

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Philadelphia

(#24) A 9-year-old male child died on May 4, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau indicated the report on June 30, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child's mother contacted emergency services to report the child missing. The child was found at the mother's residence near a shed, wrapped in a blanket, and deceased due to strangulation. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the three other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.