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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Department of Children and Families
Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P)
Report on Child Fatality or Near Fatality

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): C.D. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 05/03/2019 **County of Residence:** Warren

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 10/20/2021 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 10/20/2021

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: During the week of 04/07/2021, C.D. was in the care of his mother's, K.T., boyfriend, R.R.. On 10/20/21, C.D. had difficulty breathing, he was vomiting, pale, lethargic, and had been whimpering all day. During the morning hours of 10/21/21, R.R. found C.D. unresponsive on the floor. EMS and the police responded to R.R.'s home. Upon arrival, the first responders noted that C.D.'s skin was mottled, his blood had pooled to his lower extremities and rigor mortis had set into his jaw. C.D. was transported to Saint Joseph's Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The autopsy revealed that C.D. suffered from numerous internal injuries: rib fractures, brain swelling, laceration of the liver, subscapular hemorrhage, torn mesentery, and abdominal bleeding. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was blunt impacts of the abdomen and head. The manner of death was ruled a homicide. R.R., was arrested and charged with 1st degree murder and 2nd degree endangering the welfare of a child. CP&P conducted an investigation and R.R. was substantiated for physical abuse

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): R.R.'s, 6-year-old daughter, J.R., was visiting her father when the incident occurred, and she was unharmed. J.R. remains in the care of her mother.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed:) Not Previously Known
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If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:

Types of Service Provided:

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): D.B. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 07/23/2013 **County of Residence:** Passaic

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 05/15/2021 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 05/15/2021

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 05/15/2021, D.B. was stabbed multiple times by his mother, I.T., while he slept. I.T. then stabbed her 17-year-old son, G.B., in the shoulder. I.T.'s 15-year-old son, C.B., witnessed the stabbing and he called 911. G.B. and C.B. were able to physically restrain their mother until police arrived. The police investigation revealed, that I.T. stabbed D.B. with a kitchen knife. She stabbed him over 115 times. D.B. sustained injuries to his face, neck, and upper chest area. D.B. was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. According to the Medical Examiner, the cause of death was multiple sharp face injuries of the head, neck, torso and bilateral upper extremities and asphyxia. I.T. was charged with 1st degree murder and attempted murder. CP&P conducted an investigation and I.T. was substantiated for physical abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): G.B. (17-year old male) was stabbed by I.T. but his injuries were not life threatening. C.B. (15-year old male) was home but was not injured. The children are in the care and custody of their biological father.

Historical Information:

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Types of Service Provided:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): E.R.A. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 07/13/2021 **County of Residence:**Salem

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 12/03/2021 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**12/04/2021

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 12/3/2021, the Penns Grove Police Department received a 911 call with concerns for what sounded like a domestic violence dispute in the home. Upon arrival, E.R.A. was discovered covered in blood and she appeared to be deceased. E.R.A had suffered from multiple stabbed wounds, and she was pronounced deceased on the scene. At the home at the time of incident, was E.R.A.'s 2-year-old sister, E.R.A. and their mother, K.A. It was reported that K.A. had been experiencing some mental health concerns a few days prior to the incident. K.A. was charged with murder purposely/murder and knowingly/possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose. CP&P conducted an investigation and K.A. was substantiated for Physical Abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):.R.A. 2-year-old female, was at the home when the incident occurred and was unharmed. On 12/04/2021 E.R.A. was placed in the care, custody and supervision of CP&P and placed in a relative kin home.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

Open (Date Opened:04/14/2020) Closed (Date Closed:04/14/2020) Not Previously Known

The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:On 02/21/2020, a concern was received that K.A. tested positive for marijuana at the birth of her oldest daughter, E.R.A. The allegations of neglect were Not Established.

