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: 1-year-old girl

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

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 1-year-old girl died from toxic effects of para-fluorofentanyl, heroin and xylazine. She lived with her mother and sibling. On the day of the fatality, the mother took an afternoon nap with the children. Two hours later, the child was found deceased in the mother's bed. The mother tested positive for THC and a heroin metabolite. The child's toxicology test was positive for caffeine, para-fluorofentanyl, morphine and 6-monoacetylmorphine (a heroin metabolite).