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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AR	ankle restraints
B	black
BB	bean bag
BT	baton
CH	chokeholds
COD	cause of death
H	hispanic
HB	hobble
HC	handcuffs
HG	hog-tie
LR	leg restraints
ME	medical examiner
MO	multiple officers
MOD	mode of death
PR	restraint in prone position
PS	pepper spray
R	restraints (unspecified)
RC	restraint chair
SM	spit mask
W	white

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This report lists all the cases known to Amnesty International where individuals are reported to have died in the USA after being struck by police Tasers between June 2001 and 31 August 2008. All of the cases involved the use of M26 or X26 Tasers. The list records the cause of death in each case where known to the organization, including the findings of medical examiners who listed the Taser shocks as a causal or contributory factor in the deaths or have ruled out the Taser. Amnesty International reaches no conclusions as to the cause of death in all these cases, and acknowledges that the list includes some cases where the deaths can likely be attributed to drug overdoses or other factors. Amnesty International has included all reported cases in this list because of the continued controversy surrounding the issue and medical concerns about the safety of such weapons and because it believes the Taser cannot necessarily be excluded in all cases where medical examiners cite other death causes.

This document accompanies the report *'Less than lethal'? The use of stun weapons in US law enforcement* (Index: AMR 51/010/2008) issued on 16 December 2008.

In both documents, use of the word Taser refers to one of more products of TASER International under the TASER® trademark. Other conducted energy device (CED) technology is also on the market, including products under the Stinger® trademark. The concerns described in Amnesty International's report *'Less than lethal'?* apply to all such weapons.

Date	Name/source indicated if AI has autopsy (AUT)	Age	Race	Police agency/ City/State	State	County	Cause of death	Contributory factors/ Underlying health condition	Number taser strikes and/or shocks	Other restraint?	Armed?	Armed with what?	Time between Taser use and death or cardiac arrest/loss of consciousness
17/06/2001	Mark Burkett (AUT)	18	B	Alachua County Jail	FL	Alachua	COD: "acute exhaustive mania" (no drugs in system)		4		No		Collapsed as he was being restrained. Unresponsive, CPR initiated immediately. Placed on life support in hospital and died four days later.
17/12/2001	Marvin Hendrix (AUT)	27	B	Hamilton Police Department	OH	Butler	COD: Cocaine abuse MOD: Accidental	Exact role of Taser in demise is unknown as this individual could have died from cocaine toxicity alone (autopsy report).	2	R	No		He lost consciousness approx. two minutes after tasered and became apneic. Pronounced dead in hospital.
21/12/2001	Steven Vasquez (AUT)	40	H	Fort Lauderdale Police Department	FL	Broward	COD: toxic combination of medication drugs. MOD: Accident	Cardio-vascular disease.	6		No		Shocked during altercation with police escorting him out of bar. Taken into custody; died four days later (no information on time lapse between Taser use and medical distress)
27/01/2002	Vincent Del'Ostia, (AUT)	31	W	Hollywood Police Department	FL	Broward	COD: Cocaine toxicity MOD: Accident	History of drug abuse, asthma, and bipolar disorder	2	PR, AR, HC	No		He stopped breathing 30 secs after restrained. Resuscitation unsuccessful.
12/02/2002	Anthony Spencer	35		Philadelphia Police Department	PA	Philadelphia	Cocaine overdose autopsy result.		1	PS	Yes	knife	"Conscious and talking on way to hospital" at first but died on way to hospital
27/03/2002	Henry William Canady (AUT)	46	B	Nassau County	FL	Nassau	COD: Cocaine toxicity MOD: Accident	Coronary atherosclerosis. "The death occurred during or shortly after a physical altercation and the exertion and stress may have contributed to his death."	6	HC, PR	No		Was shocked while handcuffed, lying prone. After shocking did not move and could not be revived. Pronounced dead at scene.
17/05/2002	Richard Baralla (AUT)	36	H	Pueblo Police Department	CO	Pueblo	COD: Cardiac arrest occurring during excited delirium necessitating restraint. MOD: accidental.	Possible contributing factor: Chronic thyroiditis consistent with Hashimoto's thyroiditis.	2	HB, HC, PS	No		Went into arrest at scene. Efforts at resuscitation at scene and at hospital were unsuccessful and he was pronounced dead a short time later.
01/06/2002	Eddie R Alvarado (AUT)	36	H	Los Angeles Police Department	CA	Los Angeles	COD: Sequelae of methamphetamine and cocaine use, status post restraint including Taser use. autopsy report states: "The circumstances indicated a temporal relationship between restraint, including Taser application, and his cardiopulmonary arrest". MOD: undetermined.	Autopsy does not provide sufficient medical evidence to conclude or exclude that Taser <i>per se</i> contributed to the death.	5	HC, HB, PR	No		Tasered, placed prone on floor, hobble restrained and subsequently found to be in pulmonary arrest with weak pulse and was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.
15/06/2002	Jason Nichols (AUT)	21	B	Oklahoma City Police Department	OK	Oklahoma	COD: Head trauma MOD: Homicide	Other significant conditions: Multiple contusions, lacerations and abrasions. (No evidence of natural disease, no drugs found)	2	PS, HC, BT	No		Suffered a cardiopulmonary arrest approx. 13 minutes after arrival in hospital.
27/06/2002	Fermin Rincon (AUT)	24	H	Fontana Police Department	CA	San Bernardino	COD: Acute cardiac arrhythmia, due to methamphetamine abuse. MOD: Natural		3	CH	No		Stunned with Taser, punched and put in lateral vascular neck restraint before collapsing. Cardiac arrest at scene. CPR unsuccessful. Pronounced dead in hospital.
28/06/2002	Clever Craig (AUT)	46	B	Mobile Police Department	AL	Mobile	COD: cardiac dysthythmia during episode of excited delirium and following electrical shock from Taser while resisting arrest. MOD: Homicide COD indicates temporal link between cardiac arrest and shock.	Clinical history of paranoid schizophrenia and valvular heart disease. No trace of recreational drugs in system.	3		Yes	barbell	Died shortly after struggle with police.
19/07/2002	Gordon Randall Jones (AUT)	37	W	Orange County Sheriff's Department	FL	Orange	First autopsy: Positional asphyxia secondary to application of restraints in setting of acute cocaine intoxication. MOD: Accident. Second autopsy: Cocaine overdose	ME quotes as saying he believed Taser shocks contributed to death. County requested second opinion from another coroner who concluded death primarily from cocaine.	12 min	PR, G, HC	No		Stopped breathing in ambulance. Died in ER.
20/07/2002	Johnny Lozoya (AUT)	34	H	Gardena Police Department	CA	Los Angeles	COD: Hypoxic encephalopathy following cardiopulmonary arrest, due to, or as a consequence of cocaine intoxication needing restraint. Complications include hyperthermia, tachycardia, increased protein and chemical change levels in the blood indicating heart and renal failure.	ME: "One cannot exclude the Taser causing the ... damage to the tissues, specifically the heart. Thus, the MOD could not be determined."	2	AR, HC	No		Having seizure on sidewalk. Shortly after second shock from Taser he went into cardiac arrest. Pulse re-established at scene but remained comatose. Pronounced dead in hospital 4.5 hours later.
01/09/2002	Frederick Stevens Webber (AUT)	44	W	Volusia Police Department	FL	Volusia	COD: cardiac arrhythmia, due to cocaine induced agitated delirium with restraint. MOD: Accident.	Restraint	2	HC, PR	No		Shocked as resisted arrest following fight at campsite. Police noticed he had stopped breathing after handcuffed behind back.

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07/11/2002	Stephen L. Edwards (AUT)	59	W	Olympia Police Department	WA	Thurston	COD: probably cardiac arrhythmia due to, or as a consequence of, atherosclerotic and hypertensive cardiovascular disease. MOD: Natural	Other significant conditions: Diabetes Mellitus and obesity	4		Yes	Gun (believed to be reaching for)	Shoplifting suspect shocked when walked away from police and again during struggle on ground. Police noticed had stopped breathing after handcuffed face-down on ground.
10/05/2003	Joshua Alva Hollander (AUT)	22	W	San Diego Police Department	CA	San Diego	COD: Anoxic/ischemic encephalopathy due to resuscitative cardiac arrest due to incised wounds of wrists and right hand. MOD: suicide.	Under influence of methamphetamine	2	CH	No		Fell unconscious at scene. Revived but went into cardiac arrest in ambulance - approx 30 minutes after shocked. Never regained consciousness. Died 2 days later after care was withdrawn.
09/06/2003	Timothy Sleet (AUT)	44	B	Springfield Police Department	MO	Greene	COD: Asphyxial death secondary to prone restraint syndrome and phencyclidine. MOD: Accident	Drug induced agitation. Combative, face-down pressure to chest	2	BB, MO, BT, HC, PR, PS, AC	Yes	knife	Handcuffed and held prone after taser. Lost consciousness. Pronounced dead at scene after unsuccessful attempts at resuscitation.
04/08/2003	Troy Dale Nowell (AUT)	51	W	Amarillo Police Department	TX	Potter	COD: Cardio-pulmonary arrest during violent struggle with restraint (negative for drugs)	Contributory cause: arteriosclerotic and Hypertensive heart disease. History of Bi-polar disorder	2	BT	No		After tasered and handcuffed was placed still breathing on the ground but shortly afterwards went into cardiac arrest. CPR unsuccessful. Died within hour of arriving hospital.
07/08/2003	Walter C. Burks	36	B	Minneapolis Police Department	MN	Hennepin	COD: Sudden, unexpected death associated with cocaine excited delirium and coronary atherosclerosis.		2	PS, R, HC, PR	No		Became unresponsive but still breathing while face-down on ground, after which tasered while still limp and restrained. Died shortly after arriving in hospital.
08/08/2003	John Thompson	45		Zilwaukee Police Department	MI	Saginaw	ME found death from natural causes (heart disease)	heart disease	3		No		Reportedly tasered in his apartment, then fought with guards in intake section of jail, put in isolation cell where found dead later the same night
17/08/2003	Gordon Rauch	39		Sacramento Police Department	CA	Sacramento	Heart failure, due to "excited delirium", Taser ruled out as cause of death.		2		No		Reported to have gone limp after officers handcuffed him, taken to hospital where died
26/09/2003	Ray Charles Austin (AUT)	25	B	Gwinnett County Jail	GA	Gwinnett	COD: Hypoxic encephalopathy due to cardiopulmonary arrest due to hyperactive or agitated delirium associated with physical restraint. MOD: undetermined. (Negative for drugs)	History of mental illness. ME's addendum to autopsy May 05: close temporal relationship between Taser and onset of cardiorespiratory compromise implies Taser at least partially responsible, but deprive cause-and-effect neither conformed nor refused (Autopsy report).	3	RC, DG	No		After being tasered on 24 September and injected with Haldol, strapped into restraint chair whereupon "it was quickly determined" he had "become unresponsive". Pronounced dead in hospital. Life support removed on 26 September.
29/09/2003	Richard Glenn Leyba (AUT) (Paramedic report)	37	W	Glendale Police Department	CO	Arapahoe	COD: Cardiac arrest during cocaine-induced agitated delirium necessitating restraint. MOD: Accident	pulmonary edema, mild atherosclerosis	5		No		Became limp after last Taser shock. Paramedics noticed he had stopped breathing and was pulseless while being wheeled to ambulance. Attempts at resuscitation were unsuccessful and was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.
07/10/2003	Roman Gallius Pierson	40		Brea Police Department	CA	Orange	COD: cardiac arrest due to acute methamphetamine intoxication.	History of coronary artery disease	2	PR	No		According to press reports, after 2nd Taser he was handcuffed and "after about a minute" police noticed he was not breathing.
11/10/2003	Dennis D. Hammond (AUT)	31	W	Oklahoma City Police Department	OK	Oklahoma	COD: Acute methamphetamine intoxication. MOD: Accident	Injuries from bean bag shots and Taser are significant but did not have an immediate role in death.	5	BB	No		Stopped breathing couple minutes after restrained following shocks. Pronounced dead in hospital.
21/10/2003	Louis Morris (AUT)	50	B	Orange County Sheriff's Department	FL	Orange	COD: Cocaine excited delirium MOD: Accident	Atherosclerotic coronary artery disease	1	AR, HB, HC	No		Reportedly still agitated and talking after Taser but died minutes later, after placed in handcuffs and ankle restraints.
06/11/2003	James L. Borden (AUT)	47	W	Monroe County Jail	IN	Monroe	COD: Cardiac dysrhythmia secondary to hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, pharmacologic intoxication and electrical shock. MOD: Accident	Past medical history of bi-polar, hypertension and heart disease, diabetes	3		No		Transported to hospital in full cardiac arrest where aggressive resuscitation unsuccessful. Pronounced dead in hospital.
10/11/2003	Kerry Kevin O'Brien, (AUT)	31	W	Pembroke Pines Police Department	FL	Broward	COD: Positional asphyxia due to hogtying and prone restraint in an individual displaying excited delirium. MOD: Accident	no alcohol, narcotics or other recreational drugs found in system. History of asthma, depression	6	HG, PR, MO, DG	No		Stopped breathing and no pulse at scene after restraint. (autopsy notes he continued to struggle after being tasered)

