



# Sharen Wilson Criminal District Attorney



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## Not in My County

(Fort Worth, TX) – Every year, people are threatened, hurt or killed by those they love and trust the most.

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) must end.

So far this year, family violence is the 5th most frequently committed offense in Tarrant County, with 1,561 current pending cases.

"IPV must stop," Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson said. "We have to work together to combat this crime. No one should be afraid that the person they love will hurt or kill them.

"We prosecute these cases and will continue to prosecute them until there are no more left to prosecute."

This office six years ago created an annual public education campaign called Not in My County to draw attention to this problem.

We launch this campaign every October, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to share the word on social media and beyond about how widespread domestic and family violence is – and that the number of cases here is unacceptable.

Sharen Wilson created an IPV team in 2016 after Tarrant County had the second largest number of IPV homicides in Texas, behind only Harris County. That year, there were 16 IPV deaths in Tarrant County.

The IPV team works to identify and prosecute violent family violence offenders.

By 2018, there was a drop in IPV murders, down to seven, and in 2019, there were eight cases.

Then COVID hit and people were told to "stay home, stay safe." That campaign didn't work for those who are victims of violence in their homes. By the end of 2020, 19 adults and two unborn babies were killed by someone they loved or trusted.

The number dropped again in 2021, to seven victims, the same number there have been so far this year.

"We still have work to do," Wilson said. "Help us share the word that IPV will not be tolerated here – Not in My County."

Our office will share the Not in My County message throughout October. Photos and videos will be posted on our social media channels and the message will be displayed on electronic billboards and stickers placed on vehicles countywide.

To report a suspected incident of Intimate Partner Violence, call your local police department.