Pennsylvania: 2024 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

4th Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Allegheny

(#1) A 3-year-old female child died on September 1, 2024, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County's Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on October 30, 2024, naming the victim child's maternal grandmother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the child was found dead in bed by the child's maternal uncle. Emergency medical services and law enforcement responded to the home and reported that the child was deceased. The child died from blunt force trauma to the head, torso, and extremities. It was determined through the investigation that the maternal grandmother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time the injuries were sustained. The maternal grandmother stated she was responsible for the injuries. There were two other children in the home; one child was placed with a relative and the other was placed in to foster care, and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the maternal grandmother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.