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10/11/2003	Michael Sharp Johnson (AUT)	32	B	Oklahoma City Police Department	OK	Oklahoma	COD: acute congestive heart failure due to cocaine induced cardiac arrest. MOD: Accident	Other significant contributions: agitated delirium, physical exertion.	5		No		Stopped breathing approx 2 mins after shocked. Transported to hospital in full cardiorespiratory arrest. Placed on a ventilator and died approx 22 hrs later.
09/12/2003	Lewis Shanks King (AUT)	39	B	St Johns County Sheriff's Office	FL	St Johns	COD: Cardiac arrest during prone restraint due to hypertrophic and ischemic cardiomyopathy. MOD: Accident	heart disease, stress and physical exertion during arrest	2	HC,AR,PR	No		Still struggling after tasered but went into cardiac arrest at scene while restrained face-down. Could not resuscitate, pronounced dead less than 1.5 hrs later.
09/12/2003	Curtis Lawson	40		Unadilla Police Department	GA	Dooly	ME: cocaine in bloodstream and not because of the shocks delivered by the Taser. Ruled accidental	ME report states Lawson had an enlarged heart, which contributed to his death.	2	PS	No		Police say continued to fight after being shocked; after about 15 minutes while waiting for transportation suddenly ceased breathing at scene
04/02/2004	David Glowzcenski	35		Southampton Village Police Department	NY	Suffolk	COD: ME: "Excited Delirium" due to "acute exhaustive mania due to schizophrenia"	History mental illness; twice institutionalised previously	9	HC, PS, PR	No		Suddenly stopped breathing at scene. Couldn't be revived. Suffered repeated shocks, pepper spray and officer knelt on back.
12/02/2004	Raymond L. Siegler	40		Minneapolis Police Department	MN	Hennepin	ME listed a number of causes of death, including preexisting conditions of hypertension and heart disease.	He lived in a home for the mentally ill and reportedly suffered from paranoia.	2		No		Suffered cardiac arrest shortly after shocked. Remained in coma until he died when taken off life support 6 days later.
21/02/2004	William Lomax, (transcript of coroner's inquest)	26		Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	NV	Clark	COD: cardiac arrest during restraining procedures (including Taser, exertion from drugs and physical struggle, and fact he was on stomach, further restricting breathing). Coroner jury verdict: means by which deceased met his death was a combination of drugs, restraining force and the use of the Taser.	Significant contributing factors: phencyclidine intoxication and bronchial pneumonia	7	HC, PR	No		Stopped breathing as lay face-down on stretcher shortly after being repeatedly shocked. Placed on ventilator and died next day without regaining consciousness.
21/02/2004	Curtis Rosentangle	44		Kitsap County Sheriff's Department	WA	Kitsap	COD: "excited Delirium" due to "acute cocaine intoxication"	Signs of "substance induced psychosis"	4	HC	No		"stabilized", taken to hospital where died "some time later". One witness - officer had knee in back of his neck "Then just sort of went limp" (Seattle Post Intell.)
28/03/2004	Terry L. Williams	45		Madison Police Department	IL	Madison	Coroner's jury determined COD was an accident caused by "sudden death associated by marked agitation and physical restraint"	Blood alcohol level three times the legal driving limit.	3	HC	No		Police said he was "conscious and alert" when they left his home but was shocked in police car when refused to stop banging head against window. Halfway through the four block journey to the police station W stopped talking and lay down in the seat. At the station he wouldn't get out of the car then officers noticed he was unresponsive.
16/04/2004	Melvin Samuel	38		Houston County Jail	GA	Houston	COD: positional asphyxia. MOD: accidental.		3	AR, PR	No		Shocked when became uncooperative in booking section of jail for unpaid driving ticket. Placed face-down in restraints in cell and shortly after deputies noticed he wasn't breathing.
17/04/2004	Robert Allen	45		Little Rock Police Department	AK	Pulaski			4		No		
18/04/2004	Alfredo Diaz (AUT)	29	H	Orange County Sheriff's Department	FL	Orange	COD: LSD induced psychosis with hyperthermia. MOD: accidental.	"Contributing significant condition": subdued by police with struggle and tazed." (3 Taser shocks with multiple pulses over 4 minutes)	3	PS	No		They noticed he was having trouble breathing after second dart and handcuffed. Lost consciousness at the scene. Pronounced dead at hospital.
27/04/2004	Eric Wolle	45		Washington Grove Police Department	MD	Montgomery	COD: Cardiac arrhythmia in setting of acute psychosis and physical restraint.	Diagnosed bipolar schizophrenic	2	MO, R	Yes	machete	Lost consciousness at scene efforts to revive him failed.
22/05/2004	Henry J. Lattarulo (AUT)	40	W	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department	FL	Hillsborough	COD: cocaine induced agitated delirium. MOD: Accidental	History of mental illness, drug abuse and heart disease	4	BT, MO	Yes	screwdriver and scissors	Stopped breathing at scene shortly after handcuffed. CPR unsuccessful.

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27/05/2004	Frederick Jerome Williams (AUT)	31	B	Gwinnett County Jail	GA	Gwinnett	COD: Hypoxic encephalopathy due to cardiorespiratory arrest of uncertain etiology. MOD: undetermined. (no drugs or alcohol)	History of epilepsy, non-compliant recently with medicine. ME Addendum to autopsy (Aug 05) notes the close temporal relation between Taser and cardiac arrest implies Taser potential contributory factor but inconclusive.	5 min	RC	No		Noticed to be in cardiac arrest moments after placed in restraint chair following Taser shocks (incl. to chest). Placed on ventilator in hospital and pronounced dead in approx 36 hours later after removed from ventilator.
30/05/2004	Daryl Lavon Smith	46	B	Fulton County Sheriff's Department	GA	Fulton	COD: "other metabolic problems" that may have played more of a factor in his death than the Taser		1	N	No		Died six hours after sheriff's deputy used Taser on him.
01/06/2004	Anthony Carl Oliver (AUT)	42	B	Orlando Police Department	FL	Orange	COD: Cocaine excited delirium. MOD: accidental	Enlarged heart	5 to 8		No		Still struggling after Taser strike. Had a cardiac arrest on stretcher shortly after subdued by police. Died after 23 hrs on a respirator.
04/06/2004	Jerry Pickens	55		Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Department	LA	Jefferson Parish	COD: Brain Haemorrhage	"The Taser didn't kill him...[it] just caused him to fall" - Robert Treuting, Jefferson Parish Coroner	1		No		Died from head injury after Taser shot caused him to fall on ground and hit his head on cement.
09/06/2004	James Arthur Cobb	42	B	St. Paul Police Department	MN	Ramsey	COD: excited delirium due to cocaine toxicity		2	PS, BT	No		Officers able to handcuff Cobb but then he collapsed on the street. Taken to hospital where he died at 3.14 am, less than two hours after being tasered.
09/06/2004	Jacob J. Lair (AUT)	26	W	Washoe County Sheriff's Department, Sparks Police Department	NV	Washoe	COD: acute methamphetamine intoxication with associated (probable) cardiac arrhythmia while engaged in a physical struggle with law enforcement officers involving a Taser gun, pepper spray and restraints. MOD: Accident	ME reported to find Lair's death part of a series of events of which Taser was one factor (Taser "part of the scenario")	1	HB, PR, PS	No		Collapsed and stopped breathing at scene. Resuscitation attempted without result. Pronounced dead in hospital.
24/06/2004	Kris J. Lieberman	32	W	Nazareth Police Department	PA	Northampton	COD: stresses on his heart, including his agitated psychological state, the attempts to restrain him and a high level of cocaine in his blood.		3		No		Tasered after found crawling in field. Lost consciousness at scene, police unable to revive him, died two hours later in hospital.
30/06/2004	Eric B. Christmas	36		Dayton Police Department	OH	Montgomery	COD: cardiac arrest due to cocaine induced excited delirium		6	AR, HC, HB	No		Stopped breathing after a struggle with three officers involving the use of Taser. Died later in hospital.
03/07/2004	Demetrius Tillman Nelson (AUT)	44	B	Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department	FL	Okaloosa	COD - "cocaine-associated excited delirium." MOD: accident	Autopsy notes proximity of cardiac arrhythmia/collapse and Taser. Also notes Taser probe to chest.	2	HG, AR	No		Went into respiratory arrest in patrol car. Was not revived.
11/07/2004	Willie Smith	48	B	Auburn Police Department	WA	King	COD: "a combination of acute cocaine intoxication and physical restraint,"	Was high on cocaine	4	HG, GU, BT	No		Had heart attack in ambulance, died in hospital two days later.
23/07/2004	Milton Salazar (AUT)	29		Mesa Police Department	AZ	Maricopa	COD: Complications of excited delirium due to cocaine.	Stress from the physical struggle and Taser shocks were listed as contributory factors.	4 min		No		Face turned white when handcuffed. Breathing but unresponsive at scene. Died two days later.
01/08/2004	Keith Tucker	47	W	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	NV	Clark	COD: cardiac arrest, brought on by restraint with Taser and batons; Coroner reportedly found Taser contributed to cardiac arrest	Taser and batons	1	HC, BT	No		Went into cardiac arrest at scene and died later in hospital. (police noticed had stopped breathing after he was handcuffed)
11/08/2004	Ernest Blackwell	29	B	St. Louis County Police Department	MO	St Louis	COD - natural causes, death associated with "agitated delirium". marijuana found in his blood.		2	PR, BT	Possible	possibly shotgun	Died on way to hospital
13/08/2004	Anthony Lee McDonald	46		Cabarrus County Sheriff's Department	NC	Cabarrus	Autopsy unavailable		2	BT, BB	No		Reportedly, continued to struggle after hit with beanbags, was shocked and minutes later became lethargic with trouble breathing. Died shortly after arriving at hospital.
16/08/2004	William Teasley (AUT)	31	W	Anderson County Detention Centre	SC	Anderson	COD: cardiac arrhythmia due to combination of pulmonary, cardiac and vascular disease following Taser electrical shock.	Contributing factors: heart disease, stress acidosis from partial closure of airway. "The added stress of Taser shock with its electrical current was proximal to the cardiac arrhythmia and must be considered contributory". Also had history of head trauma following earlier car accident.	1		No		Stopped breathing shortly after shocked. Pronounced dead in hospital.

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19/08/2004	Richard Karlo (AUT)	44	W	Denver Police Department	CO	Denver	COD: Acute cocaine and nortriptyline toxicity. The other injuries noted were sustained following agitated delirium with subsequent restraint by law enforcement.	high level cocaine in system, heart condition and congestion and bleeding in his lungs.	4	BT	Yes	pipe	Pronounced dead in hospital less than hour after incident began.
20/08/2004	Michael Lewis Sanders	40	B	Fresno Police Department	CA	Fresno	Autopsy reportedly concluded that the cause of death was from a cocaine overdose.	"delusional" with history of medical problems	2		Possible	unknown object	Stopped breathing after being placed in an ambulance, attempts at resuscitation unsuccessful. Incident occurred at 2 am and he was pronounced dead at 430 am
24/08/2004	Lawrence Davies	27		Phoenix Police Department	AZ	Maricopa	Excited delirium	May have been using cocaine	3	CH	No		Acc to press, he regained consciousness after Taser and continued to struggle, chokehold used before handcuffed. Taken to hospital and pronounced dead less than an hour later.
25/08/2004	Jason Yeagley (AUT)	32	W	Polk County Sheriff's Department	FL	Polk	COD: Excited delirium due to Alprazolam withdrawal. MOD: Accident.	Contributory cause: struggle during arrest. Medical history of panic and anxiety disorder.	2	HC, PR	No		Became unresponsive after shocked and restrained face-down at scene. CPR regained pulse but died because pulseless again arriving at hospital. Pronounced dead one hour and quarter later.
30/08/2004	Michael Robert Rosa (AUT)	38	W	Del Rey Oaks Seaside Police Department	CA	Monterey	COD: ventricular arrhythmia due to methamphetamine intoxication. MOD: Accidental	Contributing conditions "very likely" Taser application and arrest by police (autopsy report).	7		Yes	Piece of wood	Stopped breathing at scene. Could not be resuscitated.
12/09/2004	Samuel Wakefield	22		Johnson County Sheriff's Department	TX	Johnson	cocaine intoxication	Witness said had ingested large amount of cocaine Police spokesperson reported as saying he was "resisting but he wasn't fighting"	2		No		Fell into a ditch and tasered; after handcuffed he vomited and started having cardiac arrest at scene. Pronounced dead at hospital.
16/09/2004	Andrew Washington	21		Vallejo Police Department	CA	Solano	COD: cardiac arrest associated with excitement during long police chase and cocaine and alcohol intoxication, "occurring shortly after Taser.".	Appeared to be intoxicated. When asked whether Taser played role in death, Forensic pathologist who performed autopsy, Arnold Josselson said "I really don't know".	17		No		Showed signs of medical distress at scene. Pronounced dead at hospital.
21/09/2004	John Merkle (AUT)	40	W	Miami-Dade Police Department	FL	Miami-Dade	COD: Excited delirium associated with cocaine intoxication	Autopsy noted Taser puncture wounds to chest and moderate coronary artery atherosclerosis	Min 1		Yes	Stick	Hit with Taser and police noticed that Merkle seemed 'feverish and excited', and wanted to lie on his stomach. Once on stomach he stopped breathing. Pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.
04/10/2004	Dwayne Anthony Dunn	33		Lafayette Police Department	LA	Lafayette Parish	"Acute cardiac arrhythmia due to acute and chronic self use of cocaine and ethanol" (TV10)	Appeared to be intoxicated	1		No		Police used Taser when appeared intoxicated and refused to leave a parking lot at around 5.21 am. Became ill shortly after being booked into jail just after 6am. Condition deteriorated and was taken to hospital, where died in the afternoon of same day.
02/11/2004	Greshmond Gray (AUT)	25	B	LaGrange Police Department	GA	Troup	"Combined effects of physiologic stress of a physical alternation (incl. Taser) and heart disease caused fatal arrhythmia"	Autopsy results reportedly found Gray had significant abnormalities of the heart muscle, a condition he was probably born with.	3		Yes	hot coals	After last stun police noticed Gray was unresponsive and called for medical help. Pronounced dead shortly after arriving at hospital
02/11/2004	Robert Guerrero	21		Fort Worth Police Department	TX	Tarrant	COD: acute cocaine intoxication. However, unnamed staff working for ME office reported as saying "the amount of cocaine found in Guerrero's blood would not normally have caused him to have heart failure."		4		No		Stopped breathing shortly after last shock. CPR failed. Pronounced dead at scene.
08/11/2004	Ricardo Zaragoza	40	H	Sacramento County Sheriff's Department	CA	Sacramento	COD: Primary cause: cardiac arrest. Secondary cause: excited delirium.	Had been acting erratically, officers came to take him for a mental health examination. Diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia.	2	PS	No		Collapsed forward while being taken out of the house, struck his head. Family reportedly noticed he had stopped breathing when an officer used his knee to hold his neck to ground but officer waited for paramedics to arrive to start CPR. Resuscitation unsuccessful and pronounced dead on arrival hospital.
25/11/2004	Charles Christopher Keiser (AUT)	47	W	Livingston County Sheriff's Department	MI	Livingston	COD: Drowning. 2nd autopsy concluded "use of Taser while immersed would have enhanced the drowning process." (negative drugs)		2 to 5	PS, BT	No		Cardiac arrest at scene. Pronounced dead in hospital.

