Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 117835996

County of Child's Residence: BEXAR

Gender: Female

Age: 1 Year(s) 3 Month(s)

Date of Death: 08/28/2025

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: Combs,Ari'Yann S

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 08/28/2025, 08/28/2025 - two reports merged into single investigation

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received two reports stating that the deceased child had been left in the vehicle while the deceased child's mother, father, and two siblings were inside the home. One report indicated the mother was taking a nap and the father was on the couch while the deceased child was in the vehicle, and the other indicated the deceased child was left in the vehicle after returning to the home after picking up the two siblings from school. The deceased child was not taken to the hospital and was pronounced deceased at the residence.

The Department's investigation determined that the deceased child was left in the vehicle alone for over three hours after picking up the surviving siblings from school. Neither parent removed the child from the vehicle. The mother ran into the home to use the restroom and then decided to take a nap. The father made food for the two surviving siblings and then played video games for the remainder of the day. One of the siblings noticed that the deceased child was not inside the home and the family began searching for her. The mother found the deceased child inside the vehicle unresponsive. The deceased child was not taken to the hospital as she was declared deceased. It was learned that both parents use marijuana in the form of vape pens and the father had consumed some alcohol earlier in the day. It was also learned that the parents had numerous weapons inside residence that were accessible to the children. However, it is unknown if those weapons were loaded when observed by law enforcement.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy and confirmed the cause of death was hyperthermia and the manner of death was accidental.

Law enforcement conducted an investigation, and the deceased child's mother and father were arrested and charged with injury to a child causing death.

Investigation Findings:

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

The Department was unable to determine if the deceased child's mother and father committed neglectful supervision of the two surviving siblings.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 08/29/2025: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
2.) 09/12/2025: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
3.) 11/24/2025: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Family Preservation

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The family was referred to Family-Based Safety Services through the Department and accepted these services.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A Parental Child Safety Placement was initiated in which the deceased child's two siblings moved into the home with relatives to ensure their safety and mitigate risk factors. In addition, a safety plan was implemented regarding the deceased child's mother and father having supervised contact with the siblings upon their release from jail. The family was referred to Family-Based Safety Services and were participating in services at the time the Department's investigation 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.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 09/04/2023

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report stating that the deceased child's older siblings had been observed with significant burns to the bottoms, sides, and top of their feet. The deceased child's father worked at night and slept during the day, and the deceased child's mother would leave the siblings alone in the home while father was asleep. The siblings had been able to get out of the home unnoticed and were missing for two hours. The report also stated concerns for the condition of the home due to potty training toilets scattered around the apartment that had urine and feces inside of them and the home had a very strong odor of urine. There was also said to be marijuana usage in the home.

The Department's investigation determined that neither of the siblings had burns, scars or any marks on their feet upon observation and appeared well nourished and healthy with no other marks on their bodies. During a walk-through of the home, there were no odors, no trash, and no areas that would be a safety hazard to the children. A single potty-training toilet was observed, and it was clean. The home toilet in the bathroom was also visibly clean. Neither parent appeared to be under the influence of marijuana, and no odor of marijuana was observed. The father reported being tested frequently at his place of employment.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm that the mother committed neglectful supervision of the two surviving siblings.

The Department did not confirm that the mother or father committed physical neglect of the two surviving siblings.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 09/04/2023: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Low

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

No services or referrals were provided by the Department.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable.

The Department's investigation was closed.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 01/22/2024

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report due to concerns that the deceased child's two older siblings were being left home alone without supervision by the deceased child's mother and father. There were additional concerns the mother was drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana, the alcohol was accessible to the siblings, and there were also guns in the home that are accessible to the children. The siblings never have food, are not potty trained, and their diapers are not changed for hours at time resulting in diaper rashes. The condition of the home was filthy with piles of trash, dirty clothes, and old food and the siblings were always sick and coughing. The home smells like mold.

The Department's investigation determined that the home was observed free of odors, hazards, and had plenty of healthy food for the siblings to eat. Neither of the siblings were observed with any marks or bruises and neither had a diaper rash. All the guns were kept in safe places and were not loaded. The father reported that he is being drug tested at work. The mother completed a drug test and was negative. The family had extensive family support in the area.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm that the mother or father committed neglectful supervision of the two surviving siblings.

The Department did not confirm that the mother or father committed physical neglect of the two surviving siblings.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 01/25/2024: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The family was offered and accepted services and referrals to address developmental delays and childcare for the children.

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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