

April 14, 2021

Mike Queensland Senate Chief Clerk State Capitol, B20 SE P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53703

Edward A. Blazel Assembly Chief Clerk Risser Justice Center 17 West Main Street, Suite 401 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Senate Chief Clerk Queensland and Assembly Chief Clerk Blazel:

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 April 14, 2021. The following report(s), by report identification number, are included with this cover letter:

• 90 Day Report for 210105DSP-Green-1037

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:	210105DSP-Green-1037	Agency:	Green County Human Services Department
Child Information (at time Age: 0 Months	of incident) Gender: 🛛 Fem	ale 🗌 Male	
Race or Ethnicity: White	>		
Special Needs: None			
Date of Incident: 01/05	/21		

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

On January 9, 2021, the agency received a report regarding an infant who was reported missing since January 5, 2021. The infant was subsequently found deceased on January 9, 2021. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the infant's father was criminally charged with 1st-degree Intentional Homicide and Move/Hide/Bury Corpse of Child. 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by the infant's father. The Initial Assessment completed by agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the infant by the infant's father. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The family was referred to community services and the agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

Yes | No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The infant's 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):

At the time of the incident, the infant resided with her mother and maternal grandfather. The infant's father had contact in the family home.

Yes X 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.)

(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.)

On April 29, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 25, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 13-year-old uncle by the infant's maternal grandfather. 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.

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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by the infant's father. The Initial Assessment completed by agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the infant's father. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The family was referred to community services and the agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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	\boxtimes	Referral to services
\boxtimes	Initial assessment conducted		Transportation assistance
	Safety plan implemented	\boxtimes	Collaboration with law enforcement
	Temporary physical custody of child	\square	Collaboration with medical professionals
	Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of		Supervised visitation
	protection or services)		Case remains open for services
	Placement into foster home	\boxtimes	Case closed by agency
	Placement with relatives		Initiated efforts to address or enhance community
	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.