



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

Case # 2014.032

Intake #:	██████████	Investigation #:	██████████	Date of Referral:	02/24/2014	
Type: (Please check one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH	<input type="checkbox"/> NEAR DEATH	Date of Death/Near Death:	02/23/2014		
Child's Name:	██████████	DOB:	██████████	Person ID:	██████████	
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	Race/Ethnicity:	White (Non Hispanic)	County/Region:	██████████
Parents' Names:	Mother:	██████████	Father:	██████████		
Alleged Perpetrator's Name:	██████████	Relationship to Victim:	Father			
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:**

On 2/23/2014 at 3:01 pm, ██████████ Police Department was dispatched to ██████████ for an unconscious 13 year old female. When Officer ██████████ arrived on scene, he was met by ██████████ stating that the victim was not breathing and CPR was being performed by the victim's sister ██████████. At that time Officer ██████████ began assisting with CPR. Fire and EMS relieved Officer ██████████ and ██████████. The child was then transported to ██████████ and pronounced dead.

Detective ██████████ responded to the call and met with the mother ██████████, older sister ██████████, and older brother ██████████. Detective ██████████ also completed a visit to the scene and took pictures. It was learned that the child was found in bed with the top portion of her body hanging over. There was some type of bodily fluid found in the floor next to the bed. Also found were two empty bottles of Ultra Duster in the floor between the bed and wall and one half-empty bottle of Ultra Duster found in the bed. Detective ██████████ took the bottles into evidence.

Detective ██████████ did observe the autopsy of the child. He was informed by Dr. ██████████ that the preliminary findings were that ██████████ may have smothered to death by inhaling Ultra Duster. Detective ██████████ informed CM3 ██████████ that ██████████ had possibly been dead 2-3 hours. Detective ██████████ also reported that ██████████ was overweight and her heart was enlarged. He said he was told by the doctor that ██████████ could have died in two years due to her weight and heart issues.

**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:**

Detective ██████████ spoke with the mother ██████████, older sister ██████████, and brother ██████████ on 2/23/2014.

The mother ██████████ reported ██████████ had been living with her until 1/14/14 when she began living with her father because she "had been real mouthy." She said ██████████ had been very unhappy for the past year. The mother reported she had made an appointment for ██████████ to see a psychiatric doctor. It is unknown if ██████████ kept her appointment. The mother believes ██████████ showed ██████████ how to huff the Ultra Duster. She said ██████████ was not doing well in school, and the teachers had said 90% of the reason she was doing so bad was her attitude. The mother reported ██████████ had drawn pictures of girls that had cut their wrist, gothic pictures of a girl who cut her wrist then wrote the word "alone" on the wall.

Although it was not in her statement, Detective ██████████ reported the mother expressed that ██████████ had admitted in the past that she had huffed one time. It was alleged that one of the father's ex-girlfriends (unknown) showed her how to do it. The mother told Detective ██████████ that ██████████ told her she did it once and would never do it again.

██████████ sister ██████████ reported that on the morning of 2/23/14, she and ██████████ were getting ready to go to church and watching TV. ██████████ said she would stay home because she didn't have enough time to get ready. ██████████ said she left at 10:23 am and came home at 12:37 pm. ██████████ reported she went in the bedroom and

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\_\_\_\_\_ looked as if she was asleep. \_\_\_\_\_ changed her clothes to go finish moving. She asked her brother \_\_\_\_\_ if he would help and he said yes. They left and went to the father's home on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. The family was moving from that residence. \_\_\_\_\_ reported they got back about an hour later. \_\_\_\_\_ came running out of the apartment screaming that \_\_\_\_\_ was blue. \_\_\_\_\_ said she ran to the bedroom and \_\_\_\_\_ was hanging half way off the bed. She pulled \_\_\_\_\_ to the floor, flipped her on her back, and started CPR and mouth to mouth. She kept going for ten minutes until police arrived and took over.

\_\_\_\_\_ brother \_\_\_\_\_ said he woke up to his sisters watching TV. \_\_\_\_\_ was getting ready for church. \_\_\_\_\_ was sitting on the bed playing on her phone. \_\_\_\_\_ backed out of going to church. \_\_\_\_\_ gave him a backrub. The father \_\_\_\_\_ was watching the pre-Nascar race concert. \_\_\_\_\_ tells his father they need to get some air for his tire so they went to Marathon down the road. They got back and \_\_\_\_\_ went in the bedroom to get his phone charger. He looked over and \_\_\_\_\_ was asleep watching the TV. He wrote in his statement that he knew "she was alive, her skin was normal color, her cheeks were rosey, and she was snoring." \_\_\_\_\_ said he played on the computer until \_\_\_\_\_ got home. They then went to \_\_\_\_\_ to clean. As they pulled into the \_\_\_\_\_ (after getting back) he told \_\_\_\_\_ he was going to get his dad so they could go on a drive. He said he opened the door and his dad was on his way to the door. He was on the phone with 911. His dad was screaming "she is blue" and "oh my God." \_\_\_\_\_ said his dad was telling the 911 operator where \_\_\_\_\_ was and all the "specs" on what she looked like. He said \_\_\_\_\_ and his father began CPR on \_\_\_\_\_ and he gave her mouth to mouth. He reported \_\_\_\_\_ "skin was chilled, her color dark blue with red splotches." He wrote "when I gave her mouth to mouth, vomit and saliva gurgle and get in my mouth."

CM \_\_\_\_\_ spoke with the father due to her open case. She said she did not question the father but he did provide unsolicited information. CM \_\_\_\_\_ reported the father said he was watching the Nascar race and \_\_\_\_\_ was in the bedroom. He walked by the bedroom and checked on \_\_\_\_\_ a few times. \_\_\_\_\_ expressed remorse and said if only he had checked on her 10-15 minutes sooner. CM \_\_\_\_\_ reported \_\_\_\_\_ is a patient of \_\_\_\_\_ and is seen once a month. She said she talked to \_\_\_\_\_ about grief counseling a \_\_\_\_\_ is interested.

CM3 \_\_\_\_\_ planned to meet with the father along with Detective \_\_\_\_\_ and CM \_\_\_\_\_ on 2/25/2014. \_\_\_\_\_ expressed he was having a hard time dealing with everything as he was making arrangements and viewing the body on this date. A visit will be made to the home of the paternal grandmother to meet with the father for a formal initial interview and possibly a follow up interview with \_\_\_\_\_ brother on 2/26/2014.

A box was found belonging to \_\_\_\_\_ that had several drawings and colored pictures in it. Many of the colored pictures appeared to be out of a coloring book. There were some pictures that were hand drawn, assuming by her. The box said "keep out" on it. Pictures were taken of the drawings to be placed in the file. One picture was of a girl that had cut her wrists and blood was flowing out of her wrist. In the background was written "alone," "I Give up," and "NO ONE." Another picture was of a female bound and chained to a wall. On another paper is written "Im tired of everyone telling me what im doing wrong. everything I do is a mistake. I just want to run away, clear my mind, and live. im in a ditch im in hell right now!" Another picture was of a female standing over a male with a knife with blood flowing from the male's neck and the knife. There were additional pictures found that were similar in nature (death, feeling alone, unrequited love). Detective \_\_\_\_\_ reported he was informed that the child had been made fun of at times due to her weight (she was obese) but was not aware of excessive bullying.

**If child was hospitalized, describe (in detail) DCS involvement during hospitalization:**

The child was transported to \_\_\_\_\_ and was pronounced dead on arrival. DCS was not notified until the day after the child's death.

<b>Describe disposition of body (Death):</b>	_____ reported _____ was found by her father with the top portion of her torso hanging off the bed. The family reportedly moved _____ to the floor where they began CPR. When EMS arrived on scene, _____ was found lying on the floor "pulseless, apenic, cyanotic." _____ was transported to _____ where she was pronounced dead by Dr. _____ at 15:38. _____ had facial cyanosis and mottling in upper and lower extremitites. Her skin was noted to feel cool to the touch. Vomit was noted around oral opening, light brown liquid in color. The body was sent to _____ for autopsy.
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<b>Name of Medical Examiner/Coroner:</b>	Medical Examiner of _____ _____ Dr. _____	<b>Was autopsy requested?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
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<b>Did CPS open an investigation on this Death/Near Death?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
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Intake #: [REDACTED] Investigation #: [REDACTED] Date of Report: 2/23/2014 **Case # 2014-032**

Was there DCS involvement at the time of Death/Near Death?  No  Yes

Type: CPS - Assessment Case - CM [REDACTED] Case #: [REDACTED]

**Describe law enforcement or court involvement, if applicable:**  
 Detective [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] Police Department was notified on 2/23/2014. He reported that at the time he arrived to the home, the child had already been taken to the hospital. He was present at the hospital and made a visit to the home. He took pictures of the home and gathered statements from three family members.

**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):**  
 Current open assessment case on child's brother [REDACTED] and father are currently staying with paternal grandmother in [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]	Age: 15
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
11/19/2009	[REDACTED]	DEC, PYA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No Services Needed
11/05/2010	[REDACTED]	PYA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Services Recommended and Accepted
11/17/2010	[REDACTED]	DEC	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Services Recommended and Accepted
11/01/2013	[REDACTED]	Resource Linkage	None	None	None
11/07/2013 - Open	[REDACTED]	LOS	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Has not been classified
11/18/2013	[REDACTED]	DEC	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	AUPU
/ /					

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: [REDACTED]	Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Case Manager: [REDACTED]	Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Team Leader: [REDACTED]	Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Team Coordinator: [REDACTED]	Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

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: [REDACTED]**  
**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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**Intake**

Intake ID: [REDACTED]  
 Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 02/24/2014 01:18 PM CT  
 Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1  
 Screened By: [REDACTED]  
 Date Screened: 02/24/2014

**Investigation**

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]  
 First County/Region: [REDACTED]  
 Date/Time Assigned : 02/25/2014 06:54 AM  
 First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 02/24/2014 12:00 AM  
 First Case Manager [REDACTED] Date/Time 02/24/2014 12:00 AM

**Allegations**

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	13 Yrs (Est)	Neglect Death	Yes	[REDACTED]	Birth Father

**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: Letter  
 Narrative: \*\*This is a non-custody child\*\*  
 TFACTS: Yes (for [REDACTED]):  
 Family ID: [REDACTED]  
 Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP No  
 Closed Court Custody No  
 Open CPS - 11-13-13 [REDACTED]/LOS/CM [REDACTED] Supervisor [REDACTED]  
 Substantiated No  
 Fatality No  
 Screened out Yes (2) # [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
 History (not listed above):



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11-21-13 / [REDACTED] / DEC / Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated  
 11-19-10 / [REDACTED] / DEC / Services Recommended and Accepted  
 11-10-10 / [REDACTED] / PYA / Services Recommended and Accepted  
 11-21-09 / [REDACTED] / DEC, PYA / No Services Needed  
 11-4-13 / [REDACTED] / Resource Linkage

TFACTS: Yes (for [REDACTED])

Family IDs: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP No

Closed Court Custody [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] / 11-29-11 2-3-12

Open CPS - No

Substantiated [REDACTED] / EDD / [REDACTED] / 2-13-06

Fatality No

Screened out Yes (1) # [REDACTED] / 5-9-13 / DEC

History (not listed above):

11-20-13 / [REDACTED] / LOS / Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated  
 4-15-13 / [REDACTED] / SEE / Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated  
 4-5-13 / [REDACTED] / DEC, LOS / Services Recommended and Accepted  
 7-31-11 / [REDACTED] / LOS / No Services Needed  
 6-21-11 / [REDACTED] / ENN, PHA, SEE, LOS / Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated  
 5-16-08 / [REDACTED] / DEC, LOS, ENN / No Services Needed  
 4-2-08 / [REDACTED] / PHA / No Services Needed  
 9-4-10 / [REDACTED] / MDM, LOS, ENN, SEE / Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated  
 2-11-05 / [REDACTED] / ENN, NUN / Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated  
 12-6-02 / [REDACTED] / LOS / Unable to complete  
 4-10-00 / [REDACTED] / Minor PHA / Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated  
 8-9-00 / [REDACTED] / Minor PHA / Allegations Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated

DUPLICATE REFERRAL: No

County: [REDACTED]

Notification: letter

School/ Daycare: [REDACTED]

Native American Descent: No

Directions: none given

Reporters name/relationship: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Reporter states: This is a companion to intake # [REDACTED] which reads: [REDACTED] (13) is not in DCS custody.

[REDACTED] is deceased. Prior to her death, she lived with her brother, [REDACTED] (15), her father, [REDACTED] her half-sister [REDACTED] and her niece and nephews, [REDACTED] (age unknown), [REDACTED] (age unknown), [REDACTED] (age unknown) and [REDACTED] (age unknown). The reporter isnt certain if the [REDACTED] children reside in the home.

[REDACTED] died yesterday (2-23-14) around 3:15 p.m. There is no official report about the cause of death. The reporter was present during the autopsy and Dr. [REDACTED] stated the preliminary findings are that [REDACTED] may have, smothered to death by inhaling Ultra Duster.

[REDACTED] was found inside her bedroom by her father. He called 911 and the child was taken to [REDACTED] by Emergency Medical Services. She was pronounced dead at the [REDACTED]



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hospital. [REDACTED] was admitted to the hospital following [REDACTED] death. He has since been discharged.

A home visit was made yesterday (Reporter couldnt remember the familys address). The familys home was cluttered and dirty. The family members live in a one bedroom / kitchen living room combo apartment. There is one bathroom. Old food was lying around and clothing was strewn about the home. The home is infested with roaches. Only [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were seen in the home yesterday during the visit.

[REDACTED] mother is [REDACTED], TN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has criminal history; his charges include failure to educate, trespassing and / or harassment.

[REDACTED] takes anti-depressant medication, ADHD medication, high blood pressure medication and bipolar medication. [REDACTED] takes bipolar medication and says she has ADHD [REDACTED] takes Zoloft and has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

Per SDM: Investigation / P1 Child Death [REDACTED] TL on 2-24-14 @ 2:28 pm

Notified Child Death Group: [REDACTED]  
RA [REDACTED] was also copied on the notification email.

Recon request per [REDACTED] is already open to CM [REDACTED] Please remove [REDACTED] from this case as the environmental neglect can be addressed in the CM's open case. That CM will be making contact with the IT worker on the death portion. Thanks - [REDACTED]

P1 on 2/24/14 @ 3:57pm by [REDACTED] TL



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**Participant(s)**

**Name:** [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: White Age: 16 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: [REDACTED] Age: 48 Yrs

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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**Name:** [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 13 Yrs (Est)

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:

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age:

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: Male

Date of Birth:

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age:

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: Female

Date of Birth:

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age:

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: Race: Age: 25 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:

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age:

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

**A. Investigation**

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Referral Date: 02/24/2014

Assignment Date: 02/24/2014

Street Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**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	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]						06/24/2014

**C. Disposition Decision**

Disposition Decision: Refer for Other Services and Close

Comments: Allegation of neglect death classified as AUPU. [REDACTED] was found unresponsive by her father on 2/23/14. Two empty cans of Ultra Duster compressed air were found next to the bed along with a half empty can in the bed where she was found. The autopsy report found [REDACTED] died of inhalation of 1,1-difluorethane. Another condition that significantly contributed to her death was obesity. It is unknown how long [REDACTED] had been inhaling the compressed air that day or if she was a regular user of the substance. It was reported by several family members that [REDACTED] had disclosed inhaling the substance once with her older sister but said she would never do it again. The sister denied the allegation. The father reported he had only seen the air duster once, May 2013. Due to the child's age, there was no need for direct supervision of the child at all times and [REDACTED] was reported to be sleeping that day. Insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation.

**D. Case Workers**

Case Worker: [REDACTED]

Date: 06/24/2014

Team Leader: [REDACTED]

Date: 06/24/2014

**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 not observed as DCS was not contacted until the following day. [REDACTED] was found in a bed at the [REDACTED]. Pictures of the apartment were provided and the disk is in the file. According to pictures and Detective [REDACTED] two empty cans of Ultra Duster were found in the floor next to the bed in which [REDACTED] was found. There was also a half-empty bottle of the Ultra Duster found in the same bed as [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] brother [REDACTED] provided a written statement on 2/23/14 to LE. He reported he woke up



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to ██████████ and ██████████ watching a show. ██████████ was getting ready for church and ██████████ was sitting on her bed playing on her phone. ██████████ gave him a back rub. His dad was watching the pre Nascar race concert. He and his dad went to Marathon down the road to put air in his tires. When they got back, ██████████ went to the bedroom to get his phone charger. ██████████ was asleep watching TV. He knew she was alive because her skin was normal color. Her cheeks were rosy and she was snoring. He played on his computer until ██████████ got back from church. Then he and ██████████ went to the house on ██████████ to clean. When they got back to the apartment, his dad is on his way out and is on the phone with 911. ██████████ and his dad start performing CPR on ██████████ and ██████████ gives her mouth to mouth. Her skin was chilled; her color was dark blue with red splotches.

██████████ was interviewed again by CM. ██████████ said the day ██████████ died his dad was watching the race and drinking. He had the same timeline about ██████████ going to church and then them going to the other house to clean. His dad left to bring them the keys to the house because they had forgotten them. He found ██████████ lying face down kind of sideways on the bed. A week before ██████████ died, ██████████ had stolen two cans of air duster from paternal grandmother. He and ██████████ found out and snitched. He just found out the week before she died that she was huffing. He believed that was the first time ██████████ found out about ██████████ doing that, too. He then reported that when ██████████ got in a wreck with his dad's ex-girlfriend ██████████ ██████████ said ██████████ was huffing when she wrecked and there were cans found in the car. ██████████ denied ever huffing. He said his dad was abusive. He said his dad sometimes takes a person by the back of the neck and pushes their face down into something like what you do when you are disciplining a dog. He didn't understand how his dad did not know what was going on. His dad was gone maybe ten minutes to bring them the keys so maybe she was huffing when he was gone. He believed when his dad got back to the house, he caught ██████████ huffing. He believed that at that time, his dad pushed ██████████ face into the bed and held her by the back of the neck. His dad was probably calling her names and telling her she was stupid for doing that. He believed that his dad accidentally smothered ██████████ by doing that.

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

Autopsy Finding: ██████████ died of inhalation of 1,1-difluoroethane. Other condition that significantly contributed to death is obesity. By report, ██████████ was found unresponsive lying in her bed at approximately 1500 hours when her family went to check on her. She was last seen alive at 1000 hours. EMS transported her to ██████████. Despite CPR she was pronounced dead at 1538 hours. In her bedroom two empty cans of Ultra Duster were found. A partially empty can of Ultra Duster was found in her bed. It was suspected that she had been huffing the contents of the Ultra Duster cans. An autopsy revealed an enlarged (dilated) heart related to long-standing obesity. Toxicologic analysis of postmortem femoral blood detected 1, 1-difluoroethane, nalaxone, norserttraline, and caffeine. Enlarged hearts are pathologic, electrically unstable, prone to sudden cardiac arrest, and less tolerant of huffing 1, 1-difluoroethane.

