

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_21

Decedent's Name: Aerious Little

Victim Age: 1 year

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: Black

Date of Death: 12/12/2022

Death County: Guilford

Cause of Death: Carbon monoxide poisoning due to residential fire

Manner of Death: Undetermined

Preliminary Circumstances: Three children under the age of five died in a residential fire on Grimsley Street in Greensboro, North Carolina, after being left home alone. The fire led to carbon monoxide poisoning that claimed their lives. Their mother, Brandi Sturdivant, has been charged with child abuse and second-degree murder. An investigation by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services also revealed failures in safety procedures by the Guilford County Department of Social Services, prompting a corrective action plan.