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28/11/2004	Byron Black (AUT)	39	W	Lee County Jail	FL	Lee	COD: fatal cardiac arrhythmia due to seizure due to delirium tremens and coronary arteriosclerosis. MOD: homicide (negative for drugs)	Other significant conditions. "Exertion due to struggle, restraint and Taser application."	2	PS	No		Was reportedly having a seizure when shocked and pepper-sprayed as resisted being taken from cell for medical attention. Collapsed shortly afterwards and was pronounced dead in hospital.
03/12/2004	Patrick Fleming	35		Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Department	LA	Jefferson Parish			2		No		After Taser used a second time officers noticed that Fleming began 'having laboured breathing'. Arrested Friday 1am, pronounced dead on Sunday at 3.15pm
16/12/2004	Kevin Downing (AUT)	36	W	Hollywood Police Department	FL	Broward	COD: Cocaine psychosis and excited delirium as a result of lethal dose of cocaine. MOD: accident.	Notes hyperthermia and sweating, cerebral and pulmonary edema; cardiomegal, abrasions, electrical burns on right side of chest and right wrist and mild obesity.	2		No		Collapsed after tasered in chest. Died less than two hours later in hospital.
16/12/2004	Lyle Nelson	35		Columbia Police Department	IL	Monroe	"Acute cocaine toxicity" - Coroner's Jury Mar 17 05		8	N	No		Collapsed 90 minutes after arrest/being taken to jail. Taken to hospital where he died (5 hours after Taser)
17/12/2004	Douglas G Meldrum	37	W	Heber City Police Department	UT	Wasatch	COD: Excited delirium due to acute ephedrine intoxication.	Wasatch County Attorney: "while the medical examiner did not comment on the impact that the Taser may have had on Mr. Meldrum's death . . . it is possible that the Taser contributed to a state in Mr. Meldrum's body, together with his ephedrine intoxication and enormous physical exertion, that led to the cardiopulmonary failure."	2	CH, PS	No		Stopped breathing at scene after he was handcuffed following Taser shocks. CPR unsuccessful.
23/12/2004	Timothy Bolander (AUT)	31	W	Delray Beach Police Department	FL	Palm Beach	COD: cocaine toxicity MOD: Accident	Cardiac hypertrophy. History of mental problems and drug abuse. Five packets of cocaine in body.	4		No		Became unresponsive while being handcuffed. Died less than 30 minutes later.
24/12/2004	Ronnie Pino	31		Sacramento Sheriff's Office	CA	Sacramento	COD: Sudden unexpected death syndrome.	Mentally disabled and history of severe epilepsy. Was fitted with vagus nerve stimulator in chest to control seizures (one Taser shock hit him in chest)	2		No		Was shocked in hospital waiting room when became agitated for not being allowed outside to smoke a cigarette. Taken to jail where died in his cell 17 hours later from a seizure.
28/12/2004	Christopher Hernandez	19	B	Collier County Sheriff's Office	FL	Collier	COD: cardiac arrest due to drugs and medical condition.	Ecstasy, cocaine and marijuana in his system and suffered from sickle cell anemia.	23	PS	No		Tasered, sprayed, beaten during altercation after the car in which he was a passenger was stopped by police. Had trouble breathing at scene. Died about 8 hours after incident in hospital.
29/12/2004	Jeanne Hamilton	46		Inyo County Sheriff's Department	CA	Inyo		trace of drugs	1	PS	No		Stopped breathing when placed in cell, 2 hours after she was shocked and pepper sprayed during traffic stop.
30/12/2004	David J Cooper (AUT)	40	W	Whiteland Police Department Johnson County Jail	IN	Johnson	COD: Cardiac arrest due to probable cardiac arrhythmia. MOD: Natural.	Possible contributory factor: schizophrenia. Coroner reported as saying 2 stuns "absolutely a consideration". Relatives say had history heart problem.	9 min		No		Tasered multiple times on his arrest 19 December, and later in jail. On 24 Dec transferred to a hospital psychiatric ward where stopped breathing and placed on respirator. Pronounced dead on 30th Dec.
03/01/2005	Greg Saulsbury (AUT)	30	B	Pacifica Police Department	CA	San Mateo	Recent agitation/paranoid state, associated with cocaine intoxication with forcible restraints including Taser application bear , "lying over" and "handcuffs". ME notes tasered multiple times in posteria and left lateral chest.		2 min	HC	No		Tasered during struggle in his home, began vomiting after handcuffed. CPR at scene unsuccessful, pronounced dead in hospital.
05/01/2005	Dennis Hyde (AUT)	30	W	Akron Police Department	OH	Summit	COD: probable cardiac arrhythmia due to acute methamphetamine intox and electrical pulse incapacitation. In May 2008 a judge ordered Taser to be removed from COD findings after a lawsuit brought by Taser International. The medical examiner is appealing against this order. MOD: homicide: sudden death incurred during restraint.	Contributory conditions: psychiatric disorder with agitated behaviour; blood loss by arterial injury.	30		No		He became unresponsive after shocked and was taken to Akron City Hospital where pronounced dead a short time later.

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08/01/2005	Carl Trotter (AUT)	33	B	Escambia County Sheriff's Department	FL	Escambia	COD: undetermined. MOD: undetermined.	Autopsy notes diagnoses: excited delirium, cocaine and ethanol abuse, Taser wounds of torso (incl. chest), blunt impact of head and neck (plus abrasions and contusions of wrists, etc.)	2		No		Died during struggle at scene. Tasered in lower chest and back.
10/01/2005	Jerry John Moreno	33		Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Castaic Jail)	CA	Los Angeles	COD: cardiac arrest	under influence of methamphetamines and marijuana	3	HG, PR, PS, MK	No		Transported to hospital in full cardiac arrest hogtied with towel over head. Regained pulse but died 4 days later when taken off life support.
28/01/2005	James Edward Hudson	33		Grady County Sheriff's Department	OK	Grady		Apparently swallowed cocaine during drug raid			No		Tasered while trying to escape, recovered and was walking and talking . Seemed to have a reaction, was taken to Grady Memorial Hospital where he died. (Daily Oklahoman, 29 Jan)
31/01/2005	Jeffrey Turner (AUT)	41	B	Lucas County Jail	OH	Lucas	COD: hypertensive heart disease MOD: homicide (negative for drugs apart from cannabinoid in urine)	Significant conditions: altercation with jail personnel including multiple shocks with a Taser.	4 plus 5	HC, AR	No		Taser used 4 times after he banged on cell window. Shortly after restrained became unresponsive. Pronounced dead on arrival at hospital. (shocked 5 times during arrest)
1/002/2005	Ronald Hasse (AUT)	54	W	Chicago Police Department	IL	Cook	COD: electrocution due to Taser application. (Tasered on left upper and lower chest). MOD: Homicide	Significant contributing factor: methamphetamine intoxication.	2		No		Collapsed after tasered in chest from a distance of 7 feet (one shock lasted 57 secs)
12/02/2005	Robert Fidalgo Camba (AUT)	45	W	San Diego Police Department	CA	San Diego	COD: Acute Hypoxic/ischemic encephalopathy due to cardiopulmonary arrest during restraint directly following application of Taser due to excited delirium due to acute cocaine and methamphetamine intoxication. MOD: Homicide	Contributing factor: Hypertensive atherosclerotic heart disease. History of Schizophrenia. Disabled after jumping from window in 2004	8 min	BT	Yes	swinging night stand	went into cardiac arrest approx. 30 secs after last shock. Paramedics regained pulse but never regained consciousness. On ventilator 2 days before pronounced dead.
18/02/2005	Joel Casey	52	W	Harris County Sheriff's Office	TX	Harris	COD: "psychotic delirium with physical restraint and cardiovascular disease." An autopsy showed Casey had a broken hyoid bone, which could indicate that he suffocated. (DesMoines register, 6 March) MOD: homicide	Had heart condition, mentally ill, Hepatitis B	3	HC,R, MO	No		Police noticed he was having difficulty breathing when they put him in patrol car, performed mouth to mouth resuscitation. Pronounced dead at hospital.
20/02/2005	Robert Clark Heston (AUT)	40	W	Salinas Police Department	CA	Monterey	3 autopsy reports in the case. The first one listed Taser as a COD. The second, contributory. The third listed COD as multiple organ failure due to cardiopulmonary arrest, due to methamphetamine intoxication, excited delirium and an enlarged heart, with rhabdomyolysis secondary to Taser application, as contributory.	history of drug addiction, enlarged heart	11		No		collapsed at scene with sudden cardiac arrest, CPR initiated, was resuscitated prior to reaching hospital but found to have sustained severe, irreversible anoxic brain injury and multiple organ damage as result of prolonged period of cardiac arrest. Life support withdrawn . Died approx 26 hours after initial arrest.
03/03/2005	Shirley Andrews	38	B	Cincinnati Police Department	OH	Hamilton	COD: pulmonary thromboembolism.	Contributory factors: inactivity and obesity.	6		No		Died 8 days later.
05/03/2005	Willie Michael Towns	30	B	DeLand Police Department	FL	Volusia	Autopsy performed did not reveal a conclusive cause of death. Toxicology report said that he had "acute cocaine intoxication". MOD: Accident		3	PS	No		Died on way to hospital 10 minutes after tasered.
11/03/2005	Milton Woolfolk	39	B	Columbia County Sheriff's Department	FL	Columbia		Mentally ill (died while being taken into custody for psychiatric evaluation)	2		No		Once officers had him on the ground, Woolfolk became unresponsive and was transported to Shands at Lake Shore. He was pronounced dead a short time later.
17/03/2005	Mark Young	25		Indianapolis Police Department	IN	Marion	COD: drug overdose	Reported to have swallowed drugs immediately before tasered during drug raid	1		No		Had a seizure 40 minutes after Taser use, died 1 hour later
03/04/2005	James F. Wathan Jr.	32		Livingston Police Department	CA	Livingston			1	PS, BT	No		Died at father's house after 25 minutes struggle with police but immediately after being tasered. CPR failed to revive him.

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04/04/2005	Eric Hammock (AUT)	43	W	Fort Worth Police Department	TX		COD: cocaine intoxication, coronary Atherosclerosis with cardiomegaly and hepatic steatosis. MOD: Accidental	Coroner: "although a temporal relationship exists between application of Taser device and unconsciousness, no causal effect of the Taser to death can be established." Notes Taser puncture wounds to chest.	25		No		Tasered multiple times by two officers in both dart and stun modes, including in chest area, shoulder, arms and back. Collapsed at scene in full cardiac arrest. Pronounced dead in hospital approx 50 minutes after incident first began.
22/04/2005	John Cox	39	B	Suffolk County Police Department	NY	Suffolk	PM revealed alcohol and drugs in bloodstream.	Cocaine/alcohol. Schizophrenic and bipolar. Heart problems. Was taking anti-psychotic drugs	5 to 6	HC, PR, MO	No		Friends called police for help when Cox became agitated. Police allegedly kicked and beat him and shocked him multiple times causing third-degree burns to his body. He died after being left face-down, handcuffed behind his back on a gurney (stretcher).
04/05/2005	Keith Graff (AUT)	24	W	Phoenix Police Department	AZ	Maricopa	COD: Excited delirium due to methamphetamine abuse	Amnesty International pathologist noted drug levels not very high and at level commonly found in habitual users.	2		No		Was shocked in chest for 84 uninterrupted seconds. Stopped breathing at scene. CPR given at scene. Pronounced dead at hospital.
06/05/2005	Lawrence Berry	34		Jefferson Parish Jail	LA	Jefferson Parish			2	MO, RC	No		Became unresponsive after being hit with the Taser in the restraint chair, taken to hospital and pronounced dead.
07/05/2005	Stanley Wilson	44	B	Miami-Dade Police Department	FL	Miami-Dade	COD: acute cocaine psychosis		1	HC, R	No		Tasered by police during arrest, cleared for jail where died.
13/05/2005	Vernon A. Young	31		Union Township Police Department	OH		coroner reported that preliminary autopsy showed died of cocaine overdose.		1		Yes	Reportedly gun and a knife not armed at time stunned	Tasered when started to get up off floor. Was taken to hospital as routine. Pronounced dead just over an hour after shocked.
20/05/2005	Randy Martinez	40	H	Albuquerque Police Department	NM	Bernalillo			3		No		He suffered a cardiopulmonary arrest after being shocked. CPR at scene but remained in critical condition in hospital. Died two days later.
23/05/2005	Richard Alvarado (AUT)	38	H	Tustin Police Department	CA	Orange	COD: combined effects of drugs and ethanol. MOD: accident		5		No		Tasered during struggle, lost consciousness. Never regained consciousness, died next day
23/05/2005	Lee Marvin Kimmel (AUT)	38	W	Spring Township Police Department	PA	Berks	COD: anoxic encephalopathy due to cardiac arrest during police restraint due to agitated delirium with cocaine toxicity.		2	PS, PR,	No		Became unresponsive as soon as handcuffed face-down after taserung. Regained pulse in hospital but never regained consciousness. Died approx 12 hours later.
27/05/2005	Walter Lamont Seats	23		Metropolitan Nashville Police Department	TN	Davidson	COD: asphyxiation after swallowing drugs				No		
28/05/2005	Richard T. Holcomb (AUT)	18	W	Springfield Township Police Department	OH	Summit	COD: Cardiac arrhythmia due to drug induced psychosis, acute methamphetamine intoxication MOD: homicide: Used drugs; Sudden death incurred during restraint.	In 2008 a judge ordered Taser to be removed from autopsy findings, following lawsuit filed by Taser International. An appeal against this ruling is pending.	3		No		Collapsed after shocked and stopped breathing at scene. Pronounced dead in hospital.
04/06/2005	Ravan J. Conston	33		Sacramento Police Department	CA	Sacramento		Under influence of drugs	2		No		Died on way to hospital
04/06/2005	Nazario J. Solorio	38		Escondido Police Department	CA	San Diego	COD: Suffocation due to positional asphyxia. Suffered irreversible brain damage due to prolonged loss of oxygen when air supply cut off by position of his body during struggle with police.	Contributing factors: Schizophrenia and methamphetamine abuse.	2		No		Collapsed during struggle with police trying to get him to hospital. Lapsed into coma and died five days later.
07/06/2005	Russell Walker	47		Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	NV	Clark	COD: heart arrhythmia during restraint procedures	Coroner: "struggle with officers together with the amount of cocaine Walker had ingested was a "recipe for disaster".	3	HC, PR, MO	No		Stopped breathing following last shock while on a gurney.
11/06/2005	Horace Owens	48	B	Broward County Sheriff's Office	FL	Broward	COD: Cardiac arrest caused by cocaine. MOD: Accidental	Enlarged heart, obese, diabetic and mentally ill.	1		No		Stopped breathing at scene after struggle. Pronounced dead in hospital an hour later.

