



Tennessee Department of Children's Services
Notice of Child Death/Near Death

Case # 2014.022

Intake #:	██████████	Investigation #:	██████████	Date of Referral:	2/11/14	
Type: (Please check one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH	<input type="checkbox"/> NEAR DEATH	Date of Death/Near Death:	2/11/14		
Child's Name:	██████████	DOB:	██████████	Person ID:	██████████	
Gender:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Race/Ethnicity:	White (Non Hispanic)	County/Region:	██████████
Parents' Names:	Mother: ██████████	Father: ██████████				
Alleged Perpetrator's Name:	Unknown		Relationship to Victim:	-		
Child in custody at time of incident?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Adjudication:			
If child is in DCS custody, list placement type and name:						
Describe (in detail) circumstances surrounding death/near death:						
<p>██████████ woke up sometime on 2/11/14 and dressed in a suit, waistcoat and pocket watch. He went downstairs and retrieved his skeet shooting gun (double barrel shot gun) and went back to his room. He leaned over the rifle and shot himself. ██████████ was removed from the home before CPSI arrived. This case was worked by Major Crimes.</p>						
If this is a near death certified by a physician, identify physician by name and provide contact information:						
Name of Physician:	-	Telephone #	() -			
Street Address:			City/State/Zip:			
Describe (in detail) interview with family:						
<p>Paternal uncle, ██████████ reported his dad called him this morning around 6:00 - 6:30 am and told him what happened. He and his wife went to his brother's home. He was told ██████████ shot himself in the middle of the night, no one heard the rifle, and he felt it was "premediated" because ██████████ was dressed in a suit. The Detectives took ██████████ computers and he did not see anything around the desk (near where ██████████ was found). He did not know of any signs. He reported ██████████ was on the school Skeet Team (██████████ of ██████████). He reported the gun was in a locked case (it was actually a gun carrying case). He reported the family has received gun training and all are capable with guns. He reported they went shooting his past weekend. Mr. and Mrs. ██████████ reported yesterday the family had dinner together and a family discussion afterwards are everything and anything. They decided to watch a family movie together, Austin Powers. After the movie, around 9:15 pm, the boys went upstairs and Mr. ██████████ went upstairs around 9:30 pm to geth the boys electronics (they will text at night). He told the boys to go to bed. Mr. ██████████ woke up around 5:00 - 5:15 am on 2/11/14, took a shower, got dressed and went into the living room to watch TV. The TV showed it was 5:51 am. He went upstairs to make sure the boys were up and moving. ██████████ was still in bed, the lights were off. ██████████ room showed light underneath the door. He went into ██████████ room and saw ██████████ He came out yelling for his wife. Mrs. ██████████ came upstairs. ██████████ woke up with the yelling, his parents told him ██████████ shot himself and he was gone. They sent ██████████ downstairs to their room. 911 was called and when EMTs arrived Mr. and Mrs. ██████████ prayed with ██████████ in the master bedroom. ██████████ stated that he did not hear the shot.</p>						
If child was hospitalized, describe (in detail) DCS involvement during hospitalization:						
Describe disposition of body (Death): ██████████ is currently at the ME Office						
Name of Medical Examiner/Coroner:	██████████	Examiner Office	Was autopsy requested?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Did CPS open an investigation on this Death/Near Death?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes				
Was there DCS involvement at the time of Death/Near Death?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes				
Type:			Case #:			
Describe law enforcement or court involvement, if applicable:						

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Major Crimes Detective ██████████ is actively working the case. Taken from the home was the child's computer, phone, iPad and a note that was written but was unintelligible. The gun and case was also taken from the home by LEA.

Describe (in detail) action taken to ensure safety of other children (list names and ages of surviving children) and/or victim (Near Death) (attach safety plan, if applicable):

CPSI ██████████ has made contact with ██████████ therapist as requested by the mother and informed him of the circumstances of the case. He stated that he would be contacting the family today to have them come in early if they wanted to, prior to the appointment that the family already had for 2/12/2014.

Name: ██████ ██████	Age: 13 ██████
Name:	Age:

Prior DCS involvement with the family. Include dates, type, case #s, allegations, victims, perpetrators (if applicable), and classifications/adjudications (if applicable):

Date	Case #	Allegations	Victims	Perpetrators	Classification/Adj
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Any media inquiry or is attention expected? No Yes List organizations requesting information:

Contact Person/Phone Number(s) (include CM, TL, and TC):

Contact Person: ██████████	Telephone Number: ██████████
Case Manager: ██████████	Telephone Number: ██████████
Team Leader: ██████████	Telephone Number: ██████████
Team Coordinator: ██████████	Telephone Number: ██████████

ATTACH a copy of the TFACTS Incident Report or if TFACTS is inoperable, DCS Form CS-0496, Serious Incident Report to this notice. No Yes

Email to: ██████████
within forty-eight (48) hours of notification
Include subject line (in RED): CHILD DEATH [secure email] or
CHILD NEAR DEATH [secure email]



