

Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident Summary Report

Type of Report: 90-Day Final

Case Tracking Number: 100614DSP-PN-27 Agency: Dane County Dept. of Human Services

Child Information: Age: 16 years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: African Amer-White
Special needs: History of behavioral needs

Child's Residence: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Date of Incident: 6/14/10

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

On the weekend of June 13, the youth was last seen leaving his sister's home to return to his foster home. He was later found to be a victim of homicide, and a suspect was quickly apprehended by law enforcement. According to media reports, the two youths fought over the victim's cell phone and his sneakers were stolen. Allegedly, the other youth stomped on the victim's head. He is charged with 1st Degree Intentional Homicide and two counts of Robbery with Use of Force.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The child was found to be a victim of physical abuse by a non-caregiver. The foster home was within walking distance from the home of the relative that the child was visiting. The foster parents tried to reach the child repeatedly when he did not arrive home as scheduled. Numerous calls were made to the child's cell phone and to family members on June 14 and early a.m. June 15. The foster family called the Juvenile Reception Center to report the child as missing at approximately 3:00 a.m. on June 15. Law enforcement officials quickly ruled out the foster parents and other household members as suspects, as well as extended family members that the child was visiting. The child was found dead on Monday, June 15. A 17-year-old youth has been charged in the child's death.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

Yes No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, 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:

Summary of all involvement in services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years:

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 or alleged maltreater:

Summary of any investigation conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the family since the date of the incident:

Additional information for children in out-of-home (OHC) placement at time of incident:

Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:

The child was placed in a Dane County licensed foster home. The foster parents have extensive experience in working with teens who exhibit emotional and behavioral issues. This placement was chosen to help integrate the child back into the

community upon his release from a residential care center.

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

The child lived with his foster parents and another teenaged boy placed there and receiving services.

Licensing history: Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee that constitutes a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

The foster father was initially licensed as a single person on 12/14/01. In 2002, the foster father married and his wife was added to the license on 05/08/2002. They are currently licensed as a foster home. There have been no allegations or investigations of this home for any type of substantial abuse or failure to protect.

*** Summary of actions taken by agency in response to the incident:**

The agency screened in and investigated the report of the child's death, substantiating physical abuse by a noncaregiver. The agency provided support to the foster family and adoptive family of the child, assisting them with the child's death and planning for the memorial service. The agency also provided support to many workers who had been involved with this child and his family over the years and were impacted by the child's death.

***Summary of policy or practice changes to address identified issues:**

None

***Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:**

None

Statement of Completion:

Yes No This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

* If a full report including agency actions, changes in policies or practices and recommendations for further changes was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.

This final summary report completes the DSP review of this case.