According to the guidance counselor at ██████████ school, ██████████, she advised the mother to put ██████████ into therapy. She reported another student had informed her that ██████████ had said she had huffed with her sister. ██████████ allegedly said it made her feel better because she was getting high.

The mother ██████████ reported ██████████ had told her one time that ██████████ had taught her how to huff. She said ██████████ said she tried it once, it scared her, and she was never going to do it again. She said ██████████ had also told her that ██████████ ex-girlfriend ██████████ huffed and was huffing when she got in a wreck. She said she did not believe anyone intentionally killed ██████████ but maybe this would not have happened if ██████████ had not been around huffing. She said it was late July or early August that ██████████ told her about ██████████ teaching her to huff. She said she believed ██████████ when she said it scared her and she would never do it again. ██████████ reported ██████████ went back and forth between her home and the father's home. She said there was a time for 7-8 months that ██████████ was with her father. She said ██████████ came back later in the summer. She said in January ██████████ had a friend over for her birthday. ██████████ was complaining and having a smart mouth. She finally told ██████████ maybe it would be better if she stayed with her father for a while. She took ██████████ and her friend to ██████████ home.



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

Case Name [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Paternal grandmother, [REDACTED] reported one night she and [REDACTED] were just talking and spending time together. [REDACTED] told her that she had tried snuffing and that [REDACTED] had taught her and [REDACTED] how to do it. [REDACTED] told her she tried it and it scared her. She talked to [REDACTED] about the dangers of doing that and [REDACTED] promised she would never do it again. [REDACTED] reported she believed it was in October when [REDACTED] told her about that.

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

[REDACTED] reported he had [REDACTED] since 1/19/14. She was dropped off at the family home on [REDACTED] around 9:30pm. He was sitting at home when [REDACTED] walked in with a suitcase. [REDACTED] said she felt like she was set on the street like an abandoned dog. Before that time he and the mother had the children half and half but his son primarily stayed with him due to an order of protection. He said [REDACTED] was very depressed. She cried, was angry, and felt abandoned. She was having issues before but the issues were magnified after she was dropped off. She had an intake appointment coming up at [REDACTED]. The day [REDACTED] was found he had been watching the Nascar race. Everyone in the home was up around 8am. [REDACTED] went to church. After she returned and changed she and [REDACTED] went to the home on [REDACTED] to clean up. He realized they forgot the keys and took them over to the house. That was the only time he left the apartment that day. He even checked on her when he got back and she looked fine. During the day he had passed the doorway to the bedroom four times and thought she was asleep. It was not odd for [REDACTED] to sleep that much during the day. [REDACTED] told him she was going to take a nap after [REDACTED] left for church. He went in, turned her over, and she was blue. The doctor said she had been gone about 45 minutes. She was lying across the bed diagonally with her left leg kind of off the bed about mid-calf. She remained in that position. He had passed by the door and she never moved. He went in to check on her after he realized it was odd she had not moved. Her calf was pale with red splotches. He went over and shook her; she didn't move. There was no response. He saw part of her cheek which was pale with red splotches. He said he turned her over and saw that her face was blue. She had some redness to her cheeks but her lips were dark. [REDACTED] denied hearing anything odd out of the bedroom. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] had been sick and was still on Tamaflu. [REDACTED] reported he was not aware of the pictures in the black box belonging to [REDACTED] until Detective [REDACTED] told him about them. [REDACTED] reported the mother was the one that had scheduled an intake for [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and had taken her. [REDACTED] denied ever having suspicions of drug use or huffing. [REDACTED] was given money at times and had opportunities to buy things at the store. He denied knowledge of [REDACTED] buying the Ultra Duster. He did not know how the Ultra Duster came to be in the home or with [REDACTED]. He denied ever having a suspicion or concern that [REDACTED] was high or under the influence of any substance.

In March [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] had told her grandmother and mother that [REDACTED] had taught her and [REDACTED] how to huff. In April he reported that he once found several cans of compressed air at the home after [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] boyfriend had stayed at the home for a weekend.

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

Reporter states:

[REDACTED] (13) is not in DCS custody.

[REDACTED] is deceased. Prior to her death, she lived with her brother, [REDACTED] (15), her father, [REDACTED] her half-sister, [REDACTED] and her niece and nephews, [REDACTED] (age unknown), [REDACTED] (age unknown), [REDACTED] (age unknown) and [REDACTED] (age unknown). The reporter isn't certain if the children reside in the home.

[REDACTED] died yesterday (2-23-14) around 3:15 p.m. There is no official report about the cause of death. The reporter was present during the autopsy and Dr. [REDACTED] stated the preliminary findings are that [REDACTED] may have, smothered to death by inhaling Ultra Duster.

[REDACTED] was found inside her bedroom by her father. He called 911 and the child was taken to [REDACTED] by Emergency Medical Services. She was pronounced dead at the hospital [REDACTED].



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[REDACTED] was admitted to the hospital following [REDACTED] death. He has since been discharged.

A home visit was made yesterday (Reporter couldnt remember the familys address). The familys home was cluttered and dirty. The family members live in a one bedroom / kitchen living room combo apartment. There is one bathroom. Old food was lying around and clothing was strewn about the home. The home is infested with roaches. Only [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were seen in the home yesterday during the visit.

[REDACTED] mother is [REDACTED], TN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has criminal history; his charges include failure to educate, trespassing and / or harassment.

[REDACTED] takes anti-depressant medication, ADHD medication, high blood pressure medication and bipolar medication. [REDACTED] takes bipolar medication and says she has ADHD. [REDACTED] takes Zoloft and has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

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

[REDACTED] sister, did provide a written statement to Detective [REDACTED] which can be found in case recordings and in documents in this investigation. She was interviewed again later. She reported [REDACTED] had been dropped off with the father [REDACTED] by the mother [REDACTED] after [REDACTED] and the mother got into an argument. The mother she was over her shit [REDACTED]. She also reported [REDACTED] cried a lot, was angry, and felt abandoned. The day [REDACTED] died, she had left for church at 10:10am and returned at 12:37pm. She probably left the home around 12:45 after returning from church. [REDACTED] appeared to be asleep when she got back and she thought [REDACTED] was snoring. It was not odd for [REDACTED] to sleep that much during the day. She confirmed that [REDACTED] had brought her and [REDACTED] the keys to the home. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] had expressed suicidal thoughts and feelings previously. She didnt worry about it though because [REDACTED] said she knew she could not do that because she would not to go Heaven to see her grandfather. [REDACTED] had told her father she needed counseling. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] had told her she had a cousin that smoked weed and drank alcohol. They would sneak and do that. She denied knowledge of [REDACTED] huffing anything. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] asked her and the other sister [REDACTED] if they had ever tried it. [REDACTED] said they told [REDACTED] they had tried it when they were kids and then they talked about other stuff they did as kids. She denied that [REDACTED] had ever told her she had tried it before. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] had mentioned people making fun of her because of her weight, hair, classes, etc. This sometimes upset [REDACTED] but [REDACTED] told her not to worry about it. [REDACTED] reported she had a lot of computers (when asked about the Ultra Duster). She had been moving into the apartment. The family started moving Friday and got their things on Saturday. She said [REDACTED] was putting stuff away. [REDACTED] denied knowledge of the exact type of cleaner/duster she bought in the past. She did not know if there were any bottles in storage. She said she used to buy it when she worked at her fathers business. [REDACTED] was given money at times and had opportunities to buy things at the store. She denied knowledge of [REDACTED] buying the Ultra Duster. She did not know how the Ultra Duster came to be in the home or with [REDACTED]. She denied ever having a suspicion or concern that [REDACTED] was high or under the influence of any substance. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] typically slept with her daughter in the bed to the right in the room. [REDACTED] slept in the bed to the left with her son. [REDACTED] was found in [REDACTED] bed. Later during the case, [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] had stolen air duster from her paternal grandmother in the past. She denied ever supplying compressed air to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. She denied she ever used with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 10/17/2014

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Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 10/17/2014

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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: 10/17/2014 10:40 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Summary:

The Department of Children's Services (DCS) in [REDACTED] received a referral on 02/24/2014 with an allegation of child neglect death with non-custodial child [REDACTED] listed as the alleged child victim (ACV). The investigation was assigned to investigator [REDACTED] by Lead Investigator (LI) [REDACTED]. DCS did have history with [REDACTED] and her family and there was an open case involving [REDACTED] older brother at the time of [REDACTED] death and when DCS was notified of her death.

On 02/23/2014, [REDACTED] was found by her father. She was lying on her stomach in a bed, unconscious. Shortly after the father found her, [REDACTED] 15 year old brother [REDACTED] and 24 year old sister [REDACTED] arrived. [REDACTED] Police Department (PD) was dispatched to the [REDACTED] at 3:01pm where the family was temporarily residing. When Officer [REDACTED] arrived on scene, he was met by the father who stated that the child was not breathing and CPR was being performed by [REDACTED]. At that time, Officer [REDACTED] began assisting with CPR. Fire and emergency medical services (EMS) relieved Officer [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was transported to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was found in cardio-pulmonary arrest and not breathing at scene by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was intubated en route to the hospital. Officers with [REDACTED] PD reviewed the scene and found multiple bottles of prescription medication belonging to family members along with two empty cans of Ultra Duster next to the bed and a half empty can in the bed where [REDACTED] was found. [REDACTED] was pronounced dead on 02/23/2014 at 3:38 pm.

The investigation into this incident was conducted by the [REDACTED] Police Department Detective [REDACTED] and DCS Investigator [REDACTED]. The report to DCS listed [REDACTED] father [REDACTED] as the alleged perpetrator of Neglect Death. Detective [REDACTED] conducted initial interviews with family members on the date of [REDACTED] death. Additional interviews were conducted with family members and [REDACTED] school guidance counselor.

Detective [REDACTED] spoke with the mother [REDACTED], older sister [REDACTED] and brother [REDACTED] on 2/23/2014. Additional interviews and contacts were made with the family throughout the investigation.

The mother [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] had been living with her until 1/14/14 when she began living with her



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father because she "had been real mouthy." She had made an appointment for [REDACTED] to see a psychiatric doctor. It is unknown if [REDACTED] kept her appointment. The mother believes [REDACTED] showed [REDACTED] how to huff the Ultra Duster. [REDACTED] was not doing well in school and the teachers had said 90% of the reason she was doing so bad was her attitude. [REDACTED] had drawn pictures of girls that had cut their wrist, gothic pictures of a girl who cut her wrist then wrote the word "alone" on the wall. The mother expressed that [REDACTED] had admitted in the past that she had huffed one time. It was alleged that one of the father's ex-girlfriends (unknown) showed her how to do it. The mother told Detective [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] told her she did it once and would never do it again.

[REDACTED] sister [REDACTED] reported that on the morning of 2/23/14, she and [REDACTED] were getting ready to go to church and watching TV. [REDACTED] said she would stay home because she didn't have enough time to get ready. She left at 10:23 am and came home at 12:37 pm. She went in the bedroom and [REDACTED] looked as if she was asleep. [REDACTED] changed her clothes to go finish moving. She asked her brother [REDACTED] if he would help and he said yes. They left and went to the father's home on [REDACTED]. The family was moving from that residence. They got back about an hour later. [REDACTED] came running out of the apartment screaming that [REDACTED] was blue. [REDACTED] said she ran to the bedroom and [REDACTED] was hanging half way off the bed. She pulled [REDACTED] to the floor, flipped her on her back, and started CPR and mouth to mouth. She kept going for ten minutes until police arrived and took over. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] had expressed suicidal thoughts or feelings a few times but she did not worry about it because [REDACTED] said she knew she could not do that because she would not go to Heaven to see her grandfather. Later in the investigation, it was reported that [REDACTED] had told family members in the past that she had huffed with [REDACTED] and brother [REDACTED] denied those allegations.

[REDACTED] brother [REDACTED] said he woke up to his sisters watching TV. [REDACTED] was getting ready for church. [REDACTED] was sitting on the bed playing on her phone. [REDACTED] backed out of going to church. [REDACTED] gave him a backrub. [REDACTED] was watching the pre-Nascar race concert. [REDACTED] tells his father they need to get some air for his tire so they went to Marathon down the road. They got back and [REDACTED] went in the bedroom to get his phone charger. He looked over and [REDACTED] was asleep watching TV. He wrote in his statement that he knew "she was alive, her skin was normal color, her cheeks were rosey, and she was snoring." [REDACTED] said he played on the computer until [REDACTED] got home. They then went to [REDACTED] o clean. As they pulled into the [REDACTED] (after getting back) he told [REDACTED] he was going to get his dad so they could go on a drive. He opened the door and his dad was on his way to the door. He was on the phone with 911. His dad was screaming "she is blue" and "oh my God." His dad was telling the 911 operator where [REDACTED] was and all the "specs" on what she looked like. [REDACTED] and his father began CPR on [REDACTED] and he gave her mouth to mouth. [REDACTED] "skin was chilled, her color dark blue with red splotches." He wrote "when I gave her mouth to mouth, vomit and saliva gurgle and get in my mouth." Later in the investigation, [REDACTED] said he believed his father had killed his sister by suffocation. There was no physical evidence to substantiate that allegation.

Father, [REDACTED], said he was watching the Nascar race and [REDACTED] was in the bedroom. He walked by the bedroom and checked on [REDACTED] four times and thought she was asleep. [REDACTED] expressed remorse and said if only he had checked on her 10-15 minutes sooner. [REDACTED] had told him earlier that she was tired and was going to take a nap. [REDACTED] was lying across the bed diagonally with her left leg off the bed about mid-calf. [REDACTED] said she never moved and thought that was odd because she kicked when she slept. He went in to check on her after he realized it was odd. Her calf was pale with red splotches. She did not move when he shook her. Part of her cheek was pale with red splotches. He turned her over and saw that her face was blue. She had some redness to her cheeks but her lips were dark. [REDACTED] reported later in the case that he believed [REDACTED] had been huffing with her older sister due to a previous report that she had huffed with her. As stated previously, [REDACTED] denied those allegations.

[REDACTED] school guidance counselor [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] had been referred to her for a program for students who are in danger of failing 8th grade. She called [REDACTED] mother in December and asked her to put [REDACTED] in therapy as she was not getting anywhere with [REDACTED]. There had been an issue with truancy. [REDACTED] was angry and hostile at times to deal with. There had been a long history of issues with [REDACTED] and she probably would have gone to summer school. It was like [REDACTED] had quit all together and was not trying anything. [REDACTED] said it was alleged that [REDACTED] had said she and her sister had huffed together and her sister had got her started doing it. [REDACTED] never told her that but other children had come to her after [REDACTED] death and provided that information.





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Child Neglect Death.



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Organization: [REDACTED]

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Contact Date:	08/15/2014	Contact Method:	
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Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	08/15/2014
Completed date:	08/15/2014	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Service Planning		
Contact Type(s):	[REDACTED]		
Contact Sub Type:			

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 08/15/2014 05:23 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

This case has been reviewed by LI [REDACTED] and IC [REDACTED] to ensure that all required investigative tasks have been completed prior to submitting the case to Regional Investigations Coordinator (RID) [REDACTED]. CPSI [REDACTED] has not had contact with the father of the child since 6-24-14, when she met with him to discuss the final autopsy results. He does not currently have any other children living with him, so there have been no other issues or areas of concern to address with him. His other child is in foster care, and there is still contact with him by the department, just not with CPS. At this time, it appears that all required investigative tasks have been completed, the case was presented to CPIT in June, 2014, and there was a majority agreement to classify the case as allegation unsubstantiated/perpetrator unsubstantiated.

This case will next be reviewed by RID [REDACTED] for submission to upper management for closure.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 07/09/2014 Contact Method:  
 Contact Time: 12:35 PM Contact Duration: Less than 05  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 07/16/2014  
 Completed date: 07/16/2014 Completed By: [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: 07/16/2014 10:15 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] and the father [REDACTED] planned a homevisit for 2/25/2014 but it was rescheduled to 2/26/2014. The visit was scheduled with the father at the paternal grandmothers home in [REDACTED]. The visit with the father ultimately took place at the DCS office in [REDACTED] on 2/26/2014.

A homevisit to the family home was not completed with [REDACTED]. At the time of [REDACTED] death, the family was residing temporarily with [REDACTED] at the Inn of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is similar to a long term motel or weekly apartment. That was [REDACTED] residence. The family was residing with [REDACTED] as the power had been shut off at the other home. After [REDACTED] death, the father and brother stayed with paternal grandmother [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. The family had moved in to the home with [REDACTED] two days prior to the death of [REDACTED] and his son [REDACTED] did not return to the apartment or to their residence before residing with [REDACTED]. On the day of [REDACTED] death, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had gone back to that home just to clean up. There had been previous DCS reports and concerns about the fathers instability.

A homevisit was completed at the mothers home where it was reported the child had resided the majority of the time until 1/19/2014.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

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Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
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 Contact Time: 03:35 PM Contact Duration: Less than 30  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 06/25/2014  
 Completed date: 06/25/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/25/2014 05:52 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

6/24/2014  
3:35 PM

TC [REDACTED]  
 While CM [REDACTED] and LI [REDACTED] were reviewing the case, it was discovered that [REDACTED] brother, had also been prescribed Zoloft per a list of medications given to CM by Detective [REDACTED]. Detective [REDACTED] had completed a list of medications that had been found in the apartment. CM contacted Detective [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] also being prescribed Zoloft and he said he was aware of that. CM then contacted [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had been in counseling since around Thanksgiving of 2013. [REDACTED] saw a young man at [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] was prescribed medication, but he could not recall what the medication was. He said he would have been the one to pick up the medication each time from the pharmacy as he paid for it. He denied that anyone else would have picked up the medication. CM informed [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had also been prescribed Zoloft like him according to notes taken by Detective [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] denied knowledge of [REDACTED] taking any medication from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] would have been responsible for taking his own medication.

TC [REDACTED]  
 CM contacted [REDACTED] current custodian [REDACTED] and received permission to speak with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] informed CM that she would have [REDACTED] contact her as soon as possible.

TC [REDACTED]  
 CM did receive a phone call from [REDACTED] at 5:40 PM on this date. [REDACTED] reported he did go to [REDACTED] for counseling for a few months while in the care of his father. He said he was prescribed Zoloft 100mg. He said he always took his medication. He said he kept his medication with everyone elses medication in the home. He said at night everyone took their medication at the same time. He denied knowledge of [REDACTED] ever taking any of his medication or anyone elses medication. He said [REDACTED] never asked for any medication. He said he did not know if his dad gave [REDACTED] any medication but he was not aware of [REDACTED] ever taking or being given Zoloft. CM asked [REDACTED] about taking his medication regularly as according to the notes taken by Detective [REDACTED] the medication was prescribed on 1/20/2014 but [REDACTED] still had 18 left on 2/23/2014. He said he always took it. He said he may have lost some medication at some point and had more called in. He wasnt sure. He said he was not aware of [REDACTED]



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taking anyones medication or taking any medication other than when she was sick. He said she was not prescribed crazy meds. CM asked [REDACTED] if he had anything he thought CM should know. Any additional information he may have thought of. [REDACTED] said all of his concerns, he had already stated. CM thanked [REDACTED] for his time.



