



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

Case # 2014.092

Intake #:	██████████	Investigation #:	██████████	Date of Referral:	06/16/2014
Type: (Please check one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH	<input type="checkbox"/> NEAR DEATH	Date of Death/Near Death:	06/13/2014	
Child's Name:	██████████	DOB:	██████████	Person ID:	██████████
Gender:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Race/Ethnicity:	██████████	County/Region:
Parents' Names:	Mother: ██████████	Father: ██████████			
Alleged Perpetrator's Name:	Unknown		Relationship to Victim:	██████████	
Child in custody at time of incident?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Adjudication:	n/a	
If child is in DCS custody, list placement type and name:	n/a				

Describe (in detail) circumstances surrounding death/near death:

██████████ was on a youth group activity. The youth group went to ██████████ and went swimming in the lake. A group of kids ran into the water at the same time. Some of kids started having problems in the water. The leaders of the group ran in and started to pull kids out of the lake. They were not successful pulling all the children out. ██████████ and another child drown in the lake. The incident occurred on Friday(6/13/14) and the bodies were not found until later on Saturday (6/14/14).

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:

The family is being interviewed this week.

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

n/a

Describe disposition of body (Death):	The body was taken to the Medical Examiner's Office in ██████████ TN				
Name of Medical Examiner/Coroner:	██████████	Was autopsy requested?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Did CPS open an investigation on this Death/Near Death?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Was there DCS involvement at the time of Death/Near Death?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Type:	n/a	Case #:	n/a		

Describe law enforcement or court involvement, if applicable:

██████████ County Sheriff's Office is the law enforcement agency that is working the case. They have been contacted and have sent DCS all reports they have to date. LE stated they found no criminal concerns but they do have concerns regarding the supervision of the children by the sponsoring group. LE is conducting the investigation along with the ██████████ County District Attorney's Office (DA ██████████ and ADA ██████████). Other first responders included: Park Rangers from TWRA, ██████████ Fire Dept, ██████████ County Cliff and Cave Rescue Team, ██████████ County Dive Team, ██████████ County Rescue Squad and local EMS. Reports have been requested and received from all first responders.

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):

The day of the intake (6/16/14), SIU attempted to contact ██████████ SIU was

requesting a list of names with contact information of all persons who attended the trip as well as any contact information for the ACV families. SIU was also requesting a trip schedule and copies of the releases from the parents for the child to attend. SIU was told by the Director of [REDACTED] that they have hired an attorney and would not be providing SIU with any information. They would also not be talking with DCS about the incident. They also stated that the families of the ACV's have also hired attorneys. The Director of [REDACTED] would not take our call nor would he speak with SIU. He did have his attorney call SIU later that day. Since then we have received a list of participants and leaders with contact information of all those who went on the trip. We have spoken with attorneys for both groups.

Name:	Age:

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

Date	Case #	Allegations	Victims	Perpetrators	Classification/Adj
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Any media inquiry or is attention expected? No Yes List organizations requesting information: None yet but the case has been on the news.

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

Contact Person:	Telephone Number: () -
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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Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline Summary**

Intake

Intake ID: [REDACTED]
 Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 06/16/2014 02:04 PM [REDACTED]
 Track Assigned: [REDACTED] Priority Assigned: 2
 Screened By: [REDACTED]
 Date Screened: 06/16/2014

Investigation

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]
 First County/Region: [REDACTED] CPS Special Investigation
 Date/Time Assigned: 06/17/2014 08:34 AM
 First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time: 06/17/2014 12:00 AM
 First Case Manager: [REDACTED] Date/Time: 06/17/2014 12:00 AM

Allegations

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	14 Yrs	Neglect Death	Yes	Unknown Participant [REDACTED] Unknown	Other Non-relative

Referent(s)

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



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Death None prior

Screened out 0

History (not listed above): None

DUPLICATE REFERRAL: No

County: [REDACTED]

Notification: None

School/ Daycare: Unknown

Native American Descent: No

Directions: none given

Reporter's name/relationship [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Reporter states: [REDACTED] (13) lives with his mother [REDACTED] The family resides in [REDACTED] County.

[REDACTED] (13) lives with his mother [REDACTED] father is [REDACTED] The reporter does not know if Mr. [REDACTED] lives in the home. The family resides in [REDACTED] County.

