

Referral Number: 1479-9326-5624-6083128

Referral Date: 11/03/2018

The RP stated the following:

On 11/01/2018, Arabella (7) disclosed her foster parents do not allow her to have candy and kept her from school on Halloween (10/31/2018). The next days she went to ESS. The child had candy. Brian arrived and found out she had candy. He aggressively picked the child off the ground and put her down on her side. The child was crying, screaming and kicking. He pinned her down and tried to get into her pockets. This happened for 2-3 minutes. He was asked to leave by a third party because other children were present. He then dragged the child outside as she was kicking and screaming. The RP is unsure if she had had injuries. When at home the child said that Brian made her take her pants off and put her in the shower standing up and dumped cold water on her. The RP is unsure if it was down by both foster parents. The RP is aware that is not the first time they did this. The RP said they don't put bruises on her, but they do other things as such that is mentally abusive. That night the child said she could not eat with everyone and she was feed late by herself. She was tired and almost feel asleep. The only food she got was bean. The RP said the child is always hungry. The child is afraid of her parents because they treat her in such a manner.

The RP is concerned that the child only wears two outfits to school and her shoes smell. She has a shirt and jeans that she wears multiple days in a row. The child said her clothes have been take away and she has to "earn them back." The child said also for punishment that she has been made to sleep on the floor. It is unknown when this last occurred.

The RP said the child is afraid of the parents as they have "twisted her mind." They do not let her participate in things at school. She cannot play with other children and stays in the room for recess. She is give a dixie cup and can only drink two of them with water when at school. She can only use the restroom once at school and not allowed to go any time. The RP said this has been set in place at school by the parents. Also, the child cannot use scissor and has to spit on paper to tear it.

The RP said the child is extremely smart, but the parent are making life hard for her. The RP said the child begged her not to tell anyone what has been happening to her because she is fearful of what might happen to her when she is at home.

When asked regarding further impact to the child, the RP said the child is always fearful of what the consequences will be at home regarding what she does. The RP said she is not a normal child as she has prior trauma, but what is happening in the home now is not health for the child mental and physical well-being.

WHAT IS WORKING WELL? None reported by RP.

PROVISIONAL HARM STATEMENT(S): It was reported that the father was aggressive when he picked the child up and put her on her side. She was crying, kicking and screaming. Also, the child had her pants of and cold water was paired ion her as punishment. The child is fearful of her parents

CHILD(REN) NAME

Arabella ADPT McCormack

CHILD ID #

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PROVISIONAL DANGER STATEMENT(S): The RP and Agency are worried that the father/parents action of being cruel, bizarre or dangerous could have a negative impact on her emotional development, physical safety and overall wellbeing.

SCREENER'S NOTE: This RP reports similar allegations as reported in the prior referral, however this RP had further contact with the child and was able to report additional concerns for her mental health and safety with in the care of the parents.

CALWIN: Open case at the common address.

SUBSTITUTE CARE PROVIDER (SCP) SEARCH: No matches.

CONSULTED WITH: N/A

RECOMMENDED ASSIGNMENT/REGION: 24 HR, East.

ACTIVE/PENDING WORKER: 1209-0934-6674-2035621 (11/02/2018) to YL1A (pending EO).

COMPANION REFERRAL(S): N/A

SECONDARY ASSIGNMENTS: YL1A, GF3A and GF5A, Adoption Managers.

LAW ENFORCEMENT INVOLVEMENT/DEPARTMENT: N/A

CASE/INCIDENT #: N/A

SAFETY ALERT: None reported by RP.

CROSS REPORT(S): SDSO

SCREENER NAME/NUMBER: Ona Rice, MC6R.