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Organization: [REDACTED]

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Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	06/24/2014
Completed date:	06/24/2014	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Well Being		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 06/24/2014 01:54 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

This case was staffed with investigator [REDACTED] today. This case was presented to the [REDACTED] CPIT on 6-13-14. All members agreed the case would be classified as AUPU with the exception of Detective [REDACTED] CM will scan the CPIT form into the case today for documentation purposes. Investigator [REDACTED] and Detective [REDACTED] met with the father to go over the autopsy and explain next steps in regards to CPIT and classification. Detective [REDACTED] wants to present the case to the grand jury as he feels there was neglect in regards to the father's supervision of the alleged child victim. The District Attorney's office documented on the form that there was no evidence that the alleged perpetrator contributed to the death of this child. There is a sibling to the alleged child victim who is now placed in a third party placement due to expressing fear while in his father's care. These concerns were discussed at the Child and Family Team Meeting that Investigator [REDACTED] attended and documented in TFACTS. At this time the case will be reviewed by Lead Investigator [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Investigations Coordinator [REDACTED] and upper management for next steps or recommendations. Once the review is complete this case will be presented for closure if other steps need to be taken they will be complete first. Investigator [REDACTED] interviewed the father, the mother, siblings, Detective [REDACTED] the school counselor, obtained records from the alleged child victim's primary care physician and hospital records from the day of the fatality. The autopsy has been scanned into TFACTS for review as well.



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 Contact Date: 06/17/2014 Contact Method: Phone Call  
 Contact Time: 02:54 PM Contact Duration: Less than 30  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 06/18/2014  
 Completed date: 06/24/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Parent/Caretaker Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

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 TC [REDACTED]

CM spoke with [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] had contacted CM. [REDACTED] said he had some questions and things he wanted to speak with CM about. [REDACTED] reported that he was upset and angry after his meeting with CM and Detective [REDACTED] due to some of Detective [REDACTED] comments [REDACTED] reported that after the meeting, he went to [REDACTED] his long time provider of prescriptions, and spoke with a pharmacist about the norsesraline found in [REDACTED] system. [REDACTED] reported he was prescribed sertraline, not norsesraline. CM and [REDACTED] discussed that norsesraline it was the CMs understanding that norsesraline was a metabolite of sertraline. CM told [REDACTED] that either way, that substance was not a contributing factor to [REDACTED] death. [REDACTED] reported he had been concerned about [REDACTED] weight and had actually said something to her about it during a doctors visit. He said [REDACTED] became upset about this.

[REDACTED] went on to discuss legal issues he was having regarding his son [REDACTED] He reported at a recent meeting he was told he could not call or text his son per the court order. [REDACTED] cited TCA (12-36-110) regarding rights of non-custodial parents. CM looked up the law and discussed it with [REDACTED] CM informed [REDACTED] that the juvenile court or other appropriate court could find it in the best interest for the telephone calls and contact to not be in the best interest for the child. [REDACTED] then went to talk about the finding of the [REDACTED] Circuit Court of Appeals which discusses when children can be removed. He said he did not believe CM [REDACTED] had exigent circumstances. CM informed [REDACTED] that he had signed an Immediate Protection Agreement. CM also informed [REDACTED] that before any interference with parental rights, case workers must consult with supervisors and DCS attorneys. [REDACTED] said he just did not know what to do to get [REDACTED] back. He said he would like a complete dismissal of the case but knew that would mean he would lose DCS paying for therapeutic visitation. He said he and [REDACTED] do need therapeutic visitation. [REDACTED] reported he planned to represent himself in the adjudicatory hearing coming up. CM advised [REDACTED] to speak with an attorney. [REDACTED] said he did have an attorney on stand-by. CM also told [REDACTED] that she did not have enough knowledge about the case with [REDACTED] to be able to adequately assist him. CM advised [REDACTED] to contact his current case worker regarding [REDACTED] CM also told [REDACTED] that if he felt like things were not being completed, he could also contact supervisory staff as CM and [REDACTED] had



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discussed previously.

[REDACTED] also inquired about his rights to view CPS files. CM informed [REDACTED] parents are not privy to the complete file. CM informed [REDACTED] that a formal request may be able to be made through an attorney but a DCS attorney would need to be involved. CM advised [REDACTED] once again to speak with an attorney about that.

[REDACTED] thanked CM for her time. He said he just wanted to talk through some things and appreciated CMs willingness to listen. CM informed [REDACTED] about the CPIT meeting that was held on 6/13/2014 and about the outcome. CM informed [REDACTED] that the classification presented was regarding DCS [REDACTED] asked about criminal charges. CM told [REDACTED] that law enforcement could continue to look at pressing charges if they wished and that CM could not answer any questions about that at this time. CM informed [REDACTED] that she may be contacting him if she had any further questions and [REDACTED] reported that would be fine.



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 Contact Time: 09:00 AM Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Other Community Site Created Date: 06/18/2014  
 Completed date: 06/24/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): CPIT (Child Protective Investigative Team)  
 Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/18/2014 10:21 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]  
 6/13/2014  
 9:00 AM

This case was presented to CPIT in [REDACTED] TN on 6/13/2014. CPIT was held at the [REDACTED]  
 Individuals on the team were:

[REDACTED] Investigator with the Office of Child Safety, DCS  
 Detective [REDACTED] Police Department  
 [REDACTED] DAs Office  
 [REDACTED] PhD, [REDACTED] (mental health professional)  
 [REDACTED] Police Department  
 [REDACTED] DAs Office

The allegation of neglect death was presented to the [REDACTED] CPIT team. The case was thoroughly discussed and the classification was presented as allegation unsubstantiated/perpetrator unsubstantiated. Detective [REDACTED] expressed concerns about the father saying he did not know [REDACTED] was huffing. All team members with the exception of Detective [REDACTED] were in agreement with the classification presented to the team. [REDACTED] with the DAs office noted on the form that CPIT did not refer the case for prosecution due to no evidence that the alleged perp contributed to the death of this child. Also noted on the form was LE still to discuss charges with [REDACTED] for possible neglect.



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Contact Date:	06/10/2014	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	02:10 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 01 Hour
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	06/18/2014
Completed date:	06/24/2014	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being		
Contact Type(s):	Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Parent/Caretaker Interview		
Contact Sub Type:			

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**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 06/18/2014 10:22 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

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Location [REDACTED] DCS Office

Detective [REDACTED] and CM [REDACTED] met with the father [REDACTED] at the DCS office. Detective [REDACTED] went over the findings of the autopsy report with [REDACTED]. He informed [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had died due to huffing the air duster. CM told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] weight and enlarged heart were contributing factors. Detective [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that death can occur at the first use of air duster or any time after. Detective [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that along with the findings of the autopsy report, an anti-depressant was found in [REDACTED] system. [REDACTED] said he believed [REDACTED] may have been prescribed medication. [REDACTED] was informed by Detective [REDACTED] and CM that [REDACTED] was not prescribed any anti-depressant medication. Detective [REDACTED] had been informed of that by [REDACTED] mother. CM was not aware of [REDACTED] being prescribed any mental health medication per her medical records from her primary care physician [REDACTED] reported he believed he was the only person in the family prescribed nersertraline, or Zoloft [REDACTED] was asked if he had ever given [REDACTED] any of his medication and [REDACTED] said not that he could recall. He then said he never gave her any of his medication. [REDACTED] was asked if he had ever noticed any medication missing. He reported that he usually gets his prescription filled when he has a few left and never paid attention to the number of pills in his bottle at any time. He said he never counted his medication. [REDACTED] said he knew that [REDACTED] suspected that she may have bi-polar disorder and wanted to be tested. [REDACTED] said he had an appointment scheduled for [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] for mental health treatment on 2/17/14. He said that appointment had to be rescheduled and the new appointment was 3/19/14 at 11:00am. He could not recall why the appointment was rescheduled. According to [REDACTED] medical records, she was seen on 2/18/14 for an illness so [REDACTED] may have been sick on the day of her appointment.

[REDACTED] was asked once again about his knowledge of [REDACTED] huffing or abusing air duster. He denied he ever allowed her. He then went to describe a scenario that he had explained once before to CM but not to Detective [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reported last May (2013) he had gone to a race. He left [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the care of his then girlfriend [REDACTED] daughter [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] boyfriend [REDACTED]. He reported he got back to [REDACTED] around 3:30 or 4:00 pm on that Monday after the race. He said everything was fine. He said the next day



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(Tuesday) he had taken [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to school that morning. He said [REDACTED] had left to go to classes at [REDACTED]. He reported [REDACTED] had also left. [REDACTED] said he began to do laundry. He was checking the childrens rooms for dirty clothes. [REDACTED] said he found four cans of empty air duster in one of the rooms. He said he thought that was odd but did not think much of it. He said he called his mom and told her about the situation and asked his children about it later. He said [REDACTED] explained why there were cans found. He said [REDACTED] is a big gamer and [REDACTED] had some computers at the home. He said [REDACTED] explained that they had to clean all of the dust out of the video game system and computers. [REDACTED] said he never saw the duster in his home again after the incident. He said a few days later, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] got into an argument over something he could not remember. He said the following Wednesday, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had gone to church. He said [REDACTED] talked to him about the duster. He said [REDACTED] told him that [REDACTED] went to Wal-Mart on Saturday during the weekend [REDACTED] was gone and brought back the duster. He said [REDACTED] told him [REDACTED] inhaled the duster and was acting funny. He said [REDACTED] further told him that [REDACTED] tried it and so did she. He said [REDACTED] told him that [REDACTED] had gone to EZ-Stop and when he returned told them that inhaling duster kills brain cells. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] told him she would never do that again and he believed her. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had that same conversation with his mother [REDACTED] the following weekend. He said he has been told [REDACTED] has also told other people about that including her mother [REDACTED] said again that he never saw the duster again. [REDACTED] said later that same evening that [REDACTED] had disclosed the information to him, he asked everyone else again about the duster. He said they all swore that they did not inhale it. He said the conversation never came up again after that.

[REDACTED] was asked once again about the sleeping arrangements at the [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] died. [REDACTED] said he believed [REDACTED] was found in her bed and [REDACTED] slept in the bed to the left. [REDACTED] said it was difficult for him to remember exactly as they had only been in the apartment since the previous Friday night. He said [REDACTED] had moved in to that apartment after she moved out of his home in [REDACTED]. Detective [REDACTED] expressed concerns about [REDACTED] not being aware that [REDACTED] could have been huffing in the room next door. [REDACTED] explained he was watching the race and the volume was up loud. He said he wasn't really paying attention to anything else. He said [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had gone to church that morning. Detective [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he had ever noticed anything that was used to inhale the duster such as paper or plastic bags. [REDACTED] said no. He then said that sometime after [REDACTED] had been placed in the care of [REDACTED] he was moving some furniture around. He said he found a box of Glad storage bags but did not know what they were used for.

Detective [REDACTED] continued to express concerns that [REDACTED] had not heard anything coming from the bedroom if [REDACTED] had been inhaling the duster. Detective [REDACTED] said he believed there was something in the can that would make sound when it was shaken, similar to a can of spray paint. CM left the conference room and retrieved a bottle of air duster used to clean electronics. It was not the same brand as the duster found near [REDACTED] but was for the same purpose. CM shook the can in front of [REDACTED] and Detective [REDACTED] and there was no sound. CM then sprayed the can with the straw attached and then without the straw attached. Neither was very loud. [REDACTED] reported the cans he found at his house in May did have the straws attached. The cans found with [REDACTED] did not have the straws attached to them. CM asked [REDACTED] why the incident in May had not come up until much later after [REDACTED] death as he had not reported that during the initial meeting. He said he did not recall the incident until a week or two after [REDACTED] death. He addressed Detective [REDACTED] and said he did not remember anything like that when Detective [REDACTED] asked him about huffing or dusting that day at the hospital when [REDACTED] died.

CM asked [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] visits to the doctor. He said he usually took [REDACTED] to the doctor. CM expressed that [REDACTED] had several appointments due to congestion and nausea. Detective [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] about some of the side effects of huffing air duster that he had found during his research including dizziness, headache, lethargy and fatigue, and abdominal pain. [REDACTED] said he believed [REDACTED] was typically ill more often than [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] has asthma and was getting allergy shots for a while.

[REDACTED] said he felt naïve. He said he felt like [REDACTED] death was partly his fault; he should have known something was going on. He said he felt like he should have paid more attention after finding the four cans at his home last May. [REDACTED] said after that incident, he never saw the cans of air duster again. He said [REDACTED] had been very depressed.

Detective [REDACTED] then spoke with [REDACTED] regarding his investigation. He told [REDACTED] he would be taking all of the evidence gathered to present to the Grand Jury. He told [REDACTED] there was a possibility of him being charged



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with something. Detective [REDACTED] also spoke with [REDACTED] about his son [REDACTED]. He told [REDACTED] it was his opinion that if [REDACTED] was thriving in his current environment that maybe [REDACTED] should not try and get [REDACTED] back in his care so quickly.

Detective [REDACTED] and CM thanked [REDACTED] for coming into the office to meet with them.



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 Contact Time: 05:21 PM Contact Duration: Less than 15  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 06/18/2014  
 Completed date: 06/24/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Service Planning  
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview, Parent/Caretaker Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/18/2014 10:23 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

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1:00 PM

CM [REDACTED] attempted to speak with the father [REDACTED] CM left a voicemail for [REDACTED] to return her call.

5:21 PM

[REDACTED] did return CMs call and CM spoke with [REDACTED] about a meeting for the next day. [REDACTED] agreed to meet with her and Detective [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] DCS office at 2pm to go over the autopsy report. [REDACTED] did express on this date issues he had been having with his hired attorney. He reported he had not heard from her in three weeks. [REDACTED] hired an attorney due to the removal of his son [REDACTED]



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 Contact Date: 06/02/2014 Contact Method: Correspondence  
 Contact Time: 02:41 PM Contact Duration: Less than 05  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 06/02/2014  
 Completed date: 06/12/2014 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: 06/02/2014 03:10 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

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CM [REDACTED] received the autopsy report from Detective [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] Police Department. A copy of the report will be scanned into the documents section of this investigation. Below is the narrative.

This 13-year-old girl, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] died of inhalation of 1,1-difluoroethane. Other condition that significantly contributed to death is obesity.

By report, [REDACTED] was found unresponsive lying in her bed at approximately 1500 hours when her family went to check on her. She was last seen alive at 1000 hours. EMS transported her to [REDACTED] Despite CPR she was pronounced dead at 1538 hours. In her bedroom two empty cans of Ultra Duster were found. A partially empty can of Ultra Duster was found in her bed. It was suspected that she had been huffing the contents of the Ultra Duster cans.

An autopsy revealed an enlarged (dilated) heart related to long-standing obesity. Toxicologic analysis of postmortem femoral blood detective 1, 1-difluoroethane, nalaxone, norsertaline, and caffeine.

Enlarged hearts are pathologic, electrically unstable, prone to sudden cardiac arrest, and less tolerant of huffing 1, 1-difluoroethane.



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 Contact Time: 09:04 AM Contact Duration: Less than 15  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 06/02/2014  
 Completed date: 06/12/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Service Planning  
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview, Parent/Caretaker Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/02/2014 08:33 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

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9:05 AM

TC [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] had contacted CM [REDACTED] and left a voicemail. CM returned his call on this date. [REDACTED] reported the autopsy had come back and confirmed that the duster had killed [REDACTED]. He said Detective [REDACTED] contacted him on a Friday about 3:30pm about the autopsy and wanted to meet with him on Monday morning. [REDACTED] said he immediately contacted his attorneys office and spoke with [REDACTED]. He said his attorney [REDACTED] contacted him later and told him not to talk to Detective [REDACTED] without her present. He said [REDACTED] office attempted to speak with [REDACTED] about scheduling an appointment but Detective [REDACTED] would not do it. [REDACTED] said he did not answer Detective [REDACTED] phone call on Monday and later saw him at the Justice Center on Wednesday. He said Detective [REDACTED] was pissed that he had not called him back. [REDACTED] said he told Detective [REDACTED] he could contact his attorney. Detective [REDACTED] told him he did not want to talk to his attorney. [REDACTED] said he was just wondering what was going on. CM told [REDACTED] it was her understanding that Detective [REDACTED] wanted to meet with him to go over the autopsy report. CM explained that she had requested the report but had not yet received it and would be unable to get that from Detective [REDACTED] this week as he was out of the office. [REDACTED] said he would be willing to meet with CM and Detective [REDACTED] next week about the report. CM told [REDACTED] it was her understanding that it was just about the report as the allegations that had been made by his son [REDACTED] did not need to be investigated due to lack of evidence. [REDACTED] said he was unaware that CM had talked to Detective [REDACTED] about those allegations. CM apologized and told [REDACTED] she thought she had talked to him about that. CM told [REDACTED] that Detective [REDACTED] reported there was no physical evidence that [REDACTED] suffocated other than from the air duster so that allegation was not going to be pursued. [REDACTED] said he had no idea and that made him feel better about the situation. CM told [REDACTED] that it was his right to have an attorney present if he wished to do so and CM was not going to try and talk him out of that. CM told [REDACTED] she would contact him later this week or next Monday about scheduling a time to meet with her and Detective [REDACTED] about the report. [REDACTED] agreed.



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Status: Completed

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Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 08:56 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 06/02/2014

Completed date: 06/12/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Service Planning

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/02/2014 08:32 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

6/2/2014

8:56 AM

TC Detective [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] contacted Detective [REDACTED]. Detective [REDACTED] reported he had received the autopsy report on [REDACTED] and the finding was that she had died from the air duster. In addition, there were complications due to [REDACTED] being obese and there was Zoloft found in her system. He said he met with [REDACTED] mother [REDACTED] about the report and she was unaware of [REDACTED] ever being prescribed Zoloft. He said the mother confirmed with [REDACTED] doctor that she had never been prescribed Zoloft. Detective [REDACTED] said he believed [REDACTED] and his oldest daughter had been prescribed the medication. Detective [REDACTED] said he had attempted to speak with [REDACTED] about the report but he refuses to meet unless it is with his attorney. He said he just wanted to speak with [REDACTED] about the report. Detective [REDACTED] said he recently charged [REDACTED] with theft and saw him in court last week which was when [REDACTED] requested him to speak with his attorney. CM told Detective [REDACTED] that she had requested the autopsy report but it had not yet been received. Detective [REDACTED] said he would be unable to provide CM with the report this week as he was out of the office. He said he would return on Monday the 9th. CM informed Detective [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had called her and left a voicemail. Detective [REDACTED] and CM discussed scheduling a meeting with [REDACTED] for next week after Detective [REDACTED] returned from being out of town. Detective [REDACTED] said he had not talked to the DAs office about the possibility of charging [REDACTED] with anything. He said if there was something to charge [REDACTED] with, he would be looking into it.



