

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_359

Decedent's Name: Dakota Williams

Victim Age: 4 years

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: Native American

Date of Death: 09/10/2022

Death County: Robeson

Cause of Death: Methamphetamine toxicity

Manner of Death: Accident

Preliminary Circumstances: Four-year-old Dakota Williams was found unresponsive on September 10, 2022, in Shannon, North Carolina. Deputies responded to a call reporting cardiac arrest and found the child deceased at the scene. An autopsy by the North Carolina Medical Examiner's Office confirmed the cause of death as methamphetamine toxicity. The child's mother, Kimberly Jo Hunt, was later charged with second-degree murder and child abuse, inflicting serious injury.