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Lancaster

(#10) A 3-month-old male child died on August 30, 2024, as a result of physical abuse. Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on October 24, 2024, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported that law enforcement and emergency medical services were contacted due to the maternal grandmother finding the child unresponsive in bed with the mother. It was determined through the investigation that the mother admitted to co-sleeping with the child while under the influence of illegal substances. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative, and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.