Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 111323346

County of Child's Residence: LAMAR

Gender: Male

Age: 4 Year(s) 11 Month(s)

Date of Death: 07/02/2023

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: Rayburn,Asher

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 7/2/2023

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report the deceased child's mother allowed the deceased child and the deceased child's sibling to play in the pool area of a hotel. The sibling returned to the mother without the child. The mother located child performing CPR on the deceased child. The child was admitted to the hospital on life support. The child died on 07/02/2023.

The Department's investigation determined there were a large number of people in and around the pool after a fireworks display. It was dusk, when the deceased child's mother allowed the deceased child and the sibling to play and swim in areas she could not visibly supervise them. The deceased child's mother was aware the children could not swim and the children did not have on proper safety equipment. The hotel security cameras show the deceased child was in water over his head and underwater for approximately seven minutes before he was discovered by people in the pool.

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

Law enforcement investigated the fatality and no criminal charges are being perused at this time.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the allegation the deceased child's mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child which led this death. The deceased child's mother allowed the deceased child to play and swim without appropriate safety equipment knowing the child could not swim. The deceased child's mother did not have visual contact with the deceased child and the child was underwater for approximately seven minutes before someone noticed.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 07/07/2023: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 08/01/2023: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe
3.) 08/02/2023: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training,Medical Resources/Assessment

Other Services:

N/A

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The deceased child's siblings are enrolled in school and/or daycare. The family has a good support system who help with the children as needed.

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:

Note: This report was prepared on 11/06/2023 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.