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hom·i·cide  (hŏm ĭ-sīd', hō mī-)

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n.

1. The killing of one person by another, regardless of intention or legality.
2. A person who kills another person.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *homicīdium* and *homicīda* : *homō*, man; see **dhghem-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *-cīdium* and *-cīda*, *-cide*.]

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