

Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Northampton

(#13) A 2-month-old male child died on April 4, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Northampton County Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on June 2, 2023, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child was found in the mother and father's bed unresponsive, and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local hospital and subsequently pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and father co-slept with the child while under the influence of alcohol. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.