

## Minnesota Safe Passage for Children Child Fatality Report 2023-2024

**Name of Child Victim:** Ozzy McCutchen

**County:** Goodhue County

**Date of Death:** 05/25/2023

**Date of Birth:** 03/24/2023

**Age:** 2 months

**Adult Perpetrator:** Father

**Abuse type:** Physical Abuse

### **Summary:**

On May 23, 2023, two-month-old Ozzy McCutchen's mother made a 911 call because he was not breathing. Ozzy's father walked into the kitchen holding Ozzy, who was not responsive and was light blue. When the officer asked him what happened, he reported that he was feeding Ozzy when he got up briefly, and when he returned, the infant became "unresponsive."

Ozzy was transferred to a hospital, where they detected a heartbeat. They observed that he had fixed and dilated pupils during this time. A chest x-ray showed multiple bilateral rib fractures in various stages of healing as well as a healing clavicular fracture, which is highly suggestive of nonaccidental trauma. Imaging of his head and brain showed multiple areas of bleeding in the brain and documented loss of brain function and tissue indicative of an anoxic brain injury. The doctor determined that Ozzy was a victim of Abusive Head Trauma, formerly Shaken Baby Syndrome. Ozzy died on May 25, 2023.

Ozzy's mother later recorded a conversation with Ozzy's father in which he admitted to shaking Ozzy and putting his hand over his mouth, "but it wasn't like a death grip or anything."

Ozzy's father is currently charged with 1st-degree manslaughter.

### **Previous History:**

Ozzy's family did not have any child protection involvement, but his father had multiple domestic violence cases against his mother and previous partners.