

Indiana: 2023 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: 7-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

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 7-year-old boy died from a gunshot wound. He lived with his mother. On the evening prior to the fatality, the child's father stated that while he was on a virtual phone call with the child, the mother became upset, berated the father and disconnected the call. The next day, the mother and child were found deceased at their home, and it was determined that the mother killed the child and then killed herself.