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1995 Femicide Report Women and Children Murdered in Minnesota

The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women monitors information about women and children murdered in our state to educate the public about the lethality of woman abuse and child abuse. We pledge to remember the women, children, and family members and/or friends who die each year from domestic violence and the woman and children who die while being used in prostitution - a system of violence against women and children. Women used in prostitution are battered women in need of protection from abuse. We also remember the women and children who were murdered by acquaintances, strangers, or unknown perpetrators.

We challenge communities to respond to battered women and their children by providing safe shelter and advocacy services, prevention education for all elementary and secondary students, laws to protect women and children, effective enforcement of those laws, and aggressive prosecution of all domestic assault crimes and all prostitution crimes targeting perpetrators, pimps, and "johns".

In Minnesota in 1995:

At least 29 women were murdered in cases where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was a current or former husband, boyfriend, intimate partner or household/family member of the woman.

At least 11 children were murdered in cases where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was their mother's husband, boyfriend, or intimate partner, or was the parent, foster parent, guardian, babysitter, or household/family member of the child.

At least 2 family members or friends were murdered by a woman's current or former husband, boyfriend or partner.

WOMEN MURDERED:

1. Pamela Bennett, 34

Bemidji

January 5, 1995

Pamela and her boyfriend, Gordon Hoagland, 38, of Bemidji, were traveling together in Oregon when they stopped at a rest stop. Hoagland reported to authorities that a hit-and-run driver struck Pamela at the rest stop as she exited the restroom. She was dead upon arrival at the hospital. When police found no evidence of an accident, Hoagland told authorities he had lied about the accident. He then told them they had been drinking, had a fight and that Pamela fell beneath their travel trailer as he pulled away from the rest area without her. Hoagland was charged with filing a false police report, assault and harassment. The assault charges stemmed from a witness account of seeing Hoagland strike Pamela in the parking lot. The autopsy showed Pamela died from blunt trauma to the head, neck, chest and abdomen. In late March Hoagland plead guilty to misdemeanor charges in her death. He was sentenced to five months in jail for assault and filing a false police report.

2. Pamela Kay Currie, 45

St. Francis

January 14, 1995

Pamela was found stabbed to death in her home. Police were called by her husband, Gary Currie. He reported awaking in the morning and finding his wife dead on the bed and a knife sticking out of his own chest. He told authorities he remained in bed for almost a whole day before calling 911 because he hoped he would die. Currie has been charged with second-degree murder.

3. Mary Sue Oberender, 46

Watertown

February 16, 1995

Mary Sue was found shot to death in her home. Her car was also missing. Authorities discovered the car in Minneapolis and within a half hour arrested two youths who were found hiding a mile from the car. The youths, Mary Sue's teenage son, Christian, 14, and a friend, also 14, were arrested. They indicated the shooting stemmed from a minor difference one of them had with the mother. Police said the shooting appeared planned, as if by ambush. There were no signs of a struggle. Authorities were expected to ask that the boys be charged as adults with first-degree murder. Mary Sue was a volunteer for Scouts and at a local elementary school. Her husband, Lawrence Oberender, is a Watertown-Mayer school board member. Their son, an eighth grader, was described as a quiet boy whose only serious problem at school was a three-day suspension last month for an alcohol incident. His father reported speaking with his son two days after the shooting and that his son is "very, very sorry" and wishes the shooting had never occurred.

4. Gertrude Bestor, 86

Granger

February 19, 1995

Gertrude's daughter, Susan, went to her mother's house after a signal had been sounded by Gertrude's medical alert alarm. As she approached the house, she saw a pickup truck speeding away and found Gertrude lying on her bedroom floor, beaten to death. The daughter recognized the truck as belonging to Gertrude's step-great grandson, David Brian Engle, 19, of Cresco, Iowa. Relatives reported that Gertrude and Engle got along well. Engle was arrested in Iowa about an hour later after police stopped him in his pickup truck and noticed bloodstains on his clothes and hands. Engle was charged with three counts of first-degree murder, three counts of first-degree burglary, two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct. The weapon used to kill Gertrude has not been found. At the time of his arrest, Engle had been living with his grandfather on a farm in Iowa. His grandfather, Orville Krueger, 76, died of a heart attack a few hours after Engle was arrested. Trial is scheduled for May 1996.

