

Minnesota Safe Passage for Children Child Fatality Report 2022-2023

Name of Child Victim: Estella Lee

County: Ramsey County

Date of Death: 07/01/2022

Date of Birth: Unknown

Age: 3 years

Adult Perpetrator: Mother

Abuse type: Physical abuse

Summary:

On July 1, 2022, the children's father died by suicide, which his wife, the children's mother, witnessed. After police investigated their father's death, the children were going to go to their grandparent's house, but their mother insisted they stay with her. Later in the evening, family members notified police that she intended to harm herself and the children. Their bodies were later found in Vadnais Lake, where she had drowned the children and then herself.

Previous History:

The family had no known criminal history or involvement with child protection.