19. Bridgette L. Crawford

32 years old

March 6, 2004

Milwaukee

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Bridgette L. Crawford was fatally shot by her boyfriend, Davon Terrell Smith, 26, during a fight at a party. He shot her four times in the hallway of the apartment building where the party was occurring.

Bridgette and Davon were having an argument while he was on the balcony and she was downstairs in the courtyard. She headed upstairs with a knife to confront him, and friends tried to stop her. While she was going upstairs, Davon borrowed a gun from his cousin. As she kicked the door open, she held her knife at shoulder level. Eyewitnesses disagree as to whether she approached him swinging the knife and then he shot her or if he was waiting for her to enter the room and shot her immediately. After he shot her, Davon ran out, stepping over her body. Bridgette and Davon had been dating off and on for less than a year. They argued and fought a lot. In addition, Davon had a history of violence to others including a Battery and Criminal Damage to Property charge in a domestic incident involving a woman that he had recently dated. This charge required that he have no contact with her. Davon?s violence toward this woman included threats to kill her and her children. Davon Terrell Smith was charged with Second Degree Intentional Homicide and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon.

He was found guilty by a jury and sentenced to a total of 19 years in prison and 14 years extended supervision. At the same time, he was convicted of the Criminal Damage to Property charge from the recent incident against another woman. Bridgette is survived by six children.

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