5. Roxanne Waa, 30**Moorhead****March 5, 1995**

Roxanne was found strangled in her apartment after authorities responded to a fire there. A neighbor reported hearing Roxanne and a man arguing outside the apartment about 30 minutes before the fire alarm sounded. Roxanne's car was also reported missing. Allen Davis, 44, with whom she had a relationship, was arrested and charged. He was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 26 years in prison. Roxanne is survived by 3 small children.

6. Robin Bowman-Kitchen, 34**Minneapolis****March 19, 1995**

Robin left Minnesota to take a job in Greensboro, North Carolina. A former boyfriend, Randy Balloon, followed her there and shot her 4 times, one of the shots a fatal head wound. Robin's 13-year-old daughter witnessed the murder. Balloon had abused Robin throughout their relationship and when she told him to leave her alone, he said if he couldn't have her, no one would. Balloon has been charged with first-degree murder.

7. Ruby Hughes, 61**Minneapolis****April 10, 1995**

Ruby's daughter discovered her mother's body when she came to pick up her five-year-old daughter from an overnight visit. The child told her mother that, "Grandma is sleeping on the living room floor". The daughter immediately called 911 and fled the home. A response team determined that Ruby was dead, but believed they heard someone moving around the house. For three hours police surrounded the home, evacuated neighbors and attempted to make phone contact with anyone in the home. Finally, negotiators tossed a phone in a window and at that time saw a man lying on a bed, apparently dead. Police entered the house and found that Ruby's husband, Robert Hughes, 63, had killed himself. The deaths were ruled a murder-suicide.

8. Donna Mary-Patrice Thillen, 31**Caledonia****April 18, 1995**

A Houston County sheriff's deputy found the bodies of Donna Thillen and her ex-husband Richard Thillen, 37, after one of Donna's co-workers became worried when she did not report to work as scheduled. Donna had once told coworkers that if she didn't show up for work some time, to have the police do a check. The deputy found the couple's vehicles in the driveway, the front door unlocked and both bodies in a bed. Authorities had no doubt the homicides were a murder-suicide, and believe Thillen shot Donna Thillen as she slept, then shot himself. Both were wearing night clothes and a single-shot, 12-gauge shotgun was found by Richard Thillen's side. The couple had been divorced for four months, but were still living together.

9. Roxanne Jackman, 27**St. Peter****April 30, 1995**

The bodies of Roxanne and Gregory Williams, 32, were found by one of Roxanne's relatives in the apartment they shared. The police said Williams apparently shot Roxanne and then turned the gun on himself. A shotgun was found near the bodies.

10. Christa Marie Moman, 30**Blaine****May 4, 1995**

Christa was found in her home, dead from stab wounds. The same evening her husband, Billy Glen Moman, 38, was arrested in St Louis, MO and extradited to Minnesota on a charge of second-degree murder.

11. Diane Buntrock, 51**New Brighton****May 4, 1995**

Diane was first reported missing, along with her car. Her 18-year-old son, Michael, was detained in Fargo, North Dakota a day later on charges of auto theft when found with his mother's car and his 15-year-old girlfriend. The following day Diane's body was found buried in a shallow grave in a Ham Lake wildemess area. A grand jury indicted Michael Buntrock on a charge of first-degree murder in the strangulation death of his mother. He reportedly admitted to killing his mother and burying her because she didn't like his girlfriend. He allegedly became angry when his mother told him she was going to kick him out of her home and that he wasn't going to be able to see his girlfriend anymore. Diane Buntrock knew the girl's parents were filing an order for protection against him. He said he strangled his mother in her bedroom with the power cord of his radio; then put her body in the trunk of the car and drove to the site where he buried her. The complaint against Buntrock includes information about previous domestic violence. Diane had reportedly confided to a friend that, "I don't know what he will do to me." The mother of Buntrock's teenage girlfriend told police that he had beaten and threatened to kill his mother in the past. Diane reportedly told the girlfriend's mother she was reluctant to report the violence to the police saying, "I'm so afraid, you know, he is my son. Nothing will get done." The mother also reportedly told police she thought Buntrock was beating her daughter, that he had boasted of killing a man in a fit of jealousy and that he was plotting to kidnap an infant he had fathered by another girl. In August, a jury found Buntrock guilty of premeditated first-degree murder for strangling his mother and the judge sentenced him to life in prison. He will serve at least 30 years.

