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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Department of Children and Families
Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P)
Report on Child Fatality or Near Fatality

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☒ **Child Fatality** ☐ **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): A. C. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 04/08/2021 **County of Residence:**Essex

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 03/29/2022 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**03/29/2022

Allegation Type: ☒ Abuse ☐ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 3/29/2022, A.C. and her 2-year old sibling, M.B., were transported to Newark Beth Israel Medical Center (NBIMC) due to concerns of physical abuse. Upon arrival at NBIMC, A.C. was unresponsive, and she was critically ill. A.C. did not survive her injuries. Upon examination, A.C. was observed with injuries all over her body. She sustained contusions to her face, head, stomach and torso. The gross examination revealed A.C. had liver lacerations, bowel laceration, and contusions on the heart and lung. There was blood found in A.C.'s abdomen and chest, and there were also injuries found in her pancreas and diaphragm. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was deemed blunt force trauma and the manner of death a homicide. The criminal investigation is on-going. CP&P conducted an investigation and physical abuse was substantiated against the mother, C.P.'s paramour, S.H.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):M.B. (2 year old male) and B.B. (4 year old female) were at home with A.C. when the incident occurred. All three minor children were transported to the emergency room for signs of physical abuse. M.B. was observed with non-life threatening injuries. He had bruising on both sides of his face, under his eyes and above his mouth. B.B. was uninjured; she did not have any signs of visible trauma to her body. The surviving children were admitted into the hospital on 03/29/22 for testing and observation and discharged on 04/01/22. On 04/01/2022 both children were placed into the care, custody, and supervision of CP&P and placed in a relative resource home.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- ☐ Open (Date Opened:) ☒ Closed (Date Closed:11/24/2021) ☐ Not Previously Known
- ☒ The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:The previous involvement did not pertain to allegations of physical abuse against this child.

Types of Service Provided:Substance Use Evaluation and Urine Screens

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:On 11/01/2021, in-home visitation.

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Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): A.H. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 5/14/20 **County of Residence:**Philadelphia

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 7/24/22 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**7/24/22

Allegation Type: ☐ Abuse ☒ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: During the weekend of 7/22/22, A.H. was left in the care of family friends, A.E. and W.C. On 7/24/22, A.H. accessed W.C.'s illicit drugs and she became critically ill. W.C. and A.E. did not seek immediate medical attention, and instead attempted to obtain Narcan from a pharmacy to reverse the effects of the apparent overdose. When Narcan was administered, A.H. did not respond to the intervention resulting in her death. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was Cocaine, Xylazine, and Fentanyl toxicity and A.H. died of adverse effect of drugs. W.C. was charged with aggravated manslaughter. CP&P conducted an investigation and W.C. and A.H. were substantiated for neglect.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):W.C., Jr. (infant male child of Mr. Clark and Ms. Emmel) was at home when the incident occurred. W.C. Jr. tested positive for illicit drugs, although he required no medical intervention. W.C., Jr. was placed in the care, custody and supervision of CP&P and placed in a relative kin home.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

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If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:NA

Types of Service Provided:N/A

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:NA

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Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): D.R. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 3/1/2022 **County of Residence:**Essex

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 3/24/2022 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**3/24/2022

Allegation Type: ☐ Abuse ☒ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 3/24/2022, D.R. was transported to Overlook Medical Center by her parents, D.S. (mother) and C.R. (father). D.R. was unresponsive and was having difficulty breathing. D.R. was described as having pale skin, she was dehydrated, malnourished with prominent bones (sunken fontanel, clavicle, ribs) and she experienced agonal breathing. D.R. did not recover and on 3/25/2022 she was pronounced deceased. D.S. did not receive any prenatal care during her pregnancy and delivered D.R. with the support of a doula. Prior to 3/24/2022, D.R. had not received any pediatric care. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was failure to thrive due to malnutrition. D.S. and C.R. were substantiated for neglect.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):N/A

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

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If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:N/A

Types of Service Provided:N/A

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:N/A

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Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): E.C **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 12/8/2021 **County of Residence:** Bergen

