

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Cambria

(#4) A 14-month-old female child died on April 1, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Cambria County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on May 20, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported a thud was heard, and the victim child was found by the mother not breathing and in cardiac arrest. Emergency services were contacted, and the child was transported to the local hospital and subsequently pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed the child died as a result of exsanguination and blunt force trauma and the death was ruled a homicide. It was determined through the investigation that the mother caused the death of the child. 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 had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.