12. Konii Robinson, 23**Minneapolis****Found May 18, 1995**

When Konii and her son, Jerome Caldwell III, 22 weeks, were found dead in their apartment, authorities believed they died in a tragic accident. They thought Konii died of natural causes and then Jerome drowned in a bathtub. He was found fully clothed and floating face up in the tub with his mother nearby. But a month later, authorities determined that Konii was murdered and ruled Jerome's death a homicide. Investigators believe Konii was hit in the back of the head and that the assailant then left Jerome to drown in three inches of water. Konii died from blunt-force injuries to the head and neck. Because her son died as a result of her killing, his death was also classified a homicide. Investigators first believed that the injuries to the back of Konii's head may have been caused by a fall, since she had a history of heart ailments. Konii's boyfriend, Jerome Clark (aka Jerome Caldwell and Jamal Edwards), 22, who is the infant's father, is the suspect in the slayings but has not been arrested or charged. He is being held on charges of kidnapping and second-degree assault in connection with a carjacking on June 8. He became a suspect after Konii's mother reported that Konii "was afraid of him." He had been charged with assaulting her in Brooklyn Park on March 25 but did not appear May 12 for a court appearance. A warrant was then issued for his arrest, but he was not arrested until the carjacking incident on June 8. The case remains under investigation.

13. Susan Carol Peterson, 40**Aitkin****June 5, 1995**

Susan's six-year-old son, Anthony, reported that Susan and her boyfriend, Brian David Smith, were seated on the couch and fighting. Smith had a .22 caliber rifle pointed at Susan's head and told her he would kill her if she contacted the police. Susan then reportedly said, "Go ahead!" and the boy said he then heard two shots. Brian Smith has been charged with two counts of second-degree murder.

14. Kim Ballandby, 34**Stillwater****June 23, 1995**

The bodies of Kim and her husband Randee Ballandby, 40, were found in their car parked on a gravel country road about two miles from their home. Ballandby had apparently strangled Kim and then committed suicide by plunging a knife into his chest. A note believed written by Ballandby was found in

the car, but the contents were not disclosed. Investigators said it appeared the couple had been having marital difficulties. Both were employed as software engineers at Control Data. Three surviving children, Rebecca, 10, Katy, 8, and Jake, 5, have been placed with relatives.

15. Ramona Berger, 47

Minneapolis

Found June 24, 1995

Ramona was found dead in her kitchen with a stab wound in her neck. The man with whom she was living, Ramon Tony Cantu, 28, was arrested when investigators were able to track him after finding Ramona's missing car. He had stabbed Berger, covered her up, bound her hands, rigged the door with a board, pawned her television and VCR and stole her car. It was three days before Ramona's body was found. Cantu was charged with second-degree intentional murder. He plea-bargained to third-degree murder. At his sentencing, the State requested an upward departure due to several extenuating circumstances. The judge agreed and sentenced him to twenty-three years.

16. Anna Davidiuk, 64

Blaine

July 20, 1995

Anna was found face down in a large pool of blood in the home that she shared with her daughter and four grandsons. Her grandson, Andrew Rozko, 19, was found sitting alone on a bench in a park near the family's home and was arrested after telling police he bought some tools days earlier and had thought about killing his grandmother for a long time. According to the complaint Rozko bought a hammer and screwdriver and, when no one else was home, used the tools to stab and beat his grandmother to death. The complaint says he sneaked up on her in the kitchen, stabbed her in the head with the screwdriver, hit her repeatedly in the head with the hammer, and then left the house. He, returned to the house 20 minutes later, found her still breathing, then struck her in the head again with the hammer. Neighbors reported that the family kept to itself and that Rozko frequently yelled at his grandmother. They also said there was an incident last fall in which Rozko tied up the family dog with a rope and swung the dog around, then started stabbing it. Police were summoned and had to kill the dog. Investigators said police had responded to calls to the home in the past regarding Rozko. He was charged with first-degree murder.

17. Marletta Kulah-Reed, 38

Minneapolis

August 5, 1995

Fourteen days after her death, Marletta's boyfriend, Leo Lee Johnson, 40, turned himself in to police and admitted strangling her during an argument over drugs. He reported he strangled her, placed her in her bed and then went to work. He returned later in the day with Marletta's son and called police to report finding her body. He was charged with three counts of manslaughter.

