

Pennsylvania: 2024 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Somerset

(#25) A 2-year-old male child died on April 17, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Somerset County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 24, 2024, naming an unknown perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child became unresponsive and was transported to the emergency room where he was pronounced dead. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. The child subsequently died as a result of the ingestion. It was determined through the investigation that a perpetrator could not be identified. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with relatives and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.