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1 6	1	Andrea Yates	F/42, Caucasian, divorced, 5 deceased children	Postpartum Depression, distorted perception, paranoia	Lack of societal concern of female specific mental disorders	2006
	2	Caitlyn Marie Jenner	Transgender/66, 6 children from previous 3 marriages	Anxiety and gender dysphoria	Family's reaction to gender transition (from Bruce Jenner)	2015
	3	Ethan Couch	M/16, Caucasian	Avoidance, deflector, indifferent to others suffering	Underage drinking resulted in the death of four people	2013
	4	Heba Mohamed	F/20, Syrian of Muslim faith	Depressed; fearful and anxious; acculturation stress.	Immigration adjustment issues; lack of services for immigrants	2015
	5	Kirby Taylor	M/67, Born in 1949, African American, Divorcee with one son (deceased).	PTSD with insomnia; Fear of being alone; nightmares, depression	Dealing with son's death and own injury due to fire set on their home by a trusted friend; blamed self for not aware of friend's mental health problem	2016
	6	Oi Ho*	F/60, Asian American, divorced	Depression, insomnia, Loss of appetite, Anger	Cultural/Language barrier; determined to find and punish the random shooting killer of her son (Park Ho)	2015
	7	Rachel Dolezal	F/38, biologically Caucasian but identifies as African American, divorced with one son and custody of her adopted brother	Socially isolated	Encountering widespread criticism due to racial identity change from Caucasian to African American	2015
	8	Sean Penn	M/55, White, divorced with one son and one daughter.	Anxiety, insomnia, feelings of failure, sadness	Met with drug cartel leader from Mexican for private interview about drug war policies. Paranoid that Mexican government blamed him for the drug cartel leader's capture	2016
	9	Steven Avery	M/53, Caucasian, single with two daughters and three sons.	Paranoid; fearful of being arrested	Has trust issues due to a criminal sentence for 18 years in prison for a wrongful sexual assault conviction	2015
	10	Tatyana Phillips	F/ 18, African American, single, currently no children after losing her newborn son	Depressed mood; grief and loss	Medical malpractice led to child loss	2015
1 7	11	Amanda Todd	F/15, Caucasian, student	Depressed and anxious	Being bullied by peers for her naked pictures in cyberspace.	2012
	12	Dylann Storm Roof	M/22, Caucasian, single	Obsession with disdain and hatred feelings against African Americans	Mass shooting at a historical black church; dealing with client's history of mental illness and white supremacy	2015
	13	Jenea Ann Mungia	F/ 23 years old, Born 1991, Hispanic, single with one child	Auditory and visual hallucinations	Domestic violence survivor with a history of psychiatric hospitalizations for postpartum psychosis and was recently charged with seriously injuring her 4-year-old child	2015
	14	Philip Seymour Hoffman	M/46, Caucasian, married but separated, father of two daughters and a son	Depression; Fear of being alone; physical conversion	Celebrity's personal struggles with drug addiction, and family discord	2014
	15	Patricia (Trish) XX	F/31, Caucasian, an Appalachian, Divorced, mother of two girls	Drug addiction; Depression and Anxiety	Living in a poverty, alienated family with criminal record and incarceration. Wants to learn how to stay clean, get children back	2010
	16	Bobbi Kristina Brown	F/23, African American	Substance Abuse Issues after Mother's death	Assuming client still living; Grieving about mother's (Whitney Houston) death. With huge societal pressure on perfectionism.	2015
	17	Tiffany Klapheke	F/23, military wife, Caucasian, married with 3 daughters, 1 deceased	Mental health disorders	With adverse childhood experience, being charged for child neglect leading to child death; lack of mental health services	2014
	18	Geneva Reed-Veal	F/48, African American, single mother of five daughters	grief for her daughter's recent death; feelings of guilt, anger, and insomnia	Daughter was wrongfully arrested; suspicious suicide in jail cell	2015
	19	Micah Johnson	M/25, African American, single	Paranoia toward government entities; possible PTSD from military service	Responsible for police shooting led to mass shooting; concerned about oppression against African Americans	2016
1 8	20	Flora Rranxburgaj	F/44, Caucasian (Albanian citizen), married, 2 sons	Depression; immigration adjustment and stress	Deportation of husband who is the primary caregiver and financial support	2017
	21	Danielle Hicks-Best	F/20, African American, single mother with a 4-year-old son	PTSD, Bipolar Disorder with psychotic features, Paranoia, drug abuse, child abuse suicide, ADHD	Raped by several people twice; maltreated by the criminal justice system	2015

