

## **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\_90

Decedent's Name: John Weckesser

Victim Age: 3 months

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: White

Date of Death: 05/03/2022

Death County: Wake

Cause of Death: Blunt force injuries

Manner of Death: Homicide

Preliminary Circumstances: On April 26, 2022, Johnston County deputies responded to a Raleigh hospital following an assault report and found 3-month-old John Weckesser in the pediatric ICU with trauma indicative of abuse. The infant died on May 3, 2022, from injuries sustained during the abuse. The child's father, Andrew Chance Weckesser, was initially charged with intentional child abuse and later charged with murder following the child's death. He is currently being held without bail at the Johnston County Detention Center.