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DCYF Public Disclosure

Providence, R.I. (March 24, 2022) – The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the fatality of a five-year-old from West Warwick. The Department had no previous involvement with the family.

The incident occurred on September 18, 2021. The Department initiated an investigation and, through this investigation, determined maltreatment contributed to this fatality. Pursuant to state law, DCYF has notified the Office of the Child Advocate of the report.

Due to confidentiality laws, we are prohibited from sharing additional information.

DCYF's highest priority is the safety and well-being of all children. Rhode Islanders are required by law to report known or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to DCYF within 24 hours of becoming aware of such abuse/neglect. Please call 1-800-RI-CHILD to report known or suspected cases of child abuse.

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