

Homicide Investigations Rolling Year (01/10/22 to 30/09/23)						
	Investigation	Date	Location	Influencer(s)	Outcome	Details
1	Uphill	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Rochford	Dispute – Acquaintance	Solved – Charged (Murder)	The incident was reported at 0834hrs by a mother claiming her son, (aged 39) has been attacked in his flat and killed the assailant whilst fighting back, son was in the background of the call making significant comments. Suspect and victim are friends. Police attended finding the suspect outside with his mother with a knife discarded in nearby bushes. Victim was found deceased in the flat with stab wounds.
2	Op Texture	Dec 2022 (Misper from 2017)	Southend	Domestic Violence	Unsolved (bailed)	Female was reported missing in 2017. Further reviews of investigation led to the declaration the matter was a homicide. A male has been arrested and bailed pending further investigation.
3	Op Zinnia	23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2022	Westcliff	Mental Health Stranger	Solved - Charged (Murder)	Male with some history of mental health walked briefly into the Lamb & Lion pub, Westcliff and shot a stranger sitting at the bar with a crossbow. He then walked back out and contacted police himself, where he was arrested.
4	Op Slate	21/12/22 (reported Oct 2021)	Grays	Corporate Manslaughter	Unsolved – on-going	Initially reported as an industrial death, where a ditch collapsed on a worker at a site in Thurrock. CPS guidance has indicated the practices and procedures in place may be considered deficient enough to merit a Corporate Manslaughter, hence this matter has been recorded as a crime

						some time after the incident. The matter is still under investigation.
5	Op Magnesium	31/12/22	Harlow	Dispute – Acquaintance	Solved - charged (Murder)	Initially reported as the discovery of human remains in Oakwood Pond, Harlow. These were later identified as a local male. Enquiries identified a local suspect who was forensically linked to the offence and charged with the murder.
6	Op Ash	04/02/23	Castlepoint	Dispute	Solved – charged (Murder)	42-year-old male was involved in an altercation. All parties had been drinking in the local pub. The dispute continued outside in a nearby carpark where the victim was fatally stabbed. Three suspects identified and charged with murder.
7	Op Board	12/02/23	Chelmsford	Drugs	Solved – charged (Murder)	During a suspected drug deal, within a wooded area in Chelmsford, a 16-year-old male was fatally stabbed by an 18-year-old offender.
8	Op Jurra	21/02/23	Clacton	Domestic Abuse	Solved – charged (Murder)	84-year-old male attacked his 80-year-old wife with a hammer within a dwelling. He then called the police to confess what he had done. On arrival, the victim was not deceased, but later died in hospital.
9	Op Rudd	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Chelmsford	Domestic Abuse	Solved – Charged Murder	A 38-year-old male entered a Met police station at 05:00 indicating he had harmed his female partner at an address in Chelmsford. Essex officers attended the address where they found a 38-year-old female deceased with head injuries. Victim and suspect had previously been in a

						relationship and were going through a separation.
10	Op Hitchin	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Colchester	Domestic Abuse	Coroner's File Murder	Police were called to a supported accommodation flat in Colchester after concern had been raised over the welfare of two occupants by the support worker. Upon entry a 33-year-old male deceased in the lounge and a 41-year-old female deceased in the bedroom. The female had significant head injuries. The male was found with no significant injuries, but surrounded by alcohol and empty tablet blister packs. Investigation provides the strong hypothesis the male has killed the female and then taken his own life.
11	Op Sonata	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 (recorded July 2023)	Mersea Island	Acquaintance	Solved – charged Murder	Police were called to an address in Mersea Island where a married couple in their 60s were found deceased with no apparent explanation. The death remained 'under investigation'. Toxicology returned that the couple had died of a fentanyl overdose. Due to other information surrounding the investigation, an acquaintance of the couple was arrested and later charged with their murder.
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13	Op Ewer	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Harwich	Neighbour	Bailed (Manslaughter)	Female suspect (aged 47) and female victim (aged 49) were neighbours. A dispute took place in the front gardens over the building of a pergola. This dispute turned physical amounting to ABH injuries, but resolved in both parties leaving the area. The victim attended the hospital, but was discharged. The following day, an ambulance was called to her address after suffering a suspected cardiac arrest, where she died.
14	Op Ersa	2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Chelmsford	Stranger	Bailed (Manslaughter)	Male suspect (20 years) and Male victim (aged 60) were driving in the Chelmsford area, where they both stopped their vehicles in a 'road rage' incident. The suspect punched the victim causing him to fall to the ground and hit his head. The victim died in hospital two days later
15	Op Acton	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Harlow	Stranger	Solved – Charged (Murder)	Male suspect (aged 18) had been seen in the area previously and on the night in question, where concerns were raised by local residents around his presence. This resulted in the male victim (aged 35) remonstrating with the male near to a children's play area. The suspect took a machete from his rucksack and fatally stabbed the victim before leaving the location.
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