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Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	06/02/2014
Completed date:	06/12/2014	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being		
Contact Type(s):	Collateral Contact		
Contact Sub Type:			

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/02/2014 08:05 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

5/29/2014

LI [REDACTED] reported she spoke with Detective [REDACTED] and was informed that the autopsy report for [REDACTED] had been completed. She said Detective [REDACTED] told her that the cause of death was the huffing of the duster. A contributing factor was her obesity. In addition, they found Zoloft in [REDACTED] system. She reported Detective [REDACTED] had attempted to speak with the father about the report but the father requested that Detective [REDACTED] contacted his attorney.

CM [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] Forensics on this date and confirmed that the autopsy had been completed. CM was instructed to contact Dr [REDACTED] as he had ownership of the report. Dr. [REDACTED] office was contacted on this date at [REDACTED] CM was instructed to fax a request for the report to the office which CM did on this date.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

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Contact Time:	02:00 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	05/29/2014
Completed date:	06/02/2014	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being		
Contact Type(s):	Collateral Contact		
Contact Sub Type:			

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Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 05/29/2014 09:23 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

5/20/2014

[REDACTED] medical records were received via fax from [REDACTED] on this date. [REDACTED] was last seen in the office on 2/18/2014. The chief complaint was sore throat, nausea, cough, and nasal congestion. She was prescribed Tamiflu 75mg to be taken twice a day for five days. The earliest visit in the record was on 12/17/2012. It appears that [REDACTED] was seen regularly for congestion and nausea. The record does state [REDACTED] was obese.

The medical records have been scanned into the documents section of this investigation.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 05/01/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 09:15 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): Service Planning

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 05/01/2014 08:18 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

5/1/2014

9:15 AM

TC - [REDACTED] Forensics

CM [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] Forensics at [REDACTED] and spoke with [REDACTED]. CM inquired about the status of the autopsy report for [REDACTED]. CM was informed that it had not been finalized yet. CM inquired about an estimated time of completion. CM was informed that there was not estimated time yet due to workload. CM thanked [REDACTED] for the information.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 04/30/2014 Contact Method: Face To Face  
 Contact Time: 11:30 AM Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 05/01/2014  
 Completed date: 05/22/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Parent/Caretaker Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/01/2014 10:37 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

4/30/2014

11:30 AM

F2F [REDACTED]

Location [REDACTED] DCS Office

CM [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] asked what was going on with the case. CM explained to [REDACTED] that the autopsy was not yet completed. He said he thought it was the toxicology report. CM explained that the toxicology report was part of the final report and it was not yet completed. CM [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that she had contacted Detective [REDACTED] about the allegations that had been made against him during the CFTM on 4/10/2014 and there was no evidence. [REDACTED] denied doing anything to cause [REDACTED] death.

CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] about the allegation made in the meeting that [REDACTED] had stolen air duster from the grandmothers home. [REDACTED] reported his mother has a gas fire place in the home. He said sometimes when it gets dusty or dirty, she has to clean the pilot light so it will light. He reported his mother had cleaned the air and left the air duster near the fire place. He said his mother went back and could not find the duster. He said [REDACTED] said she had moved the duster behind the fire place because [REDACTED] would get it if she saw it. [REDACTED] said he was not aware of [REDACTED] stealing any air duster from his mothers home. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] about the allegations that had been made that [REDACTED] had huffed with her sister [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] lives in [REDACTED] and has not had much contact with the family. He said [REDACTED] last name is [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] does not have custody of her only child because of marijuana use. He said he does not believe [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would have ever had a chance to huff air duster together. He said the meeting was the first time he had ever heard of that. He reported he still believed [REDACTED] huffed with [REDACTED]. He said he was not sure anymore if [REDACTED] actually purchased the air duster for [REDACTED] though. [REDACTED] said he had been thinking about the case a lot and even if he tried to prosecute [REDACTED] that would not bring [REDACTED] back. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] was currently staying with her boyfriend, [REDACTED] and his parents in [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] then went on to speak about his son [REDACTED] and the assessment case with CM [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] expressed concerns about lack of visitation with [REDACTED] his belief that [REDACTED] was continuing to get his way about everything, and confusion about his attorney. The most recent court date was continued because it was reported [REDACTED].



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[REDACTED] attorney was suspended from practicing. CM [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that she did not have enough information about [REDACTED] case to assist at this time and encouraged him to contact CM [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported he had attempted to speak with CM [REDACTED] several times but had not heard back from her. CM then encouraged [REDACTED] to contact CM [REDACTED] supervisor if he had concerns or additional questions that were not being answered. [REDACTED] said he though CM [REDACTED] was CM [REDACTED] supervisor. CM [REDACTED] apologized for the confusion and informed him of CM [REDACTED] supervisor. CM [REDACTED] did provide [REDACTED] with contact information for CM [REDACTED] supervisor [REDACTED] on this date and encouraged him to contact the supervisor. [REDACTED] continued to talk about his concerns about his son and the lack of progress they had made toward [REDACTED] coming back into his care.

[REDACTED] reported he was attending counseling two times a week. He said he had recently been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He reported he has a lot of memories about what happened that day and all but one he has to grab from his memory. He said there is only one memory that haunts him. He said he has been having nightmares and thinks about it at least six times per day. He talked about calling 9-1-1, seeing emergency responders arrive and take her to the hospital. He also talked about being at the hospital, being informed that [REDACTED] did not make it, and seeing her that at the hospital. He said the one memory that continues to haunt him is of [REDACTED] face after he flipped her over. He said he got on the bed, put his hand under [REDACTED] shoulder and flipped her over. He said the image of her face continues to haunt him. CM encouraged [REDACTED] to continue counseling. CM told [REDACTED] he may not ever forget that but through counseling could learn coping mechanisms and work through the trauma he experienced.

[REDACTED] reported he felt like he had lost both of his children. He said he had only seen [REDACTED] for two hours and forty minutes since 3/6/2014, the day [REDACTED] was removed from his custody. He said for the longest time, his life revolved around his children. He said now he does not know what to do. CM told [REDACTED] that must be difficult to deal with, especially after how he lost [REDACTED]. CM encouraged [REDACTED] to continue his mental health treatment and work through his feelings and emotions on his own right now while [REDACTED] did the same. CM encouraged [REDACTED] to focus on himself so that he could be the best father he could possibly be when [REDACTED] was returned. [REDACTED] nodded his head in agreement.

[REDACTED] said he was worried about the report that [REDACTED] therapist would submit because of previous experiences with him. He talked about his last experience with [REDACTED] therapist when he and the mother were going through a custody battle. He said it was not too long after the therapist made his recommendation that [REDACTED] disclosed being abused by the step-father. [REDACTED] said he took out an order of protection that is in place until October 2014. He said it was not too long after that that the mother dropped [REDACTED] off at his door step in January 2014. He said [REDACTED] became more depressed after her mother dropped him off that evening. He said he believed history would repeat itself and eventually [REDACTED] would come home no matter what the therapist recommended. CM [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] he could speak with his counselor about the possibility of her providing a report to the court to discuss his compliance and progress in therapy. He said he had never thought about that but believed his counselor would write something for him.

[REDACTED] showed CM text messages that had been sent and received between him and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was not responding to all text messages and would go days without responding according to the log that [REDACTED] provided on his phone. All text messages read that were sent from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] seemed appropriate. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to have a good day and he loved him. He was also updating [REDACTED] on progress made in a remodel of the home and about the family cat. CM encouraged [REDACTED] to continue to send regular encouraging text messages to [REDACTED] and to not give up.



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/29/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 09:27 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): Service Planning

Contact Type(s): Parent/Caretaker Interview

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 05/01/2014 10:38 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

4/29/2014

9:27 AM

TC [REDACTED]  
 CM [REDACTED] returned [REDACTED] phone calls. A meeting was scheduled for 4/30/2014 at 11:30 am at the [REDACTED] DCS office.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	04/22/2014	Contact Method:	Phone Call
Contact Time:	11:45 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	05/01/2014
Completed date:	05/22/2014	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Service Planning		
Contact Type(s):	Parent/Caretaker Interview		
Contact Sub Type:			

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 05/01/2014 10:39 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

4/22/2014

11:45 AM

TC [REDACTED]  
 CM [REDACTED] spoke with father [REDACTED]. He had left voicemails for CM. [REDACTED] reported he would like to schedule a time to meet as he had some things he wanted to talk about. A meeting was scheduled for 4/23/2014 at 10:00 am at the [REDACTED] DCS Office.

TC [REDACTED]  
 CM [REDACTED] attempted to speak with [REDACTED] at 5:00 pm on this date to reschedule the meeting. There had been a mix up in a previously scheduled meeting on another case. CM left a voicemail for [REDACTED]



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	04/11/2014	Contact Method:	Phone Call
Contact Time:	12:57 PM	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):	Collateral Contact		
Contact Sub Type:			

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 05/01/2014 08:12 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]  
 4/11/2014  
 12:57 PM  
 TC Detective [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] contacted Detective [REDACTED] to discuss the allegations that had been made against the father [REDACTED] the day before. Detective [REDACTED] reported he had heard those allegations. He reported that there was no physical evidence that the child suffocated other than from the air duster. There was no evidence at this time to support the allegation that had been made that [REDACTED] killed [REDACTED]. CM thanked Detective [REDACTED] for the information. Detective [REDACTED] did not have any new information to report on the case.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 04/10/2014 Contact Method: Face To Face  
 Contact Time: 04:00 PM Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: DCS Office 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): Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Collateral Contact,Notation,Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation  
 Contact Sub Type:

**Children Concerning****Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/01/2014 10:16 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

4/10/2014  
4:00 PM

A Child and Family Team Meeting was scheduled for this date at the [REDACTED] DCS Office. This was a progress review CFTM due to [REDACTED] being removed from his fathers care and being placed with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] half-sisters mother. The Guardian Ad Lidem requested the meeting before the next court date that was scheduled for 4/15/2014.

## Present:

[REDACTED] father  
 [REDACTED] paternal grandmother  
 [REDACTED], brother to [REDACTED]  
 CM  
 TL  
 CM3  
 DCS Attorney  
 [REDACTED] half-sister of [REDACTED]  
 Dr [REDACTED], DCS Psychologist  
 [REDACTED], mother and current custodian of [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] boyfriend  
 [REDACTED] attorney  
 [REDACTED], GAL

Below are notes from the CFTM that can also be located in the family case.

## Strengths

[REDACTED] is in counseling



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[REDACTED] likes to express himself though poems  
 enjoys his new school.  
 has a performance coming up. He feels settled and at home there.  
 has been compliant with DCS and services.  
 continues to participate in counseling.  
 has added grief counseling on top of his routine individual counseling.

**Needs**

Concerns the order has been broken regarding supervision with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Concerns the case is being discussed with [REDACTED]

Concerns that [REDACTED] showed [REDACTED] how to huff

Concerns that [REDACTED] feels/blames his father for his sisters death

Concerns someone is turning [REDACTED] against his father

**Summary**

[REDACTED] says [REDACTED] knew [REDACTED] was huffing because [REDACTED] stole air duster from there. [REDACTED] and attorney provided text messages by and to [REDACTED] has concerns that supervised visitation order was violated between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Allegations that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were discussing the case. [REDACTED] said he has talked to [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] death. [REDACTED] attorney is concerned that people are talking to [REDACTED] about possibility of [REDACTED] killing [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] says he believes his father killed his sister. [REDACTED] says that is his belief/ thought and denies people are telling him that. He says he told his therapist. [REDACTED] attorney explained concerns of contact between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] due to allegations that [REDACTED] had provided huffing agents. [REDACTED] says [REDACTED] told her that [REDACTED] taught her and [REDACTED] how to huff compressed air, it scared her and she wouldnt do it again. [REDACTED] says [REDACTED] was in car wreck with dads ex-girlfriend and allegedly there were 3 cans found in car and [REDACTED] told her that [REDACTED] (dads ex-girlfriend) was huffing when wrecked. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] believe that it was [REDACTED] that had taught [REDACTED] says she told [REDACTED] was asked if he confronted [REDACTED] [REDACTED] says he went to race and left [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (Memorial Day, 2013). [REDACTED] says he found 6 cans of air duster. He says [REDACTED] said some was his for electronics and so did [REDACTED]. He says he never saw the stuff again. Approximately 6 weeks after [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] discussed the huffing. He said 2 weeks after that Memorial Day weekend, [REDACTED] told him [REDACTED] brought cans and they all huffed. [REDACTED] asked by CM [REDACTED] if he had concerns the huffing was still happening. [REDACTED] says no concerns of bodily harm to [REDACTED] but concerns about what [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are talking about. [REDACTED] denies she ever supplied it to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She denies she ever used with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] says have to focus on now and future. [REDACTED] says have to determine if conversations with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is psychological harm. [REDACTED] says his relationship with [REDACTED] is important. He feels comforted by her because they experienced the same thing. [REDACTED] shows a text message from [REDACTED] alleging [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] killing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] denied but [REDACTED] said she called [REDACTED] says [REDACTED] expressed his belief to her. Not enough evidence at this time for DCS to ask for no contact order. [REDACTED] was asked about visitation with father. [REDACTED] says he would like to wait on his therapist recommendations. [REDACTED] expressed concerns about [REDACTED] therapist due to previous experiences. [REDACTED] says he wanted therapist because he already had history. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] discussed the previous experiences with therapist. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] explained why they are now okay with therapist. [REDACTED] says he is thriving in [REDACTED]. He is involved in choir and has a musical coming up. Discussed possibility of father attending. [REDACTED] says he is finally able to have a taste of family with mom and dad, saying blessing, and eating dinner together. He said he loves it. [REDACTED] is in counseling, med management, and grief counseling. TL [REDACTED] explained goal of Department is reunification. [REDACTED] expressed his feelings about his father. He feels his dad is stripping things from him that he loves. It is pointed out by TL [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] will eventually have to begin visitation. [REDACTED] expresses concerns that [REDACTED] was not listening and paying attention to his son when his son was attempting to reach out. [REDACTED] was consulting with his attorney while [REDACTED] was talking. [REDACTED] brings up text messages sent and received with [REDACTED] him and [REDACTED] during conversations between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] test message contact has not been supervised. Court order says all contact between them is supposed to be supervised. Team in agreement with phone calls with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] supervised by [REDACTED] and let Judge decide on Tuesday. No more text messages. [REDACTED] is going to get his dog from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Possibilities for visitation. Discussed: Therapeutic visitation, the Department paying for services, [REDACTED] supervising, etc.

Visitation between child and parents:



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Wait for therapist recommendations.

Sibling visitation:

Supervised visits between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] per court order.

Action Steps:

1. Next court date Responsible person: all By when: 4/15/2014
2. [REDACTED] to continue therapy Responsible person: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] By when: ongoing
3. Text message and phone calling/ including face to face visitation will be supervised Responsible person: [REDACTED] By when: ongoing



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/10/2014

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 03:50 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 30

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 04/28/2014

Completed date: 04/28/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Sibling Interview/Observation

Contact Sub Type:

**Children Concerning****Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/28/2014 02:50 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

4/10/2014

3:50 PM

F2F [REDACTED]

Location [REDACTED] DCS Office

CM [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] brother [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was at the office for a scheduled CFTM regarding his open case with CM [REDACTED]. CM spoke with [REDACTED] in private before the meeting. CM explained to [REDACTED] that she was the investigator for [REDACTED] case. CM asked [REDACTED] about his thoughts on [REDACTED] death. He said he believed his dad killed his sister and then went on to explain. [REDACTED] said his dad has bi-polar disorder and is an alcoholic. He said on the day of [REDACTED] death, his dad was watching the race and drinking. He said his sister [REDACTED] had gone to church that morning. He said after church, he and [REDACTED] went over to the house to clean up. He said his dad had failed to pay the bills so their power was shut off. He said that was why they were staying in [REDACTED] apartment. He said his dad left at one point to bring them the keys to the house because they had forgotten them. He said when he and [REDACTED] arrived back at the house, he walked up to the house to get the keys. He said he didnt want his dad driving anymore. He said he usually drives his dad because his dad drinks. He said when he got up to the house, that was when his dad started saying she was blue. He said his dad misdialed 9-1-1 twice. He said he got so frustrated with dispatch that he yelled at them to ping the damn phone and threw the phone. [REDACTED] said he and [REDACTED] went into the bedroom and saw [REDACTED] lying face down kind of sideways on the bed. He said his dad later said he tried to perform CPR. [REDACTED] said his dad couldnt have done that if [REDACTED] was still on her stomach. He said when he saw [REDACTED] she was blue and splotchy. He said the splotches were kind of pink. He said [REDACTED] was chilled and her lips were blue. He said he and [REDACTED] rolled [REDACTED] over. He said [REDACTED] started on [REDACTED] chest while he was blowing into her mouth. He said he kept hearing gurgling sounds. He said he had vomit, blood, and saliva in his mouth. He said his dads stories just didnt add up. He said once the police and ambulance got there, they took over and put a mask on her. [REDACTED] said the police started taping off the apartment. He said his dad was mad about that. He said his dad kept saying he was going to go to prison. [REDACTED] said he didnt think much about it at the time. He also thought it was weird that the can of air duster was still in the bed if his dad had tried to perform CPR. [REDACTED] said when they got to the hospital, his mom broke down crying when she found out [REDACTED] didnt make it. He said his dad just looked worried like he had been caught.



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Organization: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said the week before [REDACTED] died, [REDACTED] had stolen two cans of air duster from [REDACTED]). He said him and [REDACTED] found out and snitched on her. He said [REDACTED] and dad knew that [REDACTED] was huffing. CM asked [REDACTED] how long [REDACTED] had been huffing. He said he had just found out the week before she died when they found out about the stolen cans. He said he believed that was the first time [REDACTED] found out about [REDACTED] doing that, too. He then reported that when [REDACTED] got in a wreck with his fathers ex-girlfriend [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was huffing when she wrecked. He also said there were cans of air duster found in the car after the wreck.

[REDACTED] denied ever huffing anything. He admitted to smoking marijuana in the past with his father. He reported his father was abusive. He said his father sometimes takes a person by the back of the neck and pushes there face down into something. He said it is like what you do when you are disciplining a dog.

[REDACTED] said he just did not understand how his dad did not know what was going on. He said when you walked into the apartment, you could see into the bedroom. He said he knew his dad was listening to the race loud and drinking alcohol but still did not get it. He said his dad was gone for maybe ten minutes to bring them the keys to the house so maybe she was huffing when he was gone. He said he believed that when his dad got back to the house, he caught [REDACTED] huffing. He said he believed that at that time, his dad pushed [REDACTED] face into the bed and help her by the back of the neck. He said his dad was probably calling her names and telling her she was stupid for doing that. He said he believed that his dad accidently smothered [REDACTED] by doing that.