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 3/29/2022 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 3/29/2022

Allegation Type: ☒ Abuse ☐ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: E.C. became unresponsive in the care of his mother, S.M.Y. EMS and police responded to the home and began CPR. E.C. was transported to Hackensack University Medical Center where he was admitted to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in critical condition after suffering from cardiac arrest. Further testing revealed E.C. sustained an acute left parietal skull fracture, bilateral subdural hemorrhages, eighteen bilateral rib fractures, a left proximal ulna fracture, and a left distal femur fracture in various stages of healing. E.C. was also diagnosed with severe retinal hemorrhages, or bleeding into the layers of the retina at the back of the eye. E.C. succumbed to his injuries, after testing revealed brain death and the ventilator was removed. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was complications of acute traumatic injury of the head and the manner of death was homicide (child abuse syndrome). S.M.Y. was charged with first-degree murder, second-degree aggravated assault, and endangering the welfare of a child. CP&P conducted an investigation and S.M.Y. was substantiated for physical abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): H.C. (3-year-10-month old female) and M.C. (3-month old male), were at home when the incident occurred and were unharmed. On 3/31/2022, the surviving children were subsequently placed in the care, custody and supervision of the Division and placed in a relative kin home. On 5/31/2022, the surviving children were returned to the custody of their biological father, with supervision and visitation restrictions.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- ☐ Open (Date Opened:) ☐ Closed (Date Closed:) ☒ Not Previously Known
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near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:

N/A

Types of Service Provided:N/A

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:N/A

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Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): G.A.M. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 10/15/21 **County of Residence:**Bergen

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 12/23/2021 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**12/23/2021

Allegation Type: ☒ Abuse ☐ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 12/23/2021, the North Arlington Police Department received a 911 call reporting concerns that G.A.M. wasn't breathing. G.A.M's father, A.M., had been caring for her for several hours while her mother, P.A., was out shopping. G.A.M was transported to Hackensack University Medical Center where it was found that she had a subdural hematoma, significant brain bleeds, suppressed brain functioning, and swelling of the brain. She had experienced a seizure and was intubated. Ophthalmology testing revealed retinal hemorrhaging and a skeletal survey revealed multiple rib fractures (acute and healing) as well as a healing distal left femoral bucket handle type fracture that was most consistent with non-accidental trauma. G.A.M.succumbed to her injuries on 1/5/22. According to a medical consult from St. Joseph Medical Center, G.A.M.'s injuries were a result of non-accidental trauma and inflicted injuries. A.M. was charged with Murder, Aggravated Assault and Attempting to Cause Bodily Injury. CP&P conducted an investigation and A.M. was substantiated for Physical Abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):D.A.M.(3 year old male) was at home when the incident occurred and was unharmed. On 1/11/2022 D.A.M. was placed in the care, custody and supervision of the Division and placed in a relative kin home.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- ☐ Open (Date Opened:) ☒ Closed (Date Closed:7/17/2019) ☐ Not Previously Known
- ☐ The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:

On 9/17/2018 D.A.M. presented with ten rib fractures at various stages of healing, a healing fracture of the right humerus, and healing fractures of the fourth and fifth metatarsal, as well as bruising on the face. D.A.M.'s parents, P.A. and A.M. were originally substantiated for the physical abuse; however, the geneticist could not rule out Osteogenesis Imperfecta as the cause and the judge dismissed the case from litigation. The findings were changed to Not Established.

Types of Service Provided: Substance Abuse Evaluation, Urine Screens, Parenting Classes, Supervised Visitations, Medical Evaluations

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality: G.A.M. was not born during CP&P's last contact with the family.

