

Child Fatality Review #08-49
Region 1
Spokane County

This four-month-old Caucasian male died from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Case Overview

On September 2, 2008, the deceased child was co-sleeping with both parents. At approximately 5:00 a.m. his mother awoke and noticed the child was cold to the touch. She called 911. The medical examiner determined the cause of death to be sudden unexplained infant death. No allegations of abuse or neglect were raised. The manner of death was determined to be natural/medical.

Referral History

On February 23, 2008 the grandmother of the deceased child called Child Protective Services (CPS) intake to report that the deceased child's father and older brother were missing. The grandmother reported she called CPS because this was the second time in a week that the father had his son in his care while the father was under the influence of drugs and marijuana. The grandmother felt the father was unable to parent his son properly. This referral was screened as information only.

Issues and Recommendations

Issue: None identified

Recommendation: None