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13/06/2005	Michael Anthony Edwards	32	B	Putnam County Sheriff's Department	FL	Putnam	COD: excited delirium due to drug use		3		No		Stopped breathing on way to hospital. CPR unsuccessful.
13/06/2005	Shawn Christopher Pirolozzi	30		Canton Police Department	OH	Stark	COD: excited delirium; self-inflicted injuries. (no illicit drugs or alcohol except trace marijuana, not recent use)	Trace of marijuana found in system, multiple blunt and sharp force injuries to head, trunk and extremities (self-inflicted), loss of blood and loss of oxygen, mental health issues.	3	HC, PR	No		Died shortly after being taken to hospital
14/06/2005	Robert Earl Williams (AUT)	62	B	City of Waco Police Department	TX	McLennan	COD: acute physiologic stress which was associated with multiple electrical shocks during attempted restraint by police for schizophrenia with excited delirium. MOD: Homicide	Other contributory factors: hypertensive and arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus and obesity.	4		Yes	steel bar	Once handcuffed he had trouble breathing. When paramedics arrived he had stopped breathing. Officers performing CPR unable to revive him.
24/06/2005	Melinda Kaye Neal	33		Whitfield County Sheriff's Department	GA	Whitfield		History of depression and methamphetamine use.	1		No		Died next morning in hospital.
24/06/2005	Carolyn Daniels	25		Fort Worth Police Department	TX		COD: Cocaine intoxication		2		No		Tasered while handcuffed. Died 90 minutes after being tasered.
29/06/2005	Phoarah Knight	33		Miami-Dade Police Department	FL	Miami-Dade		Thought to be under the influence of drugs	1		No		Went to cardiac arrest and died while on the way to Hospital
02/07/2005	Tommy Valentine Gutierrez	28	H	Sacramento County Sheriff's Department	CA	Sacramento			2		No		Died en route to hospital. Had cut both wrists in apparent suicide attempt.
12/07/2005	Kevin Omas	17	W	Eules Police Department	TX	Tarrant	COD: interaction of the drug prescribed by paramedics and the Ecstasy in Omas' system.		3	AR, MO, HC	No		Went into distress and vomited after tasered and restrained. Went into coma at hospital. Died 2 days later.
15/07/2005	Ernesto Valdez	37		Phoenix Police Department	AZ	Maricopa			3		No		Died at scene after tasered in restraints and mask.
15/07/2005	Otis Thrasher (AUT)	42	W	Butte-Silver Bow County Sheriff's Department	MO	Silver Bow	COD: Anoxic encephalopathy due to cardiac failure due to coronary artery disease. ME opinion: he "died of complications from a lack of blood flow to the brain... when his heart stopped beating and he stopped breathing minutes after being subdued" by police.	ME: unknown to what extent other factors contributed. These include Taser shot (to head and chest), methamphetamine abuse, pepper spray and restraint.	1	PS	Yes	knife	Stopped breathing shortly after loaded into ambulance. Respiration resumed but remained in coma until life support removed 10 days later.
16/07/2005	Carlos Casillas Fernandez	31	H	Sonoma County Sheriff's Department	CA	Sonoma	COD: drug-induced excited delirium from methamphetamine intoxication		6	MO, PR, CH, PS	No		Went into respiratory/cardiac arrest at scene after tasered and restrained on the scene. CPR by officers. Pronounced dead at hospital.
17/07/2005	Michael Leon Crutchfield (AUT)	40	B	West Palm Beach Police Department	FL	Palm Beach	COD: acute cocaine toxicity with excited delirium		3		No		Went into cardiac arrest at 3rd shock. Died within minutes.
23/07/2005	Maurice Cunningham	29		Lancaster County Sheriff's Department	SC	Lancaster	COD: cardiac arrhythmia due to Taser shocks. He had no alcohol or drugs in system.		6	PS	Yes	a pencil	Died at scene.
27/07/2005	Terrence Thomas	35		New York Police Department	NY	New York	COD: cardiac arrest due to cocaine intoxication. (full report not released)	Crack cocaine reportedly found in stomach, believed swallowed after stopped by police.	1		No		Became ill in police stationhouse and shocked after became "combative". Went into cardiac arrest on way to hospital and pronounced dead 45 minutes later.
01/08/2005	Brian Patrick O'Neal (AUT)	32	B	San Jose Police Department	CA	Santa Clara	COD: Sudden cardiac arrhythmia due to physical exertion during acute Methamphetamine and Cannabinoid intoxication. MOD: Accident	Other significant conditions: Exhaustive violent physical struggle. Noted multiple... abrasion possibly consistent with Taser dart injury.	2 min	PS, BT	No		As officers handcuffed him following Taser shock they realised he had stopped breathing. Resuscitation unsuccessful.
03/08/2005	Eric Mahoney	33		Fremont Police Department	CA	Alameda		methamphetamine/history of drug abuse	8		Yes	Folding knives in his possession	Fell into coma during hospital check-up 25 minutes after he had been stunned by police for running away during a traffic stop. Died when removed from life support 5 days later.

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04/08/2005	Dwayne Zachary	44		Sacramento County Sheriff's Department	CA	Sacramento		History of illegal drug use	3	MO	No		Pronounced dead at hospital
05/08/2005	Olson Ogodidde	30		Glendale Police Department	AZ	Maricopa		Drug and alcohol problem	2		No		Had a 'seizure' shortly after arriving at the hospital and died.
26/08/2005	Shawn Norman	40		Ross County Sheriff's Department	OH	Ross	COD: heart attack.	Preliminary reports showed cocaine and marijuana in his system. Had heart disease.	3		No		unconsciousness at scene, pronounced dead at hospital
27/08/2005	Brian Lichtenstein	31		Martin County Sheriff's Department	FL	Martin	COD: Cocaine toxicity		2		No		Tasered when ran from police naked in woods. Died several hours later in hospital.
18/09/2005	David Anthony Cross	44		Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department	CA	Santa Cruz	COD: lost the ability to breathe due to chest compression during the restraint...went into cardiopulmonary arrest, then anoxic encephalopathy. MOD: Accident	Contributing causes: enlarged heart, bipolar disorder, extreme agitation	2	R, MO	No		During the altercation Cross stopped breathing and lost consciousness. He was taken to hospital where he died the next day.
22/09/2005	Timothy Michael Torres	24	H	Sacramento County Sheriff's Department	CA	Sacramento	COD: "sudden cardiac arrest during physical struggle that included the use of forceful restraint"		1	BT, MO, PR	Yes	knife	stopped breathing after being restrained with handcuffs. Pronounced dead at hospital
23/09/2005	Patrick Aaron Lee (AUT)	21	W	Metropolitan Nashville Police Department	TN	Davidson	COD: Excited delirium MOD: Could not be determined.	Cannabis, LSD/ Enlarged heart. Altercation, including struggle, use of pepper spray and Taser (historical) included under "pathological diagnoses"	up to 19	PS, BT	No		Went into cardio respiratory arrest at scene shortly after handcuffed. Brain death pronounced in hospital and life support turned off following day.
26/09/2005	Michael Clark (AUT)	33	B	Austin Police Department	TX	Travis	COD: consequences of massive intravascular sickling (blood sickling due to sickle cell disease) associated with extreme physical exertion due to PCP and cocaine induced excited delirium.	A second autopsy reportedly noted that the extreme heat of the day, and perhaps the Taser strikes delivered by police would in fact be "considered another physical stressor" playing on Clark's overstressed system. Had sickle cell disease.	3	AR, PS	No		Was in caged area at back of patrol car and didn't want cuffs as too hot. Police sprayed pepper spray into back of vehicle, pulled him out and shocked him 3 times, including 2 times in chest. He immediately collapsed. Emergency services arrived 15 minutes later but could not resuscitate him.
13/10/2005	Steven Cunningham	45		Fort Myers Police	FL	Lee	COD: cocaine toxicity with excited delirium. MOD: Accidental	Mentally ill	4		No		Cunningham collapsed at scene and later died at Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center
20/10/2005	Jose Maravilla Perez (AUT)	33	H	San Leandro Police Department and Jail	CA	Alameda	COD: methamphetamine intoxication associated with physical exertion.	Other significant conditions: multiple electrical stimulations, fracture of the right superior horn of the thyroid cartilage.	20	CH	No		Stunned multiple times during arrest and drive-stunned again in booking area of jail. Collapsed in jail; resuscitation attempts unsuccessful and pronounced dead in hospital less than an hour later.
25/10/2005	Timothy Glenn Mathis (AUT)	35	W	Larimer County Sheriff's Department	CO	Larimer	COD: bilateral acute pneumonia complicating ischemic encephalopathy received after suffering cardiopulmonary arrest during police restraint. Mechanisms employed during restraint include Taser and baton strikes (inc. to chest). MOD: homicide.	recent methamphetamine use and a variant of excited delirium likely contributed to the altercation with the authorities.	5 min	BT, MO	No		Went into cardiac arrest at the scene fell into a coma and died 3 weeks after.
13/11/2005	Josh Brown	23		Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Department	LA	Lafayette Parish		Before shocked jumped out of first floor window and hit head on wooden fence post.	1		No		Taken to hospital for head wounds and died 10 hours later
18/11/2005	Jose Angel Rios (AUT)	38	H	San Jose Police Department	CA	Santa Clara	COD: cardiopulmonary arrest following violent struggle with acute cocaine intoxication with psychosis. MOD: Undetermined	Contributory case: status post-Taser and pepper spraying, obesity, cardiovascular disease due to acute cocaine abuse.	2 min	PS, BT, PR	No		Collapsed at scene, resuscitation unsuccessful, pronounced dead at hospital.
20/11/2005	Hansel Cunningham	30		Des Plaines Police Department	IL	Cook	COD: Died from suffocation. He was restrained for up to four minutes before he died, according to the medical examiner's office. MOD: Homicide	Autistic and mentally disabled. After Taser and PS was handcuffed and given sedatives.	2	HC, PR, PS, BT, DR	No		Lost consciousness after being restrained by police at scene. Paramedics tried to revive him unsuccessfully. Was pronounced dead at local hospital.

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25/11/2005	Tyler Marshall Shaw (AUT)	19	W	Asotin County Jail	WA	Asotin	COD: Arrhythmia following multiple blunt force injuries and use of electromuscular incapacitation devices during a state of excited delirium. He had no stimulant drugs in his system and restraint chair not found to be a factor.	History of bi-polar. Was shocked for a combined total of 109 seconds over a four minute period with four Tasers.	21	RC	No		After shocked last time placed in restraint chair, but within minutes no pulse found. CPR unsuccessful, pronounced dead at scene.
26/11/2005	Tracy Rene Shippy	35		Lee County Sheriff's Department	FL	Lee	COD: "acute cocaine toxicity with excited delirium". MOD: "ingestion of cocaine followed by altercation with police and Taser application".		1	HC, PR	No		After handcuffed placed in back of patrol car. She reportedly became unresponsive about 15-20mins later. CPR failed to revive her. Pronounced dead at hospital.
01/12/2005	Jeffrey D. Earnhardt	47		Orange County Sheriff's Department	FL	Orange		History of drug abuse	2	R, MO	No		Pronounced dead in hospital less than an hour after his arrest.
07/12/2005	Michael Tolosko	31		Sonoma County Sheriff's Department	CA	Sonoma	COD: cardiorespiratory arrest, due to agitated psychosis, due to psychiatric illness	Mentally ill	3	HG	No		stopped breathing when handcuffed, officers performed CPR, pronounced dead in hospital.
17/12/2005	Howard Starr	32		Florence County Sheriff's Department	SC	Florence			2	HC	No		Fell face down with hands in his chest. When handcuffed officers noticed he wasn't breathing. Died later at a hospital.
29/12/2005	David Moss Jr.	26	B	Omaha Police Department	NE	Douglas	COD: ventricular fibrillation/arrhythmia, secondary to excited delirium syndrome, which was caused by his use of PCP.		2	AR, LR	No		Went into cardiac arrest as he was being placed in an ambulance. Pronounced dead hospital.
04/01/2006	Roberto Gonzalez (AUT)	34	H	Waukegan Police Lake County	IL	Lake	COD: Excited delirium with cocaine intoxication. MOD: accidental.	Stress due to restraint considered a significant contributing factor to death.	4	HC, PS	No		Officers discovered he was not breathing moments after he was shocked and handcuffed.
05/01/2006	Matthew Dunlevy	25		Laguna Beach Police Department	CA	Orange	COD: acute intoxication of cocaine and ethanol. MOD: Accidental		2		No		Found dead in jail cell five hours after shocked.
07/01/2006	Carlos Claros Castro (AUT)	28	H	Davidson County Jail	NC	Davidson	COD: multiple injuries including blunt trauma to the head and asphyxiation (no ethanol, cocaine or opiates detected)		4	PS, BT	Yes	mop	Collapsed after shocked. CPR unsuccessful. Pronounced dead less than hour after incident began.
13/01/2006	Daryl Dwayne Kelley	29	B	Harris County Sheriff's Office	TX	Harris	COD: psychotic delirium related to hypertensive cardiovascular disease. MOD: Natural	bipolar disorder	7	DR	No		shocked 7 times in 20 mins. Given unknown sedative. Dead a few minutes later. Medical staff present.
16/01/2006	Shmekia Lewis	24	B	Jefferson County Jail	TX	Jefferson	COD: Cocaine overdose		1	R	No		Differing accounts of incident - two involving hogtying and multiple Taser shocks. Was found slumped in cell couple of hours after shocked.
22/01/2006	Nick Ryan Hanson	24	B	Ashland Police Department	OR	Jackson	COD: Overdose of sleeping pills		1		No		Lost consciousness at scene and died en route to hospital.
25/01/2006	Murray Bush	47		Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office	LA	Jefferson Parish		Bipolar disorder	2		No		Officers arrived at his house at about 1.30 pm, he was pronounced dead in hospital at 2.23pm.
26/01/2006	Jorge Luis Trujillo-Hernandez (AUT)	34	H	San Jose Police Department	CA	Santa Clara	COD: Blunt impacts of the head and torso with skull, rib and sternal fractures, intracranial hemorrhages and brain injuries. MOD: Homicide (physical altercation with assailants and subsequent physical altercation with police).	Contributory cause: Status post multiple Taser device applications.	20	PS, BT, R	Yes	Hitting cars with garden hoe after injured by gang	Collapsed at scene; taken to hospital where later declared brain dead approx 12 hours later. He was victim of assault with baseball bat. Was found later with head injuries trying to break into a car and police used Tasers and batons.
28/01/2006	Karl W. Marshall	32	B	Kansas City Police Department	MO	Jackson	COD: toxic effects of cocaine abuse.		3		No		died in custody 2 hours after being tasered
29/01/2006	Benites Saimon Sichiro	39		Spokane County Jail	WA	Spokane	Internal bleeding - laceration to the liver while in jail	Alcohol withdrawal	3	RC, KI, MO, MK	No		Lost consciousness shortly after being tasered, and while officers were attempting to place him in a restraint chair. Pronounced dead at hospital.
30/01/2006	Jaime Coronel (AUT)	27	H	County of Monterey Sheriff's Department	CA	Monterey	COD: Anoxic encephalopathy due to cardiorespiratory arrest due to acute methamphetamine and cocaine intoxication. MOD: Accidental	Contributing conditions were Taser application and struggle with police.	2		No		Cardiac arrest at the scene. Arrived in hospital with "comatose anoxic brain injury". Put on ventilator. Died 6 days later without gaining consciousness.

