

RITA ECKHOUT, 35

January 1, 2011 – Omaha, NE

Rita Eckhout, a mother of a three year old son, was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Mitchel Hadan. They were in a stalled car that was blocking traffic on the eastbound ramp to L Street from 72nd Street. A police officer approached the car to offer assistance. When the police officer returned to his cruiser, two gunshots were heard coming from Hadan's car. Rita climbed out of the passenger door and fell to the ground. She died at the scene. Hadan also shot himself in the head, but survived the wound that left him paralyzed on the right side. Hadan, who had an extensive criminal past, pleaded guilty to Rita's murder. He was sentenced to spend 100 years in prison (80 for second-degree murder and 20 for using a weapon to commit a felony).