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| Foster or Adoptive Parent(s) | Known to Child Protection (CPS) | Known to Other Authorities | | | | | |
| | X | X | Unnamed Boy | 8 yrs | 02/2018 | Hennepin County Brooklyn Pk. | Mother known for years to CPS. Boy found dead in home in February, no action taken until older sibling ran away, house condemned as uninhabitable, 4 siblings removed. Link . |
| | | | Jamal Chaterlays Simpson | 5 weeks | 08/2018 | St. Louis County Duluth | Ruled homicide, no arrests. Link . |
| | X | X | Colton Logon Senogles | 9 mo. | 03/2018 | Hennepin County Brooklyn Center | Babysitter had history with CPS, recently had her own children returned to her. This is a reason to use licensed homes: CPS history would have disqualified killer from being licensed. Link |
| | | | Unnamed Newborn | 16 days | 12/2017 | Brooklyn Park | No public information about case. Link . |

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| X | | | Unnamed Child | 18 mo. | 08/2018 | Scott County | Sheriff charged man with 2 nd degree murder on 11/6/18. Hennepin County had placed the child in this home as a foster care placement. "Due to the complexity of the child's injuries, additional examination was required by specialists, prolonging the autopsy results." Link |
| X | | | Foster child of Sherrie and Dirk Bryce | 3 yrs. | 11/2017 | Hennepin County Brooklyn Pk. | Couple charged with murder, 4 other children in home. Link |
| | | | Josephine Howell | 2 mo. | 07/2018 | Red Lake | Unlicensed child care provider, Sarah Kortan, had infant while mother was in prison. No apparent court or social services oversight. Link |
| | | X | Anthony Herkel | 13 days | 08/2018 | Dakota County | Father had long record of domestic violence. Link |
| X | X | X | Hart children (6) | 6 – 19 yrs | 03/2018 | California | Children adopted in Minnesota from Texas through a now-defunct agency. Parents in |

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| | | | | | | | child protection, apparently moved to Oregon to avoid further scrutiny. Mother drove self, partner and six children off a California cliff. Link |
| | X | X | Blake Holmquist | 16 mo. | 05/2017 | Washington County | Father sentenced for murder June 2018. He was known to CPS in Wisconsin and served time for causing permanent brain damage to child of a different girlfriend. Link |
| | X | | Winter Barker | 3 yrs | 04/2018 | Wilken county | Grandmother called CPS when mother went to prison and father got custody. Autopsy showed pattern of abuse, father charged with homicide. Link |
| X | X | X | Justis Burland | 6 yrs | 04/2018 | Fergus Falls Otter Tail County | Justis was beaten horrifically for months before he died. Multiple reports to child protection. Family Court approved placement requested by |

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| | | | | | | | grandmother in Montana with unrelated couple who were not licensed foster parents. Link |
| X | | | Zayden Lawson | 3 years | 06/2017 | Dakota | Foster mother and boyfriend charged 04/2018 with inflicting 'gruesome' injuries on Zayden. Two foster and two biological children living in household. Link |
| | | | Unnamed Girl | 16 days | 12/2017 | Hennepin County Brooklyn Park | Mother released, no further information known. Link |
| | | X | Jude Summers - Sandberg | 5 yrs | 09/2017 | Hennepin County Orono | Murder-suicide ended long custody battle fought out in Family Court. Link |
| | | X | Bentley Koski | 11 mo. | 08/2017 | Hibbing St. Louis County | Uncle with lengthy criminal record left infant alone to get high, fire broke out and killed him. Link |

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| | X | X | Unnamed Boy | 3 yrs | 07/2017 | Ramsey County St. Paul | Boyfriend killed boy while babysitting him. He was charged in 2013 with abusing an infant in Dakota County. Doctors saw child as result of recent alleged hitting his head on a bed rail. Link |
| | X | | Unnamed Girl | 4 Mo. | Near Fatality | Crow Wing County Brainerd | In February 2018 Jeffrey Ryan Thomas was charged with attempted murder after feeding antifreeze to a girl that he was given custody of in a child protection proceeding despite claiming he wasn't the father. Link |
| | | | Cody Anderson | 6 Mo. | Near Fatality | Stearns | Assault caused severe brain damage, left infant fighting for his life. Assailant charged with assault. Link |

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| X | | | Unnamed Boy Foster child of Melissa Anne Sondrol | 7 weeks | Near Fatality | Hennepin County Champlin | Foster mother accused of breaking tibia, femur, foot, and on more than one occasion ribs. Link |

Chart Compiled by Rich Gehrman, Executive Director of Safe Passage for Children of Minnesota

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