

November 30, 2020

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Dear Chief Clerk Renk and Chief Clerk Fuller:

In compliance with 2009 Wisconsin Act 78, the Child Welfare Public Disclosure Act, please accept the attached summary reports prepared by the Department of Children and Families on November 30, 2020. The following report(s), by report identification number, are included with this cover letter:

- 90 Day Report for 180824DSP-Monro-853
- 90 Day Report for 190426DSP-Mani-919

In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes section 48.981(7) (cr) 3.b., the Department is required to "transmit to... the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s 13.172(3)" summary reports prepared by the Department concerning incidents of death or serious injury to a child that results from suspected abuse or neglect or incidents of egregious abuse or neglect of a child. The summary reports are also made available to the public on the Department's <u>public website</u>.

Sincerely,

Nadya Pérez-Reyes Assistant Secretary

Attachments

cc: Governor Tony Evers

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# 90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Reports submitted to the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) that do not include all of the required information will be returned to the agency for proper completion. Do not identify individuals by name when completing this report. Individuals may be referenced by relationship or position; e.g., mother, father, child, sibling, physician, detective, etc.

Case Tracking Number:	180824-DSP-Monro-853	Agency:	Monroe County Department of Human Services		
Child Information (at time	of incident)				
Age: 9 Years	Gender: 🗌 Fem	ale 🛛 Male			
Race or Ethnicity: Ameri	can Indian/Alaskan Native/Hisp	oanic			
Special Needs: None					
Age: 11 Years	Gender: 🗌 Fem	ale 🛛 Male			
Race or Ethnicity: Ameri	can Indian/Alaskan Native/Hisp	oanic			
Special Needs: None					
Age: 12 Years	Gender: 🗌 Fem	ale 🛛 Male			
Race or Ethnicity: Ameri	can Indian/Alaskan Native				
Special Needs: None					
Age: 14 Years	Gender: 🛛 Fem	ale 🗌 Male			
Race or Ethnicity: Asian/	Hispanic/Latino				
Special Needs: None					
Date of Incident: 08/24/	2018				

### Description of the incident, including the suspected cause of death, injury or egregious abuse or neglect:

On August 24, 2018, the agency received a report of maltreatment regarding 9-year-old, 11-year-old, 12-year-old, and 14-year-old children. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother and father were arrested and each charged with two counts of False Imprisonment, three counts of Second Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety and four counts of Neglecting a Child – Consequence is Emotional Damage. A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

#### Findings by agency, including maltreatment determination and material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the 9-year-old, 11-year-old and 14-year-old children by their mother, father and maternal cousin. The agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the 9-year-old by his maternal aunt. The agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the 9-year-old and 11-year-old by their father. The agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the 9-year-old and 11-year-old by his mother. The agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the 11-year-old by his mother. The children and their 15-year-old sibling were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. The four younger children were placed in a licensed relative foster home and the oldest child was placed in a licensed non-relative foster home. Children in Need of Protection or Services Petitions were filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

🛛 Yes	🗌 No	Criminal investigation pending or completed?	
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 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\square$  No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The children's mother and father.

Child's residence at the time of incident: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Complete the appropriate following section (A. or B. based on the child's residence at the time of the incident).

#### A. Children residing at home at the time of the incident:

**Description of the child's family** (includes household members, noncustodial parent and other children that have visitation with the child and / or in the child's family home):

The children, a 9-year-old male, 11-year-old male, 12-year-old male, 14-year-old female and 15-year-old female resided with their mother and father along with a vulnerable adult placed in the family home through adult services. Also in the home was a 17-year-old non-relative male and a 24-year-old non-relative male.

Yes No Statement of Services: Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, any member of the child's family or alleged maltreater at the time of the incident, including any referrals received by the agency or reports being investigated at time of incident?

If "Yes", briefly describe the type of services, date(s) of last contact between agency and recipient(s) of those services, and the person(s) receiving those services: N/A

Summary of all involvement in services as adults under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years: (Does not include the current incident.)