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13/02/2006	Darval Smith	33		New Orleans Police Department	LA	Orleans Parish	"Excited delirium and the presence of cocaine in system"	He was being assisted by medical personnel when he became aggressive.	1	HC, PR, GU	Yes	Knife but not armed when tasered	Barricaded himself into rear of ambulance, stunned while being removed and died on way to hospital.
18/02/2006	Gary Bartley	36	w	St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Department	LA	St. Tammany		Had cuts in arms. Tested positive for drugs.	1	HC, AR, PS	No		After shocked and restrained he was taken to hospital where he went into cardiac arrest. Doctors reestablished a heart beat but remained unconscious. Died 36 hours after being stunned when taken off life support.
24/02/2006	Samuel F. Hair Jr. (AUT)	46	B	Fort Pierce Police Department	FL	St. Lucie	COD: "Cardiac dysrhythmia during physical struggle during police apprehension". MOD: homicide. (No drugs)	Contributory factor - cardiomyopathy. Was wearing a pacemaker when shocked.	2		No		Tasered in the emergency room of a local hospital. He reportedly fell unconscious soon after the second shock. Removed from life support at 9:25 a.m. Friday, 24.
04/03/2006	Melvin Anthony Jordan	27		Norman Police Department	OK	Cleveland		Drug abuse	2		No		Police called at 11 pm. He went into cardiac arrest after being tasered and died in hospital shortly after midnight.
07/03/2006	Robert R. Hamilton	42	W	St. Johns County Sheriff's Department	FL	St. Johns		Mentally ill (bipolar disorder) Apparently failed to take his medication on the night of the incident.	2	HC	No		Stopped breathing at scene, paramedics unable to revive him, pronounced dead about 2 hours later.
17/03/2006	Cedric Davis	26	B	Merced County Jail	CA	Merced	COD: heart and lungs stopped functioning and brain deprived of oxygen due to "excited delirium"		2	PS, KI, RC	No		Reportedly punched and shocked several times during struggle in jail; then left handcuffed in padded cell for 32 hours. Next day stopped breathing when put into restraint chair. Died in hospital after week-long coma.
18/03/2006	Otto Zehm	36	W	Spokane Police Department	WA	Spokane	COD: hypoxic encephalopathy due to cardio pulmonary arrest while restrained in a prone position for excited delirium. MOD: homicide.	Mentally ill. He had no illegal or prescription drugs in his system	2	HG, PS, BT, MO, MK	No		stopped breathing after subdued, did not regain consciousness and died two days later.
20/03/2006	Timothy William Grant	46	W	Portland Police Department	OR	Multnomah	COD: cocaine overdose and excited delirium.	History of drug abuse. Heightened body temperature.	2		No		Went into cardiac arrest at scene and died en route to hospital.
24/03/2006	Theodore Rosenberry (AUT)	35	W	Washington County Sheriff's Department	MD	Washington	COD: cardiac arrhythmia during police restraint associated with cocaine intoxication. MOD: undetermined	"There are other factors involved found in the autopsy including known heart problems, excited delirium, the use of the Taser. It's undetermined how they played or if they played a role in the actual cause of death,"	3 min.	HC	No		Fell unconscious immediately after shocked. Cardiac arrest at the scene. Was pronounced dead in hospital approx 90 minutes after incident began.
05/04/2006	Thomas Clint Tipton	34		Clearwater Police Department	FL	Pinellas	COD: asphyxia	Contributing factors: cocaine and alcohol intoxication.	4	HC	No		Continued struggling after 1st two Taser shots. Lost consciousness after shocked in drive stun mode after handcuffed. Pronounced dead approximately 30 mins after incident began.
12/04/2006	Curtis Lee Smith	45		New Holland Borough police & Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole	PA	Lancaster	preliminary autopsy inconclusive. DA reported to have ruled death result of cocaine overdose.		2	HC	Yes	a small folding knife	Shocked once before being handcuffed and another time while in the police car. He stopped breathing after police shackled his legs and placed him on the lawn. The officers failed to revive him.
15/04/2006	Nick Mamino Jr. (AUT)	41	W	Collinsville Police Department	IL	Madison	COD: Positional asphyxiation due to hog-tying and left in prone position during a cocaine-induced excited delirium. MOD: Accidental	Taser (inc. to chest) and pepper spray listed as "other significant conditions"; moderate to severe coronary atherosclerosis.	3 min	HG, PS, MO	No		Tasered then reportedly hogtied for 15 minutes; heart stopped en route to hospital, pronounced dead around 10 hours later.
16/04/2006	Billy Ray Cook	39		Bladen County Sheriff's Department	NC	Bladen	COD: cocaine intoxication.	Struggle with police and heart condition may have contributed to death.	3 min	R	No		Collapsed at scene a few minutes after being restrained. Died in hospital.
16/04/2006	Juan Manuel Nunez III (AUT)	27	H	Lubbock Police Department	TX	Lubbock	COD: acute alcohol intoxication and concussive brain injury due to blunt force trauma complicated by post-apnea. MOD: Homicide	Contributory cause: Taser event (autopsy report states he "received multiple tases (sic.) to chest")	4		No		became unresponsive after shocked and received a head injury. Was in asytle en route to hospital and pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

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18/04/2006	Richard McKinnon	52		Cumberland County Sheriff's Office	NC	Cumberland	Died from burn injuries.			no	No		He crashed his car after a brief police chase in October 2005 when reportedly resisted arrest, deputies fired a Taser igniting a car of gasoline in his car, setting him alight. He was hospitalized and died from the burns 6 months later.
21/04/2006	Alvin Itula	35	B	Salt Lake City Police Department	UT		COD: excited delirium brought on by methamphetamine and cocaine		4	HC, PS, BT, MO	No		After struggle with police went into medical distress, paramedics performed CPR but unable to revive him. Pronounced dead in hospital.
24/04/2006	Emily Marie Delafield	56	B	Green Cove Springs Police Department	FL	Clay	COD: hypertensive heart disease. MOD: homicide.	In wheelchair/suffered from schizophrenia. Had respiratory problems and used an oxygen tank attached to her wheelchair. ME reportedly cited Taser as contributing factor that may have impacted on her breathing.	10	MO	Yes	Knives and a hammer	Was shocked for a combined total of 121 seconds. Lost consciousness at scene, died at hospital approx 90 minutes after tasered.
24/04/2006	Jose Romero	23	H	Dallas Police Department	TX	Dallas	COD: excited delirium	Contributing factors: cocaine intoxication and electrical shocks	2		Yes	Knife	stopped breathing at the scene was taken to hospital where he died.
01/05/2006	Jeremy Davis	24		Bellmead Police Department	TX	McLennan	Autopsy impossible because Davis' body was embalmed	drugs in system: PCP, cocaine and marijuana	2		No		After second shock he stopped breathing. Died in hospital 2 days later.
07/05/2006	Kenneth Cleveland (AUT)	63	W	Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department	OH	Ashtabula	COD: Combined effects of atherosclerotic heart disease, restraint asphyxia, and physiologic stress. Other conditions - obesity and diabetes mellitus. MOD: homicide	Diagnoses include statement: history that deceased became unresponsive following Taser applications and restraint in the prone position while attempts were made to handcuff him.	4	PR, MO	Yes	Glock pistol	Was disarmed before tasered and did not point the gun at officers. Became unresponsive just after tasered 3 times in stun mode while prone on ground after initial shock. CPR failed to revive him. Dead on arrival hospital.
25/05/2006	Brian Nash	43		Los Angeles Police Department	CA	Los Angeles		drug use	2		No		Resisted as they walked him from house, shocked "multiple times" according to witnesses, lost consciousness at scene. Pronounced dead in hospital about an hour later.
04/06/2006	James Sims (AUT)	52	B	Phoenix Police Department	AZ	Maricopa	COD: Excited delirium due to stimulant drugs. MOD: accident.	Reported to have ingested cocaine	3		No		Forced to ground after foot chase, reportedly put plastic bag into mouth, hit with Taser during attempts to remove it. Developed respiratory problems in police car, with reported foaming at mouth. Pronounced dead less than an hour later.
04/06/2006	Felipe Herrera	48		Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	NV	Clark	COD: Cardiac arrest	Contributing factors: restraining procedures and diabetes.	3	BT	No		After being tasered and handcuffed during a traffic stop, he stopped breathing, lost consciousness. Pronounced dead some 18 hours later in hospital.
13/06/2006	Jerry Preyer (AUT)	45	B	Escambia County Jail	FL	Escambia	COD: Excited delirium. MOD: homicide.	Contributory cause: physical struggle, including use of Taser. Clinical history of schizoaffective psychosis, Bipolar type. (1 Taser in chest)	11	RC	No		Paramedics were called to the jail after he appeared delirious after being tasered. Had earlier been placed in restraint chair. He died shortly after in hospital.
19/06/2006	Jason Troy Dockery	31		Cookeville Police Department	TN	Putman		Under influence of drugs/struck himself in the head several times during fight	1	MO	No		Stopped breathing after struggle with police. Paramedics failed to revive him. He died later in hospital.
21/06/2006	Joseph Stockdale	26	B	Indianapolis Police Department	IN	Marion	COD: agitated delirium associated with cocaine intoxication. MOD: Accidental	asthma	2	PS	No		Stopped breathing at scene after he had been handcuffed. Died while waiting for transport van after treated for pepper spray effects.
21/06/2006	Kenneth Eagleton	43	B	Harris County Sheriff's Office	TX	Harris		Great emotional stress or under influence of controlled substance	2		Yes	Knife, discarded before tasered	Found lying in his car yelling, holding knife in distressed state. Taken to hospital following Taser incident, temp 108 degrees. Died four days later.
02/07/2006	Jermall Williams	32		South Bend Police Department	IN	St. Joseph			2		Yes	gun	Almost immediately he began to have trouble breathing and quickly lost consciousness. Stopped breathing soon after.
03/07/2006	Rodney Siseros	26		Evans Police Department	CO	Weid		Likely to have been taking drugs, bag of white powder found in throat	2	HC	No		Stopped breathing soon after. Pronounced dead at hospital

