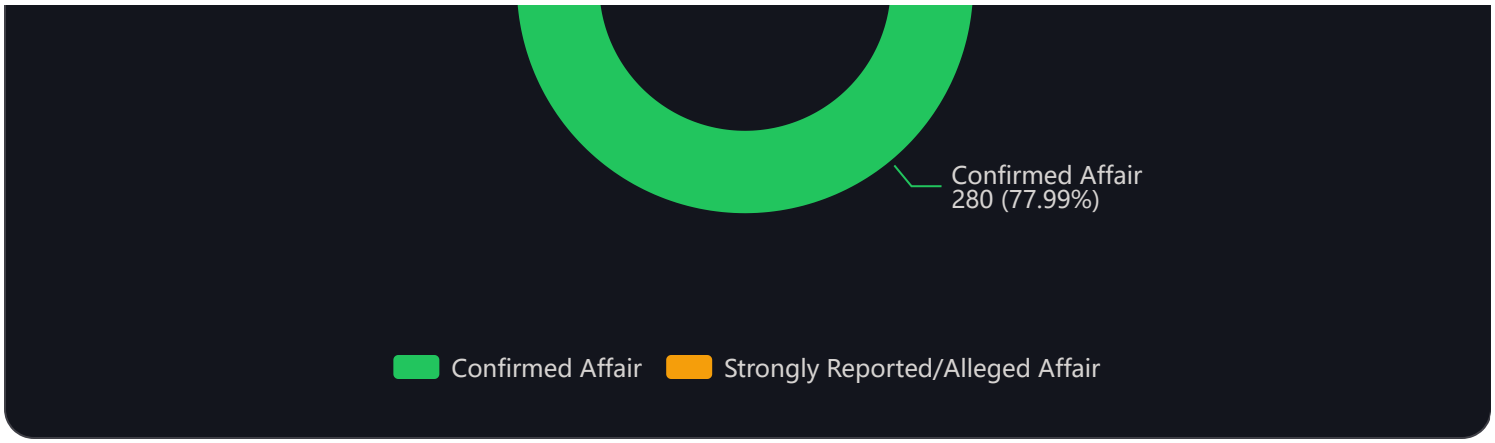
Affair evidence in the other 359

These numbers explain how strongly the affair itself was supported in the source material—not what ultimately happened in the case.

280 confirmed-affair records: the reviewed sources provided clear evidence that an outside relationship occurred during the marriage.

79 strongly reported/alleged-affair records: credible sources strongly reported the affair, but the available record did not establish it to the same confirmed level. An allegation remains an allegation.





Incident type in the other 359

These numbers describe the primary incident recorded for each case. Every record appears in exactly one category, so all bars add up to 359.

148 Murder: records assigned the database's general murder category.

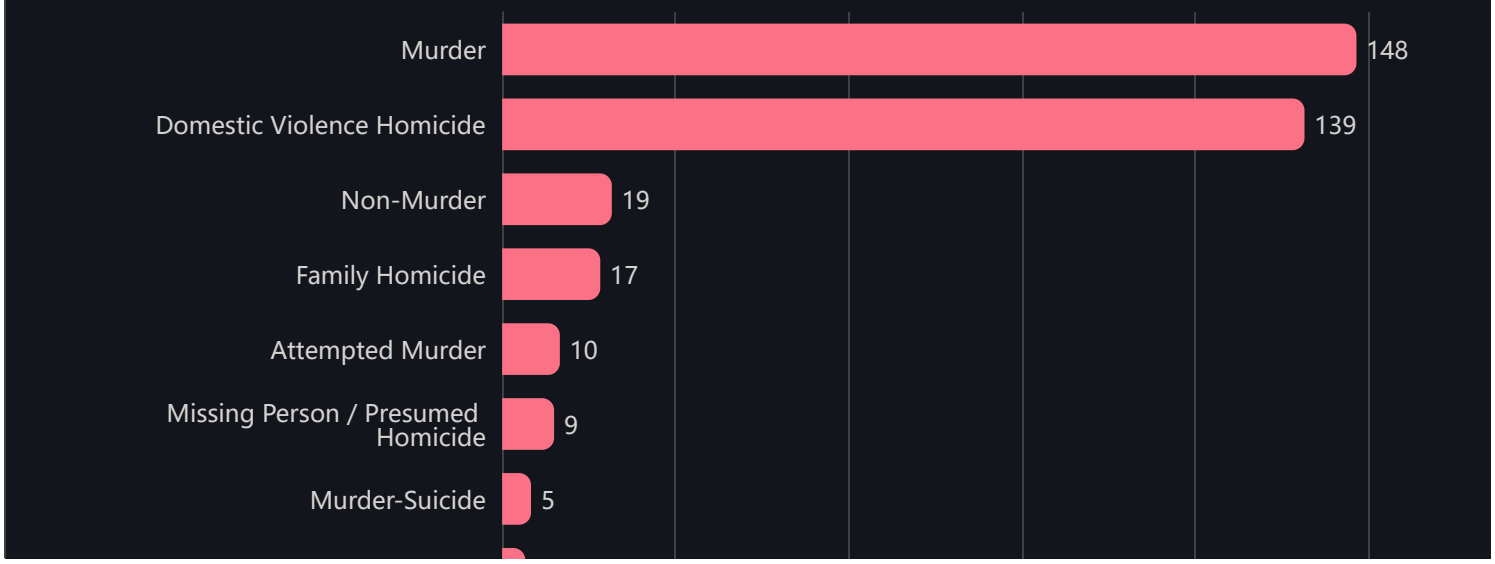
139 Domestic Violence Homicide: killings classified specifically within a spouse, intimate-partner, or domestic context.

