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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

## **REPORT ON THE NEAR FATALITY OF:**



**Date of Birth: August 17, 2012**  
**Date of Incident: October 17, 2013**  
**Date of Oral Report: October 22, 2013**

### **FAMILY KNOWN TO:**

Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS)

### **REPORT FINALIZED ON:**

July 9, 2015

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(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

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

**Reason for Review:**

Senate Bill 1147, Printer's Number 2159 was signed into law on July 3, 2008. The bill became effective on December 30, 2008 and is known as Act 33 of 2008. As part of Act 33 of 2008, DPW must conduct a review and provide a written report of all cases of suspected child abuse that result in a child fatality or near fatality. This written report must be completed as soon as possible but no later than six months after the date the report was registered with ChildLine for investigation.

Act 33 of 2008 also requires that county children and youth agencies convene a review when a report of child abuse involving a child fatality or near fatality is indicated or when a status determination has not been made regarding the report within 30 days of the oral report to ChildLine. Philadelphia County convened a review team on November 15, 2013 in accordance with Act 33 of 2008 related to this report.

**Family Constellation:**

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Date of Birth:</u>
[REDACTED]	Victim Child	08/17/2012
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED]/1993
[REDACTED]	Father	[REDACTED]/1989
[REDACTED]	Mother's Paramour	[REDACTED]/1994

\* [REDACTED] does not live in the home with the Victim Child, (VC), and his mother.

\* [REDACTED] does not live in the home with the VC and his mother but was present in the home during the time of the incident.

**Notification of Child (Near) Fatality:**

On October 22, 2013, the Philadelphia Department of Human Services, (DHS), received a Child Protective Services, (CPS), report [REDACTED] stating that on Thursday, October 17, 2013, [REDACTED] reported that the VC had bruising and a knot on his head. [REDACTED] took the VC and his mother to Einstein Pediatrics. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that VC's bruising was a rash and that VC had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At 4:00 am on October 22, 2013, the mother called [REDACTED] saying that VC's eyes were swollen and puffy and that she was going to take the VC to the doctor at 9:00 am. [REDACTED] then talked to mother at 1:00 pm and the mother had not yet taken the VC to the doctor. [REDACTED] the mother, VC, [REDACTED] went to Einstein Emergency Room. The Mother could not explain the bruising on the VC and he also had [REDACTED] and scratches on his face. Einstein's Dr. [REDACTED] and Dr. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] is often associated with trauma. The mother had no explanation for any injuries and the VC was in her care all day, except when her paramour watched him yesterday. The VC was then transported to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children for admission.

**Summary of DPW Child Near Fatality Review Activities:**

The Southeast Region Office of Children, Youth and Families obtained and reviewed all current and past case records and notes pertaining to [REDACTED]. Also reviewed were medical records from both Einstein Medical Center and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. The SERO attended the Act 33 Review on 11/15/2013.

**Children and Youth Involvement prior to Incident:**

On September 29, 2013, DHS received a CPS report with the allegation that VC was hit in the head by [REDACTED]. The child was allegedly hit while he was in his mother's arms; the mother was punched in the face and claimed that the VC was punched in the head as well. The mother claimed she took the VC for medical attention but the county's search for medical records came up void. The report was investigated and determined to be unfounded. The family received [REDACTED] from October 08, 2013 to October 24, 2013.

The mother has a history as a child with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families; however, there was no information available for review.

**Circumstances of Child Near Fatality and Related Case Activity:**

On October 22, 2013, DHS received a CPS report [REDACTED] stating that on October 17, 2013, the VC was taken to Einstein Medical Center because the VC had bruising and a knot on his head. The VC was treated and released from Einstein Medical Center on the same day, where he was [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] A follow up appointment was scheduled for October 30, 2013. On October 23, 2013, at 4:00 am, the mother called [REDACTED] saying the VC's eyes were swollen and puffy and that she would take him to the doctor at 9:00 am. [REDACTED] spoke with the mother as a follow up at 1:00 pm, and the mother had not yet taken the VC to the doctor. [REDACTED] phoned the mother's [REDACTED] worker and they both then took the mother and the VC to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

On October 24, 2013, DHS received a Supplemental report stating that the VC has [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] the mother cannot explain the VC's injuries. Per Dr. [REDACTED] of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, the VC has been certified to be in serious condition due to inflicted injury.

**Current Case Status:**

On November 28, 2013, a CY-48 was received from DHS showing an Indicated Status, naming the mother, [REDACTED] and her paramour, [REDACTED] as perpetrators; the CY-48 was signed on November 20, 2013.

[REDACTED] was arrested on November 27, 2013, and charged with: Aggravated Assault, Endangering the Welfare of Children-Parent/Guardian/Other Commits Offense, Conspiracy, Simple Assault – Grading-Victim Under 12 Defendant 21 or Older and Recklessly Endangering Another Person. Mr. [REDACTED] is currently incarcerated at [REDACTED] Correctional Facility awaiting trial.