Types of Service Provided:Plan of Safe Care

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:E.R.A was not born at the time of the family's prior involvement

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): J.B.D. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 06/20/2020 **County of Residence:** Mercer

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 05/03/2021 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 05/03/2021

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 05/03/21, J.B.D. Jr. and his three older siblings ages 14, 12 and 9 were traveling with their mother, M.B. (mother) and J.B.D. Sr. (father). The family was traveling on a highway when J.B.D. Sr. struck a guardrail and J.B.D. Jr. was ejected from the vehicle. J.B.D. Jr. sustained major head injuries, and he was transported to Cooper Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. The medical examination and autopsy results revealed that J.B.D. Jr. had no injuries that were consistent with being placed in a child restraint. The Medical Examiner concluded that J.B.D. Jr. was an unrestrained rear seat passenger in a vehicle when it struck a guardrail and J.B.D. Jr. was ejected through a rear window. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was head injuries. DCP&P conducted an investigation and J.B.D. Sr. and M.B. were substantiated for neglect.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): J.B.W (14 year old female), J.B.W. (12 year old female) and J.B.W. (9 year old male) were present in the vehicle at the time of the accident. The siblings were properly restrained in the vehicle and only sustained minor injuries. The siblings remained in the care of M.B. and J.B.D. Sr.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed: 8/13/2020) Not Previously Known
- The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:N/A

Types of Service Provided:Therapy

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:08/06/2020 in home visitation with J.B.D.

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): K.C. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 06/21/2019 **County of Residence:** Passaic

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 11/07/2020 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 11/07/2020

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 11/07/2020, 911 received a call reporting concerns for K.C. Upon arrival EMS found K.C. home alone. K.C.'s belly was distended, he was not breathing, and he was in cardiac arrest. K.C. was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital where he died as a result of his injuries. Upon examination, K.C. was found to have significant rectal lacerations, significant bruising on his abdomen and forehead and a distended belly. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was blunt force injuries of the abdomen. Passaic County Prosecutor's Office investigation, revealed that K.C. was left in the care of his mother's, Q.C., paramour, J.D. The paramour had been caring for Q.C.'s three children, ages 8, 7, and 1 when he sexually and physically abused K.C. J.D. was charged with 1st degree felony murder, 1st degree aggravated sexual assault and 2nd degree child endangerment. CP&P conducted an investigation and J.D. was substantiated for physical and sexual abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): H.B., 8-year-old female and J.B., 7-year-old male, were being cared for by J.D. at the time of the incident but were unharmed. On 11/08/2020 H.B. and J.B. were placed in the care, custody, and supervision of CP&P and the children were placed together in a relative kin home.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed: 11/25/2019) Not Previously Known
- The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:N/A

Types of Service Provided:Therapy, Psychological Assessment, Urine Screens, Substance Abuse Evaluation

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:10/30/2019 in home visitation with K.C.

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): L.B. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 07/08/2017 **County of Residence:**Essex

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 12/30/2021 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**12/30/2021

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 12/30/201, CP&P received a call from the Orange Police Department who reported that a 911 call was received reporting that 4-year-old L.B. was in cardiac arrest. Her mother's paramour, J.W., had been caring for her for several hours while her mother, B.Z., was out running errands. L.B. was transported to University Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Upon examination, L.B. was observed with bruising on her right arm, upper chest, chin, both sides of her face, left ear and neck. The treating physician stated the bruises were not consistent with a child receiving CPR. The law enforcement investigation revealed that the injuries were a result of non-accidental trauma and inflicted injuries. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was blunt force trauma. J.W. was charged with 1st degree murder and endangering the welfare of a minor. CP&P conducted an investigation and J.W. was substantiated for physical abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):N/A

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed:08/31/2020) Not Previously Known
- The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:On 6/16/2019, a concern was received that the mother, B.Z., had contacted the police department because she was afraid that she may hurt L.B. because she was

depressed and unable to care for her daughter. The family was residing with a maternal relative who was a support to the mother and child. L.B. was linked to supportive services to address her mental health concerns. The allegation of neglect was Not Established.

Types of Service Provided:Therapy, Substance Abuse Evaluation

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:07/21/2020 in home visitation with L.B.