[REDACTED] said he was enjoying where he was staying. He said he was doing great in school and was going to be in a musical there. He reported he felt safe there and wanted to stay there.

After meeting with [REDACTED] CM [REDACTED] then joined the CFTM.



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

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Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/09/2014

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Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 04/11/2014

Completed date: 04/11/2014

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: 04/11/2014 06:19 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

LI [REDACTED] notified CM [REDACTED] of a CFTM taking place at the [REDACTED] DCS office on 4-10-14 in regards to the deceased brother. The meeting is to take place at 4:00. I asked CM [REDACTED] to attend to see if any further information could be obtained and to see how the family was doing in regards to continued grief counseling. CM agreed to attend this meeting. CM [REDACTED] who currently has the open assessment case with the brother has requested a facilitator for the meeting and invited the appropriate attendees.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/01/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 04:37 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 04/01/2014

Completed date: 04/01/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Service Planning, Well Being

Contact Type(s): Administrative Review

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 04/01/2014 03:44 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

At this time Investigator [REDACTED] has spoke with the child's guidance counselor, obtained photos taken by Detective [REDACTED] and met with the father again in regards to grief counseling. Investigator [REDACTED] has spoke with both the mother and father and both report they are attending grief counseling. The autopsy has not been completed to date so Investigator [REDACTED] will continue to follow up with that and request assistance from [REDACTED]. There is a younger sibling that the parents have and CM has been working with CM [REDACTED] in regards to ensuring his needs are being met as she is working with the brother on an assessment case. Assessment Team Leader [REDACTED] and Lead Investigator [REDACTED] have staffed this case as well to ensure well-being is continuing to be assessed.



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**Case Recording Summary**

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 03/28/2014 Contact Method: Face To Face  
 Contact Time: 08:50 AM Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 04/01/2014  
 Completed date: 04/08/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Collateral Contact,Parent/Caretaker Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/01/2014 09:34 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

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8:50 AM

F2F [REDACTED]

Location [REDACTED] DCS Office

CM3 [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] father and paternal grandmother at the [REDACTED] DCS office. This was a previously scheduled meeting with the father. CM [REDACTED] had been informed that while testifying in court regarding custody of [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had reported [REDACTED] disclosed to her that she had huffed with [REDACTED] CM asked [REDACTED] about that. [REDACTED] reported one night she and [REDACTED] were just talking and spending time together. She said [REDACTED] told her that she had tried snuffing and that [REDACTED] had taught her and [REDACTED] how to do it. She said [REDACTED] told her she tried it and it scared her. She said she talked to [REDACTED] about the dangers of doing that and [REDACTED] promised she would never do it again. [REDACTED] reported he was informed of that the weekend of the first Nascar race in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reported she believed it was in October when [REDACTED] told her about that. CM asked [REDACTED] if he was aware of his ex-girlfriend [REDACTED] huffing or doing anything similar. [REDACTED] said he had no knowledge of it, but he wouldnt have put it past her [REDACTED] said he didnt even know what huffing was. He said he had no knowledge of it going on until after [REDACTED] died.

[REDACTED] went on to talk about her concerns with [REDACTED] She said she used to supervise visitation between [REDACTED] and one of her children. She said since [REDACTED] death, she has told [REDACTED] she cant do that anymore. She said on one occasion, [REDACTED] asked to get a screwdriver drink and [REDACTED] told her she could not have any alcohol in the home. She said later she found an empty bottle in [REDACTED] drawer in his room. She said she asked [REDACTED] boyfriend [REDACTED] about it and he admitted to buying it. He said he drank most of it and [REDACTED] had a little. She said she wasnt sure if [REDACTED] drank any of it and had no way to prove it. She and [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] moves around a lot and is not stable. [REDACTED] went on to say that the Department has been involved with [REDACTED] several times but the problems continue to exist. Everything is okay when the case is open but never actually changes in the long term.

CM thoroughly explained and obtained [REDACTED] signature on the following forms. He communicated



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understanding of these forms by signing them.

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Client's Rights Handbook

While going over the Clients Rights Handbook with [REDACTED] CM explained that he was listed as the alleged perpetrator in the case. CM further explained that additional alleged perpetrators could be added if needed. [REDACTED] said he did not understand why he was still an alleged perpetrator if Detective [REDACTED] told him there was no evidence he did anything wrong. CM explained the referral process and that allegations could not be deleted, only classified and added if needed. CM told [REDACTED] that at this time, there was no evidence to say he neglected or abused [REDACTED] but he still had to be listed as the alleged perpetrator. CM explained the classification and case closure process. [REDACTED] said he understood.

[REDACTED] had several questions about why [REDACTED] was placed with [REDACTED] ex-wife, about visitation, and how [REDACTED] was doing. CM explained that there were two completely separate cases and that CM did not have much information about [REDACTED] case at this time. CM explained that CM [REDACTED] was the worker for [REDACTED] and CM [REDACTED] was the investigator on [REDACTED] case. [REDACTED] thanked CM for the clarification. CM [REDACTED] suggested to [REDACTED] that he contact CM [REDACTED] to check on [REDACTED] status and to speak with CM [REDACTED] about any concerns he may have.

CM thanked [REDACTED] for their time.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/27/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 11:55 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 03/27/2014

Completed date: 03/27/2014

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: 03/27/2014 10:58 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

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CM3 [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] Forensics [REDACTED] to inquire about the status of the autopsy and toxicology reports for [REDACTED]. CM was informed that the reports were not yet completed.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/26/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 12:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 03/28/2014

Completed date: 04/08/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 03/28/2014 11:00 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

Case has not yet been classified as the autopsy and toxicology reports are pending.

The safety assessment and FAST were not completed as the only alleged child victim in this case is deceased.

The FFA has been updated.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 03/24/2014 Contact Method: Face To Face  
 Contact Time: 03:00 PM Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 03/28/2014  
 Completed date: 04/08/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Parent/Caretaker Interview,Other Persons Living in Home Interview/Observation  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/28/2014 01:13 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

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3:00 PM

F2F [REDACTED]

Location Family Home; [REDACTED], TN [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] completed a visit to the family home [REDACTED] said she has tried to talk to Detective [REDACTED] about the case but hasn't contacted her back. She said the last time she talked to Detective [REDACTED] she was told that [REDACTED] did not have a respiratory infection when she died. She said that [REDACTED] had been sick shortly before she died. She said [REDACTED] did not have the flu as was previously reported to CM. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] flu test was negative. She said she was told that [REDACTED] died of oxygen deprivation but they wouldn't know that for sure until the toxicology reports and everything came back. She said she guessed she had not heard from Detective [REDACTED] yet because the reports had not been received. CM informed [REDACTED] that those reports can take 90 days or longer.

CM asked [REDACTED] for information about what she believed had happened. [REDACTED] said they were initially told that [REDACTED] died at [REDACTED] house in her bed. [REDACTED] said she was notified by text message that [REDACTED] had died. She said she believes [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have lied about a lot of things. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] told her one time that [REDACTED] taught her how to huff. She said [REDACTED] said she tried it once, it scared her, and she was never going to do it again. She said [REDACTED] had also told her that [REDACTED] ex-friend, [REDACTED] huffed and was huffing when she got into a wreck. [REDACTED] said she came into [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] lives when they were young and she treated them like her own. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are [REDACTED] older two children. [REDACTED] said she washed her hands of [REDACTED] a long time ago because of her actions. She said she cannot even look at [REDACTED] now because she believes she is responsible for [REDACTED] death. She said she believed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were huffing together. She said she also holds [REDACTED] responsible because he was supposedly there the whole time and said he had no idea what [REDACTED] was doing. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] old them that he had been watching the races that day and [REDACTED] said she was going to take a nap. He said [REDACTED] said that during a rain break, he checked on her and found her dead. [REDACTED] said they believed everyone in that home was using drugs. [REDACTED] said she believed that everyone was huffing in the home.



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Case Name: ██████████

Case Status: Close

Organization: ██████████

██████████ said she hasn't had much contact with her son ██████████ but has texted him a few times. She said she is happy that ██████████ is getting counseling. She said she believes ██████████ wanted to be with ██████████ mother ██████████ so he could continue to be around ██████████ and the drugs. ██████████ said ██████████ has drunk alcohol and smoked marijuana with his father. (Allegations of marijuana use investigated in ██████████)

██████████ appeared to become upset and started to cry. She said ██████████ trusted ██████████. She said she does not believe anyone intentionally killed ██████████ but maybe this would not have happened if ██████████ had not been around huffing. ██████████ reported it was late July or early August that ██████████ told her about ██████████ teaching her to huff. She said she believed ██████████ when she said it scared her and she would never do it again.

██████████ said she and ██████████ shared completely joint custody of ██████████ and ██████████. She said ██████████ had been staying with his father exclusively but ██████████ had been going back and forth. She said there was a time that ██████████ was with her father for 7-8 months and had no contact with her. She said ██████████ came back around at the end of last summer. ██████████ reported both children were covered under his medical insurance through the military. ██████████ said she was providing majority care for ██████████ until January 19, 2014. She said she had taken ██████████ to an intake appointment at ██████████ and her first scheduled appointment was for February 13, 2014. She said when the day of her appointment came around, ██████████ was living with her father. ██████████ said ██████████ was the one that wanted to go to counseling. She said ██████████ said she believed she might have bi-polar disorder like her father. ██████████ said they had been having issues with ██████████ behavior. She said ██████████ had a smart mouth. ██████████ spoke up and talked about the Order of Protection that had been filed against him regarding ██████████. He denied that he had ever laid a hand on either of the children. He said he was yelling a lot and having issues. He admitted that he needed help, went to the ██████████ hospital, and has been doing better. ██████████ said ██████████ has been doing better since getting help.

██████████ talked about the incident leading up to ██████████ returning to her father's care. She said ██████████ had a friend over for her birthday. They had dinner and watched a movie. She said she asked the girls to clean up their mess. She said ██████████ was complaining and having a smart mouth. She said she finally told ██████████ maybe it would be better if she stayed with her father for a while. She said she took ██████████ and her friend to ██████████ home. ██████████ expressed she believed maybe she would still have ██████████ if she hadn't have taken her to her father's home. ██████████ said ██████████ didn't trust her father but did trust ██████████.

CM asked ██████████ about ██████████ box of drawings. ██████████ said she had seen some of the drawings with ██████████ was with her but not all of them. She said she was not sure with ██████████ drew the pictures. She said when she took ██████████ to ██████████ for her intake appointment, ██████████ admitted to having suicidal thoughts in the past. She said ██████████ said she would never do that. She said ██████████ had a strong belief in ██████████ and going to Heaven. ██████████ denied that she had any knowledge of ██████████ huffing other than the one time she told her she had tried it with ██████████. She denied any evidence at the home that ██████████ had been doing that at her home. ██████████ said not all of ██████████ drawings were disturbing. She talked about the colorful Futurama drawings. She said she would like to have some of those drawings for herself if possible. CM told ██████████ she would talk to ██████████ about that. CM and ██████████ discussed ██████████ love of drawing. ██████████ agreed that ██████████ used drawing to express herself.

██████████ said ██████████ did have people she talked to and there were people that might be able to provide CM with additional information. She said ██████████ was close with her cousin ██████████. CM asked ██████████ about the possibility of ██████████ and ██████████ sneaking out and experimenting with drugs and alcohol as was reported during the meeting with the father, sister, and grandmother. ██████████ denied any knowledge of that. ██████████ reported CM could speak with ██████████ by contacting her mother ██████████. ██████████ said CM could contact ██████████ older sister ██████████. She suggested CM speak with ██████████ best friend ██████████. She reported ██████████ mother is ██████████ and she could be contacted at ██████████. She said ██████████ was good to ██████████. She said ██████████ gathered his money and bought her a corsage to be buried in and even bought a ring to put on ██████████ finger.

██████████ reported she was participating in counseling with Dr. ██████████. She said she and ██████████ went to ██████████ for marriage counseling in the past. She said she lost her job recently because she was having a hard time going back and the position needed to be filled. She said she is having different family members come over every day to be with her. CM and ██████████ discussed starting a hobby or volunteering her time walking dogs at an animal



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shelter or doing something else in the community. [REDACTED] said he works at [REDACTED] and is receiving treatment for his PTSD. He said he did eight tours in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] showed CM a composition book that she reported she retrieved from [REDACTED] locker at school. She said [REDACTED] had assignments where the students had to listen to a song and answer a question. [REDACTED] showed an entry where [REDACTED] talked about her [REDACTED] being her hero. She also showed CM an entry where [REDACTED] said if she could save anyone it would be her sister because she loves her. Another entry she showed CM was what [REDACTED] said about her drawing. [REDACTED] said she liked to draw disturbing things. She said she could not help it because that was what she liked to do.

[REDACTED] asked about next steps in the case and possibly prosecution. CM explained that the autopsy and toxicology reports could take ninety days or longer to be completed. CM told [REDACTED] she would be working with Detective [REDACTED] to gather those reports and the case would be presented to CPIT. CM explained the purpose of CPIT. CM also explained that any type of prosecution would be between the detectives and the district attorneys office.

CM informed [REDACTED] that she could contact CM if she had any further questions or additional information.

CM thoroughly explained and obtained [REDACTED] signature on the following forms. She communicated understanding of these forms by signing them.

Authorization for Release of Information to DCS/HIPAA

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Worker Observations: The home appeared to be clean and well organized. [REDACTED] were friendly and cooperative.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 03/24/2014 Contact Method: Phone Call  
 Contact Time: 10:10 AM Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 03/24/2014  
 Completed date: 04/08/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Collateral Contact,Parent/Caretaker Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/24/2014 10:41 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

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10:10 AM

TC Detective [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] contacted Detective [REDACTED] to speak about the case. He reported the mother has been contacting him about the status of the case. CM told him she would be contacting the mother to follow up and see how she was doing. CM asked if he would like to be part of that meeting and he said he didnt see why he would need to be. CM asked Detective [REDACTED] about interviewing [REDACTED] sister [REDACTED]. He said he would like to be part of that interview. CM told Detective [REDACTED] she would attempt to schedule the meeting for this week and would let him know. Detective [REDACTED] said he had planned to interview the sister after the toxicology reports had been received. CM asked Detective [REDACTED] if he would like to wait then until results were received. He said [REDACTED] could be interviewed soon and then interviewed again later if needed after results were received.

3/24/2014

10:19 AM

TC [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] attempted to speak with [REDACTED] CM left a message.

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10:22 AM

TC - [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] to follow up. [REDACTED] reported he has started grief counseling and is going every two weeks. He said that is the most they could get him in until next month. He said he has completed one session already. He said because of his depression issues they adjusted his medication as well. CM asked [REDACTED] if he believed the medication was helping. [REDACTED] said he believes it is but counseling is going to be the most important thing for him right now. He said he is still having a hard time dealing with the circumstances that led to the day of [REDACTED] death.



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[REDACTED] began to talk about his son [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been removed from [REDACTED] custody. [REDACTED] said he has been disappointed in [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] will sporadically return his text messages but has not even made a phone call and it is going on three weeks. He said [REDACTED] is placed with [REDACTED] wife of over 23 years ago. He said [REDACTED] is the mother of his daughter [REDACTED]. He reported that at this time, he does not have any visitation with [REDACTED]. He said he is allowed to send text messages to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] can initiate phone calls. He said he was not sure if [REDACTED] was in counseling but he believed DCS said they would set that up for him. He said he was concerned that [REDACTED] may not be getting what he needs because he was not in school last week like he was supposed to be. He said [REDACTED] had not enrolled him in school yet. [REDACTED] said he has maintained from the beginning that [REDACTED] was coaching [REDACTED] and orchestrated everything. He said [REDACTED] text messages and phone calls have dropped off considerably.

CM asked [REDACTED] if he believed [REDACTED] had any knowledge of [REDACTED] huffing. [REDACTED] said I got one better than that. He said [REDACTED] told the paternal grandmother and her mother [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] taught her and [REDACTED] how to huff. [REDACTED] said he has been working with Detective [REDACTED] and they believe that [REDACTED] bought those cans of compressed air the Friday before [REDACTED] died. He said he met with the manager at Wal-Mart, [REDACTED] but unfortunately they could not find out when the cans were purchased just using the barcode. He said they would need to know the lane that was used to purchase the items. [REDACTED] reported he and Detective [REDACTED] had discussed watching video footage at Wal-Mart. He said the manager said those specific brands of compressed air were on a shelf and an end cap in the electronics department. He said he was told Wal-Mart has two video cameras situated in that area so they could see if [REDACTED] shoplifted the items or purchased them. He said he and the Detective are pretty certain the items were purchased at Wal-Mart in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he lied to [REDACTED] about something. He said he told [REDACTED] that they would be able to use the barcode on the cans to determine which store the items came from. He said after that [REDACTED] told him that on the Friday before [REDACTED] passed, she dropped her Honda Civic off in the Wal-Mart parking lot and then went inside. He said [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] may have picked those cans up when they were in the store but she did not see [REDACTED] do it.

[REDACTED] reported that when they were receiving friends and family at [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] her principal [REDACTED] came up to him. [REDACTED] said he told [REDACTED] that he would like to make something positive out of this whole situation if possible. He said [REDACTED] said he did not plan to bring it up that evening but he and some faculty had discussed that same issue earlier that week. He said [REDACTED] said sometimes kids will listen more if someone else besides their parent or a teacher tells them something. He said [REDACTED] said that although the D.A.R.E. program is a great program, some children turn a deaf ear to the presentations. [REDACTED] said he offered to put together some type of program for adolescents. He said he believed doing something like that would actually help him.

CM and [REDACTED] discussed meeting to go over paperwork that had not yet been completed. [REDACTED] agreed to meet with CM on Friday 3/28/2014 at the [REDACTED] DCS Office.

3/24/2014

11:18 AM

TC [REDACTED]  
 CM [REDACTED] received a phone call from [REDACTED] provided her home number as [REDACTED] and her cell phone number as [REDACTED]. CM apologized to [REDACTED] for contacting her sooner regarding [REDACTED]. CM asked [REDACTED] about grief counseling. [REDACTED] reported she has started counseling and thanked CM for asking. CM asked [REDACTED] if there was anything she believed the Department could do to help or anything the Department could provide at this time and [REDACTED] said no. CM and [REDACTED] discussed scheduling a time to meet and discuss the case. [REDACTED] told CM she could come by the home at any time. A homevisit was scheduled for this same date for around 3:00 pm at her home. She reported her address as [REDACTED] TN [REDACTED].



