


Recent Cases of Women in the UK Killing Children

Women who killed children		
Date	Victim	Killer and link
2013	Shaun Ryleigh O'Neill, 2 (son) 	Mother Angela Vane 40 killed her 2 year old son. Shaun Ryleigh O'Neill's body was found at the family home in Champernowne in Modbury, Devon, on 19 January'13. Vane denied murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. The court was told Vane, who has two other children in their 20s, tried to strangle her son and then stabbed him in the abdomen. Vane had split from Shaun's father six months earlier and it was after this that she started having "psychiatric difficulties". She has been detained indefinitely in a psychiatric unit. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-23725209

19/10/12

Five people in next door family. Lee-Anna Shiers, her four-year-old nephew Bailey, two-year-old niece Skye, her partner Liam Timbrell and their 15-month-old son Charlie all died as a result of the blaze.

Neighbour **Melanie Jane SMITH**, 43. Smith lived in the flat above the family. She set fire to their pushchair because she was angry that it had been left in a shared hallway close to the front door of her flat.



<http://murderpedia.org/female.S/s/smith-melanie.htm>

8/10/12

Amelia Lilly
Sultan-Curtis 5
weeks

Mother **Natasha Sultan**, 21, of Hull, killed her 5 week old child, with a single blow to the head. Sultan was originally charged with murder but the Crown Prosecution Service accepted her plea to the lesser charge of infanticide. Prosecuting, Tim Roberts QC told the court Sultan had changed her story several times, at first denying any knowledge of injury to her child. She had then claimed she dropped Amelia Lilly accidentally and did not realise the extent of the injury. Experts said this was not possible as the severity of injuries were inconsistent with an accidental fall from waist height to a carpeted bedroom floor. The court heard said "significant force" would have been required to produce the bilateral fractures. Finally she admitted causing the fatal fracture to the skull in a "sudden explosion of violence". Amelia was pronounced dead the next day in hospital. An X-ray found she had a fractured skull which was "non accidental" but Sultan lied to hospital staff, her partner and police and claimed she had tripped and dropped her baby.

Judge Richardson said Sultan killed Amelia-Lilly by "deliberately impacting her head on a hard surface". What is hard to understand, he said, is your conduct afterwards. You went to bed having visited serious violence upon your daughter. You neglected her obvious and urgent need for medical attention. You simply went to bed.

The maximum sentence for infanticide is life imprisonment. Sultan was given a three-year supervision order. What would a man have got? 20 years in prison? Life?



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-humber-24895886>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-humber-24908037>

9/5/12

Mason Boots, 14 months
Lily Sky Boots, 9 weeks



Mother **Felicia Boots**, 35, suffocated 9-week-old Mason and 14-month-old Lily-Skye just two weeks after the family, who are originally from Canada, moved into a new £1.4 million home in south west London. Her husband Jeffrey, a banker, discovered the bodies of the two children side by side on the floor of a walk-in wardrobe after returning home from work in May. Mr Justice Fulford said: "Although the roots of Mrs Boots' actions were profoundly tragic given the lost of two such young lives, what occurred was not as a result of what most people would regard as criminal activity. I unreservedly accept that what the defendant did to the two children she and her husband loved and nurtured, was solely the result of psychological and bio-physiological forces that were beyond her control. This case is the polar opposite of the appalling incidents of children neglect and cruelty that sometimes come before the courts. On the morning of the tragedy Mrs Boots had become "fixated and deluded" that her children were going to be taken away, the judge said. Felicia Boots said in court, " Part of me will always be missing but just know that I am a good person. I was a good mum and I never meant this to happen. I am truly sorry." In passing sentence the judge said, " A prison sentence would be hugely inappropriate in this case. It would serve no useful purpose. Given that these are not offences that call for punishment you are not to be dealt with by a term of custody. I am persuaded that the mental disorder is of a nature that makes it appropriate for her to be detained in a hospital." <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/9642856/I-was-a-good-mum-courtroom-sorrow-of-mother-who-smothered-her-babies-after-rejecting-anti-depressants.html> <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/9643197/Felicia-Boots-Judge-refers-to-indescribably-sad-case.html>


