Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 109183710

County of Child's Residence: KAUFMAN

Gender: Male

Age: 0 Year(s) 0 Month(s)

Date of Death: 10/27/2022

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: Stewart,Logan

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 12/06/2022

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report when Law Enforcement was provided information involving an infant child being provided a lethal dosage of Benadryl. The Departments investigation found the deceased child's father, admitted to giving the child adult Benadryl in crushed pill form in efforts to make him stop crying and go to sleep. The deceased child's father reported he only gave the child Benadryl after being told by the paternal grandmother of the child by phone to do so. However, the deceased child's paternal grandmother denied ever telling the father to give the child Benadryl. The deceased child's mother was unaware of this, and she was in the home sleeping at the time when the incident took place. According to medical the deceased child was found to have Benadryl in his system at a level felt to be toxic. It was noted the lethal dosage of Benadryl for an infant is 1. At the time of the child's passing, he had 7 in his system, 10 is the lethal amount for an adult. Upon review of the bottle label, it was learned that Benadryl is not recommended for household use until children are 6 years old. Between 2 and 6 years old, it can be used with doctor's direction. However, under age 2, should be used with great caution. The Department consulted child abuse medical professionals with Forensic Assessment Center Network which concluded the decision to give the child medication and not following the criteria listed on the medication bottle is incredibly negligent, at a minimum. An autopsy was completed. The cause of death was toxic effects of diphenhydramine and the manner of death was homicide. A law enforcement investigation was completed, and the father was arrested for manslaughter.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the father committed physical abuse of the deceased child which led to his death; when father gave the child adult Benadryl without adhering to the safety label directions, he showed a blatant disregard that resulted in the child's death. Safety Assessments: 12/07/2022: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe 12/22/2022: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe with plan 01/26/2023: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe with plan 05/09/2023: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe 06/12/2023: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation

Other Services:

The family has been provided with a packet of resources, which they accepted. The family is also receiving counseling through their pastor.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The mother will remain the primary caregiver of the children. There are bond restrictions in place stating the father cannot have any unsupervised access to children or administer medication.

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.

Other Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s):

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

Investigation Findings:

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Other Services:

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Note: This report was prepared on 10/20/2023 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.