Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 111216396

County of Child's Residence: DALLAS

Gender: Male

Age: 0 Year(s) 5 Month(s)

Date of Death: 06/17/2023

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: De Los Santos,Antonio

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 6/17/2023

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report that the deceased five-month-old child had died after being left in the car for an extended amount of time. The Departments investigation determined the night prior to the deceased child's passing, the deceased child's father was hanging out with family where he admitted to drinking 6 "Modelos" that were believed to be 12 oz each and had minimal sleep. The deceased child was in the care of a family friend during this time. The next morning the father picked the child up from the friend's home. Upon picking the child up, the father took his son with him to have lunch with the deceased child's mother. After lunch the deceased child's father and the deceased child went to the address where the mother lived with the deceased child's maternal grandparents while the mother stayed at work. When the deceased child's father arrived, he got out the truck, went into the house, laid down and took a nap around 11am. The deceased child's father said when he woke up around 2:30PM, he noticed the child was not next to him and remembered he did not get the child out of the truck when he arrived at the home. The deceased child's father went out to the truck, grabbed the child, took him inside the home and called 911. The vehicle was parked approximately 40 to 50 feet from the front door of the home. The temperature reading with the thermal imaging inside the truck was 130 degrees Fahrenheit. The medical examiner listed the cause of death as hyperthermia, and the manner of death as accidental. Law enforcement conducted an investigation that was still ongoing when the Department closed its investigation.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the deceased child's father committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child, which led to his death. The deceased child's father admitted to leaving the child in the vehicle for an extended amount of time and failed to take precautionary measures to protect the child from harm. Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified: None Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Risk Assessment not required by Policy.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Only child died

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The family was provided with counseling resources; however, it is unknown if they accepted them.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

There are no other children in the mother and father's care.

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:

None.

Other Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

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Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

Investigation Findings:

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

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Other Services:

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Note: This report was prepared on 06/24/2024 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.