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Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline Summary**

Intake

Intake ID: [REDACTED]
 Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 02/11/2014 06:42 AM CT
 Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1
 Screened By: [REDACTED]
 Date Screened: 02/11/2014

Investigation

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]
 First County/Region: [REDACTED]
 Date/Time Assigned : 02/11/2014 08:59 AM
 First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 02/11/2014 12:00 AM
 First Case Manager [REDACTED] Date/Time 02/11/2014 12:00 AM

Allegations

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	15 Yrs	Neglect Death	Yes	Unknown Participant [REDACTED], Unknown	None

Referent(s)

Referent Name: [REDACTED] Role to Alleged Victim(s): [REDACTED]
 Referent Address: [REDACTED]
 Referent Phone Number: [REDACTED]
 Type of Contact: I-3 Phone
 Notification: None
 Narrative: TFACTS:
 No history found based on information provided
 Family Case IDs: None found
 Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP No
 Closed Court Custody No
 Open CPS - No
 Substantiated No
 Death No



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Screened out No

History (not listed above): None found

DUPLICATE REFERRAL: No

County: [REDACTED]

Notification: None

School/ Daycare: [REDACTED] / dismissal: around 3:30pm

Native American Descent: No

Directions: None Given

Reporters name/relationship: [REDACTED]

Reporter states: [REDACTED] (15 years old) was not in the custody of [REDACTED] Department of Childrens Services.

[REDACTED] (15) had lived with his brother [REDACTED] (13 years old) and their parents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. No one else lives in the home.

The reporter is not aware of the children having any special needs or disabilities.

The father called 911 this morning (02-11-2014) around 6:00am ET regarding his son [REDACTED] having committed suicide. The parents said they woke up and found [REDACTED] deceased and lying in the floor in a room adjacent to [REDACTED] bedroom. The room is like an office/bonus room. There was a double-barrel shotgun in the floor next to [REDACTED]. He had been shot in the head. A note has not been found at this time. The police are still processing the scene. The reporter is not aware of anything suspicious at this time. The police will take the shotgun into their possession.

The parents said that everything was fine with [REDACTED] when the family went to the bed last night. The parents said the last time they saw [REDACTED] was at 9:30pm last night (02-10-2014). According to the parents, [REDACTED] did not have any prior suicide attempts, and as far as they knew he did not have any depression issues. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did not share a bedroom.

[REDACTED] body is still at the familys home, but it will be transported to the medical examiners office in [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] is still at the home with his parents. The reporter did not observe any concerns in the home for [REDACTED].

The reporter is not aware of any hazards or safety concerns in the familys home for a DCS Case Manager who may respond.

Per SDM: Investigative Track / Priority 1

// [REDACTED] CM2 at 07:28am on 02-11-2014 //

2/11/14 @ 8:20 AM. [REDACTED], TL.

Email Notification Sent to [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]



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Participant(s)

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: White Age: 15 Yrs

Address: [REDACTED]

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: White Age: 14 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: White Age: 42 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: White Age: 42 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Name: Unknown Participant [REDACTED], Unknown

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: Yes

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Child Protective Service Investigation Summary
and Classification Decision of Child Abuse/Neglect Referral

A. Investigation

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Referral Date: 02/11/2014

Assignment Date: 02/11/2014

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

B. Allegation

#	Children's Name	DOB	Specific Allegation for Each Child	Alleged Perpetrator's Name	DOB	Classification	Severe Abuse	Classified By
		SSN			SSN			
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neglect Death	Unknown Participant [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 05/08/2014

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments: This case came to the attention of the Department on 2/11/14 with allegations of Neglect Death for [REDACTED] (15). The alleged perpetrator is Unknown. Upon further investigation it was determined that there is a lack of evidence to support the allegation. The autopsy states [REDACTED] died from a shotgun wound of the head that occurred by shooting self with a shot gun. [REDACTED] brother, [REDACTED] is participating in therapy. No other needs were found. This case is closed as Allegations Unsubstantiated. Perpetrator Unsubstantiated.

D. Case Workers

Case Worker: [REDACTED]

Date: 05/08/2014

Team Leader: [REDACTED]

Date: 05/12/2014

E. Investigation Summary

Instruction: Condense the finding rationale for each allegation relative to the child victim(s). Be sure to identify the facts that provided for the classification decision.