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): L.S. **Gender:**Male
Date of Birth/Age: 11/24/2017 **County of Residence:**Morris

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 08/13/2021 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**08/13/2021

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 08/13/2021, L.S. was transported to Morristown Medical Center by his mother, K.S. Upon arrival, L.S. was noted to be stiff and cold to the touch and he was unable to be resuscitated. Upon examination, there was significant bruising observed on L.S. body that appeared to be old and new injuries. The autopsy report revealed new and old rib fractures, new blunt force trauma of the head, multiple facial bruises, subarachnoid hemorrhage, brain swelling and optic nerve sheath hemorrhage. The report also revealed multiple bruises on his trunk, upper and lower extremities, and blunt trauma to the abdomen with hemorrhaging of the small and large intestine. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was multiple blunt force injuries. Morris County Prosecutor's Office investigation, revealed that L.S. was left in the care of his mother's paramour, E.U. The paramour had been caring for L.S. and his 5-year-old sister, L.S. while their mother was at work. E.U. notified K.S. that something was wrong with L.S. and the mother returned home. K.S. did not seek immediate medical attention for L.S., she waited for approximately 2 ½ hours before she transported L.S. to the hospital. E.U. was charged and convicted of 1st degree murder, 2nd degree endangering the welfare of a child, 3rd degree tampering with a witness and 4th degree tampering with evidence. K.S. was charged and convicted of 2nd degree endangering the welfare of a child, 3rd degree hindering apprehension, 3rd degree tampering with a witness and 4th degree tampering with evidence. CP&P conducted an investigation and E.U. was substantiated for physical abuse and K.S was substantiated for neglect

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):L.S. (5-year old female) was being cared for by E.U. at the time of the incident but she was unharmed. On 08/13/2021, L.S. was placed in the care, custody and supervision of CP&P in an unrelated resource home. On 8/26/2021, L. S. was placed in a relative kin home.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed:06/07/2017) Not Previously Known

The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:N/A

Types of Service Provided:Urine Screen and Financial Assistance

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:L.S. was not born at the time of the family's prior involvement.

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): M.K. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 02/21/2021 **County of Residence:**Bergen

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 10/25/2021 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**10/25/2021

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 10/25/2021, a call was received from the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office reporting the death of 8-month-old M.K. The mother, A.R., transported M.K. to St. Joseph's Hospital because she was not breathing. Upon examination, M.K. was found to have a skull fracture, a blackeye and bruises on her body. M.K. died as a result of her injuries and A.R. denied knowing how M.K. suffered her fatal injuries. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was blunt force trauma and the manner of death homicide. A.R. was charged with 1st degree murder. CP&P conducted an investigation and A.R. was substantiated for Physical Abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):N/A

Historical Information:

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Types of Service Provided:

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): M.T. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 12/13/2020 **County of Residence:**Morris

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 01/21/2021 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**01/22/201

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 01/21/2021, M.T. was left in the care of her father, J.T., while her mother, D.T., and her 2-year-old brother, J.T. Jr., were out running errands. The father was working from home when he reported that M.T. appeared not well. M.T. went limp when J.T. picked her up, and she was not responsive. J.T. contacted 911 and performed CPR. M.T. was transported to St. Clare's Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. The autopsy revealed that M.T. suffered from a subdural hematoma of the brain, there was evidence of bleeding behind the eye, and she had a broken rib. The injuries were indicative of M.T. being shaken forcibly. J.T. was charged with 2nd degree manslaughter and 2nd degree endangering the welfare of a child. CP&P conducted an investigation and J.T. was substantiated for physical abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):J.T. (2-year-old male) was not home when the incident occurred. He remained in the care and custody of his mother, M.T.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed:) Not Previously Known

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): M.V. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 10/24/2020 **County of Residence:** Hudson