Mar'12

Riley Pettipierre 2



Mother **Sally Dent**, 33, of Derbyshire put her prescription methadone into Riley's drinking beaker and he over-dosed and died. Cannabis & heroin were found in the child's hair on post-mortem. Dent was found guilty of manslaughter and also on a charge of child cruelty.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-21064982>

17/3/12	<p data-bbox="368 188 651 264">Jamie Kightley aged 7 weeks (son)</p> 	<p data-bbox="651 188 1516 488">Parents Jacqueline Parker, 21, and Adam Kightley, 24, were found guilty of causing or allowing the death of their son. He had severe brain injuries and more than 40 fractures. The prosecution said that Jamie Kightley had been assaulted about 2 weeks before his death and again several hours before his death. It was not established which of the pair was the more responsible since they both remained silent about what had happened.</p> <p data-bbox="651 488 1516 564">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-northamptonshire-25022875</p>
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3/3/12

Daniel Pelka, 4
(her son)
Brain injury after
months of
starvation and
torture



Mother **Magdalena LUCZAK**, 26 together with Mariusz Krezolek. He had been subject to prolonged torture for over a year in which both adults were implicated. Mrs Justice Cox stated that Luczak's complicity in his ill treatment was first evidenced by the displaced fracture to his arm, sustained 14 months before his death. This would have resulted immediately in excruciating pain and loss of function, yet you did not take him to hospital until the following day. The judge said Daniel was confined for regular and prolonged periods of time in a small, bare box room where the inner door handle was removed and the metal panel arranged so that he could not even see out of the keyhole. The small hand and finger marks on the inside of that door provided a poignant image of his desperate attempts to escape. The urine stains to the mattress on which he was made to sleep and the damp state of the carpet testify to his inability to go to the toilet when he needed. There is evidence of him soiling himself. It is a particularly grave aggravating feature that Daniel was the victim of chronic and systematic starvation. He was literally wasting away. His bones ceased to grow. Expert medical witnesses described their shock at the extent of Daniel's emaciation at his death. They regarded it as unprecedented in this country. They likened his appearance to those who failed to survive concentration camps, and that comparison was not made lightly. He was subjected to a brutal assault, in which he was given salt and subjected to a form of cold water punishment in the bath.

The judge said, "I am satisfied, Mariusz Krezolek, that this head injury was inflicted by you and you applied considerable force. By their verdict, Magdalena Luczak, the jury clearly rejected your account that you tried to intervene and were sure that you were jointly liable for Daniel's death. Daniel then lay alone in the box room, as his life slipped away, from that Thursday evening until just before 3am on Saturday morning, while you both continued your lives, hoping that he would regain consciousness. You lied persistently when you were interviewed by the police [and] by their verdicts the jury were sure that you continued to lie at this trial. Your internet searches on that Friday morning reveal both the scale of the cruelty you had inflicted on him and your growing realisation that he was not responding. They wer both jailed for a minimum of 30 years.