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

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Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/11/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 10:35 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 03/11/2014

Completed date: 03/11/2014

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: 03/11/2014 09:40 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

3/11/2014

CM3 [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] Forensics [REDACTED] and spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] verified that they were working on the autopsy report for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and it was ordered by [REDACTED] She said the report was not completed yet.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/05/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 05:30 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 03/28/2014

Completed date: 03/28/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/28/2014 01:32 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

3/5/2014

CM [REDACTED] spoke with CM [REDACTED] regarding the family. A screen out report had been received two days earlier with concerns about [REDACTED] possibly using drugs. CM [REDACTED] informed CM [REDACTED] that CM [REDACTED] had spoken with the [REDACTED] guidance counselor about [REDACTED]. CM [REDACTED] was informed of the conversation CM [REDACTED] had with [REDACTED] regarding the possibility of [REDACTED] huffing with her sister [REDACTED]. CM [REDACTED] is the caseworker for [REDACTED] and her children (case # [REDACTED]).



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/28/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 11:55 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 03/04/2014

Completed date: 03/24/2014

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: 03/04/2014 08:08 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

2/28/2014

11:55 am

TC [REDACTED], guidance counselor [REDACTED] is the guidance counselor at [REDACTED] CM3 [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] about [REDACTED]. She reported [REDACTED] had been referred to her for [REDACTED] a program for students who are in danger of failing 8th grade. She said she saw [REDACTED] there. She said in addition, she had called [REDACTED] mother in December and asked her to put [REDACTED] in therapy. [REDACTED] said she wasn't getting anywhere with [REDACTED]. She said [REDACTED] was absent a lot and had missed 40 something days of school. She said the family has a long history of truancy with [REDACTED] and her brother [REDACTED]. She said she believed the family had been to truancy review board but wasn't sure if they ever went to court. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] was with her mother when she called about counseling but it was her understanding [REDACTED] had been with her father [REDACTED] for a little while. She said she believed [REDACTED] went back to her mom and then back to her dad again. She said the father was living in various places. She said she knows that [REDACTED] died in another place but wasn't sure where. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was angry and hostile at times to deal with. She said she was not sure about any discipline [REDACTED] may have received at school. She said there had been a long history of issues and [REDACTED] probably would have gone to summer school this year. She said it was like [REDACTED] had quit all together and was not trying anything. She said it was like [REDACTED] had given up and decided she was not going to keep going. [REDACTED] said that when she talked to the mother, she was ready to put [REDACTED] in therapy and then shortly after she went back to the fathers home. [REDACTED] said that allegedly [REDACTED] had said she and her sister had huffed together. She said her sister had got her started doing it. She said [REDACTED] also said she had used with her sister. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had never told her that. She said a girl at the school had told her this week. She said two girls were in her office and knew [REDACTED] was huffing. She said one girl had direct knowledge that [REDACTED] had huffed with her sister at one point. She said allegedly [REDACTED] said it made her feel better because she was getting high. [REDACTED] said she did not ask the girls specifically how often this was occurring with [REDACTED]. She said she was mostly dealing with grief of students that week. She said [REDACTED] had felt like she was out of a home anymore. CM3 [REDACTED] thanked [REDACTED] for the information.

1:09 PM

CM3 [REDACTED] contacted Detective [REDACTED] and informed him of the information CM had gathered from [REDACTED]



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

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Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/27/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 04:13 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 04/01/2014

Completed date: 04/01/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Service Planning, Well Being

Contact Type(s): Administrative Review

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/01/2014 03:30 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Location - [REDACTED] DCS office  
 Present - [REDACTED] Lead Investigator  
 [REDACTED], Investigator CM3

Via telephone - [REDACTED], Investigative Coordinator  
 [REDACTED] - Regional Investigative Coordinator

Purpose - Staff fatality and determine next steps

Time - 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Reason for investigation - [REDACTED] died yesterday (2-23-14) around 3:15 p.m. There is no official report about the cause of death. The reporter was present during the autopsy and Dr. [REDACTED] stated the preliminary findings are that [REDACTED] may have, smothered to death by inhaling Ultra Duster.

[REDACTED] was found inside her bedroom by her father. He called 911 and the child was taken to [REDACTED] by Emergency Medical Services. She was pronounced dead at the hospital. [REDACTED] was admitted to the hospital following [REDACTED] death. He has since been discharged.

Staffing of case - Investigator [REDACTED] provided information gathered to date to the review participants. At this time Investigator [REDACTED] will maintain contact with Detective [REDACTED] request all medical reports pertaining to this case and ensure appropriate grief counseling is provided to the family. CM was also advised to scan in the fatality report and talk to the child's counselor.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

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Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 02/26/2014 Contact Method: Face To Face  
 Contact Time: 03:00 PM Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 03/04/2014  
 Completed date: 03/24/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency, Safety - Child/Community, Service Planning, Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview, Collateral Contact, Parent/Caretaker Interview, Sibling Interview/Observation  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/04/2014 03:03 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

2/26/2014

3:00 PM

F2F [REDACTED] (father, AP), [REDACTED] (sister) [REDACTED] (paternal grandmother)

Others Present: CM3 [REDACTED], CM [REDACTED], Detective [REDACTED]

Before the family arrived at the office, CM3 [REDACTED] spoke with Detective [REDACTED]. Detective [REDACTED] reported he had checked with the schools and took a picture of the types of dusters they use. They do not use the brand Ultra Duster. Detective [REDACTED] also reported the family was having issues about [REDACTED] burial. He said the parents are in a disagreement about where [REDACTED] would be buried. He said the parenting plan shows joint custody between both parents, each parent having 180 days a year.

When the family arrived at the office, CM3 [REDACTED] asked to speak with the father [REDACTED] in private. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both refused and wanted to be interviewed together. They would not consent to interviews alone. The family came back to a conference room to speak in private.

[REDACTED] reported he has had [REDACTED] since 1/19/2014. He and [REDACTED] reported her mother just dropped her off at the family home on [REDACTED] reported it was about 9:30 in the evening. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] and her mother had gotten into an argument about her birthday and the mother said she was over her shit [REDACTED] reported he was sitting at home when [REDACTED] walked in with a pink suitcase. She asked him to help her get the rest of her things. He walked out and the mother had set all of [REDACTED] things out. He reported the temperature was in the mid 20s. He said [REDACTED] said she felt like she was set on the street like an abandoned dog. He reported that before that, he and the mother had the children half and half but [REDACTED] primarily stayed with him. He reported he had an order of protection out of [REDACTED] between [REDACTED] and his step-father. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] was very depressed. He and [REDACTED] said she cried a lot, was angry, and felt abandoned. He reported [REDACTED] was having some issues before but it was magnified (after being dropped off by her mother). He reported [REDACTED] had an intake and had an appointment coming up at [REDACTED]. He reported that is where [REDACTED] goes to counseling once a month. CM3 [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he had thought about contacting [REDACTED] to see if [REDACTED] could be seen more often due to the current





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money at times and had opportunities to buy things at the store. They denied knowledge of [REDACTED] buying the Ultra Duster. No one reported knowledge of how exactly the Ultra Duster came to be in the home or with [REDACTED] expressed concerns that anyone could just go buy the substance without an age limit or restriction. [REDACTED] reported she had sent [REDACTED] into the store in the past when she was working at her fathers previous business to buy it [REDACTED] said she just always grabbed something off the shelf.

CM3 [REDACTED] asked again about [REDACTED] sleeping. [REDACTED] said she thought she heard [REDACTED] snoring when she got back from church. The family reported it was not odd that [REDACTED] would sleep that much during the day. They reported [REDACTED] liked to change into her pajamas and take a nap after school. They reported it was especially not suspicious for her to be sleeping on the weekend like that. They would have had no reason to worry about her. CM3 [REDACTED] asked the family about any positive behaviors from [REDACTED]. The family reported they were always goofing off and having fun. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] even gave [REDACTED] a backrub Sunday morning and liked to do that. They talked about [REDACTED] joking around that morning. They also reported that Saturday night was a good night for the family. [REDACTED] reported he was happy to have had Saturday. The family talked about [REDACTED] painting [REDACTED] toe nails and [REDACTED] wearing lipstick. The family laughed about the good time they had. The family reported [REDACTED] appeared just as happy Sunday morning. CM3 [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he had ever had a suspicion or concern that [REDACTED] was high or under the influence of any substance. He and [REDACTED] denied that.

CM3 [REDACTED] asked the family if they could think of anything that could help with figuring out what happened. The family was asked about [REDACTED] peers. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] really didnt have any friends. She reported she had a friend named [REDACTED] that was with [REDACTED] when her mom dropped her off at the dads house. [REDACTED] said she never had a good feeling about that girl because she was strange. The family denied any knowledge of self-harm by [REDACTED]. They said [REDACTED] was close to her cousin [REDACTED], friend [REDACTED] and female cousin [REDACTED]. Detective [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he knew anyone named [REDACTED] as there was something about [REDACTED] in the drawings. The family denied knowing anyone by that name associated with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] looked through [REDACTED] Facebook friends and reported there was no one by that name. [REDACTED] reported it could have been one of her mothers old boyfriends. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] psychologist, was close with the family and could have insight.

[REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] typically slept with her daughter [REDACTED] in the bed to the right in the room. [REDACTED] slept in the bed to the left with [REDACTED] slept on the couch and [REDACTED] slept on the loveseat. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] was found in her [REDACTED] bed.

[REDACTED] received a phone call during the interview about an appointment at 4pm. The parents were having in disagreement with where to burry [REDACTED] and they had to meet with the attorney that afternoon [REDACTED] reported there would be a hearing the next morning at 8am. Because the family had to leave, CM3 was unable to complete initial paperwork with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] agreed to meet with CM3 [REDACTED] within the next couple of weeks to complete a homevisit and paperwork and to see [REDACTED].



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 Contact Date: 02/25/2014 Contact Method: Correspondence  
 Contact Time: 02:00 PM Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 02/25/2014  
 Completed date: 03/24/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact,Notation,Parent/Caretaker Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/25/2014 04:07 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]  
 2/25/2014

TC [REDACTED]  
 CM3 [REDACTED] attempted to speak with the father [REDACTED] at approximately 2pm about completing a visit to the home. [REDACTED] did not answer. CM3 [REDACTED] left a message.

Detective [REDACTED] CM3 [REDACTED], and CM [REDACTED] left the [REDACTED] DCS office to complete a visit with [REDACTED] Before heading to the home, they went to [REDACTED] Home to see if the family was still present. Present in the parking lot were two officers with the [REDACTED] Police Department. It was reported that the officers were present as there was currently an order of protection by the mother against the father. The officers reported the family was still inside. They said there had not been any issues.

Detective [REDACTED] and the CMs then went to [REDACTED] to obtain the medical records 2/23/2014 regarding [REDACTED] The medical records were obtained, have been scanned into the documents portion of this investigation, and have been placed in the file.

TC IC [REDACTED]  
 CM3 [REDACTED] contacted IC [REDACTED] regarding the visit with the father. CM3 [REDACTED] was given permission to schedule a meeting with the father for the next day due to him having a difficult time with his daughters death.

TC [REDACTED]  
 CM3 [REDACTED] attempted to speak with [REDACTED] CM3 left a voicemail.

[REDACTED] called CM3 [REDACTED] at 3:30 PM. He agreed for a visit the next day at his mothers home in [REDACTED]



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Organization: [REDACTED]

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Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 02/25/2014 Contact Method: Face To Face  
 Contact Time: 12:45 PM Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Other Community Site Created Date: 02/25/2014  
 Completed date: 03/24/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact,Notation  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/25/2014 03:51 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

2/25/2014  
12:45 PMF2F [REDACTED]  
Location [REDACTED] Police Department

CM3 [REDACTED] met with Detective [REDACTED] at his office to discuss the case. Detective [REDACTED] reported there was a box that belonged to [REDACTED] that was found. The box appeared to be an old pizza box that was painted black. He said the box was located at the familys previous address of [REDACTED] TN. He said [REDACTED] died at the [REDACTED] where the family had only been staying a short while. He said the home on [REDACTED] was in foreclosure. The family had been staying there until the foreclosure was finalized but [REDACTED] failed to pay the utility payment which resulted in the electricity being cut off. He said [REDACTED] and the two children then moved in with his older daughter [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and her children are the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] where she had been residing.

Detective [REDACTED] and CM3 [REDACTED] went through the numerous pieces of paper in the box. There were several colored pictures of princesses and people that appeared to be out of a coloring book. There were also some hand drawn pictures that were presumed to be by [REDACTED] CM3 [REDACTED] took pictures of specific pictures, writings, and drawings that appeared dark, angry, and/or depressing in nature. Also in the bottom of the box was a jump drive. Detective [REDACTED] said on the drive were [REDACTED] tax information and a letter [REDACTED] had written about where the children were living.

## Descriptions of pictures found:

Female lying in the corner. Appears to be a bloody knife lying on her leg with blood flowing from her wrists. Written on the page: Alone, I Give up, NO ONE, and Done. There were also tick marks that equaled 30.

Female with arms bound across her chest. The female is changed to a wall or column by her foot.

Female in the center of the paper with what appears to be a male on the left side of the paper with marks coming from his mouth and an x over his face. In the corner it says Im tired of everyone telling me what im doing wrong. Everything I do is a mistake. I just want to run away, clear my mind, and live. Im in a ditch im in hell right now!



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Writing: Whats that thing called where your crush likes you back oh yes your imagination.

Female next to headstone which has the names [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Detective [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was the paternal grandfather and had passed away.

Picture of a person on the left saying If you are happy Im happy too looking at a couple hugging and kissing within a heart.

Picture of a tape player with writing underneath. Stop, rewind, and play symbols were used in pace of the words.

You cant (stop) the future  
 You cant (rewind) the past the  
 Only way to learn the Secret  
 Is to press (play)

Female in the corner of a room facing away. There appears to be two knives lying near the female. The ceiling fan is broken with pieces lying in the floor. There appears to be two holes in the wall. Written on the wall: No More.

Male with his face covered by his hair. His wrists and forearms appeared wrapped up. Written: You hurt yourself to feel better in your own skin isnt it ironic?

The top half of a female leaning over a male. The female has a knife in her hand with what appears to be blood on it. It appears it is a picture depicting the female stabbing the male with the knife as there is what appears to be blood flowing from the males neck.

Male standing facing a gun with a bullet coming out of the end. Written below the picture: by mom bye Dad love you more than ever, but I cant do this anymore

Picture of a cartoon bunny with a ripped ear holding a knife. It says alone.

Picture of a male pulling his shirt up with a smiley face on his stomach. It says [REDACTED] The Killer.

Picture of a hand with the index finger squashing the head of a person. Written on the hand is Life and written next to the person is Me.

Picture of what appears to be a sleeping or dead male in a bed with a hooded figure standing over him holding what appears to be a knife.

Picture of a female lying on her bed and looking at her computer. Written above it says Waiting for him to come online.

Detective [REDACTED] reported the mother alerted him to the box and he got it out of the house. He said he will be returning it to the family. He said he didnt know how much the family knew of what was in the box. He said the mother said she made an initial appointment for [REDACTED] for counseling but wasnt sure about any follow up appointments. He said the mother said [REDACTED] had been unruly and mouthy the past year. He said the mother just got tired of it and told [REDACTED] she was going to have to stay with her dad. He said it was because of [REDACTED] behaviors.

Detective [REDACTED] said he was told there were some kids that made fun of [REDACTED] because of her weight. He said he wasnt made aware of any excessive bullying or issues at school.

Detective [REDACTED] reported the doctor told him [REDACTED] heart was enlarged and she was overweight. He said the doctor told him that there was a possibility [REDACTED] would not have lived two more years if she had continued down the same lifestyle path.

Detective [REDACTED] said he was contacted by [REDACTED] whose son was best friends with [REDACTED] He said [REDACTED] mentioned something about [REDACTED] phone and how her son may be the only one that had the password to it.



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Detective [REDACTED] talked about the home and explained the set-up of the home while reviewing pictures he had taken. He explained that when you enter the door, you are in the living room/kitchen combination. There are a couple of steps to step down into the living room. On your immediate left when entering the apartment is the bathroom. Past the bathroom there is a doorway that leads to the bedroom on the left. There are two beds in the bedroom. Detective [REDACTED] expressed concerns about the home. There appeared to be a lot of clutter with clothes, food, and other items in the floor and on tables. The sink was full of dishes. Detective [REDACTED] showed pictures of the bed where [REDACTED] was found and where the bottles of Ultra Duster were found. Two bottles were found in the floor between the bed and the wall. Another bottle was found in the bed in which [REDACTED] was found. There were also pictures of medications belonging to [REDACTED] that were found in the home and a bottle of antibiotic medication that had been prescribed to [REDACTED] in August 2013.

Detective [REDACTED] reported the mother has said she wants someone in jail for what has happened to [REDACTED]. He said he has talked to the DAs office but there is nothing to press charges on at this time. He said he has arrested the father in the past for harassment, trespassing, and failure to educate (truancy).

Detective [REDACTED] made copies of the police report, statements by family, and other notes taken during the investigation. He provided a list of all the medications that were found in the home, who they belonged to, when they were prescribed, and how many were left out of how many were prescribed. Detective [REDACTED] said the mother things everyone in the home is huffing but there is no evidence of that. He said he wasn't sure how [REDACTED] got the bottles of Ultra Duster. He said [REDACTED] was dead two or three hours before anyone realized she was dead. He said upon examination, [REDACTED] had three names written on the inside of her left wrist with an arrow pointing up her arm. The names were [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. Detective [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was an adopted sister to [REDACTED]. She lives in [REDACTED] and does not have contact with their father. Detective [REDACTED] reported the mother denied knowledge of the child huffing anything at her house. He said the mother could not remember when [REDACTED] told her she had huffed one time. The mother said she could not remember because the father had gone through so many girlfriends. Detective [REDACTED] reported there were no signs of self-harm observed on the child. They said there was nothing out of the ordinary about [REDACTED] medically found at the hospital other than her obesity and enlarged heart. He said [REDACTED] Forensics would be completing the final autopsy report. He said he would attempt to get the preliminary report as soon as possible. Detective [REDACTED] said it was his understanding that [REDACTED] was inhaling the substance straight from the bottle.

Detective [REDACTED] and CM3 [REDACTED] discussed next steps in the case: completing an interview with [REDACTED] completing follow up interviews with other family members about [REDACTED] recent behaviors, obtaining medical records and the preliminary autopsy report.

Detective [REDACTED] provided a disk with the pictures he took of the home. This has been placed in the file. The pictures taken of the drawings found will be printed and placed in the file.

Narrative Type: Addendum 1    Entry Date/Time: 06/24/2014 02:58 PM    Entered By: [REDACTED]

The following are typed copies of statements and other documents provided to CM by Detective [REDACTED] on this date.

**[REDACTED] Police Department Incident Report**

On February 23, 2014 1501 hrs. [REDACTED] PD was dispatched to [REDACTED] ) for a unconscious 13 year old female. No room number was given. When I (Officer [REDACTED] arrived on scene, I was met by [REDACTED] stating that they victim [REDACTED] was not breathing and CPR was being performed by the victims sister [REDACTED]. At that time Officer [REDACTED] began assisting with CPR. Fire and EMS relieved [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was transported to [REDACTED] and pronounced dead. Detective [REDACTED] was called in and processed the scene and interviews and statements were taken from family members. This occurred in [REDACTED] TN.

