

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

3rd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Philadelphia

(#16) A 2-month-old male child died on May 22, 2022, as the result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on July 5, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive and emergency services were contacted. The child presented to the hospital with subdural hematomas, rib fractures, clavicle fracture, pulmonary contusions, bilateral pneumothorax, and brain bleeds. The child subsequently died as a result of the injuries sustained. The death was ruled a homicide. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father could not provide a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.