

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 3/7/2022

Agency Name: Clark County Department of Family Services

Agency Address: 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, 5th Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89155

Date of written notification to the Division of Child and Family Services and Legislative Auditor: 2/24/2022

Internal reference UNITY Case Number: 1494623

- Child Fatality** **Date of Death:** Currently unknown
 Near Fatality **Date of Near Fatality:**
 Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department law enforcement agency.
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INFORMATION FOR RELEASE

A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency of the fatality/near fatality of a child:
2/22/2022

B. Location of child at the time of death or near fatality (city/county):
Las Vegas, Clark

C. A summary of the report of abuse or neglect and a factual description of the contents of the report:
CCDFS received information the morning of 2/22/2022 related to the family and based on the factual circumstances, a referral was generated and was coded "Information Only."

Upon receipt of additional information, a formal report was opened for investigation. It was reported that a child gave a note to Clark County school personnel from the child's mother. The note reportedly indicated she was being held against her will and she did not know where her preschool-age child was. Law enforcement was contacted, and they instituted a response. Later, upon a search of the family's residence, the child was found deceased in a freezer. A suspect was identified, and an arrest was made in connection to the child's death.

D. The date of birth and gender of child:
1/15/2018, Male

E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:
The date of the fatality is currently unknown.

F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:
The cause and manner of death are pending official autopsy findings.

- G. Whether the agency had any contact with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and, if so...**
- (1) The frequency of any contact or communication with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and the date on which the last contact or communication occurred before the fatality or near fatality;
 - (2) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services provided any child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality;
 - (3) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services made any referrals for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality;
 - (4) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services took any other actions concerning the welfare of the child before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality; and
 - (5) A summary of the status of the child's case at the time of the fatality or near fatality, including, without limitation, whether the child's case was closed by the agency which provides child welfare services before the fatality or near fatality and, if so, the reasons that the case was closed.

The information contained in this section is limited to contact(s) with the child who is the subject of this disclosure or a member of that child's family or household that is related to the fatality or near fatality incident. This limitation is

required to preserve the confidentiality of all child abuse and neglect reports and records in order to protect the rights of the child and family as mandated by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.).

CCDFS has no prior CPS history for this child or member of the child's family.

CCDFS has the following prior CPS history for a relevant non-relative member of the household:

8/25/2017 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

H. Whether the agency which provides child welfare services, in response to the fatality or near fatality...

- (1) Has provided or intends to provide child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household; and
- (2) Has made or intends to make a referral for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household; and
- (3) Has taken or intends to take any other action concerning the welfare and safety of the child or any member of the child's family or household.

CCDFS has opened a case for investigation and family assessment. CCDFS will, as deemed appropriate, provide child welfare services, make referrals for child welfare services, and/or take action concerning the welfare and safety of relevant members of the child's family.

A companion report and investigation has been opened for a secondary household connected to the aforementioned non-relative member of the household.

[NON-DISCLOSURE NOTICE](#)

The following information must not be released (see Policy on Public Disclosure of Child Fatality and Near Fatality Information, page 5): 1) Information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 2) a privileged communication between attorney and client; 3) information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 4) the name of the reporting party or individual making an allegation or referral will not be released; 5) if the disclosure of the information would adversely affect any pending investigation concerning a report (NRS 432B.290(4)-(5)); 6) if the disclosure violates other federal or state law, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), alcohol and drug abuse patient records (42 USC §290dd-2 and 42 CFR §212 (c)(6)), and any other applicable law.