VIOLENT DEATHS AMONG ASIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN NORTH CAROLINA: 2006-2015

The North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System (NC-VDRS) is a CDC-funded statewide surveillance system that collects detailed information on deaths that occur in North Carolina resulting from violence: homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm deaths, legal intervention and deaths for which intent could not be determined. NC-VDRS is a multi-source system that gathers information from death certificates, medical examiner reports and law enforcement reports. The goal of this system is to aid researchers, legislators, and community interest groups in the development of public health prevention strategies to reduce violent deaths. NC-VDRS began collecting data in January 2004. This document summarizes all deaths from violence among non-Hispanic (NH) Asian and Pacific Islander residents for the years 2006-2015.

- For the years 2006-2015, there were 2,322,273 NH Asians and Pacific Islanders living in North Carolina, accounting for 2.4 percent of the state's population.

- NH Asians and Pacific Islanders had the second lowest rate of violent death by race in North Carolina for the years 2006-2015 (8.7 per 100,000 population).

- From 2006 to 2015, 202 NH Asian and Pacific Islander residents died by violence.

- There were 130 suicides (64.4%), 65 homicides (32.2%), three deaths from legal interventions (1.5%), and four deaths of undetermined intent (2.0%). There were no unintentional firearm deaths.

- Male NH Asian and Pacific Islander residents were more likely to die by violence than females between 2006 to 2015 (69.3% versus 30.7%).

- NH Asians and Pacific Islanders accounted for 1.1 percent of all homicides and 1.1 percent of all suicides, across all racial groups in North Carolina from 2006 to 2015.

- In contrast, NH whites accounted for 86.8 percent of all suicides, and NH blacks accounted for 53.1 percent of all homicides, across all racial groups in North Carolina from 2006 to 2015.
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### Method of Death, NH Asian and Pacific Islander Violent Deaths, NC-VDRS, 2006-2015

- **Firearm**: 71%
- **Sharp Instrument**: 15%
- **Blunt Instrument**: 0%
- **Poisoning**: 0%
- **Hanging**: 46%
- **Other method**: 2%

*Other includes fire/burns, unarmed assault, falls, and other methods of death.

- The majority of homicides (70.8%) were committed using firearms, followed by those committed using sharp instruments (15.4%).
- The most common method of suicide was hanging (46.2%), followed by those completed using firearms (30.0%).

### Suicide Circumstances*
Among NH Asians & Pacific Islanders, 2006-2015

- **Current depressed mood**: 38%
- **Current mental health treatment**: 32%
- **Left a suicide note**: 30%
- **Intimate partner problem**: 27%
- **Recent Crisis**: 38%
- **Disclosed intent**: 18%
- **History of suicide attempt(s)**: 15%
- **Job Problem**: 10%

*Among those with reported circumstance information.

- Among NH Asian and Pacific Islander suicide victims with known circumstance information, 37.9 percent were characterized as being depressed at
- One-third (31.9%) of suicide victims were receiving treatment for a mental health problem, and 18.1 percent disclosed their intent to complete suicide.
- Twenty-seven percent of NH Asian & Pacific Islander suicide victims experienced a recent problem with an intimate partner.

### Homicide Circumstances*
Among NH Asians & Pacific Islanders, 2006-2015

- **Precipitated by another crime**: 53%
- **Argument/conflict**: 32%
- **Intimate partner violence**: 23%
- **Drug Involvement**: 3%

*Among those with reported circumstance information.

- Of all homicides among NH Asians and Pacific Islanders with known circumstance information, half (53.2%) were precipitated by another serious crime (e.g., robbery, burglary).
- An argument or conflict precipitated 32.3 percent of homicides among NH Asians and Pacific Islanders.
- Twenty-three percent of homicides were related to intimate partner violence.

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