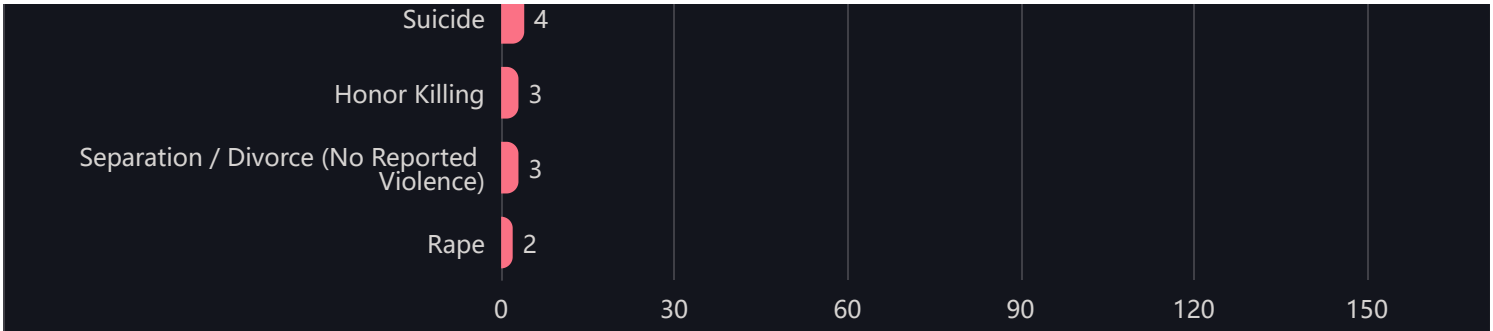
19 Non-Murder: serious relationship cases not classified as murder.

