Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 111127780

County of Child's Residence: TARRANT

Gender: Female

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

Date of Death: 06/06/2023

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: Doe,Baby Jan

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 06/06/23

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report after emergency services were called to a home due to the deceased child being discovered outside the residence. The deceased child appeared to be a few hours old and the incident is being investigated by law enforcement as a possible homicide.

The Department's investigation determined the deceased child was discovered in the front yard of someone's home on 06/06/2023 inside of a plastic bag, which also held the mother's placenta. The tenants of the home contacted law enforcement once the deceased child was discovered in their front yard. A preliminary autopsy was completed and confirmed that the deceased child had taken their first breath and the cause of death was suffocation. Limited information is known about the deceased child, only knowing the baby is a female, and possibly of White or Hispanic background. Law enforcement has attempted to locate the birth mother with no success. Law enforcement has no leads on the identity of the birth mother or father, and the criminal investigation continues to remain open. Law enforcement agreed to contact the Department if the birth mother or father was determined through a genealogy report that has been requested through medical.

The medical examiner completed an autopsy and the results were pending at the time the Department's investigation closed.

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Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
Safety Assessments:
1.) 06/06/2023: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed allegations that an unknown person committed Abandonment of the deceased child, which led to the child's death. The deceased child was left in a plastic bag outside of a residence and was discovered deceased.

The Department confirmed allegations an unknown person committed Neglectful Supervision of the deceased child. The deceased child was left in a plastic bag outside unsupervised. The deceased child was later discovered deceased and emergency services were contacted.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

No additional services

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

No additional action was taken.

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 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.