

Violent Crimes Resulting in Death

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Serious Charges Require Serious Expertise

Violent crimes carry the heaviest punishments available in Utah law. They can never be expunged from your record and, as a result, can prevent any other crimes—even misdemeanors—from being expunged as well. These are serious charges and require serious attention. Don't wait to hire an attorney.

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Manslaughter

Manslaughter is defined as causing the death of another person without premeditation. According to Utah law, premeditation is defined as planning, plotting or deliberating before doing something.

Manslaughter is divided into two distinct categories: voluntary or involuntary. Voluntary manslaughter is usually referred to as a “killing of passion” or “a heat of the moment killing”. These charges depend on the perpetrator knowing that the act would result in the death of another person, but not planning to commit the act before that moment.

Involuntary manslaughter happens when another person's death is caused by accident or reckless conduct. If you unintentionally cause an automobile accident and it results in the death of someone else, you could be charged with vehicular manslaughter. Anyone facing involuntary or vehicular manslaughter charges will typically face lesser penalties in comparison to regular manslaughter.

Homicide

Most people know that homicide refers to the death of a person, but even though “homicide” and “murder” are sometimes used interchangeably, they actually refer to two very different legal charges. Homicide is whenever someone causes the death of another person while murder is killing someone on purpose. The perpetrator’s intent is the key difference between the two.

One of the most common homicide charges is vehicular homicide. If an accident results in the death of another person, it can count as vehicular homicide. Unlike vehicular manslaughter, vehicular homicide is usually for when a person caused the death of someone else while driving drunk or under the influence of drugs or medication. These are serious charges that can result in the revocation of your driver’s license and a long jail sentence.

Negligent Homicide

Another form of homicide is negligent homicide. This type of homicide is considered the lightest homicide charge and is used when the death of another person is caused by criminal negligence. Criminal negligence can be as simple as not helping an injured person or ignoring calls for help. For example, a person might have forgotten to take a piece of tape off an airplane part that resulted in a plane crash killing the passengers inside. That person can not only be found as civilly responsible for the crash of the plane, they can also be criminally responsible for all of the passengers’ deaths because they knew about the danger from the piece of tape, but didn’t do anything to prevent it.

Murder

Murder is the most serious offense a person can be convicted of. A murder conviction can result in prison sentences ranging from 25 years to life, and sometimes even in a death sentence. Any crime associated with murder is also serious and unlikely to be treated lightly in court.

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If you are accused of a violent crime, your quality of life is at stake. These crimes are serious and the punishment for any one of them can take years to overcome. Don’t risk such a serious conviction. The lawyers at Wasatch Defense Attorneys know the sort of problems you’re facing and, with our 100 years of experience, we know how to tackle them.

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