17 Family Homicide: killings classified in the broader family or household context.

10 Attempted Murder: alleged or documented attempts in which the targeted person survived.

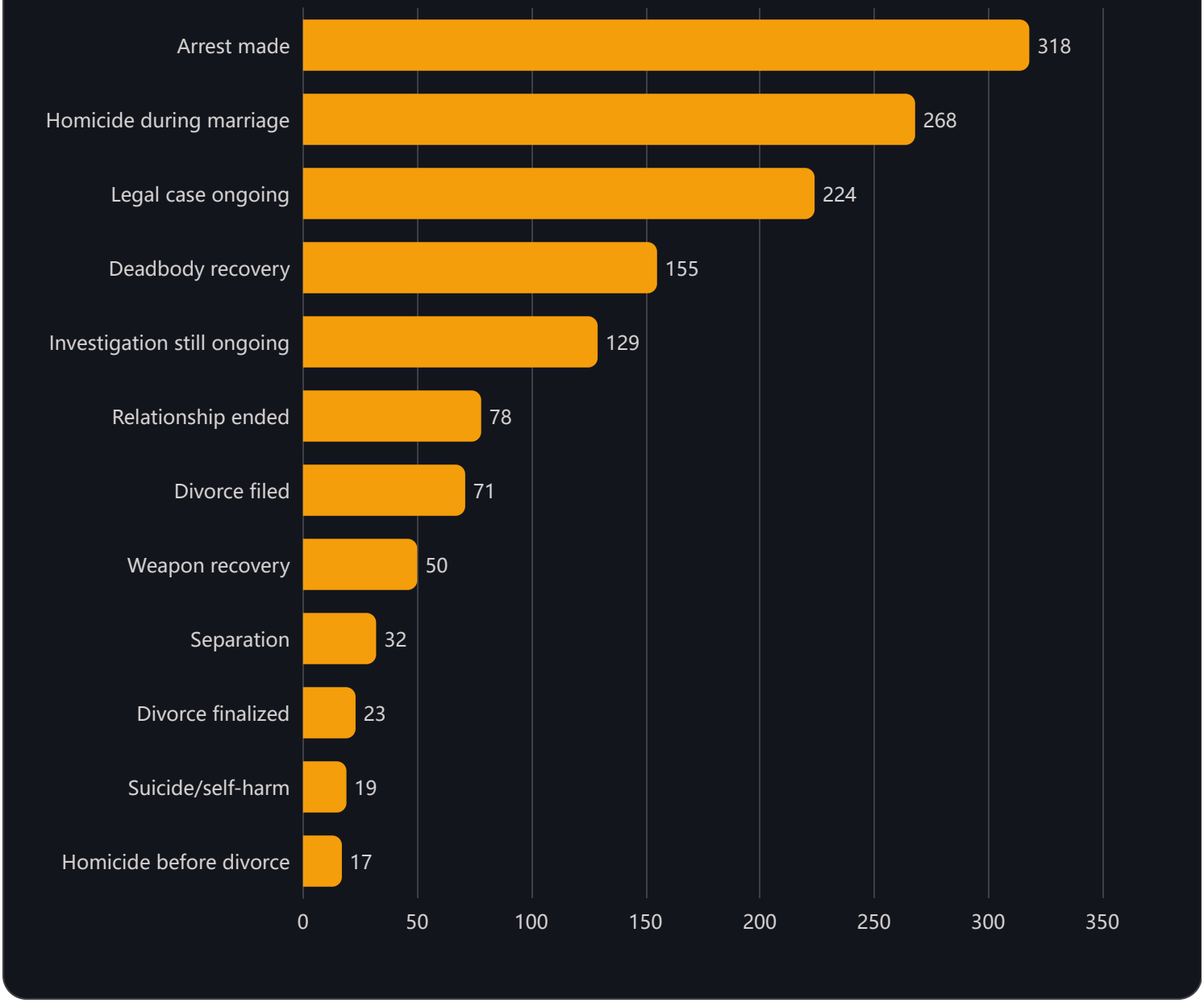
The remaining 26 records comprise missing person/presumed homicide (9), murder-suicide (5), suicide (4), honor killing (3), separation or divorce without reported violence (3), and rape (2).





Most recorded downstream outcomes

The 12 most frequent tags are shown. A record can carry several outcome tags.



What Appears in the Strong Subset

- **Spouse removal was common by design.** “Eliminate spouse” appears in 9 of 10 records because removal or transition evidence was part of the inclusion rule.
- **A new relationship was rarely the only reported factor.** Domestic conflict, jealousy, financial or property interests, fear of exposure, substance use, and divorce or separation pressures overlapped in different records.
- **Children did not prevent the documented escalation.** Seven records documented children or dependents, but this selected cohort has no comparison group and cannot show whether children changed risk.
- **The evidence supports sequence, not a universal explanation.** Love marriage first, overlapping new partner later, and serious escalation afterward is documented here; the data cannot establish that love marriage caused or failed to prevent any outcome.

Full 10-Record Cohort

Every row passed contextual review of the original relationship and the later new-partner sequence. External sources open in a new tab.

