

Pennsylvania: 2024 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

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Philadelphia

(#14) A 4-year-old female child died on December 8, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia County Department of Human Services indicated the report on February 15, 2024, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child had died as a result of an automobile accident however, there was no evidence of the incident occurring therefore an investigation was initiated as to the whereabouts of the child. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the mother's paramour beat the child to death and disposed of the child's body in an unknown manner. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the mother's paramour had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.