

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

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Lancaster

(#6) A 15-month-old male child died on October 18, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on December 13, 2022, naming the victim child's three siblings as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was shot by another child in the home. Emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that two of the siblings were the sole caregivers of the children at the time of the incident and were not properly supervising the children; the one other sibling left a loaded firearm unsupervised and accessible to the children at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the six other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.