There is no relationship between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] other than that they were on a youth group together. On 6-13-14, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were with a youth group on a day trip at the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] County. There were two youth groups present and it was a coordinated event. The reporter does not know which group the youths were specifically attending the event with. One group present was called [REDACTED] and the youth group leader was [REDACTED]. The second group was called [REDACTED] and the youth group leader's names were [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The reporter has no other information for the youth group leaders.

The incident occurred on 6-13-14. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and several other children in the youth group were swimming in the lake. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] began having difficulty swimming and drowned. The reporter was advised that a large group of children jumped into the water at once and several of the youth began having difficulty swimming. The reporter was advised that a few of the guides (unknown which staff) started extricating the youth from the water. However, the guides were unable to pull [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from the water. The drowning incident occurred around 13:30 hours on 6-13-14.

The youth group personnel contacted the park ranger (unknown). The park ranger then contacted dispatch. Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the Rescue Squad, and personnel with the [REDACTED] County Sherriff's office made the scene. The scene was secured and several divers started looking for the bodies of the youth. The following morning at day break, the search continued. The bodies of both youth were found on 6-14-14 at approximately 11 am. The bodies of both youth were being sent to the medical examiner's office in [REDACTED] as of Saturday afternoon.

Primary law enforcement jurisdiction for this incident (per referent) goes to the State due to the incident occurring at [REDACTED] Park. The investigation is being completed by State Park Services. The reporter does not know who the lead investigator is. The reporter does not know if someone with the State Park Services has already reported this incident but the reporter wanted to make sure as they are aware that all child deaths are to be reported to the Department of Children's Services. The reporter does not have any other updated information on this situation.

As far as the [REDACTED] County Sherriff's Office is aware, there are no known concerning circumstances regarding the drowning of the youth. There was a significant amount of rain, but the reporter does not know if there was a correlation between the rain and the deaths. The reporter does not know if there was an inability to swim or some other factor(s) that played a role in the drowning incident. The reporter is not aware if there was a lack of supervision by the youth group leaders that were present.



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The reporter is not aware that either of the youth had any special needs or disabilities.

County group emailed notification of this report.

Per SDM: Investigative Track, P1(SIU) - Deaths of two children who were on a youth group trip. 6-16-14 @ 3:48 pm

Notified Child Death Group via email [REDACTED]
SIU [REDACTED] was also copied on the notification email.

Reconsideration Request on 6-16-14 at 4:41 pm by [REDACTED] (for intake [REDACTED] Please downgrade to p2. The incident occurred three days ago. Please separate the two ACV's into two investigation. Recon was staffed with Director [REDACTED] who then staffed with Executive Director [REDACTED] Exec. Dir. [REDACTED] approved for the downgrade to a p2.

Reconsideration Response for intake [REDACTED] Per consult with Hotline Director [REDACTED] this is being resubmitted as a P2 due to the incident occurring three days ago. Also, companion [REDACTED] has been created for the ACV, [REDACTED] The original intake ([REDACTED] is now regarding ACV [REDACTED] The [REDACTED] group and SIU RA [REDACTED] are being emailed to make them aware of this report being split into two intakes. This intake is being resubmitted as a P2 to SIU. [REDACTED] TL on 6-16-14 @ 5:12 pm

NOTE: Intake # [REDACTED] was taken on 6-16-14 at 2:05 pm by CM [REDACTED]. Upon request of SIU [REDACTED] this intake is being split into a companion and made a P2: "Please downgrade to p2. The incident occurred three days ago. Please separate the two ACV's into two investigation. Recon was staffed with Director [REDACTED] who then staffed with Executive Director [REDACTED] Exec. Dir. [REDACTED] approved for the downgrade to a p2."

