Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 116136621

County of Child's Residence: NUECES

Gender: Male

Age: 3 Year(s) 8 Month(s)

Date of Death: 02/11/2025

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: Valencia,Augustin

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 02/11/2025, 02/11/2025, 02/12/2025 - three reports merged into single investigation

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received three reports stating that emergency medical services were contacted when the deceased child became unresponsive while in the care of the deceased child's mother's paramour. The deceased child went into cardiac arrest on the way to the hospital and appeared to have suffered non-accidental trauma as he had bruising on his lower abdomen, a skull fracture, and a brain bleed along with other marks on his body. The deceased child was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The reports noted that the deceased child's mother was at court for a prior criminal charge and the deceased child's mother's paramour was the sole caregiver for the children at the time. The deceased child's sibling was taken to the hospital for a medical evaluation and found to have bruising on his neck, face, chin, head, and ribs. The deceased child's sibling also had a cut to his right rib cage as well as a cut to his left eye lid. Deceased child's sibling's eyes were both observed to be swollen. Law enforcement had arrested the deceased child's mother's paramour for injury to a child.

The Department's investigation determined the deceased child's mother was not to be in contact with the deceased child's mother's paramour due to a past domestic violence with the paramour as the aggressor. It was also determined the deceased child's mother had a prior arrest for driving while intoxicated (DWI) with a child in the car. On the day of the fatal incident, the deceased child's mother and paramour were arguing before she left to go to court for the DWI. The deceased child's mother informed law enforcement that she shouldn't have left the children with the deceased child's mother's paramour as she knows how he (paramour) can get when she doesn't listen. While the deceased child's mother was at court, she turned off her phone and missed numerous calls from the paramour. When she was out of court and was able to take calls, she received one from a godmother, who told her the deceased child

was at the hospital. The deceased child and his sibling were in the sole care of the deceased child's mother's paramour at the time the deceased child became unresponsive. When emergency medical services responded to the home, the deceased child was found to have multiple injuries to his abdomen, face and head, which he succumbed to. The deceased child's sibling was also found to have injuries upon evaluation by medical staff.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy, and the final report concluded the deceased child died as a result of multiple blunt force injuries with the manner of death being homicide.

Law enforcement conducted an investigation and the deceased child's mother's paramour was initially arrested at the time of the incident for Injury to a Child with Serious Bodily Injury. Additional charges of Capital Murder for the deceased child and Injury to a Child for the deceased child's sibling were added for the deceased child's mother's paramour and he was indicted for them. The mother was charged and arrested for Injury to a Child Serious Bodily Injury by Omission for both the deceased child and the deceased child's sibling. Both the deceased child's mother and deceased child's mother's paramour were incarcerated at the time the Department's case was closed.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the deceased child's mother's paramour committed physical abuse of the deceased child, which led to his death.

The Department confirmed the deceased child's mother's paramour committed physical abuse of the deceased child's sibling.

The Department confirmed the mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child and his sibling.

The Department was unable to determine if the deceased child's mother committed physical abuse of the deceased child and his sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 02/11/2025: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
2.) 04/18/2025: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe with plan

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Case Action:

Family Preservation

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Medical Resources/Assessment

Other Services:

The family agreed to services and referrals provided to include working with Family-Based Safety Services.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A safety plan was initiated in which the deceased child's sibling would reside with his biological father and the deceased child's mother would not have any contact with the deceased child's sibling. The family agreed to participate in services through Family-Based Safety Services and that case was opened on 04/24/2025.

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:

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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