Statement provide by [REDACTED] (brother)



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I wake up to my sister [REDACTED] and my other sister [REDACTED] are watching a show on cable. [REDACTED] is getting ready for church. [REDACTED] is sitting on the bed playing on her phone. At the last second [REDACTED] backs out of going to church. Soon after [REDACTED] gives me backrub. My father ([REDACTED]) is watching the pre Nascar race concert. I tell him we need to go to get some air in my tires, so we go to the Marathon down the road. We get back, and I go in the bedroom to get my phone charger. I lopot over and [REDACTED] was asleep watching the television. (I know she was alive, her skin was normal color, her cheeks were rosey, and she was snoring) I play on the computer till [REDACTED] gets back from church. [REDACTED] and I go to [REDACTED] to clean. As we pull into the [REDACTED] I tell [REDACTED] Im going to go get [REDACTED] so we could go on a drive. I open the door, and [REDACTED] is on his way to the door (Hes on the phone w/ 911) and he is screaming She is Blue and Oh my god!. He Runs back into the bedroom and he is telling the 911 operator where she is and all the specs on what she looks like and everything [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] start performing CPR and her, and I give her mouth to mouth. Her skin was chilled, her color dark blue with red splotches. When I gave her mouth to mouth, vomit and saliva gurgle and get in my mouth. I get [REDACTED] outside and out of the way so the police and EMS people could do their thing. This is my testimony to the best of my knowledge and recollection about the events of the 23rd of February.

Statement provided by [REDACTED] (sister)

This morning [REDACTED] and I were going to church we were watching Bring it on. I said sis we have to get ready and get out of here so we arent late. She said she would just stay there b/c she didnt have enough time to get ready. I said ok. She said I love you. I said I love you too. I left at 10:23 came home at 12:37 went in the Bedroom and she looked as if she was asleep. I changed clothes to go finish moving. I asked my brother if he would help and he said yes. So we left and went to my dads. We came back about an hr later. [REDACTED] comes running out of my apt screaming [REDACTED] is blue. He forgot how to do cpr, he was on the phone w/ 911 while he was screaming at me. I run to my bedroom and she was hanging half way off my bed. I pulled her to the floor, flipped her on her back, started cpr and mouth to mouth and kept going for 10 mins until police arrived and took over.

Statement gathered by Detective [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from mother [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and step-father [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] lived with mom until January 14th. She had been real mouthy. She had a friend with her when she was talking back to her mother. [REDACTED] had been very unhappy for the past year. Mother had made an appointment for [REDACTED] to see a psychiatric doctor. She [REDACTED] went to her dads and did not keep to appointment she dont think. She believes that [REDACTED] showed [REDACTED] how to huff the Ultra Duster and also [REDACTED] has smoked pot with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who is her 15 yoa son. She was not doing well in school. That the teachers said 90% of the reason she was doing so bad was of her attitude. She was a clumsy kid and has had a few injuries but never anything drug related. She was in an accident with her Dads girlfriend and had to go to the hospital. The stepdads insurance company covers [REDACTED] and sends out print outs of all medical information. They have never noticed any drugs being prescribed for [REDACTED] Mom says that [REDACTED] has drawn pictures of girls that had cut their wrist. Gothic pictures of a girl who cut her wrist then wrote the word Alone on the wall.

Detective [REDACTED] was given written permission to go to [REDACTED] home at [REDACTED] I [REDACTED] give [REDACTED] permission to go to my home at [REDACTED] This is for the purpose of following up on investigation of [REDACTED] untimely death. To specifically look for prescription bottle of Zoloft prescribed for [REDACTED] nothing else.

This document was signed by [REDACTED] and dated 2/22/14.

\*CM did speak with Detective [REDACTED] about the reasoning behind the signed statement to enter [REDACTED] home. Detective [REDACTED] reported that he had talked to [REDACTED] about the possibility of any medication that [REDACTED] may have been prescribed. Detective [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] said he thought she had been prescribed Zoloft. Detective [REDACTED] reported they did not find any Zoloft prescribed to [REDACTED] at the apartment. He said he did go to the home on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and did



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not find anything prescribed to [REDACTED]

A list of family members information and a list of medications and pill counts was included in the information provided by Detective [REDACTED]. That information has been scanned into the documents portion of this investigation in TFACTS.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 02/25/2014 Contact Method: Phone Call  
 Contact Time: 11:50 AM Contact Duration: Less than 05  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 02/25/2014  
 Completed date: 03/24/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Service Planning  
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview, Parent/Caretaker Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/25/2014 03:48 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

2/25/2014

TC - [REDACTED]

CM3 [REDACTED] attempted to speak with the father [REDACTED] by phone to verify the meeting and to verify that he would have his son present. CM3 [REDACTED] left a message. [REDACTED] returned the phone call at 11:50am. [REDACTED] asked if the meeting had to take place on this date. He said he was having a hard time dealing with everything as they were going to view the body this afternoon. CM3 [REDACTED] explained that she needed to speak with him regarding [REDACTED] as soon as possible. [REDACTED] asked if CM3 [REDACTED] could come to the house in [REDACTED] instead to discuss the case. CM3 [REDACTED] agreed and informed [REDACTED] she would contact him later that afternoon. [REDACTED] said he should be home by 2:30 or 3:00 pm that day. He reported the address was [REDACTED] TN [REDACTED]



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**Case Recording Summary**

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	02/25/2014	Contact Method:	Correspondence
Contact Time:	11:10 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	02/25/2014
Completed date:	03/24/2014	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: 02/25/2014 10:12 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

2/25/2014

CM3 [REDACTED] faxed a copy of the referral with referent information not included to Detective [REDACTED] and to the DA's office of the [REDACTED] Judicial District on this date.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	02/25/2014	Contact Method:	Correspondence
Contact Time:	09:54 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	03/04/2014
Completed date:	03/24/2014	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Service Planning		
Contact Type(s):	Collateral Contact		
Contact Sub Type:			

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 03/04/2014 08:14 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

2/25/2014

CM3 [REDACTED] requested and received background checks from [REDACTED] Sheriff's Department for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] does not have an arrest record in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has the following arrest history in [REDACTED]

10/19/2001	Other (M)
07/10/2006	Assault (D/V)
03/29/2012	Stalking
10/10/2013	Theft over \$1000.0
10/10/2013	"Need Description"



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**Case Recording Summary**

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 02/24/2014 Contact Method:  
 Contact Time: 05:19 PM Contact Duration: Less than 30  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 02/25/2014  
 Completed date: 03/24/2014 Completed By: [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: 02/25/2014 10:26 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

2/24/2014

5:19 PM

TC CM

CM3 [REDACTED] contacted CM [REDACTED] CM [REDACTED] had an open case on the child's brother and father at the time of the report. CM [REDACTED] explained CM3 [REDACTED] had an investigation in November. CM [REDACTED] reported there had been allegations that the father and son were living in an RV without water or electricity and that the father was allowing the child to smoke marijuana. CM [REDACTED] reported urine drug screens were completed and they were negative. She reported the father and son were staying in an RV with access to electricity and water and there were no concerns about the home. She reported that the father used to own a business but lost it. Since that time, he has moved a few times. CM [REDACTED] said the father was working on a trailer in [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] reported the father attends [REDACTED] once a month as he has bi-polar disorder. CM [REDACTED] reported that at the time of her report and throughout the case, [REDACTED] had been residing with her mother. CM [REDACTED] reported it was her understanding that at some point, the mother dropped [REDACTED] off with the father. She said [REDACTED] expressed to her father that she felt like a dog that was dropped off. She said the father scheduled an intake appointment for [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED] a couple of weeks ago which [REDACTED] attended and her next appointment was coming up. CM [REDACTED] said she has talked to the father about grief counseling which he wishes to do. CM [REDACTED] said she did not question the father about what had happened but the father offered up some information. CM [REDACTED] said the father said he was there at the home and had checked on [REDACTED] She said the father said he was watching the race on TV. She said the father said he tried CPR but it didn't work.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/24/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 05:18 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 02/25/2014

Completed date: 03/24/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Service Planning

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 02/25/2014 10:29 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

2/24/2014

5:18 PM

TC Detective [REDACTED]

CM3 [REDACTED] contacted Detective [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] coming to the police department the next day for a formal statement. He said that would be fine.



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Case Recording Summary**

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 02/24/2014 Contact Method: Phone Call  
 Contact Time: 05:12 PM Contact Duration: Less than 15  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 02/25/2014  
 Completed date: 03/24/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Parent/Caretaker Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/25/2014 10:28 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]  
 2/24/2014  
 5:12 PM  
 TC [REDACTED] father/AP

CM3 [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] father [REDACTED] said he was getting along okay considering the circumstances. He reported he was staying with his mother in [REDACTED]. He said he contacted his sons school and they were gracious enough to allow him to be out for the rest of the week. He said he would be getting his sons assignments from the school. [REDACTED] reported he was willing to meet at any time. He agreed to come to the [REDACTED] Police Department the next day after he finished making funeral arrangements at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. He said he was willing to assist in the case in any way.



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## Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 02/24/2014 Contact Method: Phone Call  
 Contact Time: 04:48 PM Contact Duration: Less than 15  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 02/25/2014  
 Completed date: 03/04/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Referent Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/25/2014 10:25 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

2/24/2014

4:48 PM

TC [REDACTED]  
 CM3 [REDACTED] contacted the referent. The referent reported the child was pronounced dead at the hospital. The referent said the father was admitted to the hospital and was later released. The father was having trouble with his blood pressure. The referent said the mother and the child's two siblings were spoken with. The referent said the mother reported she was aware of the child huffing/inhaling something just once. They reported one of the father's ex-girlfriends allegedly showed [REDACTED] how to. They said the mother said [REDACTED] said she tried it just once and was never going to do it again. The referent said there were two empty bottles of Ultra Duster found in the floor next to the child and a half empty bottle found in the bed with the child. They reported no one had reported yet where the child got the substance.



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**Case Recording Summary**

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/24/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 03:10 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 02/25/2014

Completed date: 03/04/2014

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: 02/25/2014 10:10 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPIT was convened on 02/24/2014.

LI [REDACTED] was contacted by [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED] Judicial District DAs office on 2/24/2014 by telephone. LI [REDACTED] also spoke with Detective [REDACTED] on this same date via telephone. Juvenile Court will be notified via monthly report of assigned cases per local protocol by [REDACTED] Lead Investigator of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Counties.

CM3 [REDACTED] spoke with Detective [REDACTED] on 2/24/2014 to discuss the case and next steps. CM3 [REDACTED] scheduled a meeting with Detective [REDACTED] for 2/25/2014 at 1:00 pm to discuss the case.

**Next Steps:**

CM3 [REDACTED] will contact the father [REDACTED] to schedule a time to meet. CPIT members need to be faxed a copy of the referral.



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**Case Recording Summary**

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/24/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 02:18 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 02/25/2014

Completed date: 03/04/2014

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: 02/25/2014 09:58 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

This investigation was assigned to CM3 [REDACTED] on 2/24/2014 by LI [REDACTED]. The ACV is [REDACTED]. The allegation is neglect death (severe). The alleged perpetrator is the father [REDACTED]. The case was given a P1 response time and was assigned to the investigative track. There is a companion referral and assessment case involving the [REDACTED] children that has not been assigned at the time of this entry. CM [REDACTED] had an open assessment case on the ACV's brother [REDACTED] at the time of the report.

Reporter states: This is a companion to intake # [REDACTED] which reads: [REDACTED] (13) is not in DCS custody.

[REDACTED] is deceased. Prior to her death, she lived with her brother, [REDACTED] (15), her father, [REDACTED], her half-sister, [REDACTED] and her niece and nephews, [REDACTED] (age unknown), [REDACTED] (age unknown), [REDACTED] (age unknown) and [REDACTED] (age unknown). The reporter isn't certain if the [REDACTED] children reside in the home.

[REDACTED] died yesterday (2-23-14) around 3:15 p.m. There is no official report about the cause of death. The reporter was present during the autopsy and Dr. [REDACTED] stated the preliminary findings are that [REDACTED] may have, smothered to death by inhaling Ultra Duster.

[REDACTED] was found inside her bedroom by her father. He called 911 and the child was taken to [REDACTED] by Emergency Medical Services. She was pronounced dead at the hospital. [REDACTED] was admitted to the hospital following [REDACTED] death. He has since been discharged.

A home visit was made yesterday (Reporter couldn't remember the family's address). The family's home was cluttered and dirty. The family members live in a one bedroom / kitchen living room combo apartment. There is one bathroom. Old food was lying around and clothing was strewn about the home. The home is infested with roaches. Only [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were seen in the home yesterday during the visit.

[REDACTED] mother is [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] TN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has criminal history; his charges include failure to educate, trespassing and / or harassment.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] takes anti-depressant medication, ADHD medication, high blood pressure medication and bipolar medication. [REDACTED] takes bipolar medication and says she has ADHD. [REDACTED] takes Zoloft and has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

DCS History:  
 November 2009

ACV: [REDACTED] Allegation: Drug Exposed Child and Psychological Harm  
 Alleged Perpetrator: [REDACTED] Classification: No Services Needed

November 2010

ACV: [REDACTED] Allegation: Psychological Harm Alleged Perpetrator: [REDACTED] Classification: Services Recommended and Accepted

November 2010

ACV: [REDACTED] Allegation: Drug Exposed Child Alleged Perpetrator: [REDACTED]  
 Classification: Services Recommended and Accepted

November 2013

[REDACTED]  
 Resource Linkage Case

November 2013 - Open

ACV: [REDACTED] Allegation: Lack of Supervision Alleged Perpetrator: [REDACTED] Classification: Not yet classified  
 at time of report and entry of case summary

November 2013

ACV: [REDACTED] Allegation: Drug Exposed Child Alleged Perpetrator: [REDACTED] Classification: AUPU



## Family Functional Assessment

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Case ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Case Worker: \_\_\_\_\_ Begin Date: 02/25/2014  
 Last Review By: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Review Date: 10/07/2014

### I. Current Circumstances:

#### A. Reason For Involvement:

04/26/2014 - \_\_\_\_\_ - FFA - Family - This case was assigned to \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ on 11/07/2013 with the allegation of Lack of Supervision. The perpetrator is the birth father, \_\_\_\_\_

02/25/2014 - \_\_\_\_\_ - FFA - \_\_\_\_\_ - DCS received a referral on 2/24/2014 regarding the child \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ died yesterday (2-23-14) around 3:15 p.m. There is no official report about the cause of death. The reporter was present during the autopsy and Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ stated the preliminary findings are that \_\_\_\_\_ may have,  smothered to death by inhaling Ultra Duster.

\_\_\_\_\_ was found inside her bedroom by her father. He called 911 and the child was taken to \_\_\_\_\_ by Emergency Medical Services. She was pronounced dead at the hospital.

#### B. Family Story:

04/26/2014 - \_\_\_\_\_ - FFA - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ denied that his father has ever allowed him or offered him alcohol. He stated that his father would be very upset with him if he caught him drinking. He stated that he wouldn't drink beer anyway because it  smells and taste gross .

04/26/2014 - ██████████ - FFA - ██████████ - ██████████ stated that he has been living with his father because he doesn't get along with his mother ██████████. He stated that he has two older sisters. His oldest sister is ██████████ (age 24). He stated that ██████████ lives in an apartment with her children ██████████ and ██████████. He stated that his younger sister ██████████ (age 13) prefers to live with their mother ██████████. He stated that she gets along better with their mother, and he gets along better with their father. He stated that he feels that a lot of sons get along better with their father. He stated that his father ██████████ doesn't over react to every little thing like his mother does. He stated that his father doesn't let him get away with stuff, but he doesn't yell at him about everything either. He stated that he can't stand to stay with his mother because she has a really bad temper. He stated that he feels like he can't do anything right. He stated that his mother always talks bad about his father. He stated that he has asked her not to talk bad about him or call him names. He stated that his mother has also started comparing him to his father. He stated that his mother has a boyfriend that is mean to him and he doesn't like to be around him. I asked him where he and his father are living. He stated that they are living in a RV camper. He stated that they have had the RV for several years. He stated that his father use to take him and his sisters to car races. He stated that the RV is just like a house. He stated that he has his own bed. The RV has a bathroom and a kitchen. He stated that his father gets almost \$350 in food stamps. He stated that his father always has food for him to eat. I asked him where they park the RV. He stated that they have a lot at ██████████ campground. He stated that he and his father have parked in ██████████ or ██████████ parking lot because they are able to use the store's Wi-Fi. He stated that he is able to use his laptop for school work and also play his video games. He laughed and made a joke about people worrying about him because he was doing without. He stated that he has more stuff in the camper than some of his friends have at their house. He stated that his father is working on getting a new trailer ready. He stated that it has four bedrooms and two bathrooms. He stated that his father has already bought the trailer and it's at the ██████████ in ██████████. He stated that they have been working on it to get it ready. They have recently added flooring in the kitchen and some drywall in the living room. I asked ██████████ why he was missing so many days of school. He stated that he has been sick for some of the days. He stated that his father needs to turn in some of his doctor and parent notes. He stated that there have been a couple of days when his father overslept. He stated that his father takes medication for his Bi-Polar that makes him sleepy. He stated that his father has trouble falling asleep sometimes, but once he finally falls asleep he doesn't wake up when his alarm goes off. I asked him if he is able to wake his father up. He stated that he doesn't always hear the alarm either. He stated that he and his father are both really heavy sleepers. I discussed the process of truancy and truancy board attendance. I asked him if he had ever been before the truancy board. He stated no. I encouraged him to take his attendance seriously because he would have trouble passing his classes without attending school on a regular basis. He stated that he understands that he needs to be at school. He stated that he has spoken with his teachers about taking work home to bring his grades up. I asked ██████████ about his father's alcohol use. He stated that his father doesn't drink daily. He stated that when he drinks beer he will not drink more than four or five in one day. He stated that he usually only drinks two in the evening prior to bed. He stated that he isn't supposed to drink alcohol with his medication.

## II. Assessment of Family Strengths and Needs/Risks:

### A. Family Significant Strengths:

03/25/2014 - ██████████ ██████████ - FFA - Family - At the prevention/initial meeting on 3/6/2014, the team discussed strengths and concerns within this family. The strengths of the family were noted to be that there is family support. The father is currently living with his mother, ██████████ grandmother. ██████████ has been open to working with DCS. ██████████ and ██████████ have been compliant and passed drug screens. ██████████ keeps his appointments and follows recommendations from counseling appointments. The truancy petition was dismissed. The father reports a good relationship between him and ██████████. He reports ██████████ is an exceptional child and is very organized. The father reports ██████████ has been responding well to his mother reaching out and wanting to go to dinner with him. The family is attending church. The family reports spending time together is a comfort to them. ██████████ is level headed and was able to rationally ask for help. ██████████ is in counseling.