<p>11/9/03 (2012)</p>	<p>Shafilea Ahmed 17 daughter Suffocation after years of abuse</p> 	<p>Parents Farzana Ahmed, 49, and her husband Iftikhar, 52. The 17-year-old went missing from her home in Warrington, Cheshire, in 2003 and her body was found in the River Kent in Cumbria six months later. The case was not brought until 2012. It was an example of a so-called honour killing (notably devoid of any honour, of course). Both denied her murder. The judge told them: "Your concern about being shamed in your community was greater than the love of your child." The couple suffocated Shafilea with a plastic bag after years of abuse. After the trial. Det Supt Geraint Jones described the killing as a "vile and disgraceful act against someone they should have been very proud of". Mr Justice Roderick Evans said they would both serve a minimum of 25 years.</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-19068490</p>
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Sept'11	<p>Kaiya 4 daughter Suffocated</p> 	<p>Mother Chantelle Blake, 31, of Moss Side, Manchester, pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of daughter Kaiya. The court heard that Chantelle was suffering from delusions and hallucinations and has since been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. Blake entered her guilty plea on the basis of diminished responsibility. Blake made an anonymous 999 call from Manchester Royal Infirmary, stating that she was receiving treatment for wounds to her wrists and her daughter was dead at home, police said. Officers said they attempted to call the number back without success, but shortly after a ward sister called police after Blake told her she had suffocated her child. Mr Justice MacKay said: "You were thinking in a distorted and deluded way, but you genuinely believed that you were acting to protect your daughter from harm by persons who wished her ill." Chantelle has been detained in a mental health unit.</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-20222499</p>
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Sept'11

Frankie-Joe
Reeves 1

Danielle Reeves 24 was convicted of the manslaughter of her 1 year old child who she left with another child in a full bath for 40-50 minutes while she talked to friends. Reeves lied to paramedics and even said her other son – aged only three – was responsible for the tragedy. Reeves, of Caterham - who was described as a drinker and a cannabis user - was given a 45-month prison sentence at Guildford Crown Court.



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<http://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/local-news/mother-jailed-after-baby-drowned-4810143>

9/1/11

Keanu Williams, 2
(her son)
tortured to death

Mother **Rebecca SHUTTLEWORTH**, 24. Keanu died of internal bleeding in January 2011 after being beaten over 48 hours. There were 37 signs of injury on his body, including a fractured skull and burns to the sole of his foot. Following Keanu's birth Rebecca received extensive support from health and social workers, posing as an attentive mother at parenting classes. She used her knowledge of the care system to manipulate social workers, teachers, doctors and care professionals to believe that she was a competent and caring mother. The judge said, "One can scarcely imagine the pain and distress Keanu must have suffered from this outburst of violence. He must have been terrified, it must have been clear to you as soon as the violence had taken place that Keanu was badly in need of medical attention." But Shuttleworth had decided not to seek medical help because she knew his injuries, including internal bleeding to his abdomen, could not be explained away, the judge said.

Just eight months after his death, newspapers reported "Sickening smiles of a child killer: 'Monster' mother filmed celebrating £10,000 lottery win". A two-minute video posted on YouTube shows Shuttleworth hugging and kissing a former lesbian lover as a cheque is handed over. A family friend yesterday hit out at the mother's 'sickening' decision to celebrate in public after her son's death. 'It turned people's stomachs to see her so happy after the terrible things she'd done,' the friend said. She was whooping and celebrating without a scrap of guilt. She deserves to rot in hell.'

As Shuttleworth wept in the dock, the judge added: 'By the jury's verdict, you alone were responsible for the violence which led to Keanu's death. She was jailed for 18 years.



<http://murderpedia.org/female.S/s/shuttleworth-rebecca.htm>

20/3/11

Callum Wilson,
11 months,
extreme violence



Mother **Emma WILSON**, 25 was an evil mother who posed for selfies with her screaming baby before battering him to death was today jailed for life. Wilson grinned in the horrific snaps that showed injuries she had inflicted on 11-month Callum. Then heartless Wilson hit the rejected tot so violently it shook her downstairs neighbours' ceiling and light fitting. And she even tried to blame the killing on the baby's two-year-old brother. She said the "boisterous" and "rough" toddler was jealous and took a shocking picture of him wielding a pair of secateurs at Callum.

Calum was left blind and had nine fractured ribs and a broken arm and leg after enduring horrific violence in the weeks before he died of an "unsurvivable" brain injury. Cruel Wilson claimed being a mum was "the best thing in the world". Yet she rejected Callum at birth, kept his existence a secret from even her doting parents and then had him buried in an unmarked communal grave.

