Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 102748966

County of Child's Residence: NAVARRO

Gender: Male

Age: 4 Year(s) 1 Month(s)

Date of Death: 02/05/2022

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: Freeman,Hunter

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 2/7/2022

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report with concerns of a child and mother being shot and killed.

During the investigation the paramour of the deceased child's mother was found by Law Enforcement in a vehicle. The paramour shot and killed himself with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Prior to killing himself, he killed several other people. Among those killed were the deceased child and the deceased child's mother. The paramour went to the mother's residence where he shot and killed the deceased child in his bed. He also shot the mother in attempts at killing her before leaving in her car. The mother was able to call 911 after the incident occurred and later died due to her injuries at a local hospital.

An autopsy was not completed.

A Law Enforcement investigation was completed and confirmed this was a homicide. No arrest were made due to the paramour being deceased.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the paramour committed physical abuse of the deceased child which led to his death. The paramour showed a blatant disregard of the child's health and safety when he shot and killed the child.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Only child died

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

No services were offered due to all parties being deceased.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The risk is mitigated due to all parties being deceased.

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:

None.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 11/6/2020

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The department received a report stating the mother was diagnosed with depression and takes medications. The police responded to an incident of the decedent ingesting mother's prescription medication of Bupropion 300 mg (Wellbutrin). 2nd intake: Mother and paramour are using marijuana while decedent was in the room.

During the investigation the paramour refused to complete an interview or drug test. Mother completed a drug test which yielded negative results. Mother reported she had gone to the doctor and had her medicine in a bag in her purse due to her having to show the doctor her medication. Mother showed the investigator she now keeps the medicine in a cabinet above the sink to keep the decedent from being able to get them.

Investigation Findings:

The Department was not able to confirm the mother committed neglectful supervision against the deceased child and the department was unable to confirm if the paramour committed Neglectful Supervision of the decedent.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

No services were offered.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

No further actions were taken.

Other Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s):

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

Investigation Findings:

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

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