

Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Berks

(#4) A 2-year-old male child died on May 5, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Berks County Children and Youth indicated the report on June 12, 2023, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was transported to the hospital due to abdominal pain and vomiting blood. The child presented to the hospital with a swollen scrotum and abdominal bruising and swelling. A medical evaluation revealed the child had a ruptured stomach. The child died as a result of the injuries sustained and the injuries were determined to be non-accidental. It was determined through the investigation that the mother's paramour admitted to hitting the victim child. As the result of the safety assessment completed the two 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 had no prior documented child welfare involvement.