Pennsylvania: 2024 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

4th Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Philadelphia

(#13) An 8-year-old female child died on November 3, 2024, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Philadelphia County's Department of Human Services indicated the report on December 4, 2024, naming an unrelated babysitter as the perpetrator. On the date or the incident, it was reported that the child was taken to the hospital by law enforcement for a gunshot wound to the left eye. The child was pronounced dead on arrival. It was determined through the investigation that the babysitter left the gun unattended and unsecured where the child could access it. The babysitter was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the babysitter had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.