18. Ava Scott, 31

Minneapolis

August 8, 1995

Ava's body was discovered by a jogger near a river access road. She died from an unknown number of gunshot wounds, including at least one wound to her neck that authorities believe was the fatal shot. Ava's boyfriend, Lee Charles Draughn, 45, was arrested and booked on probable cause murder.

19. Theresa Reagle, 59

Rochester

August 15, 1995

The bodies of Theresa and her husband, William Reagle, 60, were found by motel employees after the two failed to check out. Theresa was apparently shot in the head by her husband, who then took his own life. A handgun was found in the room, and a letter, also found, said the couple decided to end their lives because of family problems, although authorities did not provide details of the letter. The couple were from Sioux Falls, South Dakota and had checked into the motel a few hours before the shootings.

20. Vicky Jo Peacock, 44**Rush City****August 16, 1995**

A neighbor found Vicky Jo Peacock shot to death. Vicky's husband was also found at the scene with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He died 3 weeks later. Law enforcement declared it a homicide-suicide.

21. Laura Clement, 33**Itasca County****August 29, 1995**

Laura's boyfriend, Warner Campbell, reported that he shot and killed her in self-defense after she shot him in the leg with a rifle. Campbell is a retired police officer from Chicago, was a heavy drinker, and often carried a gun. Laura was shot with a .44 magnum handgun in the head, stomach and back. She was also shot twice through the chest while lying face down on the floor. He was charged with two counts of second-degree murder and one count of first-degree manslaughter.

22. Ernestine Medicine Elk, 40**Minneapolis****September 11, 1995**

Ernestine died 3 days after leaving a battered women's shelter. Although the death certificate did not indicate homicide, her body was severely beaten and bruised. Law enforcement chose to not investigate further.

23. Alicia Srozinski, 29**Minneapolis****September 20, 1995**

Police discovered Alicia's body covered with blankets in the back of a van after she had been missing for three days. She died from a single gunshot wound to the head. Alicia had been seen last leaving a bar with her boyfriend, Randy Dale Folkers, 43. He reported to police he had last seen Alicia with two of his friends. But another man, identified only as "J.P.", reported to police that he witnessed the shooting and helped Folkers place Alicia's body in the van. He said the three had left the bar and gone to Folkers' garage where Alicia said she wanted Folker and J.P. to collect money she was owed by another person. He said Alicia told Folkers if he didn't help her, she would tell his wife that she and Folkers were having an affair. J.P. said he then saw Folkers take a gun from a workbench drawer and said, "Don't worry, I'm just going to scare her." He then, allegedly, pointed the gun at her and when she told him to go ahead and shoot, he pulled the trigger once and the gun clicked. Then he pulled the trigger again and the gun went off. Folkers was charged with second-degree murder.

24. Linda Rae Olson, 55**St. Paul****September 29, 1995**

Linda was found on her back on the floor of the kitchen in her apartment with more than 20 stab wounds in her chest. Reynaldo Garcia, 42, led police to the apartment after turning himself in the following night. He said the two had argued. 15 years ago, Garcia had been convicted of fatally stabbing his wife, Carol, in the back and chest while the couple's children were asleep in another room. Fifteen minutes after the crime, Garcia phoned police and said he had killed his wife. He was charged with second-degree murder, but the charge was reduced to third-degree murder in a plea agreement. He was sentenced to 10 years and two months in prison.

25. Marlene Mayhak, 50**Faribault****October 9, 1995**

The bodies of Marlene and her husband, Richard Lee Mayhak, 52, were found on the kitchen floor of their home. Police reported that one of Marlene's daughters had been talking with her on the phone and could hear fighting and smashing noises in the background before the phone went dead. Marlene was shot twice, including once in the head. Her husband's body was found lying over his wife's body. Police are investigating this as a murder-suicide.

26. Sandra Lee Waller, 41

Meadowlands

October 12, 1995

Sandra died from a gunshot wound in an ambulance on the way to a hospital. Her boyfriend, Mark Peters, 43, called for the ambulance after the shooting. He was arrested and charged with second degree murder and sentenced to 25 years in prison.