RelationWatch record	Original marriage evidence	Later sequence	Children	Source
#112 — Jamnagar Staged Hit-and-Run Homicide Case and Udupi Slow-Poisoning and Suffocation Homicide Case Composite record containing two incidents	Source text: self-initiated love marriage	Love marriage; affair partner linked to spouse-removal planning Confirmed Affair	Children or dependents documented	Open source ↗
#255 — Monu Case Involving Komal and Sunny, Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh, India	Source text: the couple had a love marriage	Love marriage; affair followed by a divorce demand and departure Confirmed Affair	Children or dependents documented	Open source ↗
#272 — Priyanka Sharma Allegedly Murdered by Ashish	Source text: the couple married in a love marriage	Love marriage; husband's affair overlapped alleged spouse elimination and marital escape Confirmed Affair	Children or dependents documented	Open source ↗
#391 — Saurabh Rajput Allegedly Murdered by Muskaan Rustagi and Sahil Shukla, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, India	Source text: the couple had a love marriage despite family opposition	Love marriage; wife and alleged new partner were accused in the husband's killing Strongly Reported/Alleged Affair	Children not established in reviewed record	Open source ↗
#410 — Surbhi Raj Allegedly Murdered by Rakesh Roshan, Ramesh Kumar, and others, Patna, Bihar, India	Source text: the spouses entered a love marriage	Love marriage; husband allegedly sought to protect an affair by eliminating his wife Confirmed Affair	Children not established in reviewed record	Open source ↗
#516 — Magan Case Involving Divya and Deepak, Rohtak, Haryana, India	Source text: the couple entered a love marriage after meeting online	Love marriage; an undivorced prior marriage was concealed and a later boyfriend relationship followed Confirmed Affair	Children or dependents documented	Open source ↗
#570 — Sonu Kumar Jha Allegedly Murdered by Asmita Devi and Hariom Jha, Samastipur, Bihar, India	Source text: an arranged marriage developed into a love marriage	Arranged marriage reported to have become a love marriage; wife and affair partner were accused in the husband's killing Confirmed Affair	Children or dependents documented	Open source ↗
#676 — Shivendra Singh Allegedly Murdered by Laxmi and Amit, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India	Source text: the couple fell in love and entered a love marriage	Love marriage; secret affair followed by alleged spouse elimination after discovery Confirmed Affair	Children or dependents documented	Open source ↗
#1346 — Akbar Ali Ansari Allegedly Murdered by Ruby, Imran Vaghela, and others, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India	Source text: the couple had a love marriage with family consent	Love marriage; wife and affair partner were accused of conspiring to kill her husband Confirmed Affair	Children or dependents documented	Open source ↗
#2434 — Manish Meena Allegedly Murdered by Meenakshi, Hanif, and others, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India	Source text: the couple's marriage was described as a love marriage	Love marriage; wife and alleged new partner were accused in the husband's killing Confirmed Affair	Children not established in reviewed record	Open source ↗

Four Love-Marriage Records Excluded from the Strong Sequence

These records remained outside the final percentages because the evidence did not support movement toward replacement.

- Case 67 — A love marriage and confirmed affair were documented, but movement toward replacing the spouse was not established.
- Case 427 — The love marriage was documented, but the affair appeared only as a possible motive suggested by relatives.
- Case 651 — The married participant had wed a high-school sweetheart and later had an affair, but leaving or replacing the spouse was not established.
- Case 715 — The victim had married a high-school sweetheart but ended the later affair before the killing; the sequence moved away from replacement.

Search, Review, and Reproducibility

The review searched full text and related structured fields, then checked each apparent love-marriage mention in context. Fields reviewed included:

- Brief 12's fixed 374-record affair-during-marriage population
- Case summaries, analyses, reconstructions, and risk assessments
- Linked intake article text and video transcripts
- Ordered case events and approved behavioral narratives
- Relationship-origin and relationship-stage fields
- Motives, contributing factors, outcomes, people, and source notes

Inclusion rule

The relevant original marriage was described in source text as a love marriage or sweetheart marriage and a supported affair overlapped that marriage. The 15-record charts use every contextually confirmed record. The narrower strong subset additionally required movement toward, maintenance of, or removal of an obstacle for the new partner.

Exclusions

- Raw love-marriage hits referring to another couple, a later affair, a general discussion, or an unanswered question

- A love marriage plus infidelity without evidence of movement toward replacing the spouse
- Suspicion-only affair claims without adequate support
- An affair that had ended before the incident where the person was moving away from the affair
- One obvious duplicate record of the same underlying case

Limitations

- These are selected RelationWatch records, not a representative sample of love marriages, people who have affairs, countries, or intimate-partner violence.
- Only relationships explicitly described in available source text were counted as love marriages; missing documentation is not evidence of an arranged or non-love marriage.
- “Partner replacement” is an operational coding rule for this brief, not a clinical diagnosis or claim about private intent.
- Record 112 combines two incidents in one RelationWatch record and is counted once. Its composite structure should be considered when reading record-level percentages.
- Case 391 is strongly reported/alleged; the remaining nine affair classifications are confirmed under this brief's evidence rules. Allegations remain allegations.
- No record explicitly established childlessness, and no safe causal conclusion can be drawn from the presence or absence of children.

> This brief does not imply that affairs or love marriages generally lead to violence. It describes a narrowly selected set of severe, source-reported records.

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