

Case Name: Bowman, Gwendoly
Case #: 23906962

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Date From: 1/1/1850

Date To: 12/31/4712

Contact ID: 43709999

Person Contacted:
Type: Structured Narrative

Date: 10/20/1999
Location:

ALLEGATIONS / DISPOSITION:

P2 physical neglect of Nikki Bowman by her mother, Gwendolyn Bowman.

Disposition: ruled out and closed

INTERVIEW AND EXAMINATION:

Comments for each victim and or other children at risk and their response to all allegations / other pertinent information:

10/21/99 Worker saw Nikki at John Peter Smith hospital. She was born 10/20/99. At birth she weighed 7 lbs and 6 ozs. She had no problems at birth. Neither mother nor Nikki tested positive for any drugs. Nikki has been reported by physicians to be in good health and to have no observable problems at this time. At the time of the visit mother was holding Nikki breast feeding her. Mother reported she was both breast feeding and bottle feeding. Nikki cried a very little while this worker was visiting. Mo was very appropriate with Nikki and was very attentive to her needs. Upon her examination she had no marks, bruises, nor unexplainable injuries. Nikki has never been alone in mother's care and is being voluntarily placed with maternal grandfather, Larry Bowman who resides in Palestine, TX. Mo agreed to this plan and signed the safety plan and the voluntary placement. Mr. Bowman has had a home study done on his family in Dec. 1999. He reports nothing has changed in his life things are pretty much the same. Mr. Bowman had the home study done so that Gwendolyn's other son, Matthew, could be placed in his home. Mr. Bowman reports Matthew is doing fine and that he and his wife have talked it over and they will take the baby. Mr. Bowman is driving up to pick up Nikki from the hospital this evening 10/21/99.

OBSERVATIONS OF HOME ENVIRONMENT:

Conditions that involve risk to the child:

Nikki has not resided in the home with her mother as she was born 10/20/99 and is being voluntarily placed on this same day 10/21/99. She is going to reside in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bowman in Palestine, TX. This family has had a home study conducted and there were no problems with this family. The home study was passed.

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INTERVIEW WITH EACH PARENT AND/OR PERPETRATOR:

10/21/99 Worker spoke with mother about the report received on her family. Mo told this worker she would be able to care for her baby she had just made some mistakes in the past. Mo told this worker about her past interactions with cps. She stated she was involved with cps for Matthew because they said she abandoned him but she did not. Mo stated she left the child with a lady she trusted but had just met because she needed to go to work and the next thing she knew she looked up at work and the police were coming in to talk to her. Mo stated she really does not know what happened with Clayton. Mo stated she left him with his paternal grandmother. Mo stated when she left he was fine. Mo stated she left to go and travel with the circus. Mo stated the next thing she knew she found out that Clayton had marks, bruises, and scratches all over his body. Mo stated Clayton now resides with his father and his new wife. Mo stated she has changed and she will take good care of Nikki. At this point this worker explained to mother that the baby was not going to be discharged from the hospital to her. This worker asked mother for placement options for Nikki. Mo gave me her father Larry Bowman who has Matthew then she asked why could her new boyfriend now not take care of the baby. This worker explained to mother that first of all the new boyfriend is not the person she named as the father of Nikki therefore he has no interest in her. This worker also informed mother that a more feasible placement for Nikki would be with her maternal grandfather because he already had a home study on file and she had a sibling in the home. Mo agreed to placement she stated she just did not want her daughter to have to go to foster care with people she did not know. Mo agreed and signed the safety plan and the voluntary placement agreement. It was explained to mother that her case was referred to cps based on risk due to the following reasons:

1. substance abuse history--crack cocaine
 2. previous cps history
 3. criminal history --prostitution
 4. history of abandonment of children
 5. age of the child, one day old
- Mo stated she understood.

INFORMATION ABOUT ABSENT PARENT:

Mo states Nikki's father is Robert Robertson who is presently incarcerated in Texas Department of Corrections in Dallas.

COLLATERAL INFORMATION:

Worker spoke with hospital social worker, [REDACTED], who stated mother really has not done anything wrong with this child the nurses were just concerned about her ability to parent her newborn.

Larry Bowman--worker spoke with mgf about cps involvement with mother and to find out whether or not he would be a possible placement option for Nikki. Mr. Bowman initially stated he did not know but said he had other relatives that were interested in adoption and he would call his wife to talk it over with her and he would also contact relatives and get back to this worker with his answer. Mr. Bowman called back and told this worker that he and his wife would take Nikki and

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they would drive up from Palestine to get the child today 10/21/99. Worker told Mr. Bowman she would meet him at the hospital so he could sign the paperwork so the baby could be discharged to him.

Nick Curtis--pp-pp appeared and sounded upset at the fact mother was not going to be allowed to be the caretaker of her child. Mo gave this worker permission to talk with her pp as she and her mo Diane Beggs were sitting in the room. Mo told this worker she had already told pp all of her past history. Pp stated he was going to marry mother and take she and the baby to Florida why could he not care for the child. Again this worker told pp he has no vested interest in the child. The agency has to take steps to make sure that this child is protected and in a safe placement due to mother's past history with her other children. Pp stated he does not feel mother had adequate representation, this is why she lost her other kids. Worker told pp this decision to place Nikki was final and nothing he could say or do would change that. This worker informed both mo and pp they would have an ongoing caseworker that would do a service plan with them and monitor their progress and in time she would make a recommendation as to whether or not Nikki would be able to come home to mother or not. Pp told this worker he did not want to give any information regarding himself which was an indication that he truly did not want any part of this cps involvement.

DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING RISK ASSESSMENT:

PAST ABUSE/NEGLECT:

Mother has a long cps history. She has had two children removed from her care. This child is being placed in the home with another sibling. The relative has a home study on file with the agency. This placement was staffed with Program Director, [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] was in training and [REDACTED] was readily accessible.

CHILD FACTORS:

Nikki weighed 7 lbs 6 ozs at birth. She had no health problems and is doing fine. She had no unexplainable injuries.

PARENT FACTORS:

Mo has had two other children taken from her. Mo has a substance abuse as well as a criminal history. Mo has a history of prostitution. Mo has no parenting skills. Mo is not employed and resides with her mother and pp/

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

None

INFORMATION GIVEN TO FAMILY AND REFERRALS MADE:

Parent's guide given and case counseling was done.

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COURT AND PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES:

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