

## **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\_37

Decedent's Name: Unnamed Boy

Victim Age: 3 years

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: Black

Date of Death: 05/02/2022

Death County: Buncombe

Cause of Death: Starvation (extreme malnourishment)

Manner of Death: Homicide

Preliminary Circumstances: On May 2, 2022, Asheville police responded to a welfare check at the Rodeway Inn on Crowell Road and found the body of a three-year-old boy. The child was reportedly staying at the hotel with his mother, Chantrarica Nasha Matthews (29), and grandmother, Inga Torrence Matthews (50), both of whom were charged with first-degree murder, felony child abuse, and concealment of death. Investigators stated that the child appeared extremely malnourished and had allegedly been starved to death.