

# 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:** 200426DSP-Milw-1002      **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

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

Age: 14 years      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Age: 16 years      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Age: 17 years      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 04/26/20

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

On May 22, 2020, the agency received a report regarding an incident that occurred on April 26, 2020, in which a 14-year-old child, a 16-year-old child, and a 17-year-old child were pronounced deceased in their home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined that the 14-year-old child, 16-year-old child, and 17-year-old child died as a result of a serious injuries. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the 14-year-old child's father, who was also the 16-year-old child's step-father and the 17-year-old child's uncle, was criminally charged with multiple counts of First-Degree Intentional Homicide, multiple counts of Use of a Dangerous Weapon, and one count of Possession of a Firearm-Convicted of a Felony. 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 to the 14-year-old child, 16-year-old child, and 17-year-old child by the 14-year-old child's father. The Medical Examiner's Office determined that the 14-year-old child, 16-year-old child, and 17-year-old child died as a result of a serious injuries. The agency determined the 3-year-old nephew of the 14-year old child, who was residing in the household, safe and the child remained with his mother. 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 14-year-old child'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 household included the 14-year-old child, the 16-year-old child, the 14-year old child's 3-year-old nephew, the 14-year-old child's adult sibling, the mother to the 14-year-old child and 16-year-old child, and the father to the 14-year-old child and adult sibling. The 17-year-old child, a relative, was residing in the home intermittently.

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 17-year-old child:

On May 9, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 17-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.

**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 14-year-old child and 16-year-old child's mother:

On January 20, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 14-year-old child, now 16-year-old child, and now adult sibling by the 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 14-year-old child and 16-year-old child's adult sibling:

On November 8, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

The following history is related to the 17-year-old child:

On May 9, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 17-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.

On January 2, 2007, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 17-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.

On August 21, 2006, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 17-year-old child by her mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was opened to provide in-home safety services.

On March 28, 2003, the agency screened-out a Services 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 physical abuse to the 14-year-old child, 16-year-old child, and 17-year-old child by the 14-year-old child's father. The Medical Examiner's Office determined that the 14-year-old child, 16-year-old child, and 17-year-old child died as a result of a serious injuries. The agency determined the 3-year-old nephew of the 14-year old child who was residing in the household safe and the child remained with his mother. 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.)

- 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):

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**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

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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.