Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 116062654

County of Child's Residence: HARRIS

Gender: Male

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

Date of Death: 02/07/2025

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: Simon,Mason

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 02/03/2025

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report stating the deceased child had been brought to the hospital the previous day for respiratory failure and was found to have a brain injury as well as retinal hemorrhaging. The injuries were concerning for being shaken and were life threatening.

The Department's investigation determined the mother left the home to run an errand in the afternoon leaving the deceased child and his 2-year-old sibling in the care of her paramour. Upon her return home, she found the child unresponsive. The fatal injuries sustained were indicative of abusive head trauma, but it was unable to determine if the mother had any role in the abuse. It was also determined that both the mother and the father were using illegal substances while caring for the children. The mother tested positive for marijuana twice during the investigation and the paramour was positive for opiates and oxycodone and admitted to engaging in the use of "purple drank" that he purchased "off the street". The mother continued to reside with the paramour and allow him access to the siblings, even after believing that the paramour caused the fatal injuries to the deceased child. The paramour did not make any admissions of abuse or neglect and could not provide a viable explanation for the injuries to the child. Medical staff confirmed the child had a subdural hematoma, injury to the neck, retinal hemorrhage with macular schisis, liver failure, injury to the kidney and brain herniation and cerebral edema. The child did not recover and passed away at the hospital on 02/07/2025. The 2-year-old sibling received a skeletal survey and bloodwork at the hospital with no concerns or injuries found. The 6-year-old had a forensic interview and made no outcries of abuse or neglect.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy; however the manner and cause of death were still pending at the time

the Department's investigation was closed.

Law enforcement conducted an investigation but had not made any arrests at the time the Department's investigation was closed.

Investigation Findings:

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

The Department was unable to determine if the mother committed physical abuse of the deceased child, which led to his death.

The Department confirmed the mother's paramour committed neglectful supervision of the two surviving siblings.

The Department confirmed the mother committed neglectful supervision of the 6-year-old surviving sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 02/04/2025: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
2.) 03/24/2025: Safety Assessment - Initial: Unsafe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Case Action:

Removal/Subcare

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Day Care,Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training,Basic Needs Support

Other Services:

The mother agreed to accept the services and referrals offered.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The mother initially agreed to implementing a parent child safety placement for the siblings with the maternal grandmother, who would supervise the parent's contact with the child at all times. The family agreed to Family-Based Safety Services and this case was opened on 03/03/2025. It was then found that the paramour was being allowed access to the siblings at the grandmother's home. At that time, the Department sought and was granted Temporary Managing Conservatorship of the siblings. The 2-year-old was placed with his biological father and the 6-year-old was placed there as well until the 2-year-old's father no longer wanted placement. The 6-year-old was then placed into foster care until the court ordered her to be placed back with the maternal grandmother.

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): 01/16/2018

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report with concerns the deceased child's mother's paramour was residing with his sister and her children and the paramour (the children's uncle) was a known drug dealer. The report also stated both the paramour and his sister were beating the sister's three children and the home was dirty.

The Department's investigation determined the children were sufficiently dressed, clean, with no marks and/or bruises, and there was no diaper rashes found. The paramour's sister denied allegations stating the children were not physically disciplined, that her brother did not reside at the residence, and did not use drugs. The paramour admitted to having a criminal history and being on probation; however, he denied physically disciplining the children, residing at the residence, and stated he does not use and/or sell drugs. The home environment was found to be clean with plenty of food and there were no hazards. The paramour and his sister were drug tested and tested negative.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm the paramour, or his sister committed neglectful supervision or physical abuse to the three children in the home.

The Department did not confirm the paramour's sister committed physical neglect of the three children in the home.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 01/18/2018: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 03/06/2018: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

No services or referrals were provided to the family.

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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