Summarize the key points and dates of the child or children's statements and/or the observation of the child or children's physical state or home environment:

[REDACTED] was a 15 y/o white male. [REDACTED] was last seen alive by his parents on 2/10/14. [REDACTED] was found by his father the following morning. [REDACTED] had a 13 y/o brother, [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] privately, in an empty room. [REDACTED] reported the following: The best thing about school is the lunch food. He would change about school that he had more friends. His best friend is [REDACTED]. He has known [REDACTED] since Kindergarten but he does not feel he can talk with [REDACTED] about things that bother him. He likes [REDACTED] because he is relatable. There is nothing he would change about [REDACTED]. He likes that his home is big but he does not like the noises he hears at night (squeaking coming from the vent). He can hear noises (opening of the front door) from his room. The best thing about his mom is she is caring and nice. He does not like that his mom asks too many questions (homework and school). The best thing about his dad is that he is funny. His dad has a temper; he scream



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and yells. His dad yells at him for not paying attention. He has food to eat when he is hungry and he feels safe at home. When he gets into trouble he gets his phone taken away. He knows that drugs are life ruining. He has a friend who uses drugs. He denies drug use. He knows alcohol is a drink. His parents drink alcohol. They act the same before/during/after. He is not afraid when they drink. His wishes are to move to CA where it is warm, get a new long board and to have his dream car (Bentley). He began seeing a therapist, Dr. ██████████, last week for his anger. He yells and throws things when he is mad.

Concerning his brother, he knows why CPSIs are here. He is Ok. He and his brother really did not get along. He had no idea about his brother. Last night they watched Austin Powers, went upstairs, watched some Olympics and then went to bed. He did not hear anything. He woke up when his dad started yelling for his mom. His door is usually half way open but last night was more closed than open. He feels he can talk openly with Dr. ██████████. He can not talk openly with his parents. CPSI ██████████ gave him a business card to call if he needed anything. CPSI explained the importance of calling/talking with someone when he needed to. He stated he would.

Summarize professional, medical or psychological findings or opinions: What is the collateral's oral or written finding/opinion of the incident(s)/allegation(s)?

The preliminary autopsy report is dated 2/12/14. It states the following: Probably Cause of Death is: Shotgun wound of head. Manner of Death: Suicide.

Summarize alleged perpetrator's statement or admission: What is the perpetrator's explanation of the incident(s)/allegation(s)?

None

Collaterals:

. FF at the family home with the paternal grandfather, ██████████ and the paternal uncle, ██████████ reported the family was not home; they were at his home. ██████████ invited CPSI ██████████ and ██████████ into the home and agreed to speak with CPSIs concerning the death of his nephew. ██████████ reported his dad called him this morning around 6:00 - 6:30 am and told him what happened. He and his wife went to his brother's home. He was told ██████████ shot himself in the middle of the night, no one heard the rifle, and he felt it was "premediated" because ██████████ was dressed in a suit. The Detectives took ██████████ computers and he did not see anything around the desk (near where ██████████ was found). He did not know of any signs (that ██████████ wanted to take his life). He reported ██████████ was on the school Skeet Team (██████████ of ██████████). He reported the gun was in a locked case (it was actually a gun carrying case). He reported the family had received gun training and all are capable with guns. He reported they went shooting this past weekend. He reported the brother, ██████████ (13) is quiet and has trouble fitting in with peers and being accepted. ██████████ was quiet and reserved as well. He reported the family is active in church and the mother is a teacher at the boy's school. He reported the family is tight knit. He reported his brother, ██████████ is a financial advisor and his wife, ██████████ is a teacher at ██████████ (where the boys attend school). He reported the family is close and they have support with ██████████ and their church (██████████). The paternal grandfather, ██████████ reported the same. They requested services for the family to ensure their needs are met.

Summarize witnesses' descriptions of what they saw and what they believe indicates child abuse/neglect:

Reporter states: ██████████ (15 years old) was not in the custody of ██████████ Department of Childrens Services.



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██████████ (15) had lived with his brother ██████████ (13 years old) and their parents ██████████ and ██████████. No one else lives in the home.

The reporter is not aware of the children having any special needs or disabilities.

The father called 911 this morning (02-11-2014) around 6:00am ET regarding his son ██████████ having committed suicide. The parents said they woke up and found ██████████ deceased and lying in the floor in a room adjacent to ██████████ bedroom. The room is like an office/bonus room. There was a double-barrel shotgun in the floor next to ██████████. He had been shot in the head. A note has not been found at this time. The police are still processing the scene. The reporter is not aware of anything suspicious at this time. The police will take the shotgun into their possession.

The parents said that everything was fine with ██████████ when the family went to the bed last night. The parents said the last time they saw ██████████ was at 9:30pm last night (02-10-2014). According to the parents, ██████████ did not have any prior suicide attempts, and as far as they knew he did not have any depression issues. ██████████ and ██████████ did not share a bedroom.

██████████ body is still at the family's home, but it will be transported to the medical examiners office in ██████████

██████████ is still at the home with his parents. The reporter did not observe any concerns in the home for ██████████

The reporter is not aware of any hazards or safety concerns in the family's home for a DCS Case Manager who may respond.