Judge Stephen Kramer told her she was an adept liar and went on: "You must have been the person who caused the injuries which the court saw in photographs that for some reason you took. Your neighbours heard five or six loud bangs in quick succession. They caused the ceiling and light fitting to shake and the neighbours thought 'the kid was going to come through the floor'."

Wilson did not dial 999 until the morning after, telling emergency services her son was "lifeless and not doing anything". He died two days later. During the trial, prosecutor Paul Dunkels said Callum's fatal brain injury was caused by a direct blow or from striking his head against something while his broken leg may have been caused by banging against a hard surface. One blow caused his retina to detach, leaving him blind. The jury was told Callum's older brother did not have the strength to inflict the severe injuries.


The judge told Wilson: "You come from a good, loving and supportive large family. You were clearly a good mother to your other son but for some reason you rejected Callum. If looking after two children was too much for you there was support there in the shape of your family and health professionals. You have shown no emotion throughout the trial – it is a troubling feature in this case."

Reports stated Wilson has no mental disorder or illness. She left her son in hospital after he was born and kept his existence a secret for seven months while he was in foster care. Wilson said she put the baby up for adoption because her boyfriend at the time, Neil Richardson, "thought she couldn't cope with two children". Mr Richardson had been believed to be the child's father but it transpired the baby was the result of a fling with another man, Lee Workman. The trial was told he was unaware he was Callum's dad until after the boy died in March 2011. In late 2010 Wilson took Callum out of foster care and brought

him to live at her council flat in Windsor, Berks. However she continued to lie about the boy, even telling a nursery he was her cousin's son. She also gave a false address for the youngster to staff at Woodlands Park Village children's centre in Maidenhead. At her trial Wilson claimed that bruises on Callum's face had been caused by an older, non-existent sister. She claimed she never hurt her son and said: "It's the best thing in the world being a mum."



<http://murderpedia.org/female.W/w/wilson-emma.htm>

25/12/10	Kristy Bamu, 15 brother Witchcraft torture drowning	<p>(Sister) Magalie Bamu, 29, and Eric Bikubi, 28. Killed Bamu's 15-year-old brother by drowning in a bath during torture to produce exorcism. Kristy was in such pain after three days of attacks by Bikubi and Bamu, who used knives, sticks, metal bars and a hammer and chisel, that he "begged to die", before slipping under the water. Kristy was killed while he and his siblings were visiting Bikubi and Bamu for Christmas. During the stay, Bikubi turned on them, accusing them of bringing "kindoki" - or witchcraft - into his home. He then beat all three of them and forced other children to join in with the attacks, the jury heard. Kristy refused to admit to sorcery and witchcraft and his punishments, in a "deliverance" ceremony, became more horrendous until he admitted to being a sorcerer. Magalie Bamu "stoked the fire" of Bikubi's violence, the court heard.</p> <div data-bbox="662 705 1332 1086"></div> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-17040111</p>
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Jul'10


Yaseen Ege, 7
Hitting with
hammer, etc

Mother **Sara Ege**, 31, of Cardiff killed her 7 year old son for failing to memorise the Koran. In the months preceding his death, Yaseen was routinely beaten. Sara treated her son “like a dog” and repeatedly beaten him with a stick, rolling pin and slipper for failing to memorise the religious text quickly enough, sometimes so badly he was unable to write or sit down. The beatings, often with a wooden pestle, which had been going for for at least 3 months, became so bad that on the day he died he was suffering from serious abdominal injuries and multiple fractures. Sara burnt her son's body in an attempt to cover up the crime and claim that he died in a house fire. In a confession that she later retracted, Ege said that as he lay dying her son continued to recite tracts from the Islamic Holy book. She was convicted of murder and received a life sentence.



