Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 110295828

County of Child's Residence: BOWIE

Gender: Female

Age: 0 Year(s) 2 Month(s)

Date of Death: 03/08/2023

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: Firth,Everly

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 03/08/2023

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report the deceased child was non-responsive, and Emergency Services was unable to revive the child. The home conditions were concerning due to dog and mouse feces in the home, the bathroom was dirty, trash was everywhere, there was moldy food and no baby formula was observed in the home.

The Department's investigation determined the home conditions were unsuitable for the deceased child. There were dog and rat feces in the home, mold, spoiled food, roaches and mice in the home. Baby bottles appeared to have old formula which had separated. The deceased child's parents were co-sleeping with the child in a queen-size bed. Toxicology confirmed the child was positive for methamphetamine.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy. The final autopsy shows the final cause and manner of death is undetermined. The medical examiner noted that several factors may have contributed to the death, namely - evidence of an early respiratory infection with reported history of cough, methamphetamine detected in postmortem blood, and an unsafe sleeping environment. The autopsy indicated it was unclear as to which factor ultimately led to the child's death.

Law Enforcment completed an investigation and planned to file Endangerment of a Child charges when the

Department's case closed.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed allegations both the deceased child's parents committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child which led to the child's death. The parents exposed the child to methamphetamines and created an unsafe sleeping environment.

The Department confirmed allegations both the deceased child's parents committed physical neglect of the deceased child. The child's living environment was unsafe and hazardous to the child's health.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Only child died

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

none

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

none - only child died

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:

NA

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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