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Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): J.S. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 5/11/22 **County of Residence:** Essex

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 8/17/22 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 8/17/22

Allegation Type: ☐ Abuse ☒ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 8/17/2022, J.S. was found unresponsive while in the care of his mother, K.S. J.S. was in the legal care and custody of a relative and K.S. was not permitted unsupervised contact with J.S. due to the mother's substance use concerns. During the afternoon hours of 8/16/2022, K.S. was observed under the influence while caring for J.S. unsupervised. During the late hours of 8/16/2022, the relative, K.S., left J.S. in the care of his mother and another relative. J.S. was sleeping alone with his mother when he was found unresponsive and transported to Newark Beth Israel Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. According to the medical examiner, the manner of death was listed as neonatal hepatitis or asphyxia due to co-sleeping is uncertain. CP&P conducted an investigation and K.S. (mother) and K.S. (relative/legal custodian) were substantiated for neglect.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): N/A

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- ☒ Open (Date Opened: 08/16/2022) ☐ Closed (Date Closed:) ☐ Not Previously Known
- ☐ The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:On 5/12/22, J.S. was born substance-exposed and suffered withdrawal. Due to the mother's substance use concerns, the relative, K.S., obtained joint custody of J.S. and she was granted sole residential custody upon his discharge from the hospital. There was a court ordered that prohibited the mother from having unsupervised contact with J.S. The allegation of neglect was substantiated

Types of Service Provided:

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:08/16/2022

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☒ **Child Fatality** ☐ **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): N. N. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 11/16/2009 **County of Residence:**Middlesex

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 02/19/2023 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**02/21/2023

Allegation Type: ☒ Abuse ☐ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 2/19/2023, K.N. (father), shot his wife, J.N., and their 2 children, S.N. age 14 and N.N. age 13. When law enforcement responded to the home, K.N., J.N. and N.N were discovered deceased as a result of gunshot wounds. S.N., also, suffered from gunshot wounds but he was found alive, in critical condition. S.N. was transported to University Hospital of Newark where he succumbed to his injuries. CP&P conducted an investigation and K.N. was substantiated for physical abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): S.N. (14 year old male) was shot and succumbed to his injuries.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- ☐ Open (Date Opened:) ☒ Closed (Date Closed:12/21/2016) ☐ Not Previously Known
- ☒ The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral: A concern was received for neglect and the allegation was not established.

Types of Service Provided:None

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:11/22/2016

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Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): O.D **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 10/17/2020 **County of Residence:** Monmouth

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 1/5/2023 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 1/5/2023

Allegation Type: ☐ Abuse ☒ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 1/5/2023, O.D. was co-sleeping with his mother Q.S. when he was discovered unresponsive. O.D. was observed laying face down in a pillow. Q.S. carried O.D. into the living room and the maternal great grandmother performed CPR. 911 was contacted and EMS transported O.D. to Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, where he was pronounced deceased. Upon medical evaluation, a bag of heroin was found in O.D.'s throat. O.D.'s toxicology screening revealed that he tested positive for fentanyl, heroin and 4-ANPP. Q.S. was charged with aggravated manslaughter, two counts of endangering the welfare of a child, possession of a controlled dangerous substance and hindering apprehension. Q.S. pled guilty to a single count of second-degree aggravated manslaughter. CP&P conducted an investigation and Q.S. was substantiated for neglect.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): R.D. (5 year old female) was at the home at the time of the incident and was unharmed. R.D. remained in the care of her father, M.D and CP&P obtained care and supervision.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- ☐ Open (Date Opened:) ☒ Closed (Date Closed: 01/12/2021) ☐ Not Previously Known
- ☐ The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

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On 10/13/17 a concern was reported that R.D. tested positive for marijuana at birth. The mother was attending a community based substance use program. The allegation of neglect was not established

On 8/11/2020 a concern was reported that Q.S. was involved in a motor vehicle accident and she tested positive for marijuana, benzodiazepines, and opiates. R.D. was not present in the car during the accident. The mother was attending a community based substance use program and is receiving Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT). The allegation of neglect was not established.

On 10/17/2020 a concern was reported that Q.S. and O.D. tested positive for marijuana at birth. The mother continued to attend a community based substance use program and is receiving Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT). The allegations of neglect were not established.

Types of Service Provided: Substance abuse evaluation; urine screens; Plans of Safe Care

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality: 1/11/2021 in home visitation with mother and children.