07/30/2014 - ██████████ - FFA - Family - These strengths were discussed at the CFTM on 7/11/14:  
All the father's charges have been dismissed in both ██████████ and ██████████ Counties. ██████████ has been following the rules and has got credits to advance to the next grade. The ██████████ family has support from the church and has dinner together. ██████████ is in chorus and was in a musical. ██████████ likes performing. The father is doing well in college and is working to earn his associates degree. The mother is in counseling and goes to church. Therapeutic visits have been approved. The mother is paying child support and medical bills. The parents have housing and income. The father has had a mental health assessment and is in treatment. The father had an alcohol and drug assessment and did not have any recommendations. ██████████ is able to visit with his sister ██████████ ██████████ is in mental health treatment.

08/18/2014 - ██████████ - FFA - Family - This information was gathered during CFTM held on 8/15/14: Strengths: ██████████ and ██████████ are currently receiving therapeutic visitation. The family is willing to do what is needed for ██████████ ██████████ is involved in chorus. ██████████ has completed A&D assessment and has not recommendations. ██████████ is involved in pro-social activities. ██████████ has been able to have visits with ██████████ ██████████ feels ██████████ has been very open with her first time in 3 years since she felt he was open with her. ██████████ feels like the last two visits with ██████████ have been substantive. ██████████ is in therapy.

09/26/2014 - ██████████ - FFA - Family - This information was gathered during this CFTM held on 9/25/14:  
Strengths: Family willing to do what is needed for ██████████ ██████████ and ██████████ are currently having their supervised visitation. ██████████ is involved in pro-social activities. ██████████ and ██████████ are visiting. ██████████ is in therapy. ██████████ has started parenting classes. ██████████ identified family therapy for herself and ██████████ ██████████ feels he's more active and well rounded. ██████████ attended intake for family therapy. ██████████ and ██████████ feel their relationship is improving. Communication has improved between ██████████ and ██████████ ██████████ feels ██████████ is improving in anger management.

#### B. Family Significant Needs/Risks/Concerns:

03/25/2014 - ██████████ - FFA - Family - At the prevention/initial meeting on 3/6/2014, the concerns of the family were noted to be the death of ██████████. The family's loss and the traumatic event are affecting all family members. ██████████ his father and sister, ██████████ were at the home and attempted CPR on ██████████ ██████████ has run away from his father's home. ██████████ recognizes that he has been over protective of ██████████ ██████████ feels his father's way of grieving is hindering his grieving process. ██████████ expressed concerns about returning to his father's home. ██████████ has a history of truancy. The mother reports there being disconnect between she and ██████████. There is a no-contact order between ██████████ and his mother's paramour.

07/30/2014 - ██████████ - FFA - Family - These concerns were discussed at the CFTM on 7/11/14:  
The family is suffering grief over the loss of ██████████ sibling. The mother's husband has a no contact order with ██████████ due to physical abuse. The parents have not been having regular visits with ██████████. The mother and father have not completed parenting classes. The father says he suffers from PTSD symptoms.

08/18/2014 - ██████████ - FFA - Family - This information was gathered during CFTM held on 8/15/14: Concerns: Family therapy has not been set up. ██████████ feels he and ██████████ relationship has regressed. ██████████ also has noted that ██████████ hasn't been communicating with him during visits. ██████████ tends to hold things in. ██████████ says ██████████ does not feel ██████████ stands up for ██████████ (██████████ reported ██████████ got in his face). ██████████ says ██████████ does not like ██████████ and that ██████████ spends more time talking to ██████████. ██████████ has concerns that ██████████ continue to break the law. ██████████ expressed to ██████████ he would rather have a male therapist.

09/26/2014 - ██████████ - FFA - Family - This information was gathered during CFTM held on 9/25/14: Concerns: Family therapy is not occurring. ██████████ tends to hold things in-but he is aware of it and is working on it. ██████████ says ██████████ does not feel ██████████ stands up for ██████████. ██████████ has concerns that ██████████ continues to break the law. ██████████ expressed to ██████████ he would rather have a male therapist. ██████████ has previous legal issues for tickets. ██████████ was unable to get a job due to background checks. ██████████ has medical issue and has been hospitalized. The family has had to move due to finances.

### III. Person Information:

#### A. Children:

02/25/2014 - [REDACTED] - FFA - [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is the daughter of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She has one full sibling, [REDACTED] and one half-sibling, [REDACTED]. The parents are divorced. [REDACTED] died on 2/23/2014.

**B. Adults:**

03/28/2014 - [REDACTED] - FFA - [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] white male  
 [REDACTED] is the father of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He is currently residing with his mother [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] after the death of his daughter [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has two older children that are now adults. [REDACTED] is receiving mental health treatment through counseling and medication management with [REDACTED] in [REDACTED].

03/28/2014 - [REDACTED] - FFA - [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] white female  
 [REDACTED] is the mother of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She is currently married to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] currently resides in [REDACTED] with her husband. She is receiving counseling with Dr. [REDACTED] in [REDACTED].

**C. Family Together History:**

**D. Other Significant Relationships:**

**E. Legal/Court/DCS History:**

Intake ID	Decision Date / Time	Intake Type	Investigation ID/ Assessment ID
[REDACTED]	11/19/2009 02:23 PM	CPS	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]		All Other Intakes	[REDACTED]

  

Action Date	Action Category	Action Type	Court Docket #	Action Concerning	Additional Info
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03/28/2014 - [REDACTED] - FFA - Family - DCS History:

November 2009

ACV: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Allegation: Drug Exposed Child and Psychological Harm Alleged Perpetrator: [REDACTED] Classification: No Services Needed

November 2010

ACV: [REDACTED] Allegation: Psychological Harm Alleged Perpetrator: [REDACTED] Classification: Services Recommended and Accepted

November 2010

ACV: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Allegation: Drug Exposed Child Alleged Perpetrator: [REDACTED] Classification: Services Recommended and Accepted

November 2013

[REDACTED] Resource Linkage Case

November 2013 - Open

ACV: [REDACTED] Allegation: Lack of Supervision Alleged Perpetrator: [REDACTED] Classification: Not yet classified at time of entry

November 2013

ACV: [REDACTED] Allegation: Drug Exposed Child Alleged Perpetrator: [REDACTED] Classification: AUPU

**IV. Assessment of Safety:**

11/28/2013 - [REDACTED] - Safety - [REDACTED] -

12/02/2013 - [REDACTED] - Safety - [REDACTED] -

02/24/2014 - [REDACTED] - Safety - [REDACTED] -

04/25/2014 - [REDACTED] - Safety - [REDACTED] contacted CM [REDACTED] on 3/6/2014 stating that since the death of his younger sister [REDACTED] his father [REDACTED] has been extra possessive and controlling. [REDACTED] stated that he is worried his father isn't taking his bi-polar medication. [REDACTED] stated that he is unable to talk to his father about anything right now because he becomes agitated, angered, and aggressive. [REDACTED] stated that he has been peacemaking with his father because he doesn't want his father to beat the shit out of him. [REDACTED] stated that he is afraid of his father and does not feel safe living with him at this time. [REDACTED] stated that he doesn't feel safe living with his mother [REDACTED] because his step-father [REDACTED] physically attacked him and there is an active restraining order in place.

03/25/2014 - ██████████ - FFA - Family - A prevention/initial meeting was held on 3/6/2014 at the ██████████ DCS office for ██████████. The participants included ██████████ (child); ██████████ (father); ██████████ (mother); ██████████ (sister); ██████████ (grandmother); ██████████ (Other DCS staff); ██████████ (CPS); ██████████ (FSW) and ██████████ (facilitator). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the safety concerns within the father's home. The family has just lost ██████████ (██████████ sister) and this is a very traumatic time for the entire family.

Summary:

There are allegations of drug exposure, lack of supervision and environmental and educational neglect. The truancy petition filed by the high school was dismissed for ██████████. A new one was filed against ██████████ but is in the process of being resolved. ██████████ reported having a good relationship with ██████████. He reports ██████████ is a good kid and makes straight As and has good study habits. The mother reports there being disconnect between her and ██████████. ██████████ reports ██████████ reached out to ██████████ after ██████████ passing and ██████████ responded fairly well to that. There is an order of protection against ██████████ (██████████ husband) for ██████████. The family is grieving the loss of ██████████ and each is grieving in their own way. ██████████ his father and sister, ██████████ were at the home and attempted CPR on ██████████. ██████████ is able to talk with his father and sister some about the incident. ██████████ feels his father's way of grieving is hindering his own grieving process and if he could be separated from him for a little while, things would work themselves out. The mother reports that her husband was packing when she was leaving and ██████████ could live with them. FSW explained that due to the no-contact order and that ██████████ may decide to come back to the home, therefore ██████████ would not be able to go with her at this time. ██████████ said he wanted to live with ██████████ boyfriend, in order to get space for grieving. FSW explained the process of finding placement that is safe and appropriate for ██████████. ██████████ has expressed concerns of his father's retaliation for his choice of wanting to leave his father's home. The mother has concerns about ██████████ going to live with ██████████ including allegations of ██████████ shoplifting and smoking pot with ██████████. The father also brought up these concerns as well. FSW explained that with the pending charges from Wal-Mart, placement with ██████████ would not be an option at this time. The grandmother suggested that ██████████ leave her home and ██████████ stay there. ██████████ does not feel safe with that situation due to thinking his grandmother will go along with what ██████████ asks and he would quickly return to the home. ██████████ second choice is ██████████ mother, ██████████. His mother and father also discussed concerns with her and FSW discussed the background and home study process and the team discussed if ██████████ is in a place where he simply does not want to be, he will run. There was concern about ██████████ having to switch schools and ██████████ states he is ok with switching schools. If ██████████ home study does not work out, FSW will then explore ██████████ aunt, ██████████. ██████████ expressed concerns with the process. ██████████ brought up a family friend, ██████████ who is a guidance counselor at a school in ██████████. ██████████ stated he was ok with going to ██████████ home. ██████████ can stay with ██████████ at least for the night. Both parents have no issues with him going to this home or with her son, ██████████ who is one of ██████████ friends. FSW will explore ██████████ as a placement option for ██████████. In order to minimize further trauma on ██████████ and the family, placement will be explored with family members and kinship options, to prevent him from coming into state's custody.

Decisions Made:

██████████ will not be returning to ██████████ home due to safety concerns he has expressed. FSW will be exploring family and kinship placement options for ██████████.

07/30/2014 - ██████████ - FFA - Family - An initial non-custody CFTM was held on 7/11/14 for ██████████. DCS attorney ██████████ objected to anyone recording the meeting due to confidentiality. The father reported that he turned his recorder off. The father reported that all of his criminal charges have been dismissed in ██████████. ██████████ (current custodian) reports that ██████████ has been doing well in the home. There has been no trouble and he has gotten the household involved in church. ██████████ reports that he enjoys singing. The father reports that he is in school at ██████████ and that is going well. The mother reports that she is in counseling due to her daughter's death. She reports that she has no restrictions on her visitation, but she has not seen ██████████. She reports that ██████████ does not want to see her. The team discussed developing a plan for visitation for the mother. ██████████ reports that the father has not paid child support and she has been out of work. She reports that taking ██████████ to ██████████ to visit the father has become a hardship. The team discussed looking at alternative placements if necessary. The mother wants to be considered as a placement, but her husband has a no contact order against him concerning ██████████. The no contact order will no longer be in effect on 10/14/14. The mother wants to overcome these barriers without making her husband move out. The mother also wants visitation. The mother was made aware of the tasks she has to complete per the court order and she was not aware of the parenting classes. The father reports that he has PTSD and counseling is not going as well as he thought it would. The father has completed a mental health assessment and the recommendations were to continue counseling which he is doing. The father also completed a mental health assessment and there were no recommendations. ██████████ with ██████████ will provide parenting education to the parents as well as therapeutic visitation. A visitation schedule was developed. ██████████ will supervise visits with the mother every other week for 2 hours. The mother will have at least 3 hours of unsupervised visits per month with ██████████. The father will have every other week supervised visits by ██████████ for 2 hours. DCS will supervise visits on alternate weeks. Placement options were discussed. The paternal grandmother was discussed as an option due to the conflict between the custodian and the father. ██████████, the custodian, the mother, and the GAL were not in agreement with changing the placement. However, DCS will file an ex-parte petition to change the custodian.

08/18/2014 - ██████████ - FFA - Family - This information was gathered during CFTM held on 8/15/14: Situation that prompted CFTM: This CFTM was set at last CFTM on 7/11/14 as a follow up.

Meeting Summary: ██████████ saw ██████████ for mental health. ██████████ has mental health treatment with ██████████. We have dad's A&D assessment with no recommendations. ██████████ had a clear drug screen last week. Mom can have unsupervised visitation. She is to arrange that with ██████████. ██████████ is doing visitation with dad and ██████████. The parents should pay \$50 per month child support. ██████████ said her visits with ██████████ are going well. She feels like he is opening up with her. ██████████ and ██████████ are still having communication issues. ██████████ said ██████████ talks with ██████████ before visits. ██████████ told ██████████ to start off with text messages. If they don't go well, then don't start phone calls. She has told him this week to text, then call if he does not answer if still no answer, call ██████████. ██████████ will not answer texts from ██████████ or his grandmother. ██████████ will call ██████████ if ██████████ does not answer ██████████ text messages. ██████████ has an order of protection against ██████████ husband. The order of protection expires on October 14th, 2014. ██████████ wants ██████████ to live with her at the court date. ██████████ said ██████████ is okay with going to his mom's. ██████████ filed a motion to dismiss and he has appealed his mom not getting custody of ██████████. His attorney is dismissing his motion and his appeal. He said ██████████ wants to work towards reunification. Next CFTM is scheduled for 9/25/14 at 3:30 pm at ██████████ DCS.

Visitation: ██████████ has therapeutic visitation with ██████████. ██████████ has unsupervised visits.

09/26/2014 - ██████████ - FFA - Family - This information was gathered during CFTM held on 9/25/14: Situation that prompted CFTM: This is a follow up from previous CFTM on 8/15/14. The team wants to address progress and identify if there are additional things the family needs.

Meeting Summary: The team came together to discuss progress of the case. The strengths and needs were identified and what concerns have been resolved and adding strengths. There has been a concern that family therapy has not yet begun. ██████████ attended and intake session and was not able to start therapy. The most important thing now is getting family therapy started. The agenda was discussed from previous CFTM and now action steps were completed.

Efforts to reduce trauma: The Department has provided therapeutic visitation for ██████████ and ██████████.

Decisions made: A home inspection and background checks will be completed for the new residence and other adults in the home. ██████████ will continue in current school. The team agreed to not have another CFTM prior to court.

Visitation: Visitation will continue as supervised with ██████████ and the father. Visitation unsupervised will continue with the mother.

## V. Assessment of Well Being:

04/26/2014 - [REDACTED] - FFA - Family - Dr. [REDACTED] office confirmed that [REDACTED] is an active client and currently attends weekly sessions.

Pharmacy records were requested and received for [REDACTED]. The records confirm that [REDACTED] has been purchasing his medication on a monthly basis.

#### VI. Assessment of Permanence:

04/26/2014 - [REDACTED] - FFA - Family - On 12/2/13 [REDACTED] had an ample food supply. The RV was plugged up to an electrical source. [REDACTED] arranged for his mother to care for [REDACTED] on 11/17/13 when he was arrested for DUI. [REDACTED] provided pharmacy records which confirmed that his bi-polar medications have been purchased. [REDACTED] expressed concern that his medication may need adjusting. [REDACTED] was increased at his next med management appointment. On 2/23/2014 [REDACTED] daughter [REDACTED] died from allegedly [REDACTED] huffing [REDACTED] air duster. Following the tragic death of his sister, [REDACTED] quickly became concerned for his father's emotional stability. [REDACTED] stated that his father stopped taking his medications and became increasingly angry towards [REDACTED] and other family members. [REDACTED] left school on 3/6/2014 and refused to return to his father's care out of fear. [REDACTED] was placed with an ex-tened relative. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are both receiving med management and counseling services.

#### VII. Assessment of Resources:

Name	Service Category / Type	Status	Resource	Status Begin Date	Status End Date
[REDACTED]	Behavioral Services/ Intensive In-Home Family Services	Returned	*To be determined by Regional Fiscal Unit	07/15/2014	
[REDACTED]	Support Services/ Domestic violence counseling	Returned	*To be determined by Regional Fiscal Unit	09/01/2014	
[REDACTED]	Support Services/ Family Support Services	Planned	*To be determined by Regional Fiscal Unit	11/01/2014	
[REDACTED]	Support Services/ Family Support Services	Approved	[REDACTED]	08/01/2014	08/31/2014
[REDACTED]	Support Services/ Family Support Services	Approved	[REDACTED]	10/07/2014	10/31/2014
[REDACTED]	Support Services/ Family Support Services	Approved	[REDACTED]	07/03/2014	07/31/2014
[REDACTED]	Support Services/ Family Support Services	Approved	[REDACTED]	06/15/2014	06/30/2014
[REDACTED]	Support Services/ Family Support Services	Planned	Department of Children Services	05/21/2014	
[REDACTED]	Support Services/ Therapeutic/Supervised Visitation	Approved	[REDACTED]	09/01/2014	09/30/2014
[REDACTED]	Support Services/ Therapeutic/Supervised Visitation	Approved	[REDACTED]	06/02/2014	06/14/2014

04/26/2014 - [REDACTED] - FFA - Family - [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are both receiving med management and counseling services.

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*Worker's Signature*

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*Date*

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*Supervisor's Signature*

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*Date*



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**Assessment**

Family Name: [REDACTED]

TN DCS Intake ID #: [REDACTED]

County: [REDACTED]

Worker: [REDACTED]

Date of Referral: 11/7/13 7:16 AM

Date of Assessment: 11/13/13 12:00 AM

Assessment Type: Initial

Number of Children in the Household: 1

**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 of 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

- |                          |                                     |  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 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):                        |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Serious injury or abuse to child other than accidental.  |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Death of a child due to abuse or neglect.  |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Care taker fears that s/he will maltreat the child.  |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Threat to cause harm or retaliate against the child.   |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Excessive discipline or physical force.  |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Drug-affected infant/child.  |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Methamphetamine lab exposure.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2. Child sexual abuse is suspected, and circumstances suggest that the child's safety may be of immediate concern.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 3. Caretaker fails to protect the child from serious harm or threatened harm by others. This may include physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 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. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 5. The family refuses access to the child, or there is reason to believe that the family is about to flee.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 6. Caretaker does not meet the child's immediate needs for supervision, food, clothing, and/or medical or mental health care.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 7. The physical living conditions are hazardous and immediately threatening to the health and/or safety of the child.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 8. Caretaker's current substance abuse seriously impairs his/her ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 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:** \_\_\_\_\_