

Case Number: 2022.099

Child Information:

- **Name:** Emily Johnson
- **Age:** 8 years old
- **Gender:** Female
- **School:** Pine Elementary School, Grade 3
- **Address:** 123 Maple Street, Irving, TX

Caretaker Information:

- **Primary Caretaker:** Sarah Johnson (Mother)
 - **Age:** 35 years old
 - **Occupation:** Nurse
- **Secondary Caretaker:** Michael Johnson (Stepfather)
 - **Age:** 38 years old
 - **Occupation:** Construction Worker

Family Background:

- **Previous Child Death:** The Johnson family previously lost a child, Ethan Johnson, aged 2, three years ago due to unexplained circumstances. The case was investigated, and although no foul play was determined, the circumstances were considered suspicious.
- **Current Situation:** Emily Johnson, the surviving child, has been reported by teachers and neighbors to be frequently anxious, withdrawn, and exhibiting signs of distress. There are allegations of verbal abuse from both Sarah and Michael.

Report Details:

- **Date of Report:** July 10, 2024
- **Reported By:** Mrs. Linda Parker, School Counselor
- **Nature of Report:** Verbal abuse and possible emotional neglect
- **Description of Allegations:** Emily has been heard by neighbors and observed by school staff being berated, insulted, and humiliated by both caretakers. Specific incidents include being called derogatory names and being told she is the cause of the family's previous loss.

Initial Investigation Findings:

- **Home Visit:** Conducted on July 12, 2024
 - **Environment:** The home appeared clean and orderly, but Emily seemed visibly anxious in the presence of her caretakers.
 - **Caretaker Interview:** Both Sarah and Michael denied any form of abuse, attributing Emily's behavior to the previous family trauma.
 - **Child Interview:** Emily was initially reluctant to speak but eventually disclosed feeling "scared" and "sad" most of the time, particularly when her mother and stepfather are angry.

Risk Assessment:

- **History of Child Death:** The prior death of Ethan Johnson raises significant concerns,

- especially with the current allegations of abuse.
- **Emotional Well-being:** Emily's reported and observed behavior indicates a high level of emotional distress consistent with verbal abuse.
- **Support System:** Limited support from extended family; no involvement from grandparents or other relatives.

Next Steps:

- 1 **Immediate Safety Plan:** Emily to stay temporarily with a trusted family friend, under supervision of Child Protective Services (CPS).
- 2 **Further Investigation:** Detailed background check on caretakers, review of previous child death case files, and psychological evaluation of Emily.
- 3 **Family Services:** Referral for family counseling and parenting classes for Sarah and Michael Johnson.
- 4 **Court Involvement:** Potential for legal action depending on the outcome of the ongoing investigation and evaluations.

Follow-Up:

- **Scheduled Meetings:**
 - **Therapist Appointment for Emily:** July 15, 2024
 - **Family Counseling Session:** July 20, 2024
- **Next Home Visit:** July 25, 2024

Case Manager:

- **Name:** Jane Doe
- **Contact Information:** jane.doe@cps.tx.gov, (555) 123-4567

Case Status:

- **Current Status:** Under investigation
- **Next Review Date:** August 10, 2024

This case highlights the complexity and sensitivity required in handling child welfare situations, particularly when there is a history of previous child death and ongoing allegations of abuse.