<http://murderpedia.org/female.E/e/ege-sara.htm>

<p>April 2010</p>	<p>Goodluck Caubergs 4 weeks old. Botched circumcision</p>	<p>Grace Adeleye, 67, carried out a 'home' circumcision on the ironically named Goodluck using scissors, forceps and olive oil and without anaesthetic and for a fee of £100. The child bled to death. She was found guilty of manslaughter, but given only a suspended sentence. Good job it wasn't a girl, then, eh, Grace? If it had been she would have gone to prison even if the child had not had complications and died. But, hey, it was only a boy, so who cares? She claims to have carried out more than 1000 such circumcisions. I am not aware if the court forbade her from carrying out any more circumcisions.</p>  <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-21374643</p>
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<p>3/4/09 and 12/4/10</p>	<p>New born son by smothering in cling flim. Previously had also killed a daughter.</p>	<p>Mother Ineta DZINGUVIENE, 26, killed the baby boy using plastic food wrapping on the day he was born in Fraserburgh. The baby, later named Paulius Dzingus, was found in a bag. She was jailed for a minimum of 15 years at the High Court in Glasgow. She has now been extradited to Lithuania to face allegations that she killed her baby daughter there too in 2009.</p>  <p>http://murderpedia.org/female.D/d/dzinguviene-ineta.htm</p>
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26/1/10

Harry, 3
Elise, 2
(her children)
by smothering with
pillow

Mother **Fiona DONNISON**, 45, killed her children as revenge on her partner for rejecting her and taking another girlfriend. Fiona Donnison smothered her three year old son and two year old daughter, as a way to pay their father back for leaving her. When he began another relationship with an old school friend, Donnison showed up at the lover's home to warn that he would never see the children again. She suffocated the children, placed them each in a duffel bag and placed them in the trunk of her car. She turned herself in later on that evening.

After her incarceration, it came to light that Fiona may have also been the cause of the death of the couple's first child, Mia, when the infant was nine months old. It was originally believed that the child died from what is known as "cot death". After re-examination, Fiona Donnison was charged with the death of the infant, in addition to the other 2 deaths. It was alleged that to strike back at her lover for attending a function for his ex-wife, Fionna smothered the child. A judge later dismissed the additional charges. Donnison was convicted of 2 counts of murder and sentenced to 32 years in jail.



<http://murderpedia.org/female.D/d/donnison-fiona.htm>

Dec'09
(2013)

Hamzah Khan 4
son



Mother **Amanda Hutton** , an alcoholic mother of eight, was convicted in 2013 of the manslaughter of her child whom she allowed to starve to death. The child died due to severe malnutrition and was left in his cot for 21 months before his mummified remains were discovered. Officers who found Hamzah were also faced with an overwhelming smell coming from ankle-deep rubbish in the house, including vodka bottles and rotting food. Hutton's eldest son, Tariq Khan, 24, also admitted preventing Hamzah's burial and received a two-year jail sentence, suspended for two years. The judge heard earlier that Hutton had told Khan not to tell anyone about Hamzah's death or she would kill his siblings. On keeping Hamzah's death a secret, the judge said Hutton was "worried that people would find out you killed him". He told her: "Your deviousness was to keep various agencies away from you and your children.



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-24401112>

13/6/07

Davina, 16,
Jasmine, 13,
(her daughters)

Mother **Rekha KUMARI-BAKER**, 41, killed her daughters due to being consumed with jealousy over her ex-husband's new lover. She killed them as they slept on their beds in Stretham, Cambridgeshire.. She was sentenced in Sept.2009 to a minimum of 33 years in prison. Kumari-Baker stabbed Davina and Jasmine a total of 69 times with kitchen knives purchased two days earlier for £12 especially for the task. Indian-born Kumari-Baker butchered the girls in a bid to destroy the happiness' of her ex-husband David Baker, 45. Kumari-Baker had quit her waitressing job and her relationship with local furniture-maker, Jeff Powell, was floundering. Her ex-husband said, "Rekha Kumari always believed her children were an extension of herself, existing to further her own life ambitions".



