

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

Case Tracking Number: 110227DSP-Polk-85

Date of Public Notification: 3/23/11

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: 2/27/11

Incident Description:

On February 27, 2011, law enforcement was called to the home in response to a domestic situation. The injured child, two siblings and an adult male (i.e., mother's boyfriend) were inside the house. Another child was outside in the car. Reportedly, the boyfriend became belligerent, attempting to fight with the mother. When she attempted to remove the children from the home, the boyfriend threw her down while she was holding the child that was injured in this incident. The boyfriend refused to allow her to attend to the fallen child and threatened to kill all of them. The mother ran to a neighbor's home and called 911. When officers entered the home they found the injured child on the living room floor. He was taken to the hospital where he was found to have extreme facial trauma, including bruising, nasal fracture, lip and tongue lacerations, and eye hemorrhaging. Liver enzymes were elevated upon admission to the hospital. The other children were not injured. Mother's boyfriend has been arrested and criminally charged with 4 misdemeanors and 5 felonies, including one count of Child Abuse – Intentionally Causes Bodily Harm and two counts of Causing Mental Harm to a Child.

Child Information: Age: 1 year 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:

Polk County Human Services Department

Additional Information (optional):

Prior to this incident, the family was unknown to the child welfare system.