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Retreat Statement on Recent Domestic Violence Homicides

EAST HAMPTON, NY – February 27, 2026 – There were two domestic violence homicides, just days apart, in recent weeks — each one a devastating reminder of the urgent need to confront and prevent domestic violence in all its forms.

In Suffolk County, a domestic violence incident inside a Long Island home left a 46-year-old woman dead and a teenager wounded. Authorities described it as a failed murder-suicide attempt. The perpetrator allegedly attacked the victims before turning the knife on himself. He survived.

Days later, a shooting at an ice rink in Rhode Island left three people dead, including the suspected gunman, during what officials identified as a domestic violence altercation. Reports indicate the shooter killed his estranged wife, shot two of his children, and then turned the gun on himself. A third child was also shot and was hospitalized.

The Retreat strongly condemns these and all acts of violence and abuse and stands in support of survivors.

While public attention often centers on unusual details surrounding individual tragedies, domestic violence-related homicides follow well-documented patterns. Across the United States, intimate partner and family violence remains one of the leading causes of death for women of reproductive age. These deaths are strongly associated with escalation warning signs, access to weapons, isolation, and barriers to support.

According to a recent data analysis from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, there were more than 11,000 domestic-violence-related homicide victims nationwide between 2020 and 2024. Each number represents a life lost, a family shattered, and a community forever changed.

Preventing these tragedies depends on early intervention, community awareness, and ensuring survivors have safe options before violence becomes lethal.



The Retreat is a leading domestic violence and sexual assault support services and prevention organization serving all of Suffolk County and beyond. If you or someone you know has experienced domestic violence, sexual assault or human trafficking, The Retreat is here for you.

The Retreat provides comprehensive services, including emergency shelter, trauma-informed counseling, legal advocacy, community outreach, support programs for fathers, and prevention education aimed at breaking the cycle of abuse. Survivors can receive confidential support through our 24-Hour crisis hotline at 631-329-2200.

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About the Retreat: The Retreat provides safety, shelter and support for children, adults and families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. We offer confidential, no-fee support services, including a 24-hour hotline, legal advocacy, counseling, emergency shelter, fatherhood training and prevention programming. The Retreat helps people build safer, healthier, and more meaningful relationships and everyday connections. Our mission is to Break the Cycle of Violence. For more information about The Retreat and our services, please visit allagainstabuse.org or follow @allagainstabuse on Instagram and Facebook.