State of California Health and Welfare Agency
Department of Social Services
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SCREENER INFORMATION

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Logged-On Staff Person: [REDACTED]

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DELIVERED SERVICE LOG
All Contacts, Services & Visits

FROM: 11/1/2018 TO: 11/14/2022

FOR: Arabella D. McCormack ADPT

Contact Date: 11/05/2018 On Behalf Of: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Arabella D. McCormack ADPT
Contact Purpose: Consult with Collateral Staff Person: Dennis Leggett
Participant(s): [REDACTED]
Method: Telephone Location: Status: Completed

[REDACTED] states that she volunteers in [REDACTED] class at school and that Arabella is in the same class. She has built a friendship with the child and has become worried about how she is treated at home. On 11/01/2018, Arabella (7) disclosed to [REDACTED] that her foster parents do not allow her to have candy and kept her from school on Halloween. The next day she went to ESS and had candy. When her father Brian arrived and found out she had candy he picked the child off the ground and put her down on her side. The child was crying, screaming and kicking. He pinned her down and tried to get into her pockets. This happened for 2-3 minutes. He was asked to leave by a third party because other children were present. He then dragged the child outside as she was kicking and screaming. [REDACTED] does not know if she had injuries. The child told [REDACTED] that her father made her take her pants off and put her in the shower standing up and dumped cold water on her. "Arabella told me that the cold water hurt her head." [REDACTED] said the parents don't leave marks and bruises on the child but they do other things that are mentally abusive. She said that Arabella is afraid of her parents because they treat her in such a manner.

I did not ask [REDACTED] about her other allegations, she is expecting a call from the assigned worker.

Contact Date: 11/07/2018 On Behalf Of: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT
Contact Purpose: Consult with Collateral Staff Person: Shara Freeman
Participant(s): [REDACTED]
Method: Telephone Location: Status: Completed

PSW Freeman contacted [REDACTED], on the current date. [REDACTED] stated that she is concerned about Arabella because the child cannot eat candy and is not allowed to do some of the things that other children do. The volunteer stated that she has observed the child in the classroom and denied seeing the child with marks or bruises. The volunteer stated that she talked with another worker and expressed concerns that the child is being mistreated by the caregivers who want to control everything. The volunteer stated that she spoke with this worker's supervisor and expressed her concerns regarding the child. [REDACTED] stated that the foster parents are controlling. The volunteer stated that the child is not allowed to use scissors at times in arts and crafts due to the parents which is concerning. [REDACTED] stated that she was not present on the day of the incident but has heard things through staff

members and other volunteers.
She denied having any other information.

Contact Date: 11/07/2018 **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT
Contact Purpose: Consult with Collateral **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman
Participant(s): [REDACTED]
Method: Telephone **Location:** **Status:** Completed

PSW Freeman contacted [REDACTED] with Highlands Elementary in regards to minor, Arabella. [REDACTED] stated that she works in the school office. She stated that on the day of the incident she heard yelling and saw the dad talking to the child. She stated that the dad was telling the child to calm down and to not disrespect him. [REDACTED] stated that she could not hear anything else. She stated that several people at the school know about the incident and it was reported that the father who is a foster father lifted the child up and put her on the stage and was standing there while the child screamed. [REDACTED] stated that the ESS leader, [REDACTED] was present but he did not feel comfortable reporting. She stated that the dad then gulled the child outside after the incident. [REDACTED] stated that this is the first time that she has seen the father. She stated that the parents also do not allow the child to eat in after school. [REDACTED] denied having any other information.

Contact Date: 11/07/2018 **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT
Contact Purpose: Investigate Referral **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman
Participant(s): [REDACTED] Bryan McCormack, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Leticia McCormack, Arabella D. McCormack ADPT
Method: In-Person **Location:** Home **Status:** Attempted

PSW Freeman and PSW Murillo made an unannounced visit to the home of Bryan and Leticia McCormack. There were two cars in the driveway. There was no response at the home.

Contact Date: 11/07/2018 **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT
Contact Purpose: Investigate Referral **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman
Participant(s): Bryan McCormack, Leticia McCormack
Method: Telephone **Location:** **Status:** Completed

PSW Freeman received a telephone call from the mother, Leticia McCormack, on the current date. The mother stated that she is aware that there was a report regarding the school incident. The mother stated that she and the father are able to meet with this worker right away in Mission Valley. PSW Freeman informed the family that this worker is unable to meet at this time but requested to come to the home on tomorrow following visiting the school. The mother stated that she had a meeting with the school on today, and Arabella will be home schooled under the school district starting today. The mother stated that Arabella has requested to be home schooled and they did not initially due to her behaviors and needing services through the school. The mother stated that there have been too many issues with the school and Arabella has been requesting to not go to the school. The mother stated

that the father is present and would like to speak with this worker regarding the incident.

