Public Notification of a Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 100806DSP-PN-39

Date of Public Notification: 8/11/10

The Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) has received notification that a child death, serious injury or egregious incident has occurred and maltreatment is suspected, or that a child placed in out-of-home care has died and suicide is suspected.

Date of Incident: 8/6/10

Incident Description:
The father called 911 because the baby was unresponsive following a fall from the bed onto the floor. According to the father, the infant was sleeping in the car seat on the bed and was then found on the floor with the car seat on top of her. The child was taken to Children's Hospital by paramedics where she was found to have multiple fractures to the occipital bone, a skull fracture, intracranial hemorrhage, respiratory distress and evidence of a brain injury that is not consistent with a fall. The father admitted to throwing the baby across the room into a wall. He has been arrested and is being held with criminal charges pending.

Child Information:
Age: 3 months Gender: ☒ Female ☐ Male
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Child’s Residence: ☒ In-home ☐ Out-of-home care placement by agency

Scope of DSP Review of Incident
☒ eWiSACWIS records review only
☐ Abbreviated review to gather more information about the case
☐ Full records and on-site review by DSP
☐ Other (describe):

Agencies cooperating with the DSP in the review at this time:
Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Additional Information (optional):
Prior to this incident the family was unknown to the child welfare system.