<http://murderpedia.org/female.K/k/kumari-baker.htm>

Aug.
2010

Chloe Makin 4
daughter.
Stabbed



Mother **Dawn Makin**, 35, killed her daughter after becoming depressed over losing her job. Dawn Makin became depressed after being sacked for leaking confidential information about patients to her former boyfriend who worked for a personal injuries company. Her daughter Chloe was found lying dead on bed few days later in clean pyjamas and dressing gown surrounded by cuddly toys. Tests revealed she would have been alive for a number of hours following attack. Makin slashed her own wrists and drank anti-freeze, but survived and has been left wheelchair-bound.



<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2195788/Dawn-Makin-Nurse-stabbed-daughter-Chloe-Burke-4-death-jailed-12-years.html>

Nov'07

Amy Smith 6 weeks

Michelle Smith, 34, killed her 6 week old daughter, Amy, by giving her powerful adult painkillers in a bid to get attention the judge decided. She was jailed for life and ordered to serve a minimum sentence of 12 years for the murder. A shell-shocked, Smith was led away in tears still protesting "But I did not do it. I did not do it." The jury found her unanimously guilty of murdering the defenceless baby at home in Morriston, Swansea.

The tiny 42-day-old baby was repeatedly poisoned with the powerful pain killer dihydrocodeine. It is never used on babies and rarely on children. Judge Mr Justice Spencer briefly adjourned the Swansea Crown Court trial to collect his thoughts before passing sentence. He left Smith sobbing with the warning that he would be looking at 15 years as a starting point in setting a sentence. He told her her actions involved a "substantial premeditation". He added: "The giving of this drug to Amy required, as it must have done, the crushing of tablet or by "involving a significant degree or planning and premeditation." He said Amy was young and vulnerable and that Smith's actions were "a gross abuse of your position as her mother. In all probability you were in some way craving and seeking attention by presenting Amy to the doctors at hospital."



http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2012/07/06/mother-michelle-smith-murder-baby-painkillers_n_1654405.html

Sofyen
Belamouadden, 15
Knifed.

Victoria Osoteku, 19, organised the brutal killing of schoolboy at Victoria station by using Facebook to raise a 20-strong mob armed with an array of weapons. They hunted down Sofyen and all attacked him. Osoteku herself stabbed Sofyen 15 times with a knife she had bought for the purpose. Osoteku then kicked Sofyen as he lay bleeding to death. She claimed she just 'nudged' him with her foot 'to see if he was okay'. He wasn't. He was dead, which was hardly surprising. The attack was carried out amidst the rush hour commuters. Incredible really. I think some females have gone so far down the road of thinking that boys are expendable dross that they forget that the law does not quite agree (yet).



<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2135528/Teenage-girl-organised-brutal-killing-schoolboy-Victoria-station-Facebook-jailed-12-years.html#ixzz2ujGSJDDV>

24/5/13	Attempted murder of 13 year old boy by smothering whilst asleep. He survived.	<p>Jane Rogers, 43, business woman plied the 13-year-old schoolboy with four tumblers of vodka before she tried to smother him to death with a pillow. The child managed to fight off his attacker but as he dialled 999 for the police, she gulped down highly toxic anti-freeze in an apparent suicide attempt. Reading Crown Court heard that she told officers she was in debt after leaving her job and being let down by a new employer. She told officers: 'I decided this a week ago. I planned it. I tried to take him with me, I tried to smother him. I wanted to take him with me. I was going to kill him then myself so nobody else would be involved.' Rogers was addicted to alcohol and also taking other drugs. The 'very intelligent' businesswoman Jane Rogers was ordered to be detained indefinitely under the Mental Health Act after she admitted a charge of attempted murder. She was told that she will not be released from hospital until the Government decides she no longer poses a threat to the public. The identity of the 13 year old boy has not been revealed. Whether he is a relation is not known.</p> <p>http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2509512/Jane-Rogers-gave-schoolboy-vodka-trying-smother-pillow.html</p>
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