The father stated that on the day of the incident he went to pick up the child, Arabella; she was sitting aside from the group in the afterschool program. The father stated that the teacher said that the child refused to respond when he prompted her to give him the candy that she had so she was excused from participating in afterschool program today. The father stated that the child knows that she is not allowed to have candy and the teacher should also be aware because it is part of her 504 plan. The teacher stated that the child was combative towards him and would not follow directions. The father stated that he went to the child and asked her to give him the candy and she started yelling and took off running. The father stated that he got the child to return back to the gym area near the stage and the child would still not respond or give him the candy. The father stated that he picked the child up regularly with both of his hands under her under arms and lifted her onto the stage. The father stated that the child started to kick at him so he was holding her legs down and pinning her down so that she could not kick him. The father stated that the teacher asked that they leave at that point so the father stated that they left. The father stated that they left the school on the day of the incident and returned home like normal and when the child removed her clothes and put on her pajamas he found several candy wrappers in her pockets. The father stated that the mother was present at the home when this happened. The father stated that the child stated that her teacher gave her a candy bar and lots of candy. The father stated that nothing like this has ever happened before, and he does not physically abuse the child. The father stated that he was trying to handle the incident at school to address it there and squash it but the child was upset and combative. The father stated that the child was able to calm down once they returned home. This worker asked the father how he generally handles the child when she has an outburst, and the father stated that the child is usually sent to her room to calm down and then they discuss what happen once the child is ready to talk. The father stated that he does not put hands on the child and denied that the child was hurt on the day of the incident. The father denied that he was "dragging the child" and denied that food was withheld from the child.

The father stated that the child has prior self harming history so she is not allowed to have sharp objects which has been communicated to the school. The father stated that they communicate everything to the school.

The father stated that the paternal [REDACTED] is having surgery so they will be away from the home alot of the next few days but stated that they will meet with the workers at the home next week.

Contact Date: 11/13/2018 On Behalf Of: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT
Contact Purpose: Investigate Referral Staff Person: Shara Freeman
Participant(s): [REDACTED] Bryan McCormack, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Leticia McCormack, Arabella D. McCormack ADPT
Method: In-Person Location: Home Status: Completed

PSW Freeman and PSW Murillo visited the home of adoptive parents, Bryan and Leticia McCormack to investigate a referral. PSW Freeman arrived at the home and the mother invited the worker into the home. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. The father, Bryan, walked up the stairs and greeted this worker. The father's mother was in the back living room [REDACTED] Arabella [REDACTED] PSW Freeman provided the mother with this worker's business card. The workers requested to speak with Arabella [REDACTED] Arabella walked up wearing a pink shirt and blue jeans. She was holding a baby doll. PSW Freeman asked Arabella if she feels comfortable talking with these workers alone, and Arabella said "yes". The workers asked to speak privately with the child. The parents [REDACTED] [REDACTED] went to the kitchen.

Arabella (7) sat on the couch holding her baby doll. Arabella was very calm and was smiling when talking with these workers. The child stated that her mom told her that someone was going to come and talk with her and she got sad. This worker explained that the child could stop the interview if she feels uncomfortable or no longer wants to answer the questions. The child stated that her "Na Na" is here and they have a lot of fun. The child stated that she went on a 2 week vacation with her Nana and went on a boat and got to do a paddle boat with her mother. The child stated that she likes that she gets to do home schooling because she is having better days and her mom is her teacher. The child stated that she has been able to sleep better at night and feels more comfortable learning at home.

When asked what happens when she gets into trouble, the child said "I have to sit in my room and think about my actions then when I am ready I go and talk about what happened with my parents". The child stated that she has to clean her room [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The child stated that nothing happens when she does not do her chores.

PSW Freeman asked the child if she can tell this worker about what happened on the day at her school with the candy. The child stated that she was walking to ESS, the after school program, when her guest teacher gave her a pack of smarties. The child stated that she went to ESS and she was sharing her candy with her friends and a kid went and told the teacher that she had candy. The child stated that the teacher asked her and she lied because she did not want to get in trouble. The child stated that the teacher made her sit on the mat and not move. The child stated that when her dad arrived to pick her up; the teacher told the dad what happened and she walked away and her dad told her to come back and empty her pockets. The child said she would not empty her pockets. The child said the father picked her up and sat her on the stage. The child stated that she laid down on the stage. The child said the father picked her up under her arms and she said that she was upset and was yelling. The child denied that she felt afraid of the father. The child said that her dad then told her lets go and they went home. The child stated that her mother was in the car. The child denied that she had any marks or bruises. The child said that her dad found candy in her pockets and then she had to sit with her mom and talk about what happened.

