# Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

**Person ID:** 117059860

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

**Gender:** Female

**Age:** 1 Year(s) 11 Month(s)

**Date of Death:** 05/21/2025

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.

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**Child's Name:** Finney,Paisleig

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

**Intake Date(s):** 05/22/2025

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

The Department received a report after law enforcement responded to the family residence due to the deceased child being found unresponsive in the pool. The deceased child and his 15-year-old sibling were being cared for by a babysitter, who was a family friend, while the deceased child's mother and father were at work. The children and the babysitter came inside and then the babysitter went out the front door to get a charger from her vehicle. The sibling was on the couch, and she instructed the deceased child to stay inside. When she returned, she could not find the child. The babysitter and the sibling began looking for the child all over the home, and then the sibling found the deceased child in the bottom of the pool. The deceased child's sibling jumped into the pool and pulled her out and called 911. Emergency medical services (EMS) transported the deceased child to the hospital where she later died.

The Department's investigation determined that both parents were working at the time of the incident, and the babysitter was hired to provide care to the deceased child and her older sibling. The three went swimming together and the deceased child needed to go to the bathroom, so they all got out of the pool and went into the home. At this time the babysitter instructed the children to remain on the couch while she went to her car to retrieve an item. When she returned, she could not find the deceased child. The back door which led to the swimming pool was left unlocked and the deceased child escaped unnoticed. The babysitter was aware that this child could not swim without floaties and required constant supervision by an adult. Video footage was obtained that showed the deceased child was under water for approximately eight minutes. The sibling jumped into the pool and pulled the deceased child out of the water. The deceased child's sibling called 911 while the babysitter provided cardiopulmonary resuscitation until EMS could arrive. The babysitter had cared for the children many other times without incident.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy and listed the cause of death as drowning and the manner of death as accidental.

Law enforcement conducted an investigation and did not pursue charges on the babysitter.

**Investigation Findings:**

The Department confirmed that the babysitter committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child, which led to her death.

**Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:**

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 05/23/2025: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 06/03/2025: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe
3.) 10/30/2025: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Low

**Case Action:**

Close

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

Counseling and Evaluation

**Other Services:**

The Department provided numerous community resources to the family, which they accepted, however at case closure none of the resources provided have been initiated by the family.

**Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:**

Not applicable.

**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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