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The following is a list of the 14 homicide deaths recorded in Humboldt County as of Sept. 8 this year:

Hugh Duggins, 71, of Alderpoint: Killed by asphyxiation due to neck compression. Body found on the 7000 block of Alderpoint Road in Garberville on Jan. 21. Case under investigation by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.

Arthur Ruiz III, 42, of Hoopa: Skeletal remains found on Redwood Grove Road in Hoopa on Jan. 28. Died from a gunshot wound to the head. Case is under investigation by the sheriff's office.

Rodger Allan Yale, 30, of Hoopa: Fatally stabbed near the Hoopa BP Mini Mart on State Route 96 on the morning of Feb. 13. Gearold Sotolongo, 30, is charged with Yale's murder and is set for trial on Oct. 31 at the Humboldt County Superior Court.

Unidentified remains: Skeletal remains found along the bank of the Eel River near Stafford on May 15. Cause of death and identity of the decedent currently unknown. Case being investigated as a homicide until further evidence suggests otherwise.

Rhianna McKenzie, 19, of Eureka: Fatally shot on June 30. The suspected shooter, Eureka resident Maxx Robison, is set to appear for a case hearing on Oct. 12 at the Humboldt County Superior Court.

Faith Tsarnas, 14, and Kiya Kitchen, 14, of Fortuna: Struck and killed in a suspected hit-and-run incident on Eel River Drive in Fortuna on the night of July 12. Marcia Kitchen, Kiya Kitchen's mother, has been identified as a person of interest in the case. Case under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

Brials McCutcheon, 41, of Eureka: Found injured with a gunshot wound to the head near Crestview Drive in Eureka on Aug. 6. Died at a local hospital shortly after. Case under investigation by the sheriff's office.

Dana Hudson, 44, of Willow Creek: Injured by several gunshot wounds on Aug. 12 on Sabertooth Road in Willow Creek when two to three men took his pickup truck in a suspected armed robbery. Died of complications from his gunshot wounds on Sept. 5. Case under investigation by the sheriff's office.

Stephanie Gawboy, 52, of Redway: Found dead with a gunshot wound to the head by a neighbor in her Redway Drive residence on Aug. 17. Case under investigation by the sheriff's office.

David Fulton, 59, of McKinleyville: Fatally shot by law enforcement on the morning of Aug. 18 outside of his McKinleyville apartment after firing a rifle multiple times at officers in a standoff. Case under investigation by the county Critical Incident Response Team and District Attorney's Office.

Infant girl, 7 weeks, of Arcata: Died on Aug. 27 at Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata due to suspicious skull fractures. The infant girl's mother, 28-year-old Ewa Misztal of Poland, who resides in Arcata was arrested and booked in the county jail for alleged felony child abuse that resulted in the death of a child.

Two unidentified men at Hyampom: Two men found dead on Sept. 4 at a residence in Hyampom that was also the site of two large marijuana grows. Sheriff's office anticipates releasing autopsy results in the near future. Multiple suspects believed to have been involved.

Sources: Humboldt County Coroner's Office, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, Arcata Police Department.

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