The child denied that she has been physically abused. The child stated that she gets a lot of food to eat. The child stated that she never goes to bed hungry and has never said that she is not given food. The child stated that she feels safe in the home. The child said "I know my mom loves me because I kicked her in the stomach and she did not hit me".

The child stated that if she feels afraid or if someone hurts her, she would tell her worker, Omar. The child stated that a lady talked with her at her recess and she felt afraid because she thought she was going to be taken away.

The child was able to identify her private parts on the picture. The child denied

that anyone has touched her private parts except at the doctor when they check her.

[REDACTED]

PSW Freeman and PSW Murillo met with the mother, Leticia, privately in the living room. The father went to the kitchen [REDACTED]. The mother stated that the child is diagnosed with oppositional defiant disorder, PTSD, and ADHD. The mother stated that the therapist stated that sugar makes it difficult for the child to calm down and that is why it is written to her plan. The mother stated that also the child has a lot of dental issues and fruits and sugar in acidic foods are currently for bidden by the dentist. The mother stated that they are trying to find ways to help the child without having her take medication and that is why they have begun looking at her foods that she is eating. The mother stated that the child's anxiety is affected by food as well and the child has history of constipation. The mother stated that they are trying to control the outburst and aggressive behavior through food instead of medication because they have found that she is calmer when she has an appropriate diet. The mother stated that they also frequently have the child take a nap when she is acting out or being aggressive because it calms her mood. The mother stated that the social workers come and talk to [REDACTED] unannounced and are aware of this. The mother stated that she has always communicated everything to PSW Omar Avila. The mother stated that this worker can contact [REDACTED] with San Diego Center for Children to follow up on all of this. The mother stated that they do not physically discipline [REDACTED]. The mother stated that Arabella's behaviors have increased and stated that she attends training frequently to learn different ways to work with the child. The mother stated that she has seen alot of improvement in Arabella's behaviors over the last year but stated that it seems that the behaviors have increased this school year in this new classroom.

The mother stated that she is a Pastor at the Rock church, is on the Board for mental health with SD County, and is a counselor as well. The mother stated that she trains therapists and other foster parents on crisis intervention and does a "Beyond Consequences" course. The mother stated that on the day of the incident she was in the car. The mother stated that most of Arabella's meltdowns have been with her. The mother stated that nothing like this has ever happened before and she denied having any concerns. The mother stated that she feels the father was trying to get the child to calm down and probably picked her up but denied being concerned that the child was harmed. The mother stated that the child did not have any marks or bruises. The mother stated that Arabella was in 10 different homes prior to being here and she was having tantrums and they are trying to break this pattern. The mother stated that the child generally acts out when caught in a lie. The mother stated that Arabella graduated from therapy 2 months ago.

The mother stated that they do not withhold food from the child and do not harm [REDACTED]. The mother stated that she takes courses to learn how to work with the child. The mother stated that her last course was on September 29th, and the course was mental health in young adults through the County. The mother stated that she learned in a training that cold water calms ADHD, ODD diagnosed children down when they are "raging". The mother stated that they have put cold water on the child in the shower and that has helped. The mother stated that the child generally takes space when upset and will come to them when she is ready to talk. The Child Abuse laws were discussed.

CHILD(REN) NAME

Arabella ADPT McCormack

CHILD #

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INVESTIGATION NARRATIVE

CASE/REFERRAL NAME/ #: McCormack, Leticia / 1479-9326-5624-6083128

REFERRAL RECEIVED: 11/03/18

DATE REFERRAL ASSIGNED: 11/03/18

INITIAL CONTACT ATTEMPTED: 11/07/18

INITIAL CONTACT MADE: 11/07/18

DATE CLOSED: 12/15/18

LANGUAGE: English

Case Alerts:

N/A

CSEC: Date of Screening: N/A Screening Result: N/A

Cultural Components:

The mother reported that [REDACTED] Indian heritage. [REDACTED] adopted by the McCormack's and the adoption is in the process of being finalized.