The following history is related to the mother and father, who the children were residing with at the time of the incident: On September 23, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse of the now 12-year-old child by another child in the home. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse to the now 12year-old child was substantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment after the family was referred for services.

On June 9, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect and physical abuse of the now 14-year-old child by her mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect and physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

The following history is related to the maternal aunt, who was present at the time of the incident: On October 18, 2017, the agency screened in a Services Report to offer services related to housing and home management.

On May 28, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the maternal aunt's 11-year-old child by her mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

The following history is related to the maternal cousin, who was present at the time of the incident: None

Summary of actions taken by the agency under ch. 48, including any investigation of a report or referrals to services involving the child, any member of the child's family living in this household and the child's parents and alleged maltreater. (Does not include the current incident.)

(Note: Screened out reports listed in this section may include only the date of the report, screening decision, and if a referral to services occurred at Access. Reports that do not constitute a reasonable suspicion of maltreatment or a reason to believe that the child is threatened with harm are not required to be screened in for an Initial Assessment, and no further action is required by the agency.)

The following history is related to the mother and father, who the children were residing with at the time of the incident: On May 16, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 7, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 23, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse of the now 12-year-old child by another child in the home. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse to the now 12-year-old child was substantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment after the family was referred for services.

On June 9, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect and physical abuse of the now 14-year-old child by her mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect and physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On June 17, 2013, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 31, 2013, the agency screened-in a Services Report regarding a youth justice referral for a 16-year-old foster child residing in the home.

On May 20, 2012, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On March 8, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 5, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 20, 2010, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 25, 2010, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 10, 2010, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 23, 2010, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family declined services.

On April 19, 2010, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 15, 2010, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 14, 2010, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 30, 2009, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse of the now 15-year-old by her father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On December 29, 2009, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 28, 2009, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 23, 2008, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse of the children's now 23-year-old brother by his father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On May 26, 2006, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the now 15-year-old by her mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

The following history is related to the maternal aunt, who was present at the time of the incident: On October 18, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 14, 2014, the agency screened-in a Services Report and provided the family referrals to services.

On March 14, 2013, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 22, 2009, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 30, 2004, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the maternal aunt's now 16-year-old child by his mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

The following history is related to the maternal cousin, who was present at the time of the incident: None

# Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child's family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 and any services provided to the child and child's family since the date of the incident:

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the 9-year-old, 11-year-old, 12-year-old and 14-year-old children by their mother, father and maternal cousin. The agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the 9-year-old by his maternal aunt. The agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to 9-year-old and 11-year-old by their father. The agency found a preponderance of the evidence of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to 9-year-old and 11-year-old by their father. The agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to 9-year-old and 11-year-old by his mother. The children and their 15-year-old sibling were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. The four younger children were placed in a licensed relative foster home and the oldest child was placed in a licensed non-

relative foster home. Children in Need of Protection or Services Petitions were filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

#### B. Children residing in out-of-home care (OHC) placement at time of incident:

Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:  $N\!/\!A$ 

#### Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

N/A

**Licensing history:** Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee or other actions that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child. N/A

#### Summary of any actions taken by agency in response to the incident: (Check all that apply.)

$\boxtimes$	Screening of Access report		Attempted or successful reunification
	Protective plan implemented	$\square$	Referral to services
$\square$	Initial assessment conducted		Transportation assistance
	Safety plan implemented	$\square$	Collaboration with law enforcement
$\square$	Temporary physical custody of child	$\square$	Collaboration with medical professionals
$\boxtimes$	Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of		Supervised visitation
	protection or services)	$\bowtie$	Case remains open for services
$\boxtimes$	Placement into foster home		Case closed by agency
$\boxtimes$	Placement with relatives		Initiated efforts to address or enhance community
$\boxtimes$	Ongoing Services case management		collaboration on CA/N cases
			Other (describe):

### FOR DSP COMPLETION IF RECORD OR ON-SITE REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN:

Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified based on the record or on-site review of the incident:  $N\!/\!A$ 

# Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:

N/A

Yes No Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.

