Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 99795504

County of Child's Residence: ECTOR

Gender: Female

Age: 17 Year(s) 2 Month(s)

Date of Death: 08/27/2024

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: Holt,Kymbreal

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 8/28/2024, 8/29/2024 - two reports merged into single investigation

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report due to the deceased child having an asthma attack and not having an inhaler. An ambulance responded but the deceased child could not be saved. The Department received an additional report due to concerns related to the deceased child's 7-year-old sibling having an asthmatic incident and not having her medication available to her. It was reported the sibling's mother is difficult to locate and will not provide the needed documentation to the school regarding the sibling's medication and an asthma action plan.

The Department's investigation determined that the deceased child resided in the home with her mother and her seven siblings, ages 15, 14, 6, 5, 4, 1, and one month. The deceased child had a severe asthma attack, and the mother did not call 911 but instead drove the child to the hospital where the child was dead on arrival. No autopsy was completed as medical staff confirmed the child died due to a severe asthma attack. It was further determined that on 8/28/2024, the child's 15-year-old sibling was in the hospital due to breathing issues, in critical, condition, and was being air flighted to another hospital. The 15-year-old had to be placed in an induced coma due to the severity of the issues. The mother again, failed to contact 911 and drove the 15-year-old to the hospital, delaying medical care. The home the children lived in was found to be deplorable; and unsafe for any child, and more than likely impacted the deceased child's and the 15-year-old's ability to breathe due to the quality of the air inside the home. There was evidence of roach and mice infestation throughout the home. There was food, trash and clothing throughout the home. There were mice droppings all over the counter tops and the carpets. There was feces in the toilet that would no longer flush. Investigators could not breathe in the residence and had to leave to take breaks to get fresh air throughout the visit. After contacting pediatricians and school personnel it was learned that mother also did not follow

up on any of the other children's medical needs; specifically, the siblings with asthma. Each school had issues with mother's lack of concern for her asthmatic children's medical needs. It was also determined that the deceased child reported she used marijuana, and a nicotine vape that the mother was aware of and did not provide resources or support to the child. The mother also used marijuana and tested positive during this investigation.

All medical records were sent to the Forensic Assessment Center Network for consultation with a child abuse specialist. It was determined that the mother failed to provide the deceased child with appropriate medicine, medical follow up and lack of overall medical care, and this did impact the child's death. The Forensic Assessment Center was also consulted on the severe asthma attack on the 15-year-old sibling, and it was determined that the mother failed to provide the near-fatal sibling with appropriate medicine, medical follow up and lack of overall medical care, and this did impact the siblings near fatal condition.

An autopsy was not completed on the deceased child due to the child's primary care physician providing medical history information for this child as well as signing the death certificate at the hospital stating the child died of natural causes.

Law enforcement was notified of the fatality however no criminal investigation was completed.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the mother committed medical neglect of the deceased child which led to the child's death.

The Department confirmed that the mother committed medical neglect of the 15-year-old sibling that led to the sibling's near fatal condition.

The Department confirmed that the mother committed medical neglect of the 6-year-old sibling.

The Department confirmed that the mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child.

The Department confirmed the mother committed physical neglect of the seven surviving siblings.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 08/30/2024: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
2.) 12/23/2024: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe
3.) 01/15/2025: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Day Care,Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training,Basic Needs Support,Medical Resources/Assessment,Housing

Other Services:

The mother agreed to accept the services and referrals being provided as part of the Family-Based Safety Services case.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A Safety Plan was completed in which the mother would be supervised while caring for her children. The verbal children were all forensically interviewed, and a Family Team Meeting was held. Family-Based Safety Services were already involved and providing services to the family at the time of the fatality and near-fatality, and the mother agreed to continue with these services.

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:

The children have not been removed from the home while residing in Texas, however, records indicate three were in foster care in Oklahoma. No exact dates are known however records indicate the deceased child and two of her siblings were taken into custody in July of 2019. After another investigation occurred in October 2019, the mother was allowed to move to Texas with the children and a motion was filed to end trial reunification and the children were reunited with their mother.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 7/16/2020

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report due to concerns that neighbors had smelled marijuana coming from inside the residence and there are many children who reside in the home. It is assumed that the deceased child's mother is the one smoking, as her vehicle is the only one home at the time. Additionally, the children are frequently running around outside without clothes on and without supervision and there are beer bottles in the yard.

The Department's investigation determined that the mother admitted to smoking marijuana when the children were sleeping. She stated that she does not keep marijuana in the home and goes outside to smoke. She also stated that she goes alone to buy the marijuana. There was no evidence to support that the children are alone outside, there were no beer bottles observed outside the home at any point during the investigation. Contact with the mother's probation officer was made and it was confirmed that the mother would be completing substance abuse treatment and drug testing through probation.

Investigation Findings:

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

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 07/18/2020: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother agreed to accept the services and referrals provided.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable.