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08/07/2006	Chris Tull	36		Cincinnati Police Department	OH	Hamilton	Drug overdose	Plastic bag with rock of crack cocaine found in stomach	1		No		Died 45 minutes after Taser, in hospital.
09/07/2006	Nickolos Cyrus (AUT)	29	W	Waukesha County Sheriff's Department	WI	Waukesha	COD: Sudden death during struggle and restraint .The injuries that caused death were "as a result of struggle with and prone restraint by 1-2 police officers including multiple electric control weapon discharges". MOD: homicide.	Other significant conditions: schizophrenia. Toxicology reports negative.	6 to 8	PR, AR, HC	No		Police noticed he had stopped breathing after handcuffing. Pronounced dead at hospital.
11/07/2006	Jesus Negron	29		New Britain Police Department	CT	Hartford	COD: Accidental cocaine overdose		2	HC	No		Tasered while being handcuffed, tasered again after. Once in chest. Then stopped breathing, pronounced dead at hospital.
23/07/2006	Shannon Lane Johnson	37		Chatham County Sheriff's Department	NC	Chatham	COD: cocaine poisoning		1	HC, AR, KI	No		Began having trouble breathing at scene and pronounced dead at hospital
01/08/2006	Anthony Jones	39		Merced County Sheriff's Department	CA	Merced		Released earlier same day from psychiatric hospital unit	1	HC, PS	No		Exposed to freon gas after went out of control at home. Tasered after broke free from handcuff, went into coma as being removed from ambulance at hospital; died next morning.
04/08/2006	Ryan Michael Wilson (AUT)	22	W	Lafayette Police Department	CO	Boulder	COD: acute cardiac arrhythmia associated with application of a Taser, hypoplastic left anterior descending coronary artery and extreme exertion. Noted no drugs or intoxicants in system.	"Use of Taser cannot be overlooked, particularly given the timeline of events, with the decedent collapsing and becoming pulseless and unresponsive immediately following Taser discharge." (toxicology reports negative)	1		No		Collapsed immediately after being shocked in the chest (for 6 seconds) after a foot chase. No pulse or respirations. Could not be resuscitated.
08/08/2006	Curry McCrimmon	26		Melbourne Police Department	FL	Brevard		Hospital told that cocaine was found in his blood stream. Cocaine pipe was found in his pocket	1	N	Yes	broom	Pronounced dead in hospital 7 hours after shocked.
09/08/2006	Glenn Thomas	33		Indian River County Sheriff's Office	FL	Indian River	COD: asphyxia due to accidental aspiration of foreign material	paramedics reportedly removed plastic bag in windpipe.	1		No		As soon as he was handcuffed he went limp. Breathing problems at scene.
17/08/2006	Raul M. Gallegos-ReYes (AUT)	34	H	Arapahoe County Jail	CO	Arapahoe	COD: positional/compressional asphyxia, including suffocation, occurring during agitated/combatative behaviour, requiring law enforcement restraint techniques. MOD: Homicide	"It is unlikely that Taser application, which occurred during the earlier phases of the episode, played a direct role in the death." (Negative for drugs)	8 min	RC, LR, HC, RC, SP	No		2 min. after he was placed in restraint chair, guards noticed he wasn't breathing. This was approx. 4/5 minutes after he was first tasered.
18/08/2006	Kenyatta Allen	23		Mobile County Metro Jail	AL	Mobile		Jail staff said they believed he had swallowed a bar of cocaine.	1		No		Stunned in booking area of jail. Collapsed approximately 2.5 hours later and died in hospital.
20/08/2006	Mark D. McCullaugh	28	W	Summit County Jail	OH	Summit	COD: asphyxia from the combined effects of chemical, mechanical and electrical restraint. In May 2008 a judge ordered reference to the Taser to be removed from the autopsy COD findings in a lawsuit filed by Taser International; an appeal by the ME against the ruling is pending. Meanwhile the pathologist stuck to his original findings in testimony at the trial of a jail deputy in August 2008. MOD: Homicide	contributing cause: hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.	2 min	PS, DR, BT, AR, HC	No		Was tasered and "saturated" with pepper spray while kneeling in restraints in jail's mental health unit. Was found not breathing shortly after incident and pronounced dead in hospital less than hour after incident began.
20/08/2006	Timothy R. Picard Sr	41		Woonsocket Police Department	RI	Providence	ME: actual cause of death is private, but electrocution from Taser was not factor in death.		3	HC, PS	No		handcuffed at police station when tasered and "moments later fell to ground unresponsive" (press). Died in hospital less than 1 hour later.
25/08/2006	Mark Lee	30		Rochester Police Department	NY	Monroe		He was reportedly suffering a seizure from an inoperable brain tumour. Family questioned why police and not EMT called.	2		No		Collapsed in convenience store. Taser use by police unconfirmed.
30/08/2006	Juan Soto	39	H	Liberal Police Department	KS	Seward	COD: cardiac and pulmonary arrest after vomited and inhaled matter. ME found he was experiencing agitated delirium syndrome brought on by cocaine use. MOD: Accidental		4	HC, HG, KI, MO	No		Stopped breathing and died at the scene. Handcuffs and leg restraints and six officers.

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05/09/2006	Larry Noles, also written as Knowles (AUT)	52	B	Louisville Metropolitan Police	KY	Jefferson	COD: Excited delirium	history of mental illness including bipolar, depression and hypertension. (Toxicology negative)	3		No		collapsed at scene reportedly about 30 seconds after being shocked. resuscitation unsuccessful. 3 sets Taser injuries to chest and neck (AUT).
09/09/2006	Perry Simmons	35		Montgomery Police Department	AL	Montgomery	COD: cocaine intoxication, excited delirium. MOD: Accidental		5	PS, BT	No		Had problems breathing while being transported to police station and died at entrance. Wife said heart attack started just after police used Taser.
13/09/2006	Laborian Simmons	24	B	Marion County Jail	FL	Marion			1	BT, MO	No		died in booking area after he had been cleared by hospital
17/09/2006	Marcus Roach-Burros (AUT)	42	B	Neenah Police Department	WI	Winnebago	COD: excited delirium syndrome	other significant conditions: recent cocaine use (enlarged heart noted in autopsy report)	1		No		Became unresponsive immediately after stunned according to reports at scene. Died in hospital next day.
19/09/2006	James Phillip Chasse	42	W	Portland Police Bureau	OR	Multnomah	"broad-based" trauma to chest. COD: accidental death. (26 rib fractures, punctured lung, internal bleeding)	Mentally ill	1	HC, AR, BT	No		Stunned in torso, paramedics reportedly cleared him for arrest. Jail medics during booking said needed to go to hospital but died on way.
29/09/2006	Joseph M. Kinney (AUT)	36	W	Madison Township Police Department	OR	Ashland	COD: Excited delirium due to cocaine intoxication. MOD: Accident.	Diagnosis includes severe coronary artery atherosclerosis.	3	HC, PR	No		Stopped breathing after tasered "several times" and handcuffed prone on ground. CPR at scene unsuccessful.
30/09/2006	Vardan Kasilyan	29	W	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	NV	Clark	COD: choking on own vomit (ME testimony at inquest)	Contributing factors: methamphetamine and cocaine use a short time before the incident, mental illness and use of the Taser. (ME testimony at inquest)	2	HC	Yes	screwdriver	Began vomiting and convulsing immediately after shocked while handcuffed and on the ground. Died shortly thereafter.
01/10/2006	John David Johnson III	27	W	Clay County Sheriff's Department	FL	Clay	COD: Excited delirium and acute cocaine intoxication.		4	R, MO	No		Pronounced dead in hospital one hour after shocked.
01/10/2006	Kip Darel Black	38		North Charleston Police Department	SC	Charleston	COD: Excited delirium syndrome due to cocaine	Medical history of mental impairment.	9	PS, HC, AR	No		Stopped breathing at scene. Pronounced dead in hospital one hour later.
06/10/2006	Michael Templeton	50		Craighead County Sheriff's Department	AR	Craighead		Had reportedly been drinking	2		No		Tasered by police responding to complaints of loud music. When tasered he fell onto piece of machinery and reportedly sustained a head injury. Became unconscious and did not recover.
06/10/2006	Herman Roshan Barnes	31	B	Harris County Sheriff's Office	TX	Harris	COD: sudden death during schizophrenic psychotic delirium following physical restraint. MOD: homicide	Taser wounds to chest (2), neck, arm, shoulder.	4	BT, MO	No		Became unresponsive at scene after stunned at least 4 times; pronounced dead in hospital one hour later.
09/10/2006	James Simmons	37		Lincoln Park Police Department	MI	Wayne	COD: long-term cocaine abuse.	Was diabetic. The autopsy found Simons had "severe heart disease and other medical maladies" that could be attributed to long-term drug use	2		No		shocked as police tried to restrain him on stretcher (he had been hallucinating). It was noticed he had stopped breathing in ambulance. Pronounced dead in hospital.
19/10/2006	Nicholas Brown	24		Milford Police Department	CT	New Haven	COD: cocaine overdose. MOD: accidental		3		No		Had been sleeping in his car. Shocked when ran from police. Several hours after shocked officers found him sick during a routine jail cell check. Went into cardiac arrest in ambulance. Could not be revived.
19/10/2006	James Lewis	37	B	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	NV	Clark	Autopsy showed had cocaine in system. Inquest underway in January 2007 MOD: Homicide	Contributory factors: A heart condition and restraining procedures.	2		No		
22/10/2006	Eddie Charles Ham Junior	30		Montgomery Police Department	AL	Montgomery			1		No		A short time after shocked Ham became unresponsive and was pronounced dead at hospital.
28/10/2006	Roger D Holyfield	17	W	Jerseyville Police Department	IL	Jersey	Autopsy reportedly showed no sign of trauma, no drugs. COD: heart attack following "forcible restraint" and "psychosis-induced ED".	contrib. factors: forcible restraint. Bipolar disorder.	2	HC, PR, KI	No		Standing in street shouting, holding bible. Became unresponsive in ambulance. Died next night.
28/10/2006	Jeremy Foos	29		Delaware Police Department	OH	Delaware			1		No		He was tasered while inside his crashed truck. Taken to hospital where died days later.

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14/11/2006	Darren Faulkner	41		DeSoto County Sheriff's Department	MS	DeSoto	COD: heart failure and extensive heart disease. Reportedly no drugs other than alcohol in his system		2	HC, PS	No		Reportedly tasered when handcuffed on ground. Whole can pepper spray reportedly used. Stopped breathing at scene.
14/11/2006	Timothy Wayne Newton	43		Rocky Mount Police Department	NC	Nash		Police said evidence of drug use in his room.			No		tasered after he "moved toward" the officers. Was pronounced dead in hospital
03/12/2006	Briant K. Parks	39		Columbus Police Department	OH	Franklin	COD: Heart disease and schizophrenia led to death. MOD: Accidental.	According to press, coroner said fight contributed to death but unable to determine if Tasers played a role, and that "there were multiple stresses on a diseased heart."	1		No		Fought deputies for 10 minutes after which noticed him not breathing
17/12/2006	Terrill Enard	29		Lafayette Police Department	LA	Lafayette Parish	COD: cocaine-induced excited delirium		2		No		Was subdued and taken to hospital in a "critical condition" where died at 9pm same day (after 9 hours)
30/12/2006	Daniel Walter Quick (AUT)	43	W	Butte County Sheriff's Department	CA	Butte	COD: cardiac dysrhythmia due to violent encounter with police involving conducted electrical weapon use due to methamphetamine intoxication.	Other significant conditions: hypertension; history of intravenous and polysubstance drug abuse, chronic hepatitis C viral infection; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.	2	MO	No	reportedly had picked up a table	Was hit by 4 darts at once including one in face, neck and chest. Suffered cardiac dysrhythmia at scene. Pronounced dead in hospital about an hour later.
05/01/2007	Calvin Thompson	42		Gaston County Police Department	NC	Gaston	COD: cocaine poisoning.	Taser shock combined with the cocaine in his blood and his heart disease may have helped cause a heart attack, but it was "most likely that the Taser had nothing to do with his death"	1		No		Became unconscious when being placed in custody and pronounced dead in hospital
06/01/2007	Douglas John Ilten (AUT)	47	W	Fort Pierce Police Department	FL	St. Lucie	COD: acute cocaine toxicity and cardiopulmonary arrest, most probably from a lethal cardiac arrhythmia. MOD: Accident	mild aortic atherosclerosis	3	PR, AR, HC	No		Immediately after 3rd shock he was noted to be unresponsive. Resuscitation efforts not successful. (prone restraint officer knee on back)
07/01/2007	Blondel Lassegue	38	Haitian	New York Police Department	NY	New York	COD: heart attack	History of mental illness	1	PS	No		4 officers tried to restrain him, one fired Taser as hands behind back. Became unresponsive as officers prepared to carry him from building, according to police. Pronounced dead in hospital.
12/01/2007	Pete Carlos Madrid	44		Fresno Police Department	FL	Fresno		Methamphetamine in blood	2	HC	No		Stopped breathing at scene after tasered and handcuffed. Placed on life-support in hospital. Died two days later
17/01/2007	Andrew Athetis IV (AUT)	18	W	Gilbert Police Department	AZ	Maricopa	COD: excited delirium associated with acute methamphetamine toxicity. MOD: accident	history substance abuse.	4		No		Became unresponsive at scene "shortly after being restrained", after found in hiding in fountain. Pronounced dead at hospital 12 hours later.
17/01/2007	Keith Kallstrom	56		Bay City County Jail	MI	Bay City	COD: heart attack		2 min		No		Tasered a number of times in 24 hours. Died within days.
30/01/2007	Christopher McCargo (AUT)	43	B	Bradley County Jail	TN	Bradley	COD: complications of persistent vegetative state/anoxic encephalopathy secondary to cocaine intoxication. MOD: Accident	Remote history of cannabinoid and cocaine abuse. History of being stunned by Taser and developing seizures a few hours later.	1	RC	No		Died after being in coma for almost a year following incident on 24 February 2006 when he was arrested for being drunk, and tasered in jail for being "unruly". Was then placed in a restraint chair and some time afterward lapsed into a coma.
08/02/2007	Oshea King			Leesville Police Department	LA	Vernon Parish	COD: unusually high level of cocaine which led to fatal cardiopulmonary collapse.		1		No		Tasered during arrest. While being booked into police station, complained of chest pains. Transported to hospital and died later.
11/02/2007	Steven J. Krohn	44		Mesa Police Department	AZ	Maricopa	COD: excited delirium with methamphetamine intoxication, obesity and hypertensive cardiovascular disease. MOD: accidental.		2	R, MO	No		Lost consciousness at scene, pronounced dead hour later in hospital. Tasered in chest.