Per SDM: Special Investigative Unit Track, P2, Death, [REDACTED] TL on 6-16-14 @ 5:17 pm



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Participant(s)

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 14 Yrs

Address: [REDACTED]

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact [REDACTED]

Contact Type:

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth:

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Race:

Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact:

Contact Type:

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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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

Contact:

Contact Type:

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline Summary**

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] **Race:** Black/African **Age:** 14 Yrs

Address: [REDACTED]

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact: [REDACTED]

Contact Type:

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



**Tennessee Department of Children's Services
Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline Summary**

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth:

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact:

Contact Type:

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth:

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact:

Contact Type:

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline Summary**

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

Contact:

Contact Type:

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Name: Unknown Participant [REDACTED] Unknown

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: Yes

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact:

Contact Type:

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth:

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact:

Contact Type:

Contact Comments:

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: 06/16/2014

Assignment Date: 06/17/2014

Street Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]

B. Allegation

#	Children's Name	DOB	Specific Allegation for Each Child	Alleged Perpetrator's Name	DOB	Classification	Severe Abuse	Classified By
		SSN			SSN			Classified Date
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neglect Death	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 09/25/2014
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Lack of Supervision	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	No	[REDACTED] 09/25/2014
3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neglect Death	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 09/25/2014
4	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Lack of Supervision	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	No	[REDACTED] 09/25/2014

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments: There is a preponderance of evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death.

The case will be closed and classified as Allegation Substantiated Perpetrator Substantiated for the allegation of Child Neglect Death and Lack of Supervision.

D. Case Workers

Case Worker: [REDACTED]

Date: 09/25/2014

Team Leader: [REDACTED]

Date: 09/26/2014

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:



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Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Deceased.

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

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] TN. Mr. [REDACTED] was not interviewed by SI [REDACTED] privately or separately. Mr. [REDACTED] was represented by Attorney's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] District Attorney [REDACTED] arranged the interviews and allowed SI [REDACTED] to sit in and ask questions when needed. District Attorney [REDACTED] asked Mr. [REDACTED] to describe the details of the field trip. Mr. [REDACTED] started by saying that there were 39 total people on the field trip. He stated that there were 30 children and 9 Chaperones attending the trip. They arrived at [REDACTED] at 9:00 am and left from [REDACTED] at 10:15am, when they headed to [REDACTED]

According to Mr. [REDACTED] the field trip was scheduled to end at 3pm. [REDACTED] stated that a counselor ([REDACTED]) came to the bus and introduced herself. He stated that the counselor told the children that the older children would go to get day packs and the other children would go and get shoes. She also stated that she did not realize how big the children were. She stated that she had life vest in her car (about 11) but a life jacket is "useless", when they are too big or too small. [REDACTED] stated that after hearing that statement from Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told the children what to expect about the deeps of the water. He stated that he gave comparisons to how deep the water was so that the children understood. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told the children not to swim. He stated that they all went to the areas advised. He stated that staff lined up counted the children. He stated that he advised the children not to go into the water when he realized that life jackets were not provided. He stated that he told the children that he could not swim, and he would not be able to save the children if, something were to go "wrong".

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that all he remembers seeing were the kids on top of the water fall. There were two counselors in the water. One of the boys jumped (unknown name). The "lady" ([REDACTED]) guided him child's name unknown to the other side of the fall. More kids jumped in. He looked up one of the counselors was struggling with one of the children. He stated that some counselors went in to help. He stated that he looked up and around 2 additional children were in the water. He stated then another child was struggling. (Unknown Names).

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was struggling with a child. He stated that when he saw the child and [REDACTED] go under the water, he immediately called for help from the other chaperones and then he proceeded to call 911. He stated that he did see anything else as he had to walk away from the falls to get signal for his phone.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has never been to the falls. He stated that this was his first field trip there and that he has worked with [REDACTED] for several years.

Mr. [REDACTED]

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

According to Ms. [REDACTED] her instructions to them were to walk, not run. She stated she told the children that they could jump in feet first, swim to her and over to Mr. [REDACTED]. She stated that she told them that they could not "free swim". Mrs. [REDACTED] later mentioned that the life vest did not belong to [REDACTED] but they were her own personal jackets that she uses when she teaches "Kayaking, during her personal time off from [REDACTED]

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

Reporter states: [REDACTED] (13) lives with his mother [REDACTED] The family resides in [REDACTED] County.



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Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (13) lives with his mother [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] father is [REDACTED]. The reporter does not know if Mr. [REDACTED] lives in the home. The family resides in [REDACTED] County.

There is no relationship between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] other than that they were on a youth group together. On 6-13-14, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were with a youth group on a day trip at the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] County. There were two youth groups present and it was a coordinated event. The reporter does not know which group the youths were specifically attending the event with. One group present was called "[REDACTED]" and the youth group leader was [REDACTED]. The second group was called "[REDACTED]" and the youth group leader's names were [REDACTED]. The reporter has no other information for the youth group leaders.