The investigation was closed.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 10/30/2020

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report due to concerns that the children are often left home alone with the deceased child, age 13 at the time, being in charge for long periods of time. When the mother is home, she stays in her room with the children having little to no supervision. On one occasion the deceased child was trying to cook without assistance and almost burned the home down. The mother was stated to be smoking marijuana in the home. The condition of the home was concerning, as there was food and trash in every room in the home and there was clothing everywhere. The children's hair is never combed or cleaned, and the baby always only has a diaper on.

The Department's investigation determined that the mother admitted that she would test positive for marijuana and that she smoked in the evening when the children were asleep. The verbal children did not make any outcries, children appeared healthy. Asthma medications for the children were observed and photographed. The house was very clean, and they had plenty of food. Collateral contacts stated they had no concerns for the children, and they have never seen her do drugs and that the children always have their medicine.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm the mother committed neglectful supervision of deceased child or the four younger siblings.

The Department did not confirm that mother committed physical neglect of the three youngest siblings.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 11/03/2020: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 12/14/2020: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother agreed to accept services provided by the Department.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The investigation was closed and the case transferred to Family-Based Safety Services on 12/15/2020. During this case, the mother successfully completed parent training and counseling services. The mother was able to maintain her sobriety and continued to drug test negative for the department. She was attending outpatient services as part of her probation and aware of support groups for her and the children. The Family-Based Safety Services case was closed on 5/6/2021.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 3/22/2022

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report regarding two of the deceased child's siblings, ages 5 and 2 at the time. The report stated the home was filthy, infested with roaches, and cluttered with clothing throughout. The 5-year-old was reported to be covered with scaly dark patches and scaly marks on the face. The mother was said to be using marijuana and leaving the children home alone at night. The mother will also forget to pick up the children from daycare and employees will have to take the children home.

The Department's investigation determined that the condition of the home was clean during home visits with no evidence of roach or roach droppings observed. The mother drug tested and was negative. The mother admitted that she would leave the children alone for brief periods of time to run errands however several of the children were old enough to act in the case of an emergency.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm the mother committed neglectful supervision or physical neglect of the deceased child's two younger siblings.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 03/30/2022: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 06/09/2022: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother accepted services and referrals provided.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable.

The investigation was closed.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 12/13/2023, 12/14/2023, 12/14/2023 - three reports merged into single investigation

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received multiple reports due to concerns that the deceased child's younger sibling, age 4, went to school with a bloody nose. The sibling stated that his mother hit him across the face with an open hand. An older sibling was reported to yell at her brother telling him not to share what happens at home.

The Department's investigation determined that the 4-year-old sibling did not make an outcry of his mother hitting him, instead that he was in a hurry and running out of the door and hit his face on the door. Law enforcement met with the mother and sibling and determined that the incident was an accident. Additional collaterals were contacted and did not have concerns.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm the mother committed physical abuse of the 4-year-old sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
12/15/2023: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother accepted services and referrals provided.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable.

The investigation was closed.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 3/04/2024

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report stating the deceased child was living with another family member due to the unsanitary conditions at her mother's home. She stated that the home was filthy and there was no food. The child is asthmatic, and the living conditions aggravated her symptoms. The child stated that her siblings are living in this condition, have asthma, and had to be hospitalized; however, her mother still doesn't clean the home. The mother was currently pregnant.

The Department's investigation determined that the mother receives numerous government assistance benefits, including food stamps, and there was some food in the home for the family. The mother reported they shop

daily at the store and the home had working utilities. The home was observed unkempt, but not unsanitary. The deceased child reported that her mother was lazy and does not take her to the doctor, does not get her medication and reported that her mother made her, and her siblings clean up the home. She reported that she wanted to live with her grandmother. The deceased child also reported that her mother has gotten physical with her and grabbed her by the hair.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm the mother committed physical neglect of the deceased child or her sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 03/08/2024: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother agreed to accept services provided by the Department.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The investigation was closed and the case transferred to Family-Based Safety Services on 4/3/2024. During this case, the mother was referred to parent training, evaluation and counseling services, and provided basic needs support. The Family-Based Safety Services case was still open at the time of the fatality.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 7/18/2024

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report stating the deceased child's newborn sibling was in the neonatal intensive care unit. The mother had delivered early and had previous positive drug screens at prenatal appointments. The mother and newborn were negative for drugs on admission, although the mother admits to using marijuana in May.

The Department's investigation determined that the home was clean and there was no proof that mother used throughout her pregnancy or after knowing she was pregnant. It was learned that the mother missed the infant's first newborn appointment. The mother was receiving services from the Department through a Family-Based Safety Services case at the time of this investigation.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm the mother committed neglectful supervision of the newborn sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 07/21/2024: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother agreed to continued services provided by the Department.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable.

The investigation was closed as the Family-Based Safety Services case that opened on 4/3/2024 was still open and the mother was engaged in services. Due to the newborn's drug exposure, he was referred to early childhood intervention.

