Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 111504416

County of Child's Residence: BEXAR

Gender: Male

Age: 0 Year(s) 8 Month(s)

Date of Death: 07/26/2023

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: Covarrubias,Aziel

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 07/27/23

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received an intake after law enforcement was called to the home regarding the deceased child being found unresponsive after being left in the bathtub while mother went downstairs to get some belongings. Per the intake there were observations of blisters on the deceased child's groin and scratch marks scabbed over on his shoulders.

The Department's investigation revealed mother left the deceased child and his 2 year old sibling in the tub alone together while she went downstairs to get their bags. When she returned she saw the deceased child in the tub. The 2 year old was out of the tub in the bathroom. In review of her timeline it is estimated 18 minutes passed between when she placed them in the tub and when emergency responders were contacted.

The Department's investigation revealed the deceased child was known to have a diaper rash which ran in the family. Mother and the children had been out and about earlier in the day. They returned to the home after dropping father off at his sister's home where he was residing. When they arrived, she placed the deceased child in the tub while the 2 year old took off his clothing and got in the tub as well. She ran downstairs to get their bag with their belongings from downstairs. When she returned, she found the deceased child in the tub and the 2 year old standing outside of the tub. A drug test was administered to determine if substance abuse was a factor in the death. Mother's results

were negative. Collaterals did not express any concerns.

Law enforcement investigated and did not press any charges.

The medical examiner completed an autopsy; however, final results were pending at the time of closure. They did determine the blisters were from the diaper rash and not from the temperature of the water.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child which led to the child's death.
The Department confirmed the mother also committed neglectful supervision of the 2 year old sibling.

07/27/2023 Safety - Initial Safe with plan
07/27/2023 Risk Very High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Family Preservation

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation

Other Services:

None

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A family team meeting was held. The case was sent to Family Based Safety Services where the family is receiving 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:

Not applicable.

Other Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s):

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

Investigation Findings:

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Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

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