Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 110978231

County of Child's Residence: EL PASO

Gender: Male

Age: 10 Year(s) 9 Month(s)

Date of Death: 05/21/2023

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: Amaro,Axel I

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 5/21/23

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received two intakes and merged them into a single investigation. It was reported there was a rollover accident, with 8 people in the car, and a child died at the scene. The deceased child and two siblings were in the vehicle and were unrestrained. It was believed the father was driving the vehicle, and the father was intoxicated. The siblings were taken to the hospital for an evaluation and treatment.

During the Department's investigation, it was determined the parents of the deceased children had been drinking at a family gathering. As they were leaving the gathering, other family members asked to stay at their home and asked for a ride home. The family was in a five passenger vehicle. There were a total of 8 people in the vehicle, and the children were unrestrained. The parents of the deceased child admitted that the father, who was driving the car, was under the influence of alcohol. The vehicle was involved in an accident. The deceased child passed away from the injuries sustained during the accident. The two siblings were taken to the hospital. One siblings had minor injuries, while the other sibling was in critical condition.

Law enforcement investigated the car accident. No arrests had been made at the close of the Department's investigation.

The autopsy revealed the deceased child died of multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death was ruled an accident.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the neglectful supervision of the deceased child by the deceased child's father led to the child's death. The father was under the influence of alcohol. He was driving the car when the car was involved in a roll-over accident. There were 8 people in the car and the deceased child was unrestrained. This injuries sustained during the accident led to the child's death.

The Department confirmed the neglectful supervision of the deceased child by the deceased child's mother. The mother was aware the father was under the influence of alcohol and allowed the deceased child to get in the vehicle. In addition, there were 8 people in a 5 passenger vehicle and the deceased child was unrestrained. The vehicle was involved in a roll-over accident, which led to the child's death.

The Department confirmed the neglectful supervision of the deceased child's siblings by the deceased child's father. The father was under the influence of alcohol and was involved in a roll-over accident involving death at the scene. The siblings were unrestrained. The vehicle was a 5 passenger vehicle transporting a total of 8 people. The children were taken to the hospital for treatment.

The Department confirmed the neglectful supervision of the deceased child's siblings by the mother. The mother was aware the father was under the influence of alcohol and allowed the children to get in the vehicle. The vehicle was a five passenger vehicle that had 8 people at the time of the incident. The family was involved in a roll-over accident where there was death at the scene. The children were taken to the hospital to be evaluated.

Safety and Risk Factors Identified:
1) 5/21/23--Initial Safety Plan: Safe with a Plan
2) 6/7/23--Reassessment: Safe with a Plan

Final Risk Level: Very High

Case Action: Family Based Safety Services

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Family Preservation

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training

Other Services:

NA

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A safety plan was implemented stating the parents would be supervised around the surviving siblings 24/7 by family members. The case was transferred to the Department's Family Based Safety Services Program for ongoing services. The family accepted these services.

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:

Note: This report was prepared on 10/24/2023 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.