Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 114545876

County of Child's Residence: JEFFERSON

Gender: Male

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

Date of Death: 08/17/2024

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: Harden,Nameir A

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 08/04/2024

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report stating the deceased child's mother found out she was pregnant in April 2024. The deceased child's maternal grandmother took the mother to another state to obtain abortion pills. The mother said she took two pills on the first day and another two pills on the second day. The mother bled and assumed the pills worked. The mother started noticing her belly growing and more symptoms of pregnancy and was taken to an urgent care center on 08/01/2024, where she had a sonogram and found out that she was 26 weeks pregnant with a viable child with a heartbeat. The mother then went home and took more abortion pills the maternal grandmother helped her obtain. The mother ended up returning to the emergency room because her water had broken and had to have an emergency C-section. The deceased child was born premature by 13 weeks and respiratory dependent.

The Department's investigation determined through interviews with family and medical professionals directly involved in the case that the mother and grandmother travelling out of state on two occasions to obtain abortion pills. Both admitted to medical staff that they were aware that the mother was pregnant in April and August of 2024 and the pregnancy was viable at the August 2024 urgent care visit. The physician stated that the mother took 2 pills two days in a row in April and the dosage was 200 micrograms for each pill. The physician explained that the amount the mother consumed at that point was double the dosage legally allowed to be given by a medical doctor in that time frame. The physician advised after learning on 08/01/2024, of the viable pregnancy of 26 weeks, the mother and grandmother again went out of state to obtain additional abortion pills in an effort to terminate the pregnancy. The mother took 8 additional pills totaling 1600 micrograms on 08/03/2024, which resulted in her water breaking and her needing to go to the emergency room where the child was born by emergency Cesarean section. The child was

premature and respiratory dependent. He remained alive for nearly two weeks with medical intervention, however passed on 08/17/2024.

The medical examiner completed an autopsy and found that the child's premature birth was directly caused by the mother consuming abortion pills that are illegal in Texas and ruled the manner of death as Homicide.

Law Enforcement was contacted, and they advised that due to state law, they are not permitted to file charges.

Investigation Findings:

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

The Department confirmed the maternal grandmother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child.

No safety or risk assessments completed per policy as the only child died.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Only child died

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

No services or referrals were provided.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable.

The investigation was closed.

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:

Note: This report was prepared on 05/12/2026 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.