

State Medical Examiner Determines Carbon Monoxide Was Not Cause Of Death for McDougale Terrance In

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The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) typically does not release individual autopsy reports and information prior to the completion of the case. However, given the public health concerns surrounding the Durham Housing Authority's McDougald Terrace location, DHHS is sharing information about the carbon monoxide laboratory results today related to three infant deaths in Durham County. Preliminary and confirmatory testing were negative for carbon monoxide in all three cases. OCME pathologists have shared these results with the family or next of kin for each of the infants. Our deepest sympathies are extended to these families and OCME will continue to work to determine the cause of death. The NCDHHS Division of Public Health will continue to work with Durham County and others to provide technical assistance to local officials as they continue their investigation.