Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 114978235

County of Child's Residence: BEXAR

Gender: Male

Age: 0 Year(s) 10 Month(s)

Date of Death: 10/21/2024

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: Lang,Khamari-

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 10/21/2024

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

On 10/21/2024, the Department received a report the deceased child suffered a gunshot wound to the head while inside the family vehicle.

The Department's investigation determined the deceased child's father, a security guard, had just finished his shift at 6 AM on the day of the incident. He left his loaded AR-15 rifle (with the safety on and one bullet in the chamber) and his Glock 9-millimeter (stored in a holster inside his backpack) in the cargo area of the vehicle. After arriving at the Veterans Affairs hospital, the deceased child's father left the vehicle without informing the deceased child's mother about the presence of the firearms in the cargo area. Subsequently, the mother drove to a parking space at the back of the hospital. Once parked, she removed the children from their car seats and placed them in the cargo area to eat a snack. She noticed the AR-15 rifle, took it out of the cargo area and positioned the rifle in the center seat of the back row, with the muzzle directed toward the passenger side of the vehicle. The deceased child's mother stated she was not knowledgeable about firearms and was unaware the rifle was loaded. She sent a photograph of the children to the children's father that also showed the cargo area. The deceased child's father replied, "Where is my gun?" to which the deceased child's mother responded, "It's safe, love". Just before the shooting, the deceased child's mother was in the driver's seat, one of the deceased child's siblings was in the front passenger seat, and another of the deceased child's siblings was left in the cargo area. The deceased child was in a car seat behind the driver's side, where the rifle's muzzle pointed directly at her head. The deceased child's mother reported hearing a pop and turned around to find that the deceased child's sibling had climbed over the back seat from the cargo area and had manipulated the rifle, resulting in a round being fired directly into the deceased child's head. The deceased child

succumbed to her injuries at the scene. When questioned about why she had placed the deceased child in a position with the rifle pointed at her head, the deceased child's mother claimed she had forgotten the rifle was there.

The medical examiner completed an autopsy, but final results were still pending when the Department's investigation closed. The medical examiner advised the preliminary findings show the death would most likely be ruled as death by gunshot wound.

Law enforcement conducted an investigation that was still ongoing when the Department closed its investigation. Law enforcement informed they would be filing charges on the
deceased child's mother and father for Injury to a Child by Omission.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the deceased child's mother and father committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child, which led to her death.

The Department confirmed the deceased child's mother and father committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child's surviving siblings.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 10/21/2024: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Family Preservation

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation

Other Services:

The family accepted services offered by the Department through Family-Based Safety Services.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The family was referred to Family-Based Safety 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.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 09/10/2024

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report indicating that the deceased child's 2-year-old sibling had been spotted wandering along the sidewalk near the water meters and entering neighboring porches without supervision. deceased child's father was at home with some of the children, while the mother went to pick up the others from school. Before leaving, the mother assured that the door was securely locked. However, the father fell asleep and was unaware that the sibling managed to open the door and leave the house. Law enforcement was not permitted to enter the home. Neighbors provided the sibling with water due to the excessive heat.

The Department's investigation found that the household consisted of the deceased child's mother, father, and their six children. Among the children, four were the mother's biological offspring, while two were her stepchildren. The family had recently relocated from another state. They mentioned that there were weapons in the house, which were secured. The family had relatives as a support system. Concerning the incident in question, the mother stated that she left the house to pick up the older children from school and was gone for approximately 15 minutes. Upon her return, a neighbor informed her that one of the siblings had wandered two houses down on the same side of the street. The mother asserted that this had never happened before and attributed the incident to the father falling asleep after working the night shift. The father acknowledged that he had dozed off. The family installed safety mechanisms at the home to include baby gates, stair gates, child proof safety locks, and cameras to prevent their children from walking out of the home. There were no concerns noted regarding the condition of the home, and the children were observed without any issues. The neighbor reported that the sibling had been unsupervised for about 15 minutes.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm the father committed neglectful supervision of the sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 09/12/2024: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The family declined any services or referrals.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable.

The investigation was closed.

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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