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Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): S.D. **Gender:** Female
Date of Birth/Age: 10/18/2016 **County of Residence:** Middlesex

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 06/8/2019 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 7/27/2022

Allegation Type: ☒ Abuse ☐ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: In 2022, Law enforcement became aware of a child fatality that occurred in 2019. The investigation revealed S.D. (age 3) died during the week of 6/8/19. The investigation revealed that the mother's, M.D., paramour, M.C., physically assaulted S.D. resulting in her death. M.D. confirmed that she observed S.D. was deceased in the home. M.D. disclosed that M.C. beat S.D. to death and he waited until it was nighttime to dispose of S.D.'s remains. M.D. was charged with two counts of child endangerment and one count of second-degree hindering and warning. M.C. was charged with four counts of second-degree endangering the welfare of a child, one count of second-degree desecration of human remains, one count of first-degree murder; five counts of first-degree witness tampering and two counts of third-degree terroristic threats. CP&P conducted an investigation and M.D. and M.C. were substantiated for physical abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): S.D.'s twin sister (also with initials S.D). (female age 3) and M.C.'s, 3 minor children were visiting the home J.C. (male age 9), J.C. (female, age 8) and T.C. (male, age 7) when the incident occurred and were unharmed. The family had no prior history prior to the fatality in 2019, and CP&P did not become aware of the fatality until 2022. On 7/27/22, the surviving twin, S.D., was placed in the care, custody and supervision of CP&P and placed in an unrelated resource home. J.C., J.C. and T.C. remain in the care and custody of their biological mothers.

Historical Information:

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Types of Service Provided: N/A

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality: N/A

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Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): S. N. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 12/08/2008 **County of Residence:** Middlesex

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 02/19/2023 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 02/21/2023

Allegation Type: ☒ Abuse ☐ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 2/19/2023, K.N. (father), shot his wife, J.N., and their 2 children, S.N. age 14 and N.N. age 13. When law enforcement responded to the home, K.N., J.N. and N.N were discovered deceased as a result of gunshot wounds. S.N., also, suffered from gunshot wounds but he was found alive, in critical condition. S.N. was transported to University Hospital of Newark where he succumbed to his injuries. CP&P conducted an investigation and K.N. was substantiated for physical abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): N.N. (13 year old female) was shot and succumbed to her injuries.

Historical Information:

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If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral: A concern was received for neglect and the allegation was not established.

Types of Service Provided: None

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality: 11/22/2016

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Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): S.S. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 07/09/2022 **County of Residence:**Middlesex

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 11/10/2022 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**11/10/2022

Allegation Type: ☒ Abuse ☐ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 11/10/2022, S.S. became unresponsive while in the care of her father, R.S.. 911 was contacted and S.S. was transported to Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center where it was found that she suffered from head contusions. The law enforcement investigation revealed that R.S. threw S.S. on at least two occasions. R.S. attempted to throw S.S. on the bed and she fell on the floor and her lips turned blue. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was traumatic head injuries and manner of death was homicide. R.S. was arrested and charged with first-degree murder and second-degree child endangerment. CP&P conducted an investigation and R.S. was substantiated for physical abuse of S.S.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): A.R. (2-years-old male) was in the home at the time of the incident however he was not harmed. A.R. remained in the care and custody of his mother.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- ☐ Open (Date Opened:) ☒ Closed (Date Closed:10/28/2022) ☐ Not Previously Known
- ☐ The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:On 09/01/2022 a concern was received that R.S. had physically abused A.R. who was observed with a bruise on his lip and forehead. R.S, reported that A.R. had a tantrum and injured himself. EMS and law enforcement responded to the home and the child was

assessed and did not require any further medical attention. The responding police officer stated that the injuries could have been a result of a tantrum or physical abuse. Medical collaterals were received by the children's pediatrician and A.R. was seen on 08/23/22 and S.S. on 09/03/22, and there were no noted concerns. The allegation of physical abuse was unfounded.