Other Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): The family has history with Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS).

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The history from Oklahoma is based on the information obtained.
12/18/2014 - A referral was received for Neglect-Threat of Harm of the deceased child, the near fatal sibling, and another sibling by their mother. OKDHS findings were Failure to Cooperate.

6/24/2016 - A referral was received for Neglect-Failure to Obtain Medical Attention of the deceased child by her mother. It was reported the child was in the hospital for an acute asthma attack and had been transported to the hospital by emergency medical services. The mother reported the child had never been to the hospital for her asthma more than twice in 1 year. The mother showed worker three full boxes of Albuterol and a rescue inhaler with a fair amount of medication. The mother informed worker she sent a nebulizer with Albuterol and a rescue inhaler to Texas with her daughters while they visited for the summer. OKDHS findings were unsubstantiated.

8/14/2016 - A referral was received for Sexual Abuse-Fondling of the deceased child's sibling by the mother's paramour. Threat of Harm was added against the mother. The sibling was overheard telling other persons in her apartment complex the paramour had touched her. The mother was found to have the necessary asthma medications in her home for the children and had refilled them in August 2016 but there was an inability to interview everyone. OKDHS findings were Failure to Cooperate.

10/25/2016 - A referral was received for Neglect-Failure to Obtain Medical Attention of the deceased child and near fatal child by their mother. It was reported that the near fatal child's asthma is significant, while the deceased child's was severe. The deceased child was diagnosed with asthma when she was 4 months old, and the mother had demonstrated a consistent refusal to obtain and follow through with specified medical care and the health of her children was significantly endangered by her failure to do so. OKDHS findings were substantiated.

1/24/2017 - A referral was received for Neglect-Exposure to Domestic Violence and Abuse-Beating/Hitting Slapping of the children. It was reported that the mother's paramour whoops the children too hard, had punched the mother and the children. He reportedly punched the children because they were outside when they were supposed to be grounded. All of the children denied these allegations. None of the children had any physical injuries and the mother vehemently denied these allegations. She said her ex-paramour no longer lived in the home and is possibly incarcerated. OKDHS findings were unsubstantiated.

5/02/2017 - A referral was received for Neglect-Failure to Obtain Medical Attention of the deceased child and near fatal sibling by their mother. Although there were concerns for the continued referrals regarding the

children in the home, it couldn't be stated there was any immediate risk of harm. OKDHS findings were unsubstantiated.

3/08/2018 - A referral was received for Neglect-Near Death (Medical Condition Untreated) of the deceased child and Neglect-Inadequate Physical Care (Medical Condition Untreated) of the near fatal child by their mother and father. OKDHS findings were substantiated on both allegations. It was recommended the parents participate in a Family Centered Services Case involving Wrap-Around Services to address the on-going medical needs related to asthma for the children with the children remaining in an out of home safety plan until an observable change in behavior is observed resulting in a safe finding.

Investigation Findings:

Oklahoma history continued:
12/03/2018 - A referral was received for Neglect-Exposure to Domestic Violence of the deceased child, near fatal child, and two other siblings by one of the sibling's father and Neglect-Failure to Protect the children by the mother. A subsequent referral was received on 12/10/2018 for the same allegations. The mother did not disclose these incidents to her worker, nor did she seek assistance is preventing future incidents, therefore making the children unsafe in her care. The mother had participated in a Family Centered Services (FCS) case that opened 3/23/2018 and closed 10/12/2018 due to the near death of the deceased child based on her chronic and uncontrolled asthma. It was noted that all medication and progress the mother had made with the FCS case seemed to have regressed. The medication for both the deceased child and near fatal child was scattered throughout the home indicating a minimal change in behavior even with weekly contact. OKDHS findings were substantiated and the case closed.

7/02/2019 - A referral was received for Neglect-Threat of Harm-Substance Abuse and Neglect-Threat of Harm to the deceased child's brother by their mother and the brother's father. The family has extensive child welfare history to include the 12/03/2018 substantiated case and the children were placed in OKDHS custody. In regard to the current allegations OKDHS findings were substantiated and the brother was placed in OKDHS custody on 7/03/2019 however he was released from custody on 7/08/2019 against the wishes of the Department.

10/18/2019 - A referral was received for Neglect-Threat of Harm to the deceased child, the near fatal child, and three of their siblings by the youngest two siblings' father. It was reported the father came to the home with a gun and threatened to kill the mother. The father denied the events happened as the mother described stating he was nowhere near the mother but at home. He stated he would provide evidence of his whereabouts however as of the date of this report, it hadn't been received. The mother was allowed to take the children to Texas to be with her family. A motion was filed to end trial reunification, and the children were reunited with their mother. OKDHS findings were unsubstantiated.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Risk Assessment: Not applicable as out of state history.

Case Action:

Not applicable as out of state history.

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Not applicable as out of state history.

Other Services:

Not applicable as out of state history.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable as out of state history.

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.