

North Carolina Public Records Act Request

The following information was received in response to a public records request submitted under the North Carolina Public Records Law (G.S. §132-1) by Lives Cut Short. Records were provided by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner on January 27, 2025.

CANDID ID: NC_22_1780

Decedent's Name: Unnamed Boy

Victim Age: 5 months

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: Black

Date of Death: 04/14/2022

Death County: Pitt

Cause of Death: Blunt force injuries

Manner of Death: Homicide

Preliminary Circumstances: Kinston police responded to UNC Lenoir Health Care after a 5-month-old infant was admitted with multiple injuries consistent with child abuse. The child later died from those injuries. The infant's father, 22-year-old Ricardo Kadin Battle, was initially charged with felony child abuse and subsequently charged with second-degree murder following the child's death. He is currently being held without bond in the Lenoir County Jail. The investigation remains ongoing.