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21/02/2007	Martin Mendoza (AUT)	43	H	San Diego County Sheriff's Department	CA	San Diego	COD: anoxic/ischemic encephalopathy, resuscitated cardiopulmonary arrest during law enforcement restraint (including Taser use and maximum restraint application, excited delirium and acute methamphetamine and ethanol intoxication. Also hypertensive cardiovascular disease. MOD: Homicide	He was shocked with three dart deployments and 10 "drive stun" deployments.	13	4-point restraint	No		Tasered twice after becoming violent in police patrol car. Shortly afterwards police noticed he had stopped breathing. Taken off life-support three days after incident as no brain activity.
12/03/2007	Muszack Nazaire	24	B	Collier County Sheriff's Office	FL	Collier	COD: Acute cocaine intoxication and intense physical exertion in an asthmatic incapacitated by conductive energy device resulting in drowning. MOD: Accidental		2		No		Was driving without license. Fled a traffic stop, was in canal (water) when shocked. Collapsed immediately after shocked. Remained in water for approx 1 minute. Dead at scene.
15/03/2007	Randy Buckey	42	w	Marion County Sheriff's Department	OH	Marion	COD: cardiovascular collapse due to acute cardiac arrhythmia due to bicuspid aortic valve with evidence of aortic regurgitation complicated by hypertensive cardiovascular disease, or a heart defect combined with high blood pressure. MOD: Natural	Morbidly obese	1		No		Placed in handcuffs immediately after stunned. Police then noticed wasn't breathing. CPR unsuccessful. Pronounced dead in hospital 4 hours later.
16/03/2007	Ryan Lee Meyers	40		Baltimore County Police Department	MD	Baltimore	COD: cardiac arrhythmia caused by an enlarged heart and complicated by agitated behaviour in association with police restraint. ME reportedly said he could not absolutely exclude Taser but doubtful.	Bi-polar, taking prescription medicines at time of death.	1		Yes	base ball bat	Cardiac arrest at scene, pronounced dead at hospital.
23/03/2007	Sergio Galvan	35		San Antonio Police Department	TX	Bexar	COD: Excited delirium due to cocaine in system.	ME - likely that struggle with police contributed to death by worsening delirium. Also had enlarged heart.	3	PS	No		Officers noticed he was unresponsive after handcuffed at scene.
24/03/2007	David Mendoza	42	H	West Covina Police Department	CA	Los Angeles			2 min	HG, MO	No		during struggle in emergency room of hospital held prone on ground and tasered a number of times. Officers reportedly jumped on him, punched him to subdue him. Died at scene.
10/04/2007	Eugene Donjuall Gilliam	22	B	Prattville Alabama Police Department	AL	Autauga	COD: hypertensive cardio-vascular disease. MOD: Natural		1		No		shocked when resisted arrest during traffic stop. Became ill at scene, died in hospital 7 hours later.
22/04/2007	David Mills	26	B	Hampden Police Department	CT	New Haven	COD: PCP intoxication and "excited delirium" MOD: Accident.		1		No		Died an hour after shocked.
24/04/2007	Uywanda Peterson	43	B	Baltimore Police Department	MD	Baltimore	COD: Cocaine and heroine intoxication associated with police altercation and pursuit. MOD: Undetermined.	Autopsy report states: "The relative contribution of the drug intoxication, mild heart disease, restraint method (Taser) and stress from struggle "cannot be determined with certainty". Autopsy found Taser probes embedded in chest; AI noted cocaine level relatively low.	1		No		Collapsed shortly after shocked in the chest; went into cardiac arrest. Initial rhythm found to be VF. Pronounced dead 45 minutes later in hospital. CPR performed
01/05/2007	Louis Jermaine Broomfield	35	B	North Charleston Police Department	SC	Charleston	Deputy coroner investigating death reported unlikely leg wound was fatal.	had gunshot to the leg	1		No		Died later in hospital
05/05/2007	Daniel Bradley Young (AUT)	33	W	Pinellas County Sheriff's Department	FL	Pinellas	COD: Excited delirium due to cocaine toxicity. MOD: Homicide	ME quoted as saying use of force resulting in blunt force trauma, including use of Taser or restraint, individually or collectively contributed to death.	3	MO	No		Struggled after shocked (once in mid chest) then collapsed and unresponsive. Pronounced dead at hospital.
07/05/2007	Robert Alun Keske	45	W	Pinellas County Sheriff's Department	FL	Pinellas			2		No		Police shocked him through window of his stationery truck after chase; immediately noticed in medical distress. Pronounced dead in hospital.
12/05/2007	Jeffrey Young	54	NA	Puyallup Tribal Police Department	WA	Pierce			3	HC, PR	No		3 officers used a Taser on him, when 4th officer arrived, he was face down, no pulse and in handcuffs.
12/05/2007	Trent A. Yohe	37		Spokane Valley Police Department	WA	Spokane	COD: hypoxic encephalopathy with pneumonia; cardiac arrest with resuscitation, meth associated ED with restraint stress. MOD: Homicide	Contributory factor: Atherosclerotic cardio vascular disease.	4	HG	No		Was having seizure and went into cardiac arrest at scene. Died 12 days later when doctors turned off life support machine. (Tasered, hogtied and officer knelt on back.)

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14/05/2007	Terrell Heath	31		Baltimore Police Department	MD	Baltimore			1		No		Reported to have had a heart attack immediately after tasered. Taken to hospital and pronounced dead 100 minutes later.
15/05/2007	Raymundo Garcia	33	H	Simi Valley Police Department	CA	Ventura			1		No		Shocked after refused to exit vehicle. Went into cardiac arrest at scene, placed on ventilator and life support. Switched off 8 days later.
15/05/2007	Chance Shrum	20		Iola Police Department	KS	Allen	"Cardiac dysrhythmia due to myocarditis", according to press report.	"Scene information suggests that a form of excited delirium existed and would have been a contributor. Due to the timeline given... the additional stress from the use of the Taser should also be considered as a contributor", said Dr. Donald V. Pojman, forensics pathologist, according to press report.	2 min		No		He was suffering physical distress after handcuffed. Ambulance was summoned. Heartbeat stopped en route to hospital.
16/05/2007	Patrick Hagans	42	W	Franklin County Sheriff's Department	OH	Franklin	Preliminary autopsy did not reveal obvious COD.	Had moderate coronary heart disease	2 to 4	PS	No		tasered twice during pursuit after disturbance at home. Collapsed at scene. Placed on ventilator and died three days later.
19/05/2007	Milisha Thompson	35		Oklahoma City Police Department	OK	Oklahoma	COD: excited delirium due to cocaine toxicity. MOD: accident		2	HC	No		lost consciousness soon after tasered reportedly on neck while handcuffed on ground. Died en route to hospital.
22/05/2007	Kevin Dwayne Hill	39		Knoxville Police Department	TN	Knox	ME: COD: "accident brought on by cocaine-induced delirium"		3		No		Pronounced dead at scene
24/05/2007	Cecil Valenzuela	39	H	Bakersfield Police Department	CA	Kern	COD: Complications of blunt force head trauma. MOD: Homicide	Under the influence of methamphetamine	1		No		Forced off his bicycle, tasered when tried to flee and fell face-first striking pavement. Died of skull fracture 48 hours later.
25/05/2007	Steve Salinas (AUT)	47	NA	San Jose Police Department	CA	Santa Clara	COD: Cardiac arrest during struggle when under influence PCP. "Other significant conditions: heart disease, obesity and Taser use." MOD: undetermined.	Coroner noted current scientific list neither proves nor disproves a link between Taser use and death and also that "it cannot be determined that his death was exclusively due to his drug intoxication in the presence of heart disease." As a result, MOD is undetermined.	3		No		Collapsed shortly after being tasered following a struggle. Pronounced dead at scene.
28/05/2007	Marcus D. Skinner	22	B	Prince George's County	MD	Prince George's			2 min		No		Became unresponsive shortly after tasered by 2 officers called to apartment, after handcuffed. Legs bound.
29/05/2007	Doyle Moniki Jackson	34	B	Berrien County Jail	MI	Berrien	COD: lacerated liver		1		No		Officers used a Taser during his arrest. Began showing signs of distress after booked into jail. Died in hospital 5.5 hours after being shocked.
10/06/2007	Israel Guerrero	29	H	San Benito County Sheriff's Department	CA	San Benito	COD: delirium-induced heart attack from potentially lethal levels of cocaine and methamphetamine.	A gunshot wound, Taser shocks, a baton strike and struggles with law enforcement contributing to the death.	2	PS, BT	No		Pronounced dead at hospital approx. one hour after being tasered and gunshot.
03/07/2007	Richard Baisner	36	W	Pasadena Police Department	CA	Los Angeles			1		No		Bloodied by apparently self-inflicted wounds he was reportedly shocked once. Afterwards he banged his head on pavement a number of times. Pronounced dead approx. 60 minutes later.
08/07/2007	Nathaniel Cobbs	25	B	Newburgh Police Department	NY	Orange	According to first ME "cause of death was ED which was caused by PCP, cocaine and other drugs". A second autopsy found death due to "multi-organ shock with exsanguination", dog bites and Taser with blunt force blows.		1	HC, AR, DG	No		Went into distress in police car after arrest. Died in hospital approx. 10 hours later.
16/07/2007	Albert Romero (AUT)	47	H	Denver Police Department	CO	Denver	COD: complications of a cardiopulmonary arrest which occurred in a setting of atherosclerotic coronary artery disease, probable excited delirium state, electrical restraint administration and marijuana in the blood toxicology. MOD: Undetermined.		2		No		Collapsed at scene; pronounced dead en route to hospital within hour of being shocked.

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20/07/2007	Jermaine Thompson	36		Kansas City Police Department	MO			Preliminary tests show cocaine in system	2		No		Tasered twice, once in drive stun. After placed in handcuffs police noticed he had collapsed. Taken to hospital where pronounced dead 40 minutes later.
25/07/2007	Carlos Rodriguez Escamilla	27	H	Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department	GA	Gwinnett	COD "excited delirium". Combination of cocaine, alcohol, and physical exertion brought on when he was being restrained.	ME statement said "There is no evidence that the use of the Taser played a direct role in the death beyond serving as an additional irritant that further agitated him".	2		No		died shortly after arrived at hospital.
28/07/2007	Ronald Marquez	48	H	Phoenix Police Department	AZ	Maricopa			2		No		Shortness of breath at scene. Officers performed CPR. Died shortly after arrival in hospital.
02/08/2007	Clyde Patrick	44		Birmingham Police Department	AL	Jefferson	COD: pre-existing heart condition. MOD: homicide.	Off medication for month or so. Mentally ill/psychotic	2 min		No		Shocked a number of times when resisted being taken to hospital. Pronounced dead on arrival.
04/08/2007	Gefrey Johnson	42	B	Chicago Police Department	IL	Cook	COD: cocaine intoxication. MOD: accidental		2	PS	No		Pronounced dead in hospital.
04/08/2007	Steven Spears (AUT)	49	W	Shelby Township Police Department	MI	Oceana	COD: Cocaine-induced excited delirium and complications. MOD: Accident	Contributory cause: "Physical restraint that included multiple application of the electromuscular disruptive devices and handcuffing."	4		No		Tasered after running in traffic in underwear. Lost consciousness at scene. Pronounced dead at hospital.
11/08/2007	Craig Burdine	37	W	Sandusky County Jail	OH	Sandusky	COD: drug toxicity, trauma	Final autopsy report noted trauma to extremities including broken cartilage in nasal cavity, multiple abrasions bruising.	3	MO	No		Tasered during struggle with deputies in jail. Began vomiting and went into cardiac arrest soon afterwards and pronounced dead in hospital.
15/08/2007	James Wells	43		Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department	CA	Stanislaus		Suffered from epilepsy	1		No		Stopped breathing about 6 minutes after shocked and died shortly afterwards.
15/08/2007	Rafael Forbes	21	B	Jackson Police Department	MS	Hinds		Coroner said he had pre-existing medical condition before shocked. Tasered in chest.	1		No		Stopped breathing after tasered in the chest. Died two hours later.
22/08/2007	Thomas Campbell	50		Baltimore Police Department	MD	Baltimore			2		No		collapsed and died moments after shocked.
23/08/2007	Chad Cekas	27	W	Pittsburgh Police Department	PA	Allegheny	Excited delirium, syndrome from cocaine intoxication.	(Autopsy reportedly lists 8 puncture wounds that could have been caused by Taser. Though not cited as COD.)	4 to 8		No		Found lying in the road, tasered and became unresponsive at the scene. Pronounced dead in hospital 40 minutes later.
26/08/2007	Glenn Shipman	44	W	Scapoose Police Department	OR	Columbia	COD: Positional asphyxiation	Schizophrenic	2		No		Died 72 hours later. Shocked twice in chest with darts. Was restrained prone by hospital workers for ten minutes.
03/09/2007	Charles Gordon	26		Vallejo Police Department	CA	Solano	Family reportedly told by coroner's official that he did not die of neck wound.	Paranoid schizophrenic off medication. Stab wound to neck.	1		Yes	knife	Tasered while being taken by police to an hospital. Pronounced dead at hospital.
03/09/2007	Earl Guerrant	47	B	Golf Manor Police Department	OH	Hamilton			1		Yes	knife	Lost consciousness minutes after being shocked. Pronounced dead less than an hour later in hospital.
09/09/2007	Jorge Renteria Terriquez (AUT)	25	H	Anaheim Police Department	CA	Orange	COD: "Sudden cardiac arrest following electromuscular incapacitation device applications." MOD: Accident.	Other conditions listed as "acute ethanol intoxication; cardiomegaly; myocarditis; electrolyte imbalance."	4		No		Collapsed at scene after tasered. Died in hospital.
01/10/2007	Samuel Baker	59	B	Brooks County Sheriff's Department	GA	Brooks	COD: spinal cord fracture and dislocation he suffered when he fell to the ground after being tased		1		Yes	Knife	collapsed at scene. Paramedics fail to resuscitate him and pronounced dead at hospital.
12/10/2007	Michael Patrick Lass	28		Orange County Jail	CA	Orange			1	RC,	No		Removed from cell and used Taser while handcuffing him, put into restraint chair and not long after stopped breathing. Pronounced dead in hospital less than one hour after incident began.
14/10/2007	Keith L. White	44	B	Kansas City Police Department	MO		COD: excited delirium	ME reported as saying anything that excited an already-stimulated heart could cause death.	1		No		Within minutes began complaining of breathing difficulties. Pronounced dead at hospital.

