

## Minnesota Safe Passage for Children Child Fatality Report 2022-2023

**Name of Child Victim:** Jewel Fineday, "Miikawaddizimikinaakikezens" meaning "Beautiful Turtle Girl"

**County:** Beltrami County

**Date of Death:** 12/25/2022

**Date of Birth:** 09/24/2015

**Age:** 7 years

**Adult Perpetrator:** Father and Grandmother

**Abuse type:** Neglect

### **Summary:**

Jewel Fineday was a Native American girl subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). As a result, the fatality is charged in federal court, and minimal information is available. However, what is public is that she died from starvation and a severe lice infection, which suggests that she was tortured over a long period. Jewel's father and grandmother have been charged with felony child neglect.

### **Previous History:**

We could not find any child protection history, but Jewel's father did have one incident of domestic violence against her mother. It is unclear whether any children were present during the incident.