Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities 2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

<u>Montgomery</u>

(#14) A 1-month-old male child died on March 3, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth indicated the report on April 4, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother and the father brought the victim child to the hospital due to the child having a decreased appetite and appearing pale. The child presented at the hospital in cardiac arrest and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was initiated. Medical testing revealed a subdermal hemorrhaging of the brain and spine, retinal hemorrhaging, and fractures of the ribs, arm, and leg in various stages of healing. The child died as a result of the injuries sustained which were determined to be the result of non-accidental trauma. It was determined through the investigation that the father admitted to causing the injuries to the child and the mother was aware the father was causing the injuries to the child and did not intervene. 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 criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.