On 10/12/2022 a concern that R.S. physically assaulted the children's mother, C.R. The mother sustained minor injuries and R.S. was arrested. The children were present in the home. They were unharmed and not involved in the incident. The allegations of neglect were not established.

Types of Service Provided:None

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:10/12/2022 in home visitation.

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☒ **Child Fatality** ☐ **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): V. E. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 07/20/2020 **County of Residence:** Ocean

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 9/07/2022 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 9/07/2022

Allegation Type: ☐ Abuse ☒ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 9/07/2022, V.E. became unresponsive while in the care of his mother, N.S. EMS and the Lacey Township Police Department responded to the home and V.E. was transported to Community Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. Law enforcement removed multiple illicit drugs and drug paraphernalia from the home. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was Fentanyl and Xylazine toxicity. N.S. pled guilty to Aggravated Manslaughter and endangering the welfare of a child. CP&P conducted an investigation and was substantiated for neglect.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): N.S. (male, age 12) was not home when the incident occurred. P.E. (female, age 1) was home when the incident occurred and was unharmed. N.S. maternal aunt shared joint of custody of him and he remained in the maternal aunt's care and custody. On 9/28/2022, P.E. was placed in the care, custody and supervision of CP&P and placed in a family friend's home.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- ☒ Open (Date Opened: 03/09/2021) ☐ Closed (Date Closed:) ☐ Not Previously Known
- ☐ The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:

On 04/10/15, N.S. was stopped by the police and an officer found her doing drugs with her 4 year old son, N.S., in the car. The mother had recently relapsed and was engaged in substance use services. The maternal aunt had joint custody of N.S. and he remained in her care. The allegations of neglect were substantiated.

On 07/22/20, a concern was reported that N.S. tested positive for marijuana at the birth of V.E. The newborn tested negative; however, he was experiencing signs of withdrawal. The mother was engaged in substance use services and receiving Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT). An updated substance use evaluation was conducted that recommended the mother to continue with her medication. The allegations of neglect were not established.

On 03/09/21, a concern was reported that N.S. and, V.E.'s father, K.E. were under the influence of drugs. N.S. and K.E. were on prescribed medication. K.E. received in-patient SUD treatment. A substance abuse evaluation was conducted on N.S. that recommended a higher level of services. The allegations of neglect were not established.

On 06/07/21, a concern was reported that N.S. tested positive for marijuana and amphetamines at the birth of P.E. The mother was engaged in substance use services and receiving Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT). The allegations of neglect were Unfounded.

On 04/09/22, a concern was reported that N.S. was arrested for DUI. and her two youngest children, V.E. and P. E. were present in the car. The police found "a bunch" of prescription medication in the car. It was unknown if all of the medications belonged to N.S. A safety plan was implemented that N.S. could not have unsupervised contact with her children. The mother underwent a new substance use evaluation and there where no recommendatins for substance abuse treatment. The mother only tested positive for her prescribed medication. The evaluation recommended that the mother continue with medication monitoring and engage in mental health services. Since the mother was engaging in services and only testing positive for her prescribed medications, the safety plan was lifted. The allegations of neglect were not established.

Types of Service Provided:Substance Use Evaluations, Urine drug screens, Plans of Safe Care, Camp,

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:08/30/22 in home visitation with mother, children and extended relatives.

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☒ **Child Fatality** ☐ **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): X.J. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 03/23/2018 **County of Residence:** Ocean

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 03/07/2023 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 03/21/2023

Allegation Type: ☐ Abuse ☒ Neglect

Disposition: ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: While on vacation in Florida, X.J. drowned in the hotel pool. X.J. could not swim and his mother, R.T., left him unattended in the pool for several minutes. When R.T. returned to the pool, X.J. was submerged underwater. X.J. was pulled out of the water and was unresponsive. X.J. was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was drowning. R.T. was charged with manslaughter. CP&P conducted an investigation and R.T. was substantiated for neglect

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): N/A

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- ☐ Open (Date Opened:) ☒ Closed (Date Closed: 04/12/2021) ☐ Not Previously Known
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If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral: NA

Types of Service Provided: NA

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality: 03/15/2021