Summarize any other evidence or factors that support the investigative finding(s) for the allegation(s) of abuse/neglect:

Concerning the allegations, Mr. and Mrs. ██████████ reported the following: Yesterday the family had dinner together and a family discussion afterwards about everything and anything. They decided to watch Austin Powers. After the movie, around 9:15 pm, the boys went upstairs and Mr. ██████████ went upstairs around 9:30 pm to get the boys electronics for the evening. Mr. ██████████ explained the boys will text at night if the phones are not taken away. He told the boys to go to bed. Mr. ██████████ woke up around 5:00 - 5:15 am on 2/11/14, took a shower, got dressed and went into the living room to watch TV. The TV showed it was 5:51 am. He went upstairs to make sure the boys were up and moving. ██████████ was still in bed, the lights were off. ██████████ room showed light underneath the door. He went into ██████████ room and saw ██████████ was dressed in a suit and waistcoat at was bought last semester for a school dance (he invited a girl to the dance). ██████████ was also wearing a pocket watch he often wore for special occasions. He came out yelling for his wife. Mrs. ██████████ came upstairs. ██████████ woke up with the yelling, his parents told him ██████████ shot himself and he was gone. They sent ██████████ downstairs to their room. 911 was called and when EMTs arrived Mr. and Mrs. ██████████ prayed with ██████████ in the master bedroom. They reported ██████████ had a good group of friends and did well in school. They reported ██████████ was an old soul and liked symphony (Bach). They reported ██████████ had dreams of living in England and wanting to be a Astrophysicist. They reported ██████████ sent a link to Mrs. ██████████ with information he searched for on the Internet about being a Physicist. They reported sometime within the last year ██████████ sent Mrs. ██████████ a link about being gay. Mr. ██████████ clarified the article was about transgender. Mr. ██████████ reported he spoke with ██████████ and ██████████ said he wondered about being a woman. Mr. ██████████ told him he thought that was normal and he had those thoughts as a child too. He reported the conversion was open and ██████████ never talked about it again. They reported last semester ██████████ asked a girl to the school dance. They bought him a suit and he asked for a waistcoat and pocket watch (which he wore when he died). They denied hearing anything in the night/morning.

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Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Juvenile Court in All Cases
District Attorney in Severe Child Abuse Cases
Regional Supervising Attorney



Tennessee Department of Children's Services
Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 05/08/2014 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 04:50 PM Contact Duration: Less than 15
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 05/08/2014
 Completed date: 05/08/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Case Summary
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/08/2014 03:52 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CLASSIFICATION:

Closing Summary: This case came to the attention of the Department on 2/11/14 with allegations of Neglect Death for [REDACTED] (15). The alleged perpetrator is Unknown. Upon further investigation it was determined that there is a lack of evidence to support the allegation. The autopsy states [REDACTED] died from a shotgun wound of the head that occurred by shooting self with a shot gun. [REDACTED] brother, [REDACTED] is participating in therapy. No other needs were found. This case is closed as Allegations Unsubstantiated. Perpetrator Unsubstantiated.

740: A copy of the Classification and Summary will be submitted to TL [REDACTED] for review. Upon approval, a copy is then sent by TL [REDACTED] to the Juvenile Court Judge.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 05/08/2014 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 09:00 AM Contact Duration: Less than 15
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Other Community Site Created Date: 05/08/2014
 Completed date: 05/08/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): CPIT (Child Protective Investigative Team)
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/08/2014 03:47 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 CPIT

5/8/14 9:00 am. CPIT Classification Meeting: This case was presented to Child Protective Investigative Team for classification. It was determined that the case is Substantiated for Neglect Death by an Unknown Perperator.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/24/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 10:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 05/01/2014

Completed date: 05/01/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Administrative Review

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/01/2014 06:51 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

LI [REDACTED] contacted Victims Advocate [REDACTED] with the District Attorney Office was contacted and asked to please see if the preliminary autopsy was completed for this family.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/23/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 10:35 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 05/08/2014

Completed date: 05/08/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/08/2014 04:34 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4/23/14 10:35 am. VM to Dr. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Counseling [REDACTED] asking for a return call. Dr. [REDACTED] called back on 4/23/14 and left a VM. CPIS returned the call and left another VM asking for a return call. Dr. [REDACTED] and CPSI have been playing telephone tag for the last two weeks. 5/8/14 5:30 pm. Dr. [REDACTED] reported the following: [REDACTED] switched schools after spring break to [REDACTED] School from [REDACTED]. Dr. [REDACTED] has not met with the family since Spring Break. He has heard from people at [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was happy and doing well. He feels that the family wants to make a clean break and move on. He called the family several times, left messages but they have not called him back.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/23/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 10:30 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 05/08/2014

Completed date: 05/08/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/08/2014 04:08 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4/23/14 10:30 am. TC to [REDACTED] Major Crimes, [REDACTED]. Det. [REDACTED] has a copy of the preliminary autopsy report. Det. [REDACTED] faxed CPSI [REDACTED] a copy of the report. This case will be put on CPIT for 5/7/14 as Det. [REDACTED] is off next Wednesday. Det. [REDACTED] reported several pornographic websites were found on [REDACTED] computer, [REDACTED] had stolen his fathers credit card to pay for the pornographic materials and it appeared [REDACTED] was on pornographic websites late into the evening before he took his own life. 5/6/14 2:00 pm. VM to Det. [REDACTED] stating CPIT is tomorrow at 9:50 am.

