

Highlighted are foster/Adoptive parents and kinship or court-appointed guardian

Minnesota Fatalities and Near Fatalities from Child Abuse and Neglect Reported by Media May 2017 to March 2019							
Known to Authorities			Name	Age	When Died	Location	Notes and Link to Story
Foster or Adoptive Parent(s)	Known to Child Protection (CPS)	Known to Other Authorities					
			Derrick Tyshawn Johnson Jr.	2 mo.	9/6/19	Brooklyn Center	Link Father, 19, inflicted multiple blunt force injuries on infant, was arrested for murder.
			Child of Fredy Josue Guevera	2 mo.	8/16/19	Dakota County	Infant suffered 30 broken bones.
			Mother of 7 month old is Phethile Kunene	7 mo.	TBI, still alive	Richfield	Mother drove drunk, crashed car, January 18, 2019. Didn't put infant in seat belt.
	X	X	Infant of Rianna Cameron	Died at birth	12/30/18	Rogers, Hennepin County	Mother drank heavily during pregnancy and went on a bender while delivering. Child didn't survive birth. Mother was well known to social services and the police Link . Arrested for manslaughter 7/26/19
	X	X	Unnamed Boy	8 yrs	02/2018	Hennepin County Brooklyn Pk.	Mother known for years to CPS. Boy found frozen to death in garage after mother locked him up there overnight in February,

							no action taken until older sibling ran away, house condemned as uninhabitable, 4 siblings removed. Link . Follow up story by WCCO
q			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 children returned to her. This is a reason to use licensed homes: CPS history would have disqualified killer from being licensed. Babysitter sentenced to 20 years July 2019. Link Link
			Unnamed Newborn	16 days	12/2017	Brooklyn Park	No public information about case. Link .
X			Unnamed Child	18 mo.	08/2018	Scott County	Sheriff charged man with 2 nd degree murder on 11/6/18. "Due to the complexity of the child's injuries, additional examination was required by specialists, prolonging the autopsy results." Child had been placed by Hennepin. 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 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. In July 2019 Tracy Brandt pleaded guilty, expected to get 25 years. Link 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 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. Boyfriend charged with murder December 2018, Link foster mother has pending manslaughter charges.. 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
	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.	08/19 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. In August 2019 he was sentenced to 12 years. Link . This isn't a foster care case but does involve a decision by the court regarding

							where to place the child. Link
			Cody Anderson	6 Mo.	March 2018 Near Fatality	Stearns	Assault caused severe brain damage, left infant fighting for his life. Assailant charged with assault. Link
X			Unnamed Boy Foster child of Melissa Anne Sondrol	7 weeks	2017 Near Fatality	Hennepin County Champlin	Foster mother accused of breaking tibia, femur, foot, and on more than one occasion ribs. Convicted 3/28/19, awaiting sentencing. Link
			Unnamed Kafer boy	9 months	November 2018 Near fatality	Winona County Lewiston	Megan L. Kafer Mom fed 'emaciated' baby laxatives Star Tribune 11-28-18. Baby admitted July 11 for failure to thrive. Mother fed it MiraLax. Arrest not until 7/26. Link
X			Adopted 7 yo from China Kate and Keith Krause	7	March 2019 Near fatality	Waseca County	No information whether she was known to authorities before being placed in foster care , but the child was hospitalized in September and the newspaper report suggests she was first interviewed in

							November – that's probably the way the reporter wrote it but worth checking.
			Landon Michael Parker and Spencer Rae Parker	2 and 1 respectively	4/13/19	Sherburne County Big Lake	Father Anthony Robert Parker set fire to house and killed two of four children. He subsequently died too. Link Link
			Gus Hoisser	5 months	8/9/19	Washington County Woodbury	Father Matthew Hoisser charged with murder after intentionally dropping infant on head. Link
			Infant Guevara	2 months	8/16/19 Near fatality	Dakota	Father Fredy Josue Gonzales Guevara caused 30 broken bones. Child had previously been seen by doctors for concussion. Link
			Newborn Cameron	Newborn	7/26/19	Hennepin Rogers	Mother Rianna Cameron with long history of alcohol abuse severely intoxicated at birth which led to death of child. Link
			Unknown	18 months	8/14/19 Near fatality to date	Braham, in Isanti and Kanabec	Caregiver arrested, no names given.
			Levi Gardent	3	January 15 2019	Ramsey County St. Paul	Alontae Kaypre Butts sentenced to 15 years in May 2019. Link

			Unknown	Unknown	August 19, 2019	Windham, Jackson County	Link Child died after gun discharged in rural home. No details.
	X	X	Unknown	1 year	October 15, 2019	St. Louis Park Hennepin	Infant near fatality after poisoned with fetanyl. Parents delay treatment by insisting it was Tylenol. Previously known to CPS. Link