CWS HISTORY:

Referral History:

Date	Victim/Perpetrator	Allegation Type	Conclusion
08.27.2018	Arabella, [REDACTED] Brian and Leticia McCormack	Emotional Abuse	Unfounded

Case History:

None

CURRENT REFERRAL ALLEGATION SUMMARY:

On 11/01/2018, Arabella (7) disclosed her foster parents do not allow her to have candy and kept her from school on Halloween (10/31/2018). The next days she went to ESS. The child had candy. Brian arrived and found out she had candy. He aggressively picked the child off the ground and put her down on her side. The child was crying, screaming and kicking. He pinned her down and tried to get into her pockets. This happened for 2-3 minutes. He was asked to leave by a third party because other children were present. He then dragged the child outside as she was kicking and screaming. The concerned party is unsure if she had had injuries. When at home the child said that Brian made her take her pants off and put her in the shower standing up and dumped cold water on her. The concerned party is unsure if it was done by both foster parents. The concerned party said they don't put bruises on her, but they do other things as such that is mentally abusive. That night the child said she could not eat with everyone and she was fed late by herself. She was tired and almost feel asleep. The only food she got was beans. The concerned party said the child is always hungry. The child is afraid of her parents because they treat her in such a manner.

FAMILY COMPOSITION:

INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

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Arabella (7), [REDACTED] adoptive parents Leticia and Bryan at the common address.

Medical: Medi-Cal

Education: Arabella attends Highland Elementary. She is in the 2nd grade. Arabella has an IEP and 504 plan. During the investigation process, the adoptive parents decided to begin home schooling Arabella through the school district.

Safety Network: The mother reported that there is a host of extended family

INVESTIGATION INTERVIEWS AND EVIDENCE:

Child/Youth: Arabella (7) – The child stated that she likes that she gets to do home schooling because she is having better days and her mom is her teacher. The child stated that she has been able to sleep better at night and feels more comfortable learning at home. When asked what happens when she gets into trouble, the child said "I have to sit in my room and think about my actions then when I am ready I go and talk about what happened with my parents". The child stated that she has to clean her room and [REDACTED] do not help. The child stated that nothing happens when she does not do her chores.

PSW Freeman asked the child if she can tell this worker about what happened on the day at her school with the candy. The child stated that she was walking to ESS, the after school program, when her guest teacher gave her a pack of smarties. The child stated that she went to ESS and she was sharing her candy with her friends and a kid went and told the teacher that she had candy. The child stated that the teacher asked her and she lied because she did not want to get in trouble. The child stated that the teacher made her sit on the mat and not move. The child stated that when her dad arrived to pick her up, the teacher told the dad what happened and she walked away and her dad told her to come back and empty her pockets. The child said she would not empty her pockets. The child said the father picked her up and sat her on the stage. The child stated that she laid down on the stage. The child said the father picked her up under her arms and she said that she was upset and was yelling. The child denied that she felt afraid of the adoptive father. The child said that her dad then told her lets go and they went home. The child denied that the father was dragging her. The child stated that her mother was in the car. The child denied that she had any marks or bruises. The child said that her dad found candy in her pockets and then she had to sit with her mom and talk about what happened.

The child denied that she has been physically abused. The child stated that she gets alot of food to eat. The child stated that she never goes to bed hungry and has never said that she is not given food. The child stated that she feels safe in the home.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Parent/Guardian: Leticia McCormack, Mother: The mother denied the allegations. The mother stated that the child is diagnosed with ODD, PTSD, and ADHD. The mother stated that the therapist stated that sugar makes it difficult for the child to calm down and that is why it is written to her plan. The mother stated that also the child has a lot of dental issues and fruits and sugar in acidic foods are currently for bidden by the dentist. The mother stated that they are trying to find ways to help the child without having her take medication and that is why they have begun looking at her foods that she is eating. The mother stated that they are trying to control the outburst and aggressive behavior through food instead of medication because they have found that she is calmer when she has an appropriate diet. The mother stated that they also frequently have the child take a nap when she is acting out or being aggressive because it calms her mood. The mother stated that she has always communicated everything to PSW Omar Avila, adoption worker. The mother stated that they do not physically discipline [REDACTED]. The mother stated that Arabella's behaviors have increased and stated that she attends training frequently to learn different ways to work with the child.

