Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 108261081

County of Child's Residence: TRAVIS

Gender: Female

Age: 11 Year(s) 7 Month(s)

Date of Death: 07/15/2022

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: Revada,Taya

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 7/13/2022

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received two intakes that stated on July 13, 2022, the deceased child was unconscious and transported to the hospital. The allegations were that the deceased child had been choked by her father. Law enforcement responded and saw that deceased child had bruising around her neck and was not breathing. The deceased child's siblings were able to run to a neighbor's residence. One of the siblings reported being choked by her father. The report indicated the father had a history of mental illness. The deceased child died from her injuries on July 15, 2022.

The Department's investigation determined that the father had picked up the deceased child and her two siblings from their mother's residence for a visit. The deceased child's surviving sibling was interviewed and reported the father punching and strangling the deceased child. The deceased child was hospitalized, but found to have no brain activity and died two days later on July 15, 2022.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy, but the final cause and manner of death were not available when the Department's investigation closed.

Law enforcement completed an investigation and arrested the father. He is currently incarcerated with charges of

capital murder, injury to a child with intent to cause serious bodily injury, and assault on family/household member impede breath/circulation.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed allegations that the deceased child's father committed physical abuse of the deceased child and one of her siblings. The injuries sustained by her father led to the deceased child's death. The sibling was also injured from being choked by the father.

The Department also confirmed allegations that the father committed neglectful supervision of the two surviving siblings. The father strangled the deceased child in the siblings presence and attempted to strangle the sibling of the deceased child. The father's violent actions placed the siblings at significant risk of harm.

7/14/2022: Structured Decision Making Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
Structured Decision Making Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training

Other Services:

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The risk was mitigated as the surviving siblings were in the care of their mother and she is protective. The father is also currently incarcerated and has no access to 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:

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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