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Bail Legislation in 2025

In response to a request regarding 2025 Bail Legislation from Senator Huffman, **The Glenda Gordy Research Center** conducted an analysis to identify Homicide defendants who were on bond at the time of the offense.

Our analysis revealed that between the dates of January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2024, there were **162** Homicide cases filed in Harris County for defendants released on one or more bonds at the time of the murder offense. This analysis is based on data retrieved from the Harris County District Clerk on January 25, 2025.

The following is a representation of the cases broken down by filing date:

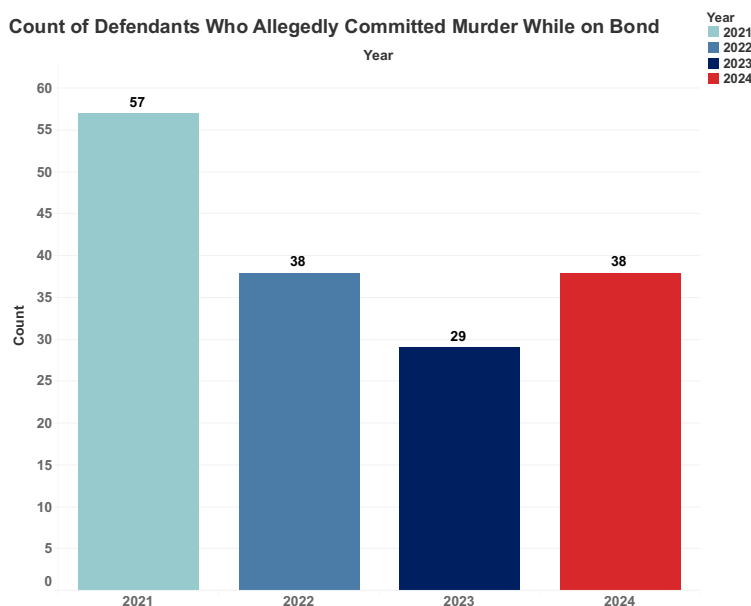


Figure 1: Count of Defendants who Allegedly Committed Murder While on Bond by Year

Our process involved multiple steps to ensure accuracy:

1. We first compiled a list of defendants by retrieving the SPNs (System Person Numbers) of all individuals with a homicide case filed on or after 2021.
2. To determine whether a defendant was out on bond when the Homicide occurred, we reviewed each defendant's case history in sequence. If a Homicide case was filed before the resolution of a prior case, the defendant was flagged for manual review.
3. Each flagged case was then manually reviewed to confirm that the defendant was indeed out on bond at the time of the Homicide, ensuring that the filter was not triggered by case refiling.
4. To prevent duplicate counts, we compiled only the first homicide committed by each defendant on or after 2021 for yearly aggregations.



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The following are some notable cases we highlighted for your attention:

Traveon Tatum

- On a \$50,000 bond for 2019 murder of 18-year-old Ondreus Patterson
- Charged with Aggravated Assault 2020 while on bond for Murder
- Posts \$150,000 bond
- Numerous bond violations—ankle monitor
- Bond not revoked
- Charged with Murder of 20-year-old John Kelly in 2022 and Aggravated Assault DW—wounded 2 others
- Bond denied
- Sentenced to 99 years in prison in 2024
- Eligible for parole in 30 years

Jayland Womack

- 1/21: On a \$35,000 bond for Murder
- 12/21: Bond revoked and reinstated-new bond \$75,000
- 9/22: Now charged with Murder of Off duty PCT 3 deputy Omar Ursin

Ahsim Taylor Jr

- Charged with Capital Murder
- Bond set for \$200,000
- 263 District Court Judge reduced it to \$75,000
- Posts bond and now charged with the murder of Omar Ursin

Jeremiah Jones

- Multiple felony convictions
- 1/21 Felony Bond for Burglary---\$50,000
- 1/21 Felony Bond FPW---\$15,000



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- 8/21 Felony Bond Burglary-same case---\$75,000
- 8/21 Felony Bond FPW same case---\$35,000
- 1/22 Misdemeanor terroristic threat---\$5,000
- 1/22 Misdemeanor Violating Protective Order---\$10,000
- 6/1/22 Felony Burglary—same case---\$80,000
- 6/1/22 Felony FPW-same case---\$50,000
- 6/1/22 Felony Evading Arrest-new charge---\$25,000
- 6/1/22 Misdemeanor terroristic threat-same charge \$10,000
- 6/1/22 Misdemeanor violating protective order-same charge---\$10,000
- 6/13/22 Capital Murder---9-year-old girl Khylie Sorrells

Frederick Jackson

- Extensive juvenile record
- 8/20 PR Bond for Burglary
- 9/20 Aggravated Robbery \$75,000
- 9/29 Burglary-same case---\$15,000
- 8/20 Misdemeanor PR Bond
- 9/20 Same case---\$1,000
- 6/21 Burglary-same case---\$30,000
- 6/21 Aggravated Robbery-same case---\$150,000
- Bond forfeited all the above 8/11/21
- Capital Murder 8/27/21 off duty New Orleans Police Sargeant and his colleague

Omarion Bailey - Murder by Fentanyl

- Multiple felony convictions
- 8/23 Misdemeanor bond assault---\$2,500
- 8/23 Stalking--\$20,000
- 8/23 Retaliation--\$15,000



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- 8/23 Criminal Mischief---\$1,000
- 12/23 PCS \$15,000
- 5/24 Stalking same case---\$50,000
- 5/24 Retaliation same case---\$50,000
- Murder occurred 9/23 Victim was a 16 year old --- Cooper Root
- Original bond was \$250,000
- Reduced to \$150,000
- Reduced to \$100,000—posts bond 1/24
- Multiple BVR 8/24 and 12/24 for curfew violations
- Total bonds \$215,000 for 3 felony's including murder

Frank Njoroge (special example DV. Not included in the above count of murder cases filed)

- Feb 23 DADJ Assault with Intent to Impede Breathing
- 2 months later charged with Assault and Violating a Protective Order
- Posts bonds totaling \$27,000
- May 23 charged with Assault of a Family Member and another Assault with Intent to Impeded Breathing 2 counts
- \$100 bond for both offenses
- Days later charged again with Family Assault
- Bond set at \$7500
- 10/23 charged with another Family Assault, Sexual Assault, Kidnapping and Tampering with a Witness
- Bonds set at \$100 for all of them
- 2024 Violated Protective Order and violated every condition of his probation
- Motion to revoke probation filed 4 times
- Total of seven \$100 bonds for violent offenses
- Given a 7-year prison sentence for all the above Dec 24