27. Michele Eardley, 17

Blaine

November 2, 1995

The bodies of Michele and her mother, Susan Eardley, were found in their home. Both were shot to death. Michele's former boyfriend, Dallas Lee Thompson, 20, was arrested and charged with their murders. He had lived with Michele and her mother until recently when Michele ended the relationship that she had been trying to end sooner. Friends report Thompson had been violent in the past and that Michele was afraid of what might happen if she broke up with him. Michelle's brother had called her recently to say he feared violence from Thompson and other friends said he had kicked, slapped and hit her. Once a friend tried to stop an assault and he hit the friend, too. After the arrest, police discovered a videotape of Thompson at a party about the time of the breakup where he speaks with disgust for girls, brands women as two-faced liars and talks about having a hit list. He boasts, "I'm killing people tonight. There's the evidence tape."

28 Cindy Larson-Sandlin-Smith, 25

Caledonia

November 26, 1995

Cynthia was reportedly strangled by her husband after an argument during which she had asked him to have their 13 month old marriage annulled. He then put her body in the trunk of his car, drove to St Louis, Missouri, weighted her body and dropped it off a bridge into the Missouri River. Smith then drove west and was arrested in Wyoming five weeks later. He has confessed to the killing and has been charged with second-degree murder.

29. Jodi Ann White, 39

Minneapolis

December 25, 1995

Jodi White died December 25, early Christmas morning after an 8-year courageous battle with HIV/AIDS. Jodi's abusive ex-husband knowingly infected her with the HIV virus during her violent relationship with him. Not only did he infect her with the virus, he also told her, "No one else will ever want or love you because of your being HIV positive." After Jodi obtained a protection order against her abuser, he broke into her second floor apartment and raped her, causing additional pain and stress and ultimately affected her health by worsening her condition. Until his incarceration for other crimes, he continually harassed Jodi, saying, "You know I'll never let you go, you can't get rid of me that easily." Jodi coped bravely with the emotional and physical pain this disease caused her, and courageously went forward, providing education and awareness about domestic violence and AIDS to battered women, advocates and the community. As a testament to how Jodi valued the importance of AIDS education to battered women and their children, it was one of her wishes that her story be shared on Battered Women's Action Day. Jodi was an advocate to battered women, an AIDS educator, she was a daughter, sister and dear friend to many.

CHILDREN MURDERED:

1. Lydia Healy, 4

Blaine

January 13, 1995

Police officers found Lydia lying on her living room floor after her mother, Judey Healy, reported to police that Lydia wasn't breathing. Lydia was hospitalized for eight days before she died. Her injuries included massive swelling of the brain caused by shaking or hitting, large black-and-blue marks on the tops of her feet, with marks between her toes, marks on her legs all the way up to her pelvis, bruises on her stomach and chest, a burned hand, bruises on her face, two large welts above an eye and on her cheek, and a burn or cut on her chin. Lydia's 11-year-old brother told police that his mother beat Lydia with a spatula and that Lydia was left sitting in a bathtub of cold water. The next morning, neither he nor his mother was able to wake Lydia. Judey Healy was charged with second-degree murder.

2. Geneva Broaden, 15

St. Paul

March 10, 1995

Alfred Robinson, 51, the live-in companion of Geneva's mother, summoned authorities to their home and reportedly confessed to beating Geneva. Robinson told police he punched Geneva and kicked and stomped on her after she fell down because of a dispute over use of the telephone. When found, Geneva was not breathing and was transported to a medical center where she was pronounced dead. Police described the assault as "a very vicious attack." Geneva's mother, Irene, was at work at the time of the attack. Geneva was her only child. Robinson had lived with Irene and Geneva for the past eight years. He has a previous record for domestic abuse and had served 90 days for assaulting his mother in 1988. He was charged with second-degree murder in Geneva's death.

3. Adriana Whiteside, 4

St. Paul

March 11, 1995

Adriana was found stabbed inside her father's apartment. She was stabbed once, perhaps twice, near her heart with a pocketknife and was rushed to the hospital where she died a short time later. A 14-year-old boy, Randy Burgess, who was baby-sitting Adriana and her infant stepsister, was seen by neighbors running through the building, carrying Adriana and screaming, "Call 911. I stabbed a baby!" He was arrested at the scene. Adriana's father, Benjamin Whiteside, shares the apartment with another woman, Kim Burgess. That evening, Kim Burgess was out with a friend and Whiteside was in and out of the apartment running errands. Randy Burgess is Kim Burgess' cousin and babysat, as he had many times before, for both Adriana and the infant child of Burgess and Whiteside. Randy Burgess was reportedly a runaway from a group home in Wisconsin. He allegedly told police he was planning to kill someone when he found himself alone with Adriana. Adriana's mother, Angela McCormick, 21, reported, "The police said it was premeditated--that he said he had thought it through--that he went to the bathroom and took a towel and stuffed it in her mouth so she wouldn't scream and then stabbed her." Randy Burgess was charged with intentional second-degree murder.

