Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 100257355

County of Child's Residence: ANGELINA

Gender: Male

Age: 6 Year(s) 9 Month(s)

Date of Death: 04/27/2025

On the date of the fatality, the child was not in DFPS conservatorship and was living with the child's parent, a managing conservator, a legal guardian or other person entititled to the child's possession.

Child's Name: Yeater,Kash R

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 04/30/2025

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report that the deceased child passed away after being run over by his 10-year-old aunt in front of the family home. The deceased child's stepfather asked the aunt to move the truck and instead of moving forward, the aunt reversed and ended up running over the child. The child and siblings were playing outside near the porch area. It was unknown if the deceased child's mother and stepfather were inside the home or outside the home with the children when the incident took place.

The Department's investigation determined that the deceased child's mother and stepfather were sitting together when the truck struck the porch. The stepfather directed the ten-year-old maternal aunt to move his truck from the driveway despite the aunt and mother being opposed to the idea. The aunt reported that she accidently pressed the gas pedal instead of the brake pedal, which caused the truck to move forward and hit the porch. The truck and debris from the porch struck the child in the head, causing his death. After the child's funeral, the stepfather attended a gathering with family and friends. At the gathering, the stepfather initiated an altercation with another individual there and although not confirmed, it was reported that the stepfather had been drinking alcohol. After the altercation took place, the stepfather tried leaving the home with the nine-month-old sibling and as other attendees were trying to stop him from leaving with the sibling, the stepfather started swinging his arms and forcibly pushed his way out of the home with the child in his arms. A third-party person was reported to have been injured by the stepfather. There was a video provided corroborating the account of the stepfather holding the sibling during the altercation and the sibling could be heard crying. The mother separated from the stepfather, tested negative on a drug screen, was gainfully employed and providing for the siblings.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy, but final results were still pending when the Department's investigation closed. The preliminary results found the cause of death would most likely be blunt force trauma and the manner of death would be accidental.

Law enforcement conducted an investigation, and the stepfather was arrested in relation to the death for criminally negligent homicide and endangering a child for the sibling.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed that the stepfather committed physical abuse of the deceased child, which led to the child's death.

The Department did not confirm that the stepfather committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child.

The Department confirmed that the stepfather committed neglectful supervision of the sibling.

The Department administratively closed concerns that the stepfather committed neglectful supervision of the aunt.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 04/30/2025: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Basic Needs Support,Medical Resources/Assessment,Legal Services

Other Services:

The mother accepted services and referrals provided.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A Family Team Meeting was offered but cancelled after the mother and father separated and the mother was being protective of the surviving siblings.

If one or more children were previously removed from the home, for each conservatorship episode, summarize dates of conservatorship and type of placement at the end of conservatorship:

Not applicable.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 01/12/2021

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report concerning the biological children of the stepfather's paramour at the time. There were concerns that the paramour was in denial about his sex offender status and did not believe that he committed a crime. It was noted that the stepfather was not suspected of attempting sexual contact with the paramour's children at the time of the report.

The Department's investigation determined that all of the paramour's children were interviewed, and they did not make an outcry of abuse or neglect. The allegations made were risk based, and the stepfathers contact with the children was supervised at all times.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm that the stepfather committed sexual abuse of the paramour's children.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 01/13/2021: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 03/23/2021: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

No services or referrals provided.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable.

The investigation was closed.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 07/05/2023

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report with concerns that the deceased child's stepfather was a registered sex offender, and he was picked up recently for not registering at his job. There were also concerns for the deceased child's mother and the stepfather recently giving the sibling some fireball whisky in front of the stepfather's friends. The sibling's biological father was aware, tried to address it with the mother and at the next child exchange, the stepfather got into a physical altercation with the sibling's father in front of the deceased child and his sibling.

The Department's investigation determined that the children primarily spent the majority of their time under the supervision of their mother, who had primary custody. During the altercation between the children's father and stepfather, the children were already in the vehicle, and they were not involved or able to view the altercation. There was no evidence found to support that the children were given alcohol by the stepfather. It was confirmed that the stepfather is a registered sex offender, but he did not have any restrictions requiring him not to have contact with children. The children did not make any outcries of abuse or neglect. It was also determined that the paramour of the children's father admitted to using marijuana recreationally and she also had a positive urine drug screen. However, there was no evidence to indicate that the children were ever exposed to the paramour's marijuana use as she reported that she only smoked outside the home and never in front of the children.

Investigation Findings:

The Department was unable to determine if the father's paramour committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child and his sibling.

The Department did not confirm that the mother, father, or stepfather committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child and his sibling.

The Department did not confirm that the mother and stepfather committed physical abuse of the sibling.

The Department did not confirm that the stepfather committed sexual abuse of the deceased child and his sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 07/09/2023: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother accepted information to counseling services in the community.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable.

The investigation was closed.

Other Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 12/06/2022

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report with concerns that there was a domestic violence incident between the deceased child's mother and stepfather that led to the stepfather being arrested. Although they were not injured, the deceased child and sibling were present during the altercation.

The Departments investigation found that while the family was out of state, there was an incident between the mother and stepfather while the children were present, however the mother and stepfather claimed it was just a verbal altercation. Law Enforcement was called and the stepfather arrested. This incident occurred in a different state and the family returned to Texas. The children were seen with no concerns noted and their biological father was involved and willing to notify the Department if further issues arose. The children's stepsibling was interviewed, and she stated she had seen the stepfather slap the mother but there were no police reports to support a history of domestic violence. The family was residing with the step grandparents, who reported no domestic violence and were willing to monitor the family to ensure the children's safety. The stepsibling's mother indicated she would not be allowing the stepsibling to visit the home unless there was supervision.

Investigation Findings:

The Department was unable to determine if the mother and stepfather committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child, his sibling and their stepsibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Risk Assessment: 12/19/2022: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Closed

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

The family accepted information to counseling services in the community.

Other Services:

Not applicable.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable.

Note: This report was prepared on 05/12/2026 and does not include corrections or updates, if any, that may be subsequently made to DFPS data on or after the date this report was prepared.