Indiana: 2023 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: 6-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

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Perpetrator: Father, mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 6-year-old girl died from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. She lived with her parents, siblings and grandparent. On the day of the fatality, the parents and children were returning home from a party. The mother was driving the vehicle, and the parents began arguing while on a freeway. The mother suddenly stopped the car in the middle of the freeway, causing the vehicle to be struck by a truck. None of the children were restrained, and the parents were intoxicated.