If the case review was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.

# 90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

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Case Tracking Number:	190426DSP-Mani-919	Agency:	Manitowoc County Human Services Department
Child Information (at time Age: 2 years	e of incident) Gender:	nale 🛛 Male	
Race or Ethnicity: Whit	e/Caucasian		
Special Needs: None			

Date of Incident: 04/26/2019

#### Description of the incident, including the suspected cause of death, injury or egregious abuse or neglect:

On April 26, 2019, the agency received a report regarding a 2-year-old child pronounced deceased in his home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical personnel determined the injuries were consistent with non-accidental trauma. As a result of law enforcement's investigation the child's mother and two additional adult household memebrs were arrested and criminally charged. The child's mother was criminally charged with two counts of Physical Abuse of a Child (Repeated Acts Causing Bodily Harm) and Child Abuse (Intentionally Causing Harm). One adult household member was charged with two counts of Physical Abuse of a Child (Repeated Acts Causing Bodily Harm) and Child Abuse (Intentionally Causing Harm). The other adult household member was charged with Physical Abuse of a child (Repeated Acts Causing Death) and Physical Abuse of a Child (Repeated Acts Causing Bodily Harm). A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

#### Findings by agency, including maltreatment determination and material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the mother and two additional adult household members. Medical professionals determined the child sustained injuries consistent with non-accidental trauma. A 1-year-old infant residing in the home was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed in a foster home. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Xes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The child's mother and two additional adult household members

### Child's residence at the time of incident: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Complete the appropriate following section (A. or B. based on the child's residence at the time of the incident).

#### A. Children residing at home at the time of the incident:

Description of the child's family (includes household members, noncustodial parent and other children that have visitation with the child and / or in the child's family home):

At the time of the incident, the child resided with his mother, two additional adult household members and their 1-year-old infant. The child's father did not have regular visitation.

Yes No Statement of Services: Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, any member of the child's family or alleged maltreater at the time of the incident, including any referrals received by the agency or reports being investigated at time of incident?

If "Yes", briefly describe the type of services, date(s) of last contact between agency and recipient(s) of those services, and the person(s) receiving those services:

N/A

Summary of all involvement in services as adults under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years: (Does not include the current incident.) None

Summary of actions taken by the agency under ch. 48, including any investigation of a report or referrals to services involving the child, any member of the child's family living in this household and the child's parents and alleged maltreater. (Does not include the current incident.)

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The following history is related to the child's mother:

None

The following history is related to the first adult household member, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident: On October 10, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS report.

On April 21, 2015, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with a referral to community resources.

The following history is related to the second adult household member, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident.

On October 10, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS report.

# Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child's family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 and any services provided to the child and child's family since the date of the incident:

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the mother and two additional adult household members. Medical professionals determined the child sustained injuries consistent with non-accidental trauma. A 1-year-old infant residing in the home was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed in a foster home. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

## B. Children residing in out-of-home care (OHC) placement at time of incident:

# Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there: $N\!/\!A$

# Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home: $N\!/\!A$

**Licensing history:** Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee or other actions that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child. N/A

## Summary of any actions taken by agency in response to the incident: (Check all that apply.)

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$\boxtimes$	Screening of Access report		Attempted or successful reunification
	Protective plan implemented		Referral to services
$\boxtimes$	Initial assessment conducted	$\boxtimes$	Transportation assistance
	Safety plan implemented	$\boxtimes$	Collaboration with law enforcement
$\boxtimes$	Temporary physical custody of child	$\boxtimes$	Collaboration with medical professionals
$\boxtimes$	Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of	$\boxtimes$	Supervised visitation
	protection or services)	$\boxtimes$	Case remains open for services
$\boxtimes$	Placement into foster home		Case closed by agency
	Placement with relatives		Initiated efforts to address or enhance community
$\boxtimes$	Ongoing Services case management		collaboration on CA/N cases
			Other (describe):

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Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified based on the record or on-site review of the incident:  $N\!/\!A$ 

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on th	e
record or on-site review:	

N/A

Yes No Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.

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