# Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

**Person ID:** 109375321

**County of Child's Residence:** TARRANT

**Gender:** Female

**Age:** 14 Year(s) 11 Month(s)

**Date of Death:** 11/10/2022

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.

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**Child's Name:** Prescott,Mattie

**Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:**

**Intake Date(s):** 11/17/2022

**Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:**

The Department received a report that law enforcement responded to the home due to concerns of a possible suicidal person. Law enforcement discovered the home to be on fire and the deceased child and the deceased child's mother were found inside the home with gunshot wounds. The child was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

The Department determined that law enforcement gathered information that the deceased child's mother sent an email to several church members and other individuals with statements of harming herself and the deceased child. The deceased child was shot and killed by the mother, the mother set the house on fire, and then the mother shot and killed herself. The Department obtained a copy of the email the deceased child's mother sent which included statements she was in pain, she was not strong enough, and she couldn't face another day. The deceased child's mother disclosed she can't risk leaving the deceased child behind in this broken world and the deceased child's mother is trying to burn the house down because she doesn't want people that loved her to go through her personal belongings. The deceased child's father was interviewed and disclosed he and the mother were separated. The father reported the mother and the deceased child took antidepressants.

The Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy and concluded the cause of death was a gunshot wound of the head

and the manner of death was homicide.

Law enforcement conducted an investigation and were not pursuing any charges at the time of case closure.

**Investigation Findings:**

The Department confirmed allegations the deceased child's mother committed physical abuse of the deceased child, which led to her death. The deceased child's mother wrote an email making statements of self-harm and harming the deceased child. The mother shot and killed the deceased child, set the house on fire, and then shot and killed herself.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Risk Assessment not required by Policy.
Case Action:
Only child died

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**Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:**

**Other Services:**

No services provided.

**No Service Referrals and deceased child was an only child.**

**Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:**

No additional action was taken.

**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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