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Beaver

(#3) A 4-month-old female child died on November 4, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Beaver County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on December 21, 2023, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found blue with no pulse and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the hospital. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child and was using illegal substances at the time of the child's ingestion; the father was aware the mother was using illegal substances and allowed the mother to be the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in kinship care and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.