Pennsylvania: 2024 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

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Fulton

(#7) A less than 1-day-old male child died on March 11, 2024, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Fulton County Services for Children indicated the report on August 24, 2024, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the child was found alongside the roadway. Emergency medical services were contacted and pronounced the child dead at the scene. After giving birth at home, the child's mother cut the umbilical cord with a knife and threw the child from the bathroom window. The child's father assisted with the home birth. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and father did not seek medical care for the child. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.