The mother stated that on the day of the incident she was in the car. The mother stated that most of Arabella's meltdowns have been with her. The mother stated that nothing like this has ever happened before and she denied having any concerns. The mother stated that she feels the father was trying to get the child to calm down and probably picked her up but denied being concerned that the child was harmed. The mother stated that the child did not have any marks or bruises. The mother stated that Arabella was in 10 different homes prior to being here and she was having tantrums and they are trying to break this pattern. The mother stated that the child generally acts out when caught in a lie.

The mother stated that they do not withhold food from the child and do not harm [REDACTED]. The mother stated that she takes courses to learn how to work with the child. The mother stated that her last course was on September 29th, and the course was mental health in young adults through the County. The mother stated that she learned in a training that cold water calms ADHD, ODD diagnosed children down when they are "raging". The mother stated that they have put cold water on the child in the shower and that has helped. The mother stated that the child generally takes space when upset and will come to them when she is ready to talk.

The mother took the child for a well child check with Children's primary, and the child is healthy and no concerns reported.

Bryan McCormack, Father: The father stated that on the day of the incident he went to pick up the child, Arabella, she was sitting aside from the group in the afterschool program. The father stated that the teacher said that the child refused to respond when he prompted her to give him the candy that she had so she was excused from participating in afterschool program today. The father stated that the child knows that she is not allowed to have candy and the teacher should also be aware because it is part of her 504 plan. The teacher stated that the child was combative towards him and would not follow directions. The father stated that he went to the child and asked her to give him the candy and she started yelling and took off running. The father stated that he got the child to return back to the gym area near the stage and the child would still not respond or give him the candy. The father stated that he picked the child up regularly with both of his hands under her under arms and lifted her onto the stage. The father stated that the child started to kick at him so he was holding her legs down and pinning her down so that she could not kick him. The father stated that the teacher asked that they leave at that point so the father stated that they left. The father stated that they left the school on the day of the incident and returned home like normal and when the child removed her clothes and put on her pajamas he found several

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candy wrappers in her pockets. The father stated that the mother was present at the home when this happened. The father stated that the child stated that her teacher gave her a candy bar and lots of candy. The father stated that nothing like this has ever happened before, and he does not physically abuse the child. The father stated that he was trying to handle the incident at school to address it there and squash it but the child was upset and combative. The father stated that the child was able to calm down once they returned home. This worker asked the father how he generally handles the child when she has an outburst, and the father stated that the child is usually sent to her room to calm down and then they discuss what happen once the child is ready to talk. The father stated that he does not put hands on the child and denied that the child was hurt on the day of the incident. The father denied that he was "dragging the child" and denied that food was withheld from the child.

Collaterals: [REDACTED] with Highlands Elementary: [REDACTED] stated that she works in the school office. She stated that on the day of the incident she heard yelling and saw the dad talking to the child. She stated that the dad was telling the child to calm down and to not disrespect him. [REDACTED] stated that she could not hear anything else. She stated that several people at the school know about the incident and it was reported that the father who is a foster father lifted the child up and put her on the stage and was standing there while the child screamed. [REDACTED] stated that the ESS leader, [REDACTED], was present but he did not feel comfortable reporting. She stated that the dad then pulled the child outside after the incident. [REDACTED] stated that this is the first time that she has seen the father. She stated that the parents also do not allow the child to eat in after school. [REDACTED] denied having any other information.

[REDACTED]: PSS Leggett spoke with [REDACTED]. On 11/01/2018, Arabella (7) disclosed to [REDACTED] that her foster parents do not allow her to have candy and kept her from school on Halloween. The next day she went to ESS and had candy. When her father Brian arrived and found out she had candy he picked the child off the ground and put her down on her side. The child was crying, screaming and kicking. He pinned her down and tried to get into her pockets. This happened for 2-3 minutes. He was asked to leave by a third party because other children were present. He then dragged the child outside as she was kicking and screaming. [REDACTED] does not know if she had had injuries. The child told [REDACTED] that her father made her take her pants off and put her in the shower standing up and dumped cold water on her. "Arabella told me that the cold water hurt her head." [REDACTED] said the parents don't leave marks and bruises on the child but they do other things that are mentally abusive. She said that Arabella is afraid of her parents because they treat her in such a manner. [REDACTED] denied being present on the day of the incident. [REDACTED] stated that the foster parents try to control everything.

