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16 homicides in Tacoma this year; 17 in 2001

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Thursday's shooting capped a deadly month in Tacoma.

Three adults and two youths have been killed in the city in the past three weeks. There have been 16 homicides in Tacoma so far this year, compared with 17 in all of 2001. Police have suspects in all except Thursday's slayings. The recent homicides: * Nov. 9: Lamar T. Turner, 21, was stabbed to death during a fight outside Destiny's nightclub on Pacific Avenue. Prosecutors have charged Yasmani Olguin-Mejia with first-degree murder. He remains a fugitive. * Nov. 13: Teresa Cahill, 52, was bludgeoned to death. Police suspect her husband, Craig, killed her inside their home in Northeast Tacoma, then dumped her body in North Bend. He's been arrested and charged with first-degree murder. * Nov. 20: Matthew John Wilson, 11, was shot to death while he and a 12-year-old friend were playing with a handgun. Detectives are wrapping up their investigation, and the case will be forwarded to prosecutors. * Thursday: Jeremy Britt Bayinthavong, 5, and Kimberly Carol Riley, 19, were fatally wounded in a shooting at a South End home where they were attending a Thanksgiving party. Police have no motive for the shooting. - - - Stacey Mulick, The News Tribune

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