The preliminary autopsy report is dated 2/12/14. It states the following: Probably Cause of Death is: Shotgun wound of head. Manner of Death: Suicide.



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Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/31/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 10:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 05/01/2014

Completed date: 05/01/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Administrative Review

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/01/2014 06:49 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

ACV: [REDACTED]

Mother: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Date of Referral: 2/11/14

Allegations: Neglect Death

Perp: Unknown

Siblings: [REDACTED] (13)

Victims/Interview date: 2/11/14

Last seen: 2/11/14

LEA: [REDACTED]

Case Status: It was reported [REDACTED] used his own skeet shooting gun to take his own life on 2/11/14. Major crimes worked this case initially in the morning of 2/11/14. I was sent out later that afternoon. The family was given resources for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is seeing a private therapist. The family has request CPSI not call them and if they needed help/information they had CPSIs number.

Plan: After the preliminary autopsy is received the case will be presented to CPIT and closed



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Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/24/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 04:15 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 05/08/2014

Completed date: 05/08/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Parent/Caretaker Interview

Contact Sub Type:

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/08/2014 03:13 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2/24/14 4:15 pm. TC to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] asked for CPSI to call back in 30 minutes. Mr. [REDACTED] called right back. He reported day by day it is ok. [REDACTED] is back in school and going to counseling twice a week. He is planning to move into a rental house. [REDACTED] does not want to live in or step into the home. He and Mrs. [REDACTED] are doing ok. They are communicating and they will be seeing [REDACTED] counselor as well. Mr. [REDACTED] reported he and his wife have CPSIs number and they will call if needed.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/11/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 03:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 02/13/2014

Completed date: 02/13/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/13/2014 10:34 AM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

SDM: The SDM, Safety Assessment was completed on this date and notes no immediate harm factors at this time. The child appears safe.

Narrative Type: Addendum 1 Entry Date/Time: 02/13/2014 11:14 AM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

No immediate harm factors are present at this time; however, the Assessment shows "Conditionally Safe" due to CPSI's request for [REDACTED] to continue participation in therapy.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 02/11/2014 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 11:15 AM Contact Duration: Less than 03 Hour
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 02/13/2014
 Completed date: 02/13/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Initial ACV Face To Face,Other Persons Living in Home Interview/Observation,Parent/Caretaker Interview
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/13/2014 10:27 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

2/11/14 CPIT: Child Protective Investigation Team was convened with [REDACTED] SD Detective [REDACTED] It was determined that [REDACTED] SD would not be working this case. [REDACTED] with Major Crimes, however, would be.

[REDACTED] was contacted for family information. It was reported [REDACTED] was on the [REDACTED] shooting team. He used his own double barrel shooting gun to take his life. He was dressed in a suit. The father found him upstairs in one of [REDACTED] rooms. [REDACTED] was standing leaning over the gun when he took his own life. The time of death is unknown but [REDACTED] was still warm to the touch and rigor mortis had not begun. He only spoke to the father who reported no one heard the gun shot. [REDACTED] was taken to the medical examiner and an autopsy will be completed.

2/11/14 12:15 pm. FF at the family home with the paternal grandfather, [REDACTED] and the paternal uncle, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported the family was not home; they were at his home. [REDACTED] invited CPSI [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] into the home and agreed to speak with CPSIs concerning the death of his nephew. [REDACTED] reported his dad called him this morning around 6:00 - 6:30 am and told him what happened. He and his wife went to his brother's home. He was told [REDACTED] shot himself in the middle of the night, no one heard the rifle, and he felt it was "premediated" because [REDACTED] was dressed in a suit. The Detectives took [REDACTED] computers and he did not see anything around the desk (near where [REDACTED] was found). He did not know of any signs (that [REDACTED] wanted to take his life). He reported [REDACTED] was on the school Skeet Team [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. He reported the gun was in a locked case (it was acutally a gun carrying case). He reported the family had received gun training and all are capable with guns. He reported they went shooting this past weekend. He reported the brother, [REDACTED] (13) is quiet and has trouble fitting in with peers and being accepted. [REDACTED] was quiet and reserved as well. He reported the family is active in church and the mother is a teacher at the boy's school. He reported the family is tight knit. He reported his brother, [REDACTED] is a financial advisor and his wife, [REDACTED] is a teacher at [REDACTED] (where the boys attend school). He reported the family is close and they have support with [REDACTED] and their church ([REDACTED]). The paternal grandfather, [REDACTED] reported the same. They requested services for the family to ensure their needs are met.

CPSI [REDACTED] viewed [REDACTED] bedrooms. He has a room with a bed and walking through that room leads to a bonus



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room. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] body was found in front of the desk in the bonus room from what appears to be a self inflicted gun shot would from a double barrel shot gun. The bed appear to be slept in.

