Harris County Medical Examiner Report

The following information was received from the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences on March 23, 2026.

CANDID ID: TX_25_5073

Case Number: ML25-3027

Decedent Name: Ja'Karia Shields

Date of Birth: 6/2/2025

Date of Death: 8/1/2025

Age: 1 month

Gender: Male

Cause of Death: Blunt trauma of head with subdural hemorrhage

Manner of Death: Homicide

Synopsis: Hospital death of a 1m/o BM with no PMH who was reportedly in the care of his father at home when he went unresponsive. The decedent was transported to the hospital and found to have bilateral subdural hematomas and severe retinal hemorrhages. Pronounced ~7 days after hospital arrival with Baytown PD investigation ongoing.