

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

**Name of Child Victim:** Ryder Compton

**County:** Ramsey County

**Date of Death:** 09/04/2022

**Date of Birth:** 05/21/2021

**Age:** 17 months

**Adult Perpetrator:** Parents

**Abuse type:** Neglect

### **Summary:**

On September 4, 2022, Ryder Compton, a one-year-old boy, died of fentanyl and heroin toxicity. It was later determined that Ryder's parents had both gotten high on heroin the day that Ryder died. His father admitted that he had placed his narcotics in a location where Ryder could reach them. He fell asleep on the floor, and when he awoke, Ryder was lying on top of him, not breathing. Ryder's parents administered Narcan before his father fled the scene. An autopsy determined that Ryder had died of combined drug toxicity, which included heroin and fentanyl.

Both of Ryder's parents have been convicted of manslaughter.

### **Previous History:**

Ryder's parents had past contact with child protection due to SUD. Ryder's mother additionally has a history of mental health struggles. Ryder's father had multiple domestic assault incidents against Ryder's mother, but it is unclear whether the children were ever present. Even though Ryder's mother had a DANCO petition filed against the father, they were living together when Ryder died.