



June 29, 2021

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

- 90 Day Report for 210321DSP-Mara-1057
- 90 Day Report for 210327DSP-Winn-1058

- Delay Notification for 210220DSP-Dunn-1055

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 [public website](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nadya Pérez-Reyes".

Nadya Pérez-Reyes
Assistant Secretary

Attachments

cc: Governor Tony Evers

NOTICE OF DELAYED POSTING

90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident Case #210220DSP-Dunn-1055

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, as required by 2009 Wisconsin Act 78 (Section 49.981(7)(cr), Stats.), makes available to the public, a 90-day summary report for cases involving child death, serious injury, and egregious incidents involving abuse or neglect. Under these statutory provisions, the posting of information which potentially interferes with or jeopardizes the integrity of an investigation or trial is exempt from the public disclosure requirement.

The Department has determined that releasing the summary report would jeopardize an ongoing criminal proceeding, and is delaying posting as provided under Wis. Stat. § 49.981(7)(cr)7. The Department will release the 90-day summary once the investigation and/or trial has been concluded.

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: 210321DSP-Mara-1057 **Agency:** Marathon County Department of Social Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 7 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Asian/Hmong

Special Needs: None

Age: 1 year Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Asian/Hmong

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 03/21/2021

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

On March 21, 2021, the agency received a report alleging neglect of a 7-month-old infant and a 1-year-old infant. The infants were found at home with their deceased mother. Law enforcement initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the children's father was criminally charged with 1st-Degree Intentional Homicide. 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 the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the infants by their father. The agency deemed the infants unsafe, and they were taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed with a relative. The infants' 5-year-old half-brother remained in the care of his father. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed for the infants, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The infants' 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 infants resided with their mother and their 5-year-old half-brother. The infants' father was adjudicated and occasionally resided in the home. The infants' 13-year old half-brother did not live in the home and has resided with his father.

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.)

On December 28, 2020, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the infants by their mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On September 14, 2020, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the infants and their now 5-year-old half-brother by their mother and the infants' father. An assessment was completed by the agency with

the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On January 4, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infants' now 5-year-old and now 13-year-old half-brothers by their mother and the infants' 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.

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.)

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On April 20, 2020, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 4, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infants' now 5-year-old and now 13-year-old half-brothers by their mother and the infants' 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.

On July 18, 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the infants by their father. The agency deemed the infants unsafe, and they were taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed with a relative. The infants' 5-year-old half-brother remained in the care of his father. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed for the infants, 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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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening of Access report | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted or successful reunification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Services case management | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the act. The DSP will conduct a further review in this case.

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

None at this time.

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.

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Case Tracking Number: 210327DSP-Winn-1058 **Agency:** Winnebago County of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 1 year Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Native American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 03/27/21

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

On March 27, 2021, the agency received a report regarding a 1-year-old infant brought to the hospital with multiple injuries. 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 Child Abuse – Recklessly Cause Harm and Neglecting a 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 the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse and neglect of the infant by the father and neglect of the infant by the mother. The infant and the infant's 2-year-old half-sibling were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and upon discharge from the hospital were placed with a relative. Child in Need of Protection or Services orders had previously been issued for the infant and the sibling on September 3, 2020, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

- 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 his mother, his father, and 2-year-old half-brother.

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:

At the time of the incident, the infant and 2-year-old half-brother were under Child in Need of Protection or Services Orders related to the March 16, 2020 CPS Report. The last contact by the agency, through a contracted program, was with the infant and the father on March 25, 2021.

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.)

On March 16, 2020, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater and neglect to the infant by the mother and the father were substantiated. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed on April 16, 2020, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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