Indiana: 2022 Annual Report of Child Abuse & Neglect Fatalities in Indiana

The Annual Report of Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities in Indiana is the state's official record of child deaths determined by the Indiana Department of Child Services to have been caused by caregiver maltreatment or neglect.

Victim: 4-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 1

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother, mother's boyfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 4-year-old boy died from injuries suffered when he was hit by a truck. He lived with his mother, sibling and mother's boyfriend. On the day of the fatality, the family spent the night in a shop where the mother's boyfriend worked. The child was known to have a propensity to wander, and the mother and mother's boyfriend did not securely lock the door before going to bed. In the early morning hours, the child left the shop and wandered onto a highway where he was struck by a truck. The mother subsequently tested positive for methamphetamine and amphetamine. The mother's boyfriend refused to submit to a drug screen but was later arrested for possession of methamphetamine.