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Dauphin

(#5) An 8-year-old male child died on July 31, 2024, as a result of serious physical neglect. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on September 27, 2024, naming the victim child's babysitter as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported that a witness found and retrieved the child from the bottom of the pool. The child died as a result of drowning. The child's babysitter was the sole caretaker responsible for the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.