CPSI [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] allowed [REDACTED] to his home at [REDACTED] His phone is [REDACTED]

Case Manger [REDACTED] (CPSI) made a face to face to initiate the investigation.

In order to engage the family, CPSI explained the current report made to the [REDACTED] Department of Childrens Services and the MRS/Assessment process. CPSI also provided the family with a brochure describing the Multiple Response Approach. CPSI explained all forms and engaged the family during the paperwork process. The custodian signed the Clients Rights Handbook Signature Page, Native American Heritage Veto Verification, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Acknowledgement form, Notice of Equal Access to Programs and Services, and the Release of Information. CPSI obtained signed acknowledgements of such and copies have been placed into the file.

Genogram and Contact Sheet: A genogram was created and it is in the hard copy file. A Contact Sheet was started and is in the hard copy file.

Interview with the birth mother and father, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The following were present: CPSI [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Concerning the allegations, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] reported the following: Yesterday the family had dinner together and a family discussion afterwards about everything and anything. They decided to watch Austin Powers. After the movie, around 9:15 pm, the boys went upstairs and Mr. [REDACTED] went upstairs around 9:30 pm to get the boys electronics for the evening. Mr. [REDACTED] explained the boys will text at night if the phones are not taken away. He told the boys to go to bed. Mr. [REDACTED] woke up around 5:00 - 5:15 am on 2/11/14, took a shower, got dressed and went into the living room to watch TV. The TV showed it was 5:51 am. He went upstairs to make sure the boys were up and moving. [REDACTED] was still in bed, the lights were off. [REDACTED] room showed light underneath the door. He went into [REDACTED] room and saw [REDACTED] was dressed in a suit and waistcoat at was bought last semester for a school dance (he invited a girl to the dance). [REDACTED] was also wearing a pocket watch he often wore for special occasions. He came out yelling for his wife. Mrs. [REDACTED] came upstairs. [REDACTED] woke up with the yelling, his parents told him [REDACTED] shot himself and he was gone. They sent [REDACTED] downstairs to their room. 911 was called and when EMTs arrived Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] prayed with [REDACTED] in the master bedroom. They reported [REDACTED] had a good group of friends and did well in school. They reported [REDACTED] was an old soul and liked symphony (Bach). They reported [REDACTED] had dreams of living in England and wanting to be a Astrophysicist. They reported [REDACTED] sent a link to Mrs. [REDACTED] with information he searched for on the Internet about being a Physicist. They reported sometime within the last year [REDACTED] sent Mrs. [REDACTED] a link about being gay. Mr. [REDACTED] clarified the article was about transgender. Mr. [REDACTED] reported he spoke with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said he wondered about being a woman. Mr. [REDACTED] told him he thought that was normal and he had those thoughts as a child too. He reported the conversion was open and [REDACTED] never talked about it again. They reported last semester [REDACTED] asked a girl to the school dance. They bought him a suit and he asked for a waistcoat and pocket watch (which he wore when he died). They denied hearing anything in the night/morning.

They reported [REDACTED] runs track at school. [REDACTED] is struggling some in school (he forgets to turn his homework in). [REDACTED] is getting more social with social networks (FaceBook, Twitter, etc). [REDACTED] knows a lot of girls. The do not know of any girlfriends [REDACTED] had. [REDACTED] is active in church and on Wednesdays attends [REDACTED] at the church and then basketball.

CPSI [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] privately, in an empty room. [REDACTED] reported the following: The best thing about school is the lunch food. He would change about school that he had more friends. His best friend is [REDACTED]. He has known [REDACTED] since Kindergarten but he does not feel he can talk with [REDACTED] about things that bother him. He likes [REDACTED] because he is relatable. There is nothing he would change about [REDACTED]. He likes that his home is big but he does not like the noises he hears at night (squeaking coming from the vent). He can hear noises (opening of the front door) from his room. The best thing about his mom is she is caring and nice. He does not like that his mom asks too many questions (homework and school). The best thing about his dad is that he is funny. His dad has a temper; he scream and yells. His dad yells at him for not paying attention. He has food to eat when he is hungry and he feels safe at home. When he gets into trouble he gets his phone taken away. He knows



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that drugs are life ruining. He has a friend who uses drugs. He denies drug use. He knows alcohol is a drink. His parents drink alcohol. They act the same before/during/after. He is not afraid when they drink. His wishes are to move to CA where it is warm, get a new long board and to have his dream car (Bentley). He began seeing a therapist, Dr. [REDACTED] last week for his anger. He yells and throws things when he is mad.

