

Indiana: 2022 Annual Report of Child Abuse & Neglect Fatalities in Indiana

The Annual Report of Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities in Indiana is the state's official record of child deaths determined by the Indiana Department of Child Services to have been caused by caregiver maltreatment or neglect.

Victim: 1-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother's boyfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 1-year-old boy died from blunt-force injuries. He lived with his mother. On the day of the fatality, the child was in the care of the mother's boyfriend at the mother's boyfriend's house. When the boyfriend returned the child to the mother, she noticed the child was cold and his lips were blue. The child was transported to the hospital and died the next day. The child was found to have unexplained burns on his face and legs and blunt-force injuries to his abdomen. The mother's boyfriend provided no plausible explanation for the child's injuries.