Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 117939527

County of Child's Residence: TARRANT

Gender: Male

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

Date of Death: 07/14/2024

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: Minor,Baby Boy

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 08/21/2025

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report that approximately one year prior, the deceased child had been found decomposed in a suitcase in a dumpster. Through the course of the investigation, law enforcement found a video showing the deceased child's mother and two of the deceased child's siblings, rolling the suitcase to a dumpster. The mother had been arrested, and law enforcement was requesting the Department's assistance in finding placement for the deceased child's six siblings.

The Department's investigation determined the deceased child's mother claimed she did not know she was pregnant with the deceased child. She gave birth to the deceased child at home. The mother stated that the deceased child was bright colored when he was born. She said that she bled red blood. She laid the deceased child on the bed, and he moved his head and shoulder. The mother said she was unsure if the deceased child was alive, however, all these things point to him being alive following his birth. The mother reported that she wrapped the deceased child in a jacket and went to take a shower. When she returned from the shower, the mother admitted that she put the deceased child into the suitcase and left him there. The mother could not explain why she did not seek medical care for the deceased child. The mother said that two days after she put the deceased child in the suitcase, she carried the suitcase to the dumpster. She said she threw the suitcase away because she was being evicted and was not taking the suitcase with her in her move. The verbal siblings were interviewed, and none of them knew that the mother was pregnant or knew that she had given birth. However, two of them confirmed it was them and their mother in the video footage of the suitcase being placed in the dumpster. They did not outcry to any other forms of abuse or neglect. Collaterals that were interviewed also denied knowing that the mother was pregnant and denied any

concerns for abuse and neglect of the deceased child's siblings.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy and listed the cause of death and manner of death as undetermined.

Law enforcement conducted an investigation, and the deceased child's mother was arrested for Capital Murder of a person under ten years old, and abuse of a corpse.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed that the deceased child's mother committed medical neglect and neglectful supervision of the deceased child, which led to his death.

The Department did not confirm that the deceased child's mother committed neglectful supervision of the six surviving siblings.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 08/21/2025: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 11/24/2025: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe with plan
3.) 11/24/2025: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe
4.) 12/04/2025: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Unsafe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

No services offered as the deceased child's mother was incarcerated.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The siblings went to live with other relatives due to the deceased child's mother's incarceration. These relatives were each determined to be able to meet the day-to-day needs of each sibling.

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): 12/27/2015

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report when the deceased child's oldest sibling was five years old, because she was run over by a car.

The Department's investigation determined that the deceased child's mother and the deceased child's aunt were standing next to a running vehicle. The oldest sibling, as well as two other siblings were all in the car but were not restrained at the time. One of the siblings put the car in drive, and the oldest sibling fell out of the car, and was run over by the car. Both the mother and the aunt were standing by the car when it happened and were able to render immediate aid to the oldest sibling.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm that the mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child's three siblings.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 12/31/2015: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
2.) 01/26/2016: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother was given and accepted information on services provided by calling 211.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A safety plan was implemented in which the mother agreed to not leave the children alone in a vehicle even if it's not running without an adult present.

The Department's investigation was closed.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 09/01/2021, 11/08/2021, 11/09/2021 - three reports merged into single investigation

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received three reports. The first report was regarding the deceased child's sibling, age 3, being found away from the family's home, alone and unsupervised. The next two reports were regarding the deceased child's sibling, age 9, having negative behavior issues at school. There were also concerns that the 9-year-old sibling was seen unclean.

The Department's investigation determined that the 3-year-old sibling did get out of the home unsupervised, however this was an isolated incident as the deceased child's mother fixed the lock on the door. The Department's investigation also determined that the 9-year-old sibling was suspected to have autism, and his behaviors were consistent with those of a child diagnosed with autism. The home was observed to be clean and appropriate, and the 9-year-old had clean clothes. The mother reported that the 9-year-old does frequently get dirty, however, he is bathed every day, and he leaves the home in clean clothing daily.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm that the mother committed neglectful supervision of the 3-year-old sibling.

The Department did not confirm that the mother committed neglectful supervision or physical neglect of the 9-year-old sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 09/03/2021: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 11/05/2021: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe
3.) 11/09/2021: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe
4.) 11/10/2021: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother accepted community referrals for counseling and food pantries.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable.

The Department's 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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