Concerning his brother, he knows why CPSIs are here. He is Ok. He and his brother really did not get along. He had no idea about his brother. Last night they watched Austin Powers, went upstairs, watched some Olympics and then went to bed. He did not hear anything. He woke up when his dad started yelling for his mom. His door is usually half way open but last night was more closed than open. He feels he can talk openly with Dr. [REDACTED]. He can not talk openly with his parents. CPSI [REDACTED] gave him a business card to call if he needed anything. CPSI explained the importance of calling/talking with someone when he needed to. He stated he would.

CPSI [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] spoke with Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] privately, and explained the importance of continuing therapy for [REDACTED]. They reported they forget to tell he was seeing Dr. [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] Counseling. Mrs. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] had an appointment tomorrow, which they were keeping. She asked CPSI [REDACTED] to contact Dr. [REDACTED] and explain what happened stating she did not want to have to talk about it. CPSI agreed. CPSI gave them information about bereavement counseling and a camp for [REDACTED].

CPSI observed the following safety or stability concerns at this time: Recent death of a child. Mrs. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] did not have any social, medical or education needs at this time.

CPSI observed the following safety or risk issues in the home: Recent death of a child. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]'s appearance, affect and behaviors were appropriate. Mr. [REDACTED] did most of the taking his demeanor was quiet and reserve. Mrs. [REDACTED] teared several times during the interview and stated I cant believe he is gone.

CPSI asked if there are any services that the family needs and dont have access to. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that there are not. Mrs. [REDACTED] reports no history of domestic violence, mental health problems DCS history or criminal history. Mr. [REDACTED] is employed with [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] is employed with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. The family does not qualify for government assistance. The family has private insurance, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] pediatrician is Dr. [REDACTED] his next appointment is next month and his immunizations are UTD. Mrs. [REDACTED] reports no health problems or medications prescribed for any member of the family.

HV: CPSI [REDACTED] visited the home. CPSI [REDACTED] observed the home. The home was appropriate with no apparent hazards. The home appeared clean (no dirty dishes, floors appeared vacuumed, swept and mopped, there was no excessive dust, no visible pests, no excessive trash, no dirty clothes on the floor etc). There was food present in the home.

FAMILY COMPOSITION:

Child: [REDACTED]
 Child: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] DOD: 2/11/14

Mother: [REDACTED]
 Biological Father: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
 Phone: Mr [REDACTED]
 Schools: [REDACTED]

TC to Dr. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Counseling. Dr [REDACTED] reported he heard of [REDACTED] death; he has ties with [REDACTED] and the church. CPSI explained, as requested by Mrs. [REDACTED] the circumstances surrounding [REDACTED] death. Dr. [REDACTED] reported he would contact the family and offer to see them sooner if they needed too. CPSI explained concerns that [REDACTED] appeared to be nervous while talking with CPSI, he reported he did not have a lot of friends and he appears to be very introverted. Dr. [REDACTED] stated a lot of children in middle school are struggling to find themselves and



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acceptance with their peers. CPSI asked for him to call if he should have concerns for the family. He stated he would.

CPSI staffed this case with TL [REDACTED] upon returning to the office. CPSI will complete the Near Death report and upload the reported into TFACTS.

Next Steps: Monitor family, complete investigative tasks



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/11/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 08:35 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 02/13/2014

Completed date: 02/13/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Case Summary

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/13/2014 09:06 AM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CASE ASSIGNMENT:

02/11/2014 - 08:35 AM This case came to the attention of the Department on 2/11/14 and was assigned to CPSI [REDACTED] on 2/11/14 as a P1. Referent notification was made by mail on the date of assignment. A copy of such notification is contained within the file. Severe Abuse Notification is made to the District Attorneys Office by DCS secretarial staff. A copy of such notification is contained within the file. Notification is made monthly to the Juvenile Court Judge (by DCS secretarial staff) as requested per Juvenile Court Judge [REDACTED]

TFacts history check has been completed.

A letter was sent to the referent notifying them of the investigation.

REFERRAL AND REFERENT:

Reporter states: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (15 years old) was not in the custody of [REDACTED] Department of Childrens Services.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] (15) had lived with his brother [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (13 years old) and their parents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. No one else lives in the home.

The reporter is not aware of the children having any special needs or disabilities.

The father called 911 this morning (02-11-2014) around 6:00am ET regarding his son [REDACTED] having committed suicide. The parents said they woke up and found [REDACTED] deceased and lying in the floor in a room adjacent to [REDACTED] bedroom. The room is like an office/bonus room. There was a double-barrel shotgun in the floor next to [REDACTED]. He had been shot in the head. A note has not been found at this time. The police are still processing the scene. The reporter is not aware of anything suspicious at this time. The police will take the shotgun into their possession.

The parents said that everything was fine with [REDACTED] when the family went to the bed last night. The parents said the last time they saw [REDACTED] was at 9:30pm last night (02-10-2014). According to the parents, [REDACTED] did not have any



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prior suicide attempts, and as far as they knew he did not have any depression issues. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did not share a bedroom.

