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DCYF Public Disclosure

Providence, R.I. (February 11, 2022) – The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the fatality of a two-year-old boy from Pawtucket. The Department had previous involvement with the family but not at the time of the incident.

The incident occurred on December 10, 2021. The Department, along with the Pawtucket Police Department, the Rhode Island Medical Examiner's Office, and the RI Attorney General's Office, 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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