

# 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:** 180207-DSP-MILW-803      **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 4 Months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 2/7/2018

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

On February 7, 2018, the agency received a report regarding a 4-month-old infant pronounced deceased in the home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant; toxicology results are pending. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother was arrested and criminally charged with one count of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Reckless 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 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 infant and the infant's 3-year-old sibling by the mother. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. The mother was criminally charged and court ordered to have no unapproved contact with the infant's siblings. The infant's 3-year-old and 10-year-old siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed 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 mother

**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 biological mother, maternal grandmother, 3-year-old sister and 8-year-old brother. The biological fathers for the infant and the infant's siblings 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.)

On July 30, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now deceased 4-year-old brother, now 8-year-old brother, and now 3-year-old sister. 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 October 28, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 8-year-old brother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. The case was closed upon

completion of the Initial Assessment.

On October 15, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the infant's now deceased 4-year-old brother and now 8-year-old brother, and neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old sister. An assessment was completed by the agency, the allegations were 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.)

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

On November 15, 2016, the agency screened-in a Services Report. A courtesy safety check was completed and the case was closed.

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The following history is related to the infant's grandmother who was residing in the home at the time of the incident:

On April 26, 2002, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the grandmother's now adult children by the infant's grandmother and grandmother's boyfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse were 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 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 infant and the infant's 3-year-old sibling by the mother. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. The mother was criminally charged and court ordered to have no unapproved contact with the infant's siblings. The infant's 3-year-old and 10-year-old siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition 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.)

- Screening of Access report
- Protective plan implemented
- Initial assessment conducted
- Safety plan implemented
- Temporary physical custody of child
- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Attempted or successful reunification
- Referral to services
- Transportation assistance
- Collaboration with law enforcement
- Collaboration with medical professionals
- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community 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.