[REDACTED] body is still at the familys home, but it will be transported to the medical examiners office in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is still at the home with his parents. The reporter did not observe any concerns in the home for [REDACTED]

The reporter is not aware of any hazards or safety concerns in the familys home for a DCS Case Manager who may respond.

Narrative Type: Addendum 1 Entry Date/Time: 05/08/2014 03:13 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2/11/14 TFACTS History Search: This CPSI verified the familys history of involvement with DCS through a search of TFACTS on this date the following history was noted: NONE



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Assessment

Family Name: [REDACTED]

TN DCS Intake ID #: [REDACTED]

County: [REDACTED]

Worker:

Date of Referral: 2/11/14 6:42 AM

Date of Assessment: 2/11/14 12:00 AM

Assessment Type: Initial

Number of Children in the Household: 2

Section 1: Immediate Harm Factors

Directions: The following factors are behaviors or conditions that may be associated with a child being in immediate danger of serious harm. Identify the presence or absence of each factor by making either "yes" or "no". Note: The vulnerability of each child needs to be considered throughout the assessment. Children ages zero through six cannot protect themselves. For older children, inability to protect themselves could result from diminished mental or physical capacity or repeated victimization.

Yes No

1. Caretaker caused serious physical harm to the child, or made a plausible threat to cause serious physical harm in the current investigation indicated by (check all that apply):
- Serious injury or abuse to child other than accidental.
 - Death of a child due to abuse or neglect.
 - Care taker fears that s/he will maltreat the child.
 - Threat to cause harm or retaliate against the child.
 - Excessive discipline or physical force.
 - Drug-affected infant/child.
 - Methamphetamine lab exposure.
2. Child sexual abuse is suspected, and circumstances suggest that the child's safety may be of immediate concern.
3. Caretaker fails to protect the child from serious harm or threatened harm by others. This may include physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect.
4. Caretaker's explanation for the injury to the child is questionable or inconsistent with the type of injury, and the nature of the injury suggests that the child's safety may be of immediate concern.
5. The family refuses access to the child, or there is reason to believe that the family is about to flee.
6. Caretaker does not meet the child's immediate needs for supervision, food, clothing, and/or medical or mental health care.
7. The physical living conditions are hazardous and immediately threatening to the health and/or safety of the child.
8. Caretaker's current substance abuse seriously impairs his/her ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.
9. Domestic violence exists in the home and poses a risk of serious physical and/or emotional harm to the child.



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10. Caretaker describes the child in predominantly negative terms or acts toward the child in negative ways that result in the child being a danger to self or others, acting out aggressively, or being severely withdrawn and/or suicidal.
11. Caretaker's emotional stability, developmental status, or cognitive deficiency seriously impairs his/her current ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.
12. There is a pattern of prior investigations and/or behavior that suggests an escalating threat to child safety.
13. Other (specify)

If no immediate harm factors are observed, proceed to Section 3

Section 2: Safety Interventions

If no immediate harm factors are present, go to Section 3. If one or more immediate harm factors are present, consider whether safety interventions one through eight will allow the child to remain in the home for the present time. Check the item number for all safety interventions that will be implemented. If there are no available safety interventions that would allow the child to remain in the home, indicate by checking item nine or ten, and follow procedures for initiating a voluntary agreement or taking the child into protective custody. Mark all that apply:

Non-Protective Custody Interventions:

1. Intervention or direct services by worker as part of a safety plan.
2. Use of family, neighbors, or other individuals in the community as safety resources.
3. Use of community agencies or services as immediate safety resources.
4. Have caretaker appropriately protect the victim from the alleged perpetrator.
5. Have the alleged perpetrator leave the home, either voluntarily or in response to legal action.
6. Have the non-offending caretaker move to a safe environment with the child.
7. Legal action planned or initiated - child remains in the home.
8. Other (Specify): _____

Protective Custody Interventions:

9. Caretaker signs a voluntary placement agreement that places the child in Department of Children Services (DCS) custody.
10. Child placed in protective custody pursuant to 37-1-113 and 37-1-117 because no interventions are available to adequately ensure the child's safety.



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Section 3: Safety Decision

Identify the safety decision. This decision should be based on the assessment of all immediate harm factors, safety interventions, and any other information known about the family. Mark only one.

- 1. **Safe.** No immediate harm factors were identified at this time. Based on currently available information, there are no children likely to be in immediate danger of serious harm.
- 2. **Conditionally Safe.** One or more immediate harm factors are present, and one or more protecting interventions #1-8 have been planned or taken. Based on protecting interventions, no protective custody action is necessary at this time.
- 3. **Unsafe.** One or more immediate harm factors are present, and placement is the only protecting intervention (#9 or #10) possible for one or more children. Without placement, one or more children will likely be in danger of immediate or serious harm.
 - All children placed.
 - One or more children being placed in protective custody, but others remain in the home. Complete the status of each child below only when one or more children are being removed, but others remain in the home:

Children Removed

Children Not Removed

Case Manager: _____

Date: _____

Team Leader: _____

Date: _____