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 10/24/2020 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 10/25/2020, the Kearny Police responded to the family home after receiving a 911 call from a neighbor reporting concerns for the mother, E.V. and her newborn son, M.V., who was delivered at home. E.V. reported that she gave birth in the bathroom and that she disposed of the baby in the garbage. Police located M.V. in a garbage can outside the home. He was blue and lifeless. E.V. had wrapped M.V. in blankets and placed him inside of a plastic shopping bag. The Hudson County Prosecutor's Office Homicide Unit and the Regional Medical Examiner conducted an investigation into M.V.'s death. The Medical Examiner determined that M.V. was born alive, and he died as a result of exposure to the elements and asphyxiation. E.V. was charged with aggravated manslaughter, endangering the welfare of a child, and desecration of human remains. CP&P conducted an investigation and E.V. was substantiated for Physical Abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): N/A

Historical Information:

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Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): N.J. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 09/04/2012 **County of Residence:** Middlesex

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 11/25/2021 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 12/02/2021

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 11/25/2021, N.J. was traveling in a vehicle with his mother, Y.B.A., and his 9-year-old cousin Z.B. Y.B.A. was observed driving down the wrong side of a ramp when she collided head on with a police vehicle. N.J. suffered from life-threatening injuries, and he was pronounced deceased at the scene of the accident. The law enforcement investigation revealed that Y.B.A. was driving under the influence, and her blood alcohol level was almost over twice the legal limit of alcohol consumption while driving. Y.B.A. was charged with 2nd degree endangering the welfare of a child, 2nd degree vehicular homicide, 1st degree manslaughter and aggravate assault. CP&P conducted an investigation and Y.B.A. was substantiated for neglect.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Y.B.A.'s 9-year old nephew, Z.B., was involved in the car accident and he did not survive his injuries.

Historical Information:

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Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): S.R. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 08/01/2014 **County of Residence:**Somerset

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 11/08/2021 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**11/09/2021

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 11/09/21, S.R. and her 11-month-old brother, P.R., were found unresponsive in their car seats. The children were bound and restrained in their mother's Y.C. car. The investigation revealed that Y.C. had zip tied and gagged S.R. and P.R. with duct tape and suffocated her children with her hands. Y.C. was charged with 2 counts of 1st degree murder. CP&P conducted an investigation and Y.C. was substantiated for physical abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):P.R. (11-month old male) was suffocated by his mother, Y.C.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed:08/16/2021) Not Previously Known
- The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:On July 11, 2021, a concern was received that Y.C. was paranoid and delusional, and she had access to a firearm. The Local mobile crisis unit responded to the home and Y.C. was transported to the hospital for a mental health evaluation. Y.C. was kept overnight and the evaluation revealed no concerns for her mental health, and she was discharged home with no treatment recommendations. The allegations of neglect were Unfounded.

Types of Service Provided:N/A

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:07/17/2021

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Report on Child Fatality or Near Fatality

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): Z.B. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 02/08/2012 **County of Residence:** Middlesex

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 11/25/2021 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 12/02/2021

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 11/25/2021, Z.B. was traveling in a vehicle with his aunt, Y.B.A., and her 9-year-old son N.J. Y.B.A. was observed driving down the wrong side of a ramp when she collided head on with a police vehicle. N.J. suffered from life-threatening injuries, and he was pronounced deceased at the scene of the accident. The law enforcement investigation revealed that Y.B.A. was driving under the influence, and her blood alcohol level was almost over twice the legal limit of alcohol consumption while driving. Y.B.A. was charged with 2nd degree endangering the welfare of a child, 2nd degree vehicular homicide, 1st degree manslaughter and aggravate assault. CP&P conducted an investigation and Y.B.A. was substantiated for neglect.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Y.B.A.'s 9-year old son, N.J., was involved in the car accident and he did not survive his injuries.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

Open (Date Opened: 09/28/2021) Closed (Date Closed:) Not Previously Known

The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral: N/A

Types of Service Provided: Psychological Assessment, Substance Abuse Evaluation, Urine Screen

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality: 11/03/2021 in home visitation with Z.B.