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REPORT ON THE FATALITY OF

Baylee Svenungsen

DATE OF BIRTH: 02/27/10
DATE OF DEATH: 08/05/11

The Family was not known to Somerset County Children and Youth Services

This report is confidential under the provisions of the Child Protective Services Law and cannot be released.

(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

Unauthorized release is prohibited under penalty of law.

(23 Pa. C.S. 6349 (b))

Documents Reviewed and Individuals Interviewed:

The Central Region Office of Children, Youth and Families (CROCYF) reviewed the Somerset County Children and Youth Services [REDACTED] [REDACTED] file. The file was inclusive of all medical reports, Police Criminal Complaint and agency dictation. The CROCYF interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Chronology:**Previous CY involvement:**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Circumstances of Child's Fatality:

There was little information provided by the child's mother and her paramour regarding the circumstances surrounding the child's death. On 08/05/11, the child's mother and her paramour went to the Somerset State Police Station to be interviewed. However after arrival, the paramour refused to talk with

the State Trooper and Somerset CYC Caseworker. He then contacted a lawyer and left without stating anything.

[REDACTED]

Current / most recent status of case:

The current case status remains the same as submitted to ChildLine by Somerset County Children and Youth on 10/03/11 [REDACTED] Somerset County Children and Youth Services did not accept the case for services because there are no other children in the home and both the child's mother and her paramour were incarcerated. There are no further criminal proceedings scheduled at this time.

[REDACTED]

Both the mother and her paramour have been criminally charged in relation to the child's death and were incarcerated at [REDACTED] County Jail, [REDACTED] on 10/03/11. The mother was released on 12/15/11. Her present location is not known. The mother has been charged with Criminal Homicide, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and Reckless Endangerment of Another Person. The paramour has been charged with Criminal Homicide and Aggravated Assault.

Services to children and families:

There were no other children in the home. [REDACTED]

County Strengths and Deficiencies as identified by the County's Fatality Report:

The Child Fatality Review Meeting for this case was held on September 29, 2011. The agency conducted the investigation in collaboration with law enforcement. There were no deficiencies noted.

County Recommendations for changes at the Local (County or State) Levels as identified by way of County's Fatality Report:

The Child Fatality Team did note concerns as how to assure any offender who has bail bond conditions of "no unsupervised contact" with children can be adequately supervised by a family member. The Team also recommended that the Probation Department and any professionals, who work with alleged offenders of abuse, be aware that they should report any new situations in which the alleged perpetrator may have contact with children, including a change in residence with children, to Children and Youth Services for assessment.

Central Region Findings:

The investigation completed by Somerset County Children and Youth Services was conducted timely and in collaboration with law enforcement services. Efforts to ensure the safety of the paramour's other children were coordinated and the agency was willing to initiate court involvement if necessary. Case documentation was thorough and the record was inclusive of all medical information.

Statutory and Regulatory Compliance issues:

There were no regulatory compliance issues.