SPSW Daisy Gudino, the assigned adoption worker, on the current date. PSW Freeman discussed the investigation with SPSW Gudino. There are no current safety concerns. The family is continuing the adoption process with hopes of finalizing soon. PSW Freeman informed the worker that this referral will be closed as Unfounded.

What is Working Well?:

The parents are adopting [REDACTED].

What are we Worried About?:

State of California Health and Welfare Agency
Department of Social Services
CWS Case Management System
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INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

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Penal Code Section 11167.5 and/or
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CHILD(REN) NAME

Arabella ADPT McCormack

CHILD ID #

1147-7643-2421-4071891

Referral Number: 1479-9326-5624-6083128

Referral Date 11/03/2018

No worries observed or found during investigation

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES:

- Safety Mapping
- Three Questions
- Solution Focused Questions
- Three Houses
- Safety Circles
- Safety House
- Appreciative Inquiry
- Harm and/or Danger Statement created/discussed with the family
- Safety Goal created/discussed with the family
- Other:

SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT:

Initial: Safe

Update/Closing: N/A

SDM RISK ASSESSMENT LEVEL:

Moderate/ Do not promote

Harm Statement: N/A

Danger Statement: N/A

DISPOSITION/RECOMMENDATION:

The allegation of Emotional Abuse of Arabella McCormack by Bryan and Leticia McCormack/Parents is determined by this investigation to be UNFOUNDED as defined by Penal Code 11165.12 (a) based on: The child denied all abuse and reported getting enough food to eat. The child denied being afraid in the home.

The allegation of Physical Abuse of Arabella McCormack by Bryan McCormack/Adoptive Father is determined by this investigation to be UNFOUNDED as defined by Penal Code 11165.12 (a) based on: The child did not have any marks or bruises. The child stated that the father did no drag her. The child denied that she was hurt when the father picked her up. The child denied that she is physically abused in the home. The father stated that he was trying to get the child to calm down when she was kicking and screaming. The child denied that physical discipline is used in the home

Emotional Abuse as defined, per Penal Code 11165.3, as "a situation in which any person willfully causes or permits any child to suffer, or inflicts thereon, unjustifiable physical pain or mental suffering, or having the care or custody of any child, willfully causes or permits the person or health of the child to be placed in a situation in which his or her person or health is endangered.

CHILDREN NAME

Arabella ADPI McCormack

CHILD ID #

1147-7643-2421-4071891

Referral Number	1479-9326-5624-6033128
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Physical Abuse as defined per Penal Code 11165.4, as "unlawful corporal punishment or injury" in a situation where any person willfully inflicts upon any child any cruel or inhuman corporal punishment or injury resulting in a traumatic condition.

What Needs to Happen Next?:

Close referral with no further involvement

Provisional Safety Goal: N/A

PRE-PLACEMENT PREVENTATIVE SERVICES FOR FAMILY:

- Family Centered Meeting
- Safety Plan
- Referrals to Community Resources
- Civil Rights Brochure
- Counseled on child abuse laws and responsibility to protect
- Counseled on non-physical forms of discipline
- Counseled on appropriate supervision and responsibility to protect
- Counseled on sexual abuse dynamics and responsibility to protect
- Counseled on domestic violence dynamics and responsibility to protect
- Crisis Intervention
- Other:

DOJ/CACI:

Closing letter sent on 12/16/18

PSW NAME/#: Shara Freeman/ YL1F

PSS NAME/#: Dennis Leggett/YL1A



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11/14/2022

Brian and Leticia McCormack
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Spring Valley, CA 91977

Referral #: 1479-9326-5624-6083128

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McCormack:

On 11/03/18, we received a referral alleging that Arabella McCormack may be at-risk of Physical Abuse and Emotional Abuse.

After conducting an investigation, we have concluded that this referral may be closed, effective 12/16/18.

If you have any questions, or if you would like referrals for services in your community, please feel free to call me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Shara Freeman
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