**Supplemental Table 5. Definition of circumstances preceding fatal injury, by manner of death — National Violent Death Reporting System, 16 states, 2005-2016**

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| **Suicide/Undetermined Intent** |  |
| Intimate partner problem: | decedent was experiencing problems with a current or former intimate partner. |
| Suicide of family member or friend: | decedent was distraught over, or reacting to, the suicide of a family member or friend. |
| Other death of family member or friend: | decedent was distraught over, or reacting to, the recent nonsuicide death of a family member or friend. |
| Physical health problem: | decedent was experiencing physical health problems (e.g., a recent cancer diagnosis or chronic pain). |
| Job problem: | decedent was either experiencing a problem at work or having a problem with joblessness. |
| Recent criminal legal problem: | decedent was facing criminal legal problems (e.g., recent or impending arrest or upcoming criminal court date). |
| Noncriminal legal problem: | decedent was facing civil legal problems (e.g., a child custody or civil lawsuit). |
| Financial problem: | decedent was experiencing problems (e.g., bankruptcy, overwhelming debt, or foreclosure of a home or business). |
| Eviction or loss of home: | decedent was experiencing a recent or impending eviction or other loss of housing or the threat of eviction or loss of housing. |
| School problem: | decedent was experiencing a problem related to school (e.g., poor grades, bullying, social exclusion at school, or performance pressures). |
| Traumatic anniversary: | the incident occurred on or near the anniversary of a traumatic event in the decedent’s life. |
| Exposure to disaster: | decedent was exposed to a disaster (e.g., earthquake or bombing). |
| Left a suicide note: | decedent left a note, e-mail message, video, or other communication indicating intent to die by suicide. |
| Disclosed suicide intent: | decedent had recently expressed suicidal feelings to another person with time for that person to intervene. |
| Disclosed intent to whom: | type of person (e.g., family member or current or former intimate partner) to whom the decedent recently disclosed suicidal thoughts/plans. |
| History of suicidal thoughts or plans: | decedent had previously expressed suicidal thoughts or plans. |
| History of suicide attempt: | decedent had previously attempted suicide before the fatal incident. |
| **All Manners of Death (Except Unintentional Firearm)** |  |
| Current depressed mood: | decedent was perceived by self or others to be feeling depressed at the time of death. |
| Current diagnosed mental health problem: | decedent was identified as having a mental health disorder or syndrome listed in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition* (*DSM-IV*), with the exception of alcohol and other substance dependence (which are captured in separate variables). |

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| Type of mental health diagnosis: | identifies the type of *DSM-IV* diagnosis reported for the decedent. |
| Current mental health treatment: | decedent was receiving mental health treatment as evidenced by a current prescription for a psychotropic medication, visit or visits to a mental health professional, or participation in a therapy group within the previous 2 months. |
| History of ever being treated for mental health problem: | decedent was identified as having ever received mental health treatment. |
| Alcohol problem: | decedent was perceived by self or others to have a problem with, or to be addicted to, alcohol. |
| Substance abuse problem (excludes alcohol): | decedent was perceived by self or others to have a problem with, or be addicted to, a substance other than alcohol. |
| Other addiction: | decedent was perceived by self or others to have an addiction other than to alcohol or other substance abuse (e.g., gambling or sex). |
| Family relationship problem: | decedent was experiencing problems with a family member (other than an intimate partner). |
| Other relationship problem (nonintimate): | decedent was experiencing problems with a friend or associate (other than an intimate partner or family member). |
| History of child abuse/neglect: | as a child, decedent had history of physical, sexual, or psychological abuse; physical (including medical or dental), emotional, or educational neglect; exposure to a violent environment; or inadequate supervision by a caretaker. |
| Caretaker abuse/neglect led to death: | decedent was experiencing physical, sexual, or psychological abuse; physical (including medical or dental), emotional, or educational neglect; exposure to a violent environment; or inadequate supervision by a caretaker that led to death. |
| Perpetrator of interpersonal violence during previous month: | decedent perpetrated interpersonal violence during the previous month. |
| Victim of interpersonal violence during previous month: | decedent was the target of interpersonal violence during the previous month. |
| Physical fight (two persons, not a brawl): | a physical fight between two persons that resulted in the death of the decedent, who was either involved in the fight, a bystander, or trying to stop the fight. |
| Argument or conflict: | a specific argument or disagreement led to the victim’s death. |
| Precipitated by another crime: | incident occurred as the result of another serious crime. |
| Nature of crime: | identifies the specific type of other crime that occurred during the incident (e.g., robbery or drug trafficking). |
| Crime in progress: | another serious crime was in progress at the time of the incident. |
| Terrorist attack: | decedent was injured in a terrorist attack, leading to death. |
| Crisis during previous or upcoming 2 weeks: | current crisis or acute precipitating event or events that either occurred during the previous 2 weeks or was impending in the following 2 weeks (e.g., a trial for a criminal offense begins the following week). Crises typically are associated with specific circumstance variables (e.g., job problem was a crisis or financial problem was a crisis). |
| Other crisis: | a crisis related to a death but not captured by any of the standard circumstances. |