4. Jessica Turner, 8

St. Paul

March 31, 1995

Jessica died after being stabbed in the chest and tumbling down a flight of stairs in her parents' apartment. Her stepfather, Carlos De La Rosa, who had been released from a chemical dependency center on March 24, was drinking when he allegedly stabbed Jessica and her mother, Debbie De La Rosa. A downstairs neighbor reported hearing an argument and at one point, in an apparent reference to Jessica, heard her mother say, "leave her alone." When the sounds from the apartment intensified and screams were heard, the neighbors rushed to their door, heard loud thuds and found Jessica lying face down at the bottom of the stairs. She was curled in a fetal position and moaning. The neighbor was unaware that Jessica was

stabbed and rushed upstairs to help Debbie. He found De La Rosa hunched over Debbie while she screamed for help. The neighbor grabbed De La Rosa away from Debbie and the suspect fled. Debbie was bleeding profusely from a stab wound in her midsection and other wounds on her arms and hands. Neighbors assisted Debbie into their apartment, and then discovered that Jessica was seriously hurt. She was not breathing, turning blue and had a stab wound in the middle of her chest. She was transported to a hospital and pronounced dead a short time later. Debbie was hospitalized and listed in fair condition with stab wounds in her chest and abdomen. Court records show that De La Rosa had threatened and assaulted Debbie numerous times in the past including death threats with knives. He was found five hours after the stabbings, arrested and charged with second-degree murder and attempted second-degree murder.

5. Adrian Brasch, 3

Minneapolis

April 19, 1995

Adrian died after being brutally stabbed in the head. Adrian's mother, Heather Brasch, reported to authorities she had argued with her husband and Adrian's stepfather, Kennedy Gisege, telling him she planned to leave him. After she lay down on the couch, Gisege allegedly sat on top of her and stabbed her repeatedly. She escaped, was attacked again, managed to disarm him and then fled into a bathroom, where she locked the door and finally escaped through a window. Before she got out of the window, she heard Gisege threaten to kill himself and to "get" three-year-old Adrian. When police arrived, they found Adrian with extensive stab wounds to his head and face with wounds penetrating his brain. Pieces of his skull were missing and he had nearly bled to death. He remained alive until doctors disconnected life-support systems two days later. Court records show that Gisege had previously been charged with assault on Heather. Kennedy Gisege has been charged with first-degree murder in Adrian's death, and attempted murder and second-degree assault in the stabbing of his wife, Heather.

6. Jerome Caldwell III, 22 weeks

Minneapolis

Found May 18, 1995

Jerome was found in his home, fully clothed and floating face-up in the tub. His mother, Konii Robinson, was found nearby.

7. Gabriel Zambrano-Hallmark, 15 months

Eden Prairie

August 3, 1995

Gabriel's caretaker, his mother's boyfriend, Brian Henley Gentry, 19, called 911 while he was caring for Gabriel to report he was not breathing. Paramedics found the child having difficulty breathing and he later died under what police describe as "suspicious circumstances." Gentry was arrested and held on probable cause second-degree manslaughter charges, awaiting autopsy results. Gabriel is survived by his mother, Sara Hallmark, 18.

8. Michele Rosemary Plisek, 7 weeks

Cottage Grove

August 9, 1995

Police arrived at the Plisek home after a 911 call about a baby having difficulty breathing. They found Michelle, took her to the hospital where she went into respiratory failure and shock. Michele was diagnosed as having multiple skull fractures as a result of blunt force trauma and injuries consistent with shaken baby syndrome. She was placed on a life-support system and died three days later. The medical examiner reported she died of a central nervous system injury from multiple skull fractures caused by a forceful blow or blows to the head. Her father, James Joseph Plisek, 37, has been charged with second-degree murder.

9. Dominique Jackson, 7 months

Minneapolis

August 13, 1995

After a 911 call, police found Dominique suffering from injuries to her head and abdomen. She was transported to the hospital where she died. She had been in the care of her mother's boyfriend, Lloyd