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14/10/2007	Donald Clarke Grant	54		Morganton Public Safety Department	NC	Burke			2		No		Force of shocks caused him to fall and hit his head. Died less than 12 hours later in hospital.
01/11/2007	Seldon J. Deshotels Jr.	56	W	Lake Charles Police Department	LA	Calcasieu Parish			1		No		after he was handcuffed and brought to feet, immediately collapsed. Pronounced dead at hospital.
02/11/2007	Stefan McMinn	44	B	Henderson County Jail	NC	Henderson	COD: undetermined. Pathologist reportedly said that death likely connected to acute levels of cocaine and alcohol in system and traits of sickle cell disease.		1	HC	No		Suffered heart attack reportedly immediately after being shocked while in handcuffs minutes after arriving in jail.
16/11/2007	Paul Carlock	57	W	Sangamon County Jail	IL	Sangamon	COD: existing heart condition. MOD: Natural		1		No		As soon as shocked after foot chase had breathing problems and weak pulse. Pronounced dead short time later in hospital.
18/11/2007	Christian Allen	21	B	Jacksonville Police Department	FL	Duval			3		Yes	gun found in pocket	Shocked after ran from police following traffic stop. After checked by EMT at scene, became unconscious, died en route to hospital.
18/11/2007	Jarrell Gray	20	B	Frederick County Sheriff's Department	MD	Frederick	COD listed as sudden death associated with restraint (reportedly including the Taser) and alcohol intoxication. MOD: Undetermined		2		No		Shocked for failing to show hands; second shock while he was lying face-down on ground after which found to be in medical distress. Failed to regain consciousness. Pronounced dead in hospital 2 hours later.
18/11/2007	Jesse Saenz	20	H	Raton Police Department	NM	Colfax	Excited Delirium due to cocaine intoxication.	Autopsy reportedly states the "means of physical restraint significantly contributed" to Saenz's death and that his "breathing abilities were also impaired when he was placed in a prone position" with an officer's weight on his back, with his legs shackled and "flexed at the knees".	23	AR, PR	No		Tasers may have malfunctioned. After being subdued, Saenz was taken to the detention centre in a police cruiser with an officer sitting on his lower back. Shortly before arriving at the jail, Saenz's body convulsed and went limp. Was rushed to hospital where he was pronounced dead at 4.44am.
20/11/2007	Conrad Lowman	35	B	Jacksonville County Sheriff's Department	FL	Duval			3		No		Pronounced dead in hospital
29/11/2007	Ashley Ryan Stephens	28	W	Columbia County Sheriff's Department	FL	Columbia			2		No		taken to hospital immediately after shocked where pronounced dead.
30/11/2007	Cesar Silva	32	H	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	CA	Onondaga			2		No		Passed out in back of patrol car after shocked. Taken to hospital where pronounced dead.
10/12/2007	Leroy Patterson Jr.	41	B	Walton County Sheriff's Department	GA	Walton			1		No		Died less than an hour after being shocked.
02/01/2008	Brandon Smiley	27	W	Mobile County Sheriff's Department	AL	Mobile			1		No		Tasered in ambulance on way to hospital for possible drug overdose. Stopped breathing at the scene and pronounced dead in hospital.
04/01/2008	Ryan Rich	33	W	Nevada Highway Patrol	NV		COD: epileptic seizure in combination with police restraining procedures. MOD: Homicide.		5		No		Was tasered at about 1pm after crashed car after suffering an epileptic seizure. Went into cardiac distress at scene. Taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead at 1.53pm.
09/01/2008	Otis C. Anderson	36	B	Fayetteville Police Department	NC	Cumverland	"Excited delirium due to cocaine toxicity"	"Physical struggle with law enforcement is a contributing factor"	1 or 2		No		He stopped breathing minutes after being handcuffed. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

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11/01/2008	Xavier Jones	29	B	Gables Police Department	FL	Miami-Dade	"excited delirium syndrome" associated with cocaine use.		at least 2	HC	No		had been drinking and drugging with pals at the University Inn Apartments before he went berserk, ran out and laid down in traffic, crying that "God was going to take" him. To subdue him, two officers deployed their Taser stun guns. While handcuffed in the back of a patrol car, Davis cursed one final time, passed out, and died. "The actions of the police officers in this case did nothing to contribute to the death of the decedent," a close-out memo said.
16/01/2008	Mark Backlund	29	W	Minnesota State Patrol	MN		COD: acute cocaine and other drug abuse.	Contributory factors: crash injuries, heart conditions, physical exertion and police restraint.	3		No		Stunned after he crashed car. Went into cardiac arrest at scene and could not be resuscitated.
17/01/2008	Baron Pikes	21	B	Winnfield City Police Department	LA	Winn Parish	COD: "cardiac arrest following nine 50,000-volt electroshock applications from a conductive electrical weapon." MOD: homicide. (no drugs in system)		9	HC	No		Reportedly tasered 9 times over a 14-minute period after handcuffed. Last two taserings while apparently unconscious. Pronounced dead in hospital a short time later.
18/01/2008	Daniel Hanrahan	44		Staten Island Police Department	NY	New Kent	Initial autopsy failed to reveal COD. Further tests pending Jan 08.		1		No		
03/02/2008	Louis Cryer	32		Port Arthur Police Department	TX	Jefferson			1		No		Shortly after being tasered, he went into cardiac arrest and died. Preliminary autopsy results indicate he did not die from trauma.
05/02/2008	Joseph E. Davis	50		Rankin County Sheriff's Department	MS	Rankin			1		No		Pronounced dead at the scene
07/02/2008	Richard Earl Abston	53		Merced County Sheriff's Department	CA	Merced	Cardiac Arrhythmia compounded by Excited Delirium with methamphetamine intoxication.	Forensic pathologist concluded that he died of cardiac arrhythmia from an enlarged heart, compounded by excited delirium with meth intoxication	1	BT, PS	No		Tasered after stopped for driving wrong way down motorway. Tasered at 7.47am, unresponsive at scene, pronounced dead at hospital at 8.47am.
27/02/2008	Barron Harvey Davis	44	W	MaYes County Jail	OK	MaYes	COD: remains undetermined	Pathologist determined that Taser was not a contributing factor. Toxicology tests pending.	2		No		Press reports are contradictory on this point.
03/03/2008	Christopher H. Jackson	37		Clay Police Department	NY	Onondaga			1		No		Entered into cardiac arrest moments after being tasered. Pronounced dead at hospital.
06/03/2008	Javier Aguilar	46		Roswell Police Department	NM	Chaves			1	PS, BT	No		Became unresponsive after the shock. Was rushed to hospital, where he died 40 minutes after the shock.
18/03/2008	Roberto Gonzalez	37		Chicago Police Department	IL	Cook			2	PS	No		Tasered at about 7.30pm. No information about when and if he became unconscious. Died at hospital at about 8.15pm.
21/03/2008	James Garland	41		Broward County Sheriff's Office	FL	Broward			1		No		Became unresponsive at the scene. Taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead.
27/03/2008	Darryl Wayne Turner (AUT)	17	B	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department	NC	Mecklenburg	COD: acute ventricular dysrhythmia and ventricular fibrillation (no drugs in system)	"lethal disturbance in the heart rhythm was precipitated by the agitated state and associated stress as well as the use of the conducted energy weapon (Taser) designed for incapacitation through electro-muscular disruption." (autopsy report)	2		No		Police called after Turner got into an argument at store where he worked. Officer seen on video firing Taser into Turner's chest as Turner stood with hands at side and holding down trigger for 37 seconds. He was shocked again and became unresponsive at the scene.
28/03/2008	Henry Orlando Bryant	35	B	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	IN	Marion	COD: Sudden cardiac death during struggle.	Cocaine and Taser ruled contributing factors in death.	1 min	PS	No		Was no longer breathing after shock. Paramedics called. They rushed him to hospital, where he died.
29/03/2008	Walter Edward Haake Jr.	59		Shawnee County Sheriff's Department	KS	Shawnee	COD: cardiac nature, with contribution by compression of the torso. MOD: accident.	Compression of the torso. Long-standing cardiac disease and diabetes mellitus.	3		No		Died while held face down on the ground and as handcuffs were applied.

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01/04/2008	Jason Jesus Gomez	35		Orange County Jail	CA	Orange	Private autopsy reportedly ruled that COD was from blunt force trauma to the head				No		Lost consciousness after the shock. Collapsed at scene. Died five days later (tasered on 25 March).
05/04/2008	Yvelt Ocean	31		Virginia State Police	VA	New Kent			1	PS	No		Shocked at around 7.30 or 8pm. Collapsed in a holding cell at about 10pm and was rushed to hospital where he was pronounced dead.
22/04/2008	Uriah Samson Dach	26		Richmond Police Department	CA	Contra Costa				PS, BT	No		Stopped breathing shortly after being handcuffed and died on his way to the hospital
22/04/2008	Paul Edward Thompson Jr.	24	B	Greensboro Police Department	NC	Guilford	According to press, autopsy reported "extremely high concentrations of cocaine" in system.			PS	No		Handcuffed, then tasered and maced. Began having "medical difficulties" in ambulance. Died five days later (27 April).
24/04/2008	Dewayne Chatt	39	B	Crittenden County Sheriff's Department	AR	Crittenden			3		No		Collapsed in cell and died immediately (around two hours after the shock).
24/04/2008	Kevin Piskura	24	W	Oxford Police Department	OH	Bulter	COD: Heart rhythm problem; alcohol intoxication; exertion; application of CED.	Taser listed as a factor in his death.	1		No		Collapsed at scene and was taken to hospital, where he remained in critical condition for four days. He died on 24 April.
27/04/2008	Jermaine Ward	28	B	Milan Police Department	TN	Gibson	Cocaine Toxicity			HC tbc	No		Became unresponsive at the scene. Was rushed to hospital where he was pronounced dead.
04/05/2008	Joe Kubat	21		St. Paul Police Department	MN	Ramsey				PS	No		Became unresponsive at the scene. Pronounced dead in an ambulance.
06/05/2008	James S. Wilson	22	B	St. Charles County Sheriff's Department	IL	St. Charles			1		No		Lost consciousness at the scene and died a short time later.
28/05/2008	Ricardo Manuel Abrahams	44		Yolo County Sheriff's Office	CA	Yolo	COD: positional asphyxia		3	BT, HC (x2)	No		Was tasered minutes after 9am. Collapsed at scene. Stopped breathing and was taken to hospital. Pronounced dead at 10.15am at hospital.
31/05/2008	Robert Ingram	27		Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office	LA	Lafourche			1		No		Became unresponsive on the scene. Pronounced dead at hospital.
05/06/2008	Willie Maye	43		Birmingham Police Department	AL	Jefferson	COD: heart complications. MOD: homicide	Coroner quoted as saying: "He had a bad heart, but the adrenaline from fleeing from the police first, the scuffle, the bruises he sustained, the physical exertion, the Taser and the Mace - all the ingredients together resulted in his death."	1	PS	No		Tasered during struggle with officers. Began to have breathing problems. Pronounced dead at hospital.
07/06/2008	Donovan Tyrone Graham	35		Meriden Police Department	CT	New Haven		Medical examiner reported to have said that Graham suffered from preexisting medical conditions that caused his lungs to fail.	1		NO		Tasered shortly after 11pm and stopped breathing while he was being taken to the police car. Died at hospital soon after admission on Friday morning.
08/06/2008	Quintrell T. Brannon	25		Knox County Sheriff's Office	IN	Knox			1	PS	NO		Tasered at around 11pm. Stopped breathing at around 11.40pm. Rushed to hospital where he was pronounced dead.
25/06/2008	Ernest Graves	29	B	Winnebago County Sheriff's Office	IL	Winnebago	COD: adverse effects of cocaine. MOD: accident		3		No		Complained of breathing problems moments after the arrest. Was taken to hospital where he died.
27/06/2008	Nicholas Cody	27	B	Houston County Sheriff's Office	FL	Houston	According to press, autopsy report shows that he died of "excited delirium".	No reference to the Taser shock.	3		NO		Suffered a seizure after the third shock on 15 June and was taken to hospital. Died 12 days later.
02/07/2008	Isaac Bass	34	B	Louisville Metropolitan Police	KY	Jefferson	COD: acute cocaine intoxication MOD: accidental	heart disease			No		Shocked at around 10pm. Appeared to have a "medical emergency" moments later. Pronounced dead at hospital at 10.40pm

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04/07/2008	Othello Pierre	23		St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office	LA	St. Martin Parish	multi drug intoxication		1	no	No		Tasered and apprehended following a short foot pursuit at around 7pm. Several hours later was taken to hospital. Died in hospital at around 11pm.
08/07/2008	Samuel Deboise	29		St. Louis County Police Department	MO	Saint Louis			2		No		Went limp after the second shock. Was taken to hospital where he died about an hour after the incident.
12/07/2008	Deshoun Keyon Torrence	18	B	Long Beach Police Department	CA	Los Angeles			2	HC	No		Died in the back of a police car moments after the incident.
14/07/2008	Marion Wilson Jr.	52	B	Houston Police Department	TX	Harris			2		No		Paramedics were called after the incident to check Wilson out. He was rushed to hospital and died.
23/07/2008	Richard Smith	46		Dallas Police Department	TX	Dallas			3		No		Continued being aggressive inside the police car, banged his head against the car windows. Was taken to a mental health hospital where he was given medication. Had a seizure and fell unconscious. Was taken to a second hospital, where he was pronounced dead around 2 hours after the arrest.
27/07/2008	Anthony Dewayne Davidson	29	B	Iredell County Sheriff's Office	NC	Iredell	"Excited delirium"			HC	No		A nurse who examined Davidson recommended medical evaluation due to "erratic behaviour" and Davidson was taken to hospital. Once in hospital, his condition deteriorated quickly and was taken off life support hours later.
04/08/2008	Jerry Jones	45		Orange Police Department	TX	Orange	According to press, autopsy shows that he died of ingesting a lethal amount of cocaine, not from the shock.		1		No		As officers were escorting him outside they noticed he was becoming non-responsive. He was treated by medical personnel at the scene and then taken to hospital, where he later died.
05/08/2008	Andre DeMon Thomas	37	B	Swissvale Police	PA	Allegheny			3		No		Had trouble speaking and breathing after the shocks. Was rushed to hospital where he died about 3 hours after the incident.
07/08/2008	Lawrence Rosenthal	54		Hemet Police Department	CA	Riverside	COD: cocaine toxicity. MOD: accidental.	Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, which he had suffered for years, contributed to his death.	1		No		Was rushed to hospital after the shock on 2 August, where he was listed in serious condition with laboured breathing. Died five days later.
10/08/2008	Kiethedric Anteon Hines	31	B	Rockford Police Department	IL	Winnabago	According to press, preliminary autopsy report found the shock did not kill Hines.		1	PS	No		Lost consciousness at the scene. Was rushed to hospital where he was pronounced dead.
15/08/2008	Kenneth Oliver	45	B	Miami-Dade Police Department	FL	Miami-Dade			3 or 4		No		went into shock moments after the incident. Pronounced dead at hospital.
28/08/2008	Stanley James William Harlan	23		Moberly Police Department	MO	Randolph		According to Gerald Luntsford, Randolph county coroner, the Taser contributed to his death. However, examination is still in progress	2		No		Became unresponsive shortly after the second shock. Was pronounced dead at hospital.

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