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	22	Jade Blouins	F/6, student, petite	Depression, stress, nervousness, anxiety, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and Asperger syndrome; learning disability in written expression and language/speech fluency	Not received individualized services; lack of access to special education due to ineligibility	2018
	23	Gypsy Rose	F/26, Caucasian, single, mother deceased	Antisocial Personality Disorder	Medically abused by her mother; murdered mother after being medically abused for years	2018
	24	Dominique Bryant	F/17, African American, Foster Child since birth, Adopted once	Depression	Aging out of foster care, adolescent homeless, limited access to resources	2017
	25	Jaycee Lee Dugard	F/37, Caucasian, two adult children	PTSD	Abducted and locked up for 18 years since 11 years old; raped and repeatedly beaten during these 18 years	2011
	26	Rosaura Urbina	F/43, Hispanic, married, 2 children; 1 of 2 deceased	PTSD, depression, anxiety	Teenage son was killed in police involved shooting; lack of early interventions for son with suicidal ideation	2017
	27	Salma Hayek Pinalut	F/51, Hispanic, award-winning actress and film maker; one daughter	PTSD and anxiety	Sexually abused by the film producer more than a decade ago	2017
	28	Larry Nassar	M/54 years old, Middle Eastern, divorced, 3 children	Pedophilia, Panic Disorder and Depression	Lack of intervention regarding pedophilia; Suffered from Pedophilic Disorder since late teens and acted on his urges with hundreds of underage girls	2018
19	29	Osvaldo Samuel Choc-Ruiz	M/15, Guatemalan, UAC entered the US border and was apprehended near Hidalgo, Texas	Depression, Anxiety; suicidal ideation	Immigrated from Guatemala to U.S. and was detained in an unaccompanied minor shelter for six months	2019
	30	Mike Faith	M/40?, veteran of 18 years at the Standing Rock tribal council and now councilman of the tribe	Anxiety, not being understood by others	Advocacy about oil spill from the Dakota Access Pipeline into Lake Oahe, a reservoir on the Missouri River where the Sioux tribe gets their drinking water	2017
	31	Ruben Diaz	M/36, Hispanic	Schizophrenia, autism, criminal history, homicidal ideations	Being sentenced to jail for stabbing a 74-year-old male; Lack of mental health resources	2018
	32	Cyntoia Brown	F/30, African American	PTSD, depression; fetal alcohol syndrome	Ran away from adoptive family, suffering intimate partner violence, sex trafficking; being charged for murdering a person who solicited for sex; serviced 15 years in prison: criminal justice system issue	2018
	33	Teresa Hamilton	F/17, Caucasian, homeless teen	Anxiety; Learning disability	Distant family relationship and lack of awareness and resources for mental health issues	2015
	34	Nery Caal	M/29, from Guatemala, married to Claudia Maquin, had 4 children but one deceased	Anxiety; Depression; PTSD	Living in poverty in Guatemala; while immigrated to US, youngest daughter died in the journey because of lacking care at the border	2018
	35	Kalief Browder	M/20, African American, single, no children	Depression; PTSD; suicidal ideation, delusions; paranoia	PTSD as a result of wrongful incarceration for three year; having a difficult time in re-civilization	2015
	36	Ray Rice	M/31, Married to Janay, two children	Possible adverse child experiences	Arrested due to third-degree aggravated assault towards wife; Lack of mental health awareness	2014
	37	Faith Rodgers	F/21, African American, single, no children	PTSD	Intimate partner violence; sexually abused by a famous music artist	2018
	38	Cheryl Reed	F/32, African American, 2 abused children	Bipolar Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, PTSD symptoms not diagnosed	Abused and neglected in childhood, aged out of foster care; Being charged for child neglect and abandonment after giving birth to fifth child	2016
	39	Lavish "Diamond" Reynolds	F/28, African American, 1 child, Single	PTSD and Anxiety	Suffered from PTSD after boyfriend was gunned down by police while their 4-year-old at the scene; Trust issue with criminal justice system	2016
	40	Christine Blasey Ford	F/52, Caucasian, married, 2 sons	Depression; PTSD; Disassociation	Alleged of being sexually assaulted by Supreme Court Justice, Brett Kavanaugh, during her high school age; Stigma against her about speaking the truth	2018



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	41	Ana Carolina Fernandes	F/31, Latina (Brazilian origin), one five-year-old son, unmarried/separated	Depression and Anxiety	Immigration adjustment; Separated with son by the border patrol for 50 days; had concerns about son's emotion and behaviors	2018