

**507.040 Manslaughter in the second degree.**

- (1) A person is guilty of manslaughter in the second degree when he or she wantonly causes the death of another person, including but not limited to situations where the death results from the person's:
  - (a) Operation of a motor vehicle;
  - (b) Leaving a child under the age of eight (8) years in a motor vehicle under circumstances which manifest an extreme indifference to human life and which create a grave risk of death to the child, thereby causing the death of the child;
  - (c) Unlawful distribution for remuneration of a Schedule I or II controlled substance when the controlled substance is the proximate cause of death; or
  - (d) Knowing distribution of fentanyl or a fentanyl derivative to another person without remuneration, and the injection, ingestion, inhalation, or other introduction of the fentanyl or fentanyl derivative causes the death of the person.
- (2) Manslaughter in the second degree is a Class C felony.

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