Keeton Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Draven Keeton

County: Leon

Date of Birth: 02/22/2017

Date of Death: 05/23/2024

Report Number: 2024-184880

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Draven Keeton	7-years-old	Deceased Child
Sayuri Keeton	44-years-old	Mother
David Keeton	48-years-old	Father

Circumstances Surrounding Death

An investigation was received on May 24, 2024, concerning the death of this 7-year-old child who was pronounced deceased at a local hospital the day prior. The child resided in the home with both of his parents.

On 06/12/2017, at approximately 4-months-old, the child received a heart transplant for hypoplastic left heart syndrome in Seattle, Washington. The child remained in Seattle for several years after this, and he did receive ongoing medical treatment while there. In approximately January 2024, the parents and child moved to Florida. The child was prescribed two different medications for rejection due to the heart transplant. However, pharmacy records indicate that the medication was last filled on 04/08/2024. The mother advised that the medication costs $75, and she was unable to refill this medication as needed on or around 05/08/2024 due to financial problems. Prior to the child's death, there was a 5-day history of him being ill with symptoms of vomiting and having facial and feet swelling. On 05/18/2024, the child was seen at a local hospital and treated for gastroenteritis. His condition worsened, and his parents contacted Emergency Medical Services on 05/23/2024 as the child had additional swelling, difficulty breathing, and the child was unable to verbally respond. The local hospital was attempting to transfer the child to another hospital; however, the child passed away before the transfer could occur.

The child had also previously been diagnosed with Autism.

A medical records' review was completed by Dr. R. Alexander with the Child Protection Team. Fatal neglect was indicated for failure to obtain and give the child vital medication(s). The child's symptoms were noted to be consistent with organ rejection due to parental neglect in giving him these medication(s).

An autopsy was not completed. The cause of death was listed as Acute Heart Failure 24 hours transplant rejection 2 weeks heart transplant 6 ½ years hypoplastic left heart syndrome 7 years. The manner of death was listed as natural.

The Leon County Sheriff's Department completed the criminal death investigation. No charges were filed.

Based on the interviews and evidence gathered during the course of the investigation, the Child Protection Investigation Unit closed their investigation with verified findings of death and medical neglect.

Other Children in the Family

There are no other children in the home.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

There is one prior investigation concerning the family in Florida. In March of 2024, there was a report received regarding concerns of environmental hazards. This report had concerns for the child's safety due to conditions in the home, alleging the home was not clean, and there was a mice infestation in the home. This report was closed with no indicators of environmental hazards.

The family did not have any child abuse or neglect history in the state of Washington.

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