

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

Case Tracking Number: 110218DSP-Mara-82

Date of Public Notification: 03/11/2011

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: 02/18/2011

Incident Description:

On 02/18/2011, the child was taken to the emergency room of a local hospital due to an injury to his ear. The family reported that the child had been scratched by a cat several weeks prior and the scratch had become infected. Hospital staff noted several injuries to the child including a bruised left ear with a puncture mark, a heavy scratch on the right side of the nose with possible bruising, a small round bruise on the left side of the chin, and red linear marks on the left arm below the shoulder. The parents indicated that the cat had scratched the child's ear and the child caused the other scratches to his face himself. There was no explanation for the other injuries, although the parents felt the child bruises easily. A full body scan and head CT scan were performed and no injuries or trauma were found. The family was cooperative and a follow up bone survey was performed on 03/04/2011. The child was found to have callous formation on the posterior lateral aspects of the 8th, 9th, and 10th ribs, which is consistent with healing rib fractures. Medical providers estimated the injuries occurred three to six weeks prior to the bone survey. The father admitted that he had grabbed the child roughly from his crib and had also physically forced the child's arm into the sleeve of his clothing, causing bruising as a result.

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:

Marathon County Department of Social Services

Additional Information (optional):