The incident occurred on 6-13-14. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and several other children in the youth group were swimming in the lake. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] began having difficulty swimming and drowned. The reporter was advised that a large group of children jumped into the water at once and several of the youth began having difficulty swimming. The reporter was advised that a few of the guides (unknown which staff) started extricating the youth from the water. However, the guides were unable to pull [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from the water. The drowning incident occurred around 13:30 hours on 6-13-14.

The youth group personnel contacted the park ranger (unknown). The park ranger then contacted dispatch. Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the Rescue Squad, and personnel with the [REDACTED] County Sherriff's office made the scene. The scene was secured and several divers started looking for the bodies of the youth. The following morning at day break, the search continued. The bodies of both youth were found on 6-14-14 at approximately 11 am. The bodies of both youth were being sent to the medical examiner's office in [REDACTED] as of Saturday afternoon.

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

DCS policy Work Aid 1 (E) defines the following criteria for Child Neglect Death:

1. Any unexplained death of a child when the cause of death is unknown or pending an autopsy report.

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 District Attorney in Severe Child Abuse Cases
 Regional Supervising Attorney



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 11/21/2014

Contact Method: Correspondence

Contact Time: 07:30 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 45

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 11/21/2014

Completed date: 11/24/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Due Process

Contact Sub Type: Letter 2 - EFR Res/Employer Notice/Request Administrative Hearing - Perpetrator

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/21/2014 04:45 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ASA4, prepared Letter 2 dated 11/24/14 certified mail # [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ASA4, prepared Letter 2 dated 11/24/14 certified mail # [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 11/21/2014

Contact Method: Correspondence

Contact Time: 07:30 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 11/21/2014

Completed date: 11/24/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Due Process

Contact Sub Type: Letter 3 - Employer Notification

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/21/2014 04:47 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ASA4, prepared Letter 3 dated 11/24/14 regarding [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] Board Chair [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ASA4, prepared Letter 3 dated 11/24/14 regarding [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 11/07/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 05:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 11/08/2014

Completed date: 11/08/2014

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: 11/08/2014 10:29 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Case reviewed and approved for closure on 11/7/14 by State Director of Investigations, [REDACTED]



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 11/06/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 01:15 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 11/06/2014

Completed date: 11/06/2014

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: 11/06/2014 12:16 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

The Department of Children's Services (DCS) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) received a referral on 06/16/2014 with an allegation of Child Neglect Death regarding non-custodial child [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (13) lived with his mother [REDACTED] father is [REDACTED]. The reporter does not know if Mr. [REDACTED] lives in the home. The family resides in [REDACTED] County. [REDACTED] has no history with the Department of Children's Services. On 6-13-14, [REDACTED] was with a youth group on a day trip at the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] County, TN. There were two youth groups present and it was a coordinated event between the two groups. At the time of the report it was not known which group the youths were specifically attending the event with. One group present was called [REDACTED] and the youth group leader was [REDACTED]. The second group was called [REDACTED] and the youth group leader's names were [REDACTED]. The assistants were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The incident occurred on 6-13-14. [REDACTED] and several other children in the youth group were swimming under the water fall. [REDACTED] began having difficulty swimming and drowned. The reporter was advised that a large group of children jumped into the water at once and several of the youth began having difficulty swimming. The reporter was advised that a few of the guides (unknown which staff) started extricating the youth from the water. However, the guides were unable to pull two youth, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from the water. The incident involving [REDACTED] is being investigated also. The investigation number is [REDACTED]. The drowning incident occurred around 13:30 hours on 6-13-14. The youth group personnel contacted the park ranger [REDACTED]. The park ranger then contacted dispatch. Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the Rescue Squad, and personnel with the [REDACTED] County Sheriff's office made their way to the scene. The scene was secured and several divers started looking for the bodies of the youth. The youth were unable to be located on 6-13-14. The following morning at day break, the search continued. The bodies of both youth were found on 6-14-14 at approximately 11 am. The bodies of both youth were sent to the medical examiner's office in [REDACTED] TN for an autopsy.

The investigation into this