

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

3rd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Berks

(#3) A 3-year-old female child died on June 30, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Berks County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on August 4, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found by the father blue in color and lifeless and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was initiated and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that the mother strangled the child and the injuries sustained caused the death of the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home with the father and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.