# Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

**Person ID:** 115192229

**County of Child's Residence:** ECTOR

**Gender:** Female

**Age:** 1 Year(s) 0 Month(s)

**Date of Death:** 10/16/2024

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.

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**Child's Name:** Yanez,Hazel

**Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:**

**Intake Date(s):** 10/16/2024

**Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:**

The Department received a report that law enforcement responded to a 911 call, due to the deceased child and her twin sister drowning or near drowning in a bathtub. The twins were in the care of a babysitter. At the time the report was made the status of the twins was unknown.

The Department's investigation determined that the twins did not survive and were pronounced deceased at the hospital. The household consisted of the mother, a maternal uncle, and seven children. The children included the 1-year-old deceased twins and their 5 siblings ages 2, 3, 4, 6, and 9. The babysitter was a friend of the mother's and has been providing the majority of the care for the children for the last eight years. The mother came home from work the night before between 10:00 and 11:00 pm and announced she was going to shower and then going to bed, leaving the babysitter in charge. The babysitter stated the mother provided her cocaine in order to stay awake until 6:00 am. The babysitter then went and found the mother up and on her phone and stated she told the mother she was going to bed and she, the mother, needed to give the twins a bath. The babysitter stated the mother agreed to get up and tend to the twins so the babysitter placed the twins inside the bathtub and left the water running and went to bed without ever checking on the twins again as she assumed the mother got up. She did not awaken until she heard the mother screaming. The maternal uncle stated he woke up hearing footsteps running, and that they sounded 'wet', like running in a puddle. He immediately got up as the toilet had overflowed the prior day. He went to the bathroom and found the twins floating in the bathtub, the water still running, and the tub overflowing. He took them to the mother's room and began CPR. He stated he thinks he called 911 at 11:07 am. According to the babysitter, the mother paid her for babysitting the children with cocaine and this was a frequent occurrence. Law

search on the home and found large amounts of cocaine, scales and paraphernalia.

The Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy and concluded that the cause of death for the twins was drowning, and the manner of death was homicide.

Law enforcement conducted an investigation. The mother was charged with manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance, arrested, and has since bonded out of jail. The babysitter was charged with injury to a child and aggravated assault and remained incarcerated at the close of the Department's investigation.

**Investigation Findings:**

The Department confirmed that the mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased twins and the five surviving siblings.

The Department confirmed that the babysitter committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child and her twin sibling, which led to their deaths.

The Department confirmed that the babysitter committed neglectful supervision of the five surviving siblings.

**Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:**

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 10/16/2024: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
2.) 11/20/2024: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe
3.) 12/08/2024: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe with plan
4.) 02/18/2025: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe
5.) 02/20/2025: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

**Case Action:**

Family Preservation

**Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:**

**Other Services:**

The mother did not agree to services.

**Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:**

A safety plan was initiated in which the oldest sibling went to reside with her biological father and the other four siblings went to reside with their biological father with all contact between the surviving siblings and their mother be supervised. The Department also petitioned the court to order the mother to participate in services. Although this was granted, the court denied the Department's request for the mother to complete a drug assessment, complete random drug and alcohol testing, and agree to a safety plan requiring she be supervised around the surviving children. The only orders the court approved was for counseling and granting the Department and Guardian ad-litem access to the children in unannounced and announced visits. The case was transferred to Family-Based Safety 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:**

Not applicable.

## 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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