Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

3rd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Allegheny

(#3) An 11-month-old male child died on May 14, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on July 6, 2023, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the mother was co-sleeping with the victim child and the child was found unresponsive between the bed and the wall wrapped in a blanket. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was initiated, and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was subsequently pronounced dead at the hospital. It was determined through the investigation that the mother co-slept with the victim child and admitted to illegal drug use and drinking alcohol at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident 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.