



REPORT ON THE FATALITY OF:

Baby Boy Hein

BORN: 08/18/2013

DATE OF Death: 08/18/2013

DATE OF ORAL REPORT: 08/28/2013

FAMILY NOT KNOWN TO:

**Northampton County Children and Youth or Lehigh County
Children and Youth**

REPORT FINALIZED ON:

2/14/14

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(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

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(23 Pa. C.S. 6349 (b))

Reason for Review:

Senate Bill 1147, Printer's Number 2159 was signed into law on July 3, 2008. The bill became effective on December 30, 2008 and is known as Act 33 of 2008. As part of Act 33 of 2008, DPW must conduct a review and provide a written report of all cases of suspected child abuse that result in a child fatality or near fatality. This written report must be completed as soon as possible but no later than six months after the date the report was registered with ChildLine for investigation.

Act 33 of 2008 also requires that county children and youth agencies convene a review when a report of child abuse involving a child fatality or near fatality is indicated or when a status determination has not been made regarding the report within 30 days of the oral report to ChildLine. Northampton County has convened a review team in accordance with Act 33 of 2008 related to this report.

Family Constellation:

Name:

Baby Boy Hein
[REDACTED]

Relationship:

Victim Child
Mother
Father

Date of Birth:

08/18/2013
[REDACTED]/1986

Notification of Child Near Fatality:

On August 28, 2013, Northampton County Children and Youth Services was notified [REDACTED] of the death of Baby Boy Hein. The baby's body was discovered in a women's bathroom in Northampton County, after the mother had given birth in a bathroom stall.

Summary of DPW Child Near Fatality Review Activities:

The Northeast Regional Office (NERO) Human Service Program Representative (HSPR) met with Northampton County Children and Youth (NCCYS) [REDACTED] Supervisor, Caseworker, Manager, and Director to discuss this case. The HSPR had obtained and reviewed the entire file regarding this family. The NERO HSPR also participated in the County Internal Fatality Act 33 Review Team meeting on September 19, 2013. At the time of the ACT 33 meeting, NERO recommended that the community review its use of Safe Haven.

Summary of Services to the Family:

At the time of the victim child's fatality, the family was not known to either Northampton County Children and Youth, or Lehigh County Children and Youth.

Children and Youth Involvement Prior to Incident:

This family was not known to NCCYS prior to this incident.

Circumstances of Child Near Fatality and Related Case Activity:

The mother of the victim child did not receive services from NCCYS. The mother resided in Lehigh County and did not receive services from Children and Youth. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Law enforcement was called to a sports bar in Northampton County on 8/18/2013 after the cleaning staff reported finding a baby wrapped in a plastic bag lying in a toilet tank in the women's restroom. The baby was identified as a full term male infant, alive at birth. During the investigation at the restaurant, pooled blood was discovered on a seat bench utilized by a group of people. Law enforcement was informed that the evening of the birth of the victim child, there was a reservations only sporting event being televised and because of this law enforcement was able to discover who had reserved the booth. The male who rented the booth was able to provide law enforcement the name of the woman in the group. He reported that she said she was having back spasms during the event and went to the bathroom for approximately 45 minutes. The woman was offered a ride to the hospital on the way home but refused stating she would be fine and she had no health insurance to cover the cost of a doctor visit. The male was unaware that she was bleeding in the booth. The report [REDACTED] was made [REDACTED] on 8/28/2013, at which time Northampton County Children and Youth were notified. The autopsy revealed that the child was born alive at 33- 36 weeks and was suffocated.

The [REDACTED] investigation began when the mother was charged with homicide. She had no other children. She lived with her mother in Lehigh County. Her mother did not know she was pregnant. The father of the child was not identified. [REDACTED]

Current Case Status:

[REDACTED] is currently incarcerated at [REDACTED] Prison. [REDACTED] She has no other criminal history. She will not disclose any other details to the county agency.

County Strengths and Deficiencies and Recommendations for Change as Identified by the County's Child Fatality Report:

Strenghts: The agency responded to the investigation in an appropriate manner. There was cooperation between county agencies and law enforcement.

Deficiencies:

- **Recommendations for Change at the Local Level:** It was determined that there is a need to distribute Safe Haven information to the community at appropriate child/parent locations. This recommendation came from the Act 33 meeting held as per regulation.
- **Recommendations for Change at the State Level:** None.

Department Review of County Internal Report:

The department did a review of records, held interviews with appropriate staff and attended the Act 33 meeting. The agency acted in compliance with all regulations pertaining to a [REDACTED] investigation.

Department of Public Welfare Findings:

County Strengths: The agency conducted a thorough investigation.

County Weaknesses: None

Department of Public Welfare Recommendations:

None.