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Lancaster

(#7) A 1-month-old female child died on June 23, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on August 11, 2023, 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 mother cold to the touch and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was subsequently pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation, that at the time of the incident the mother co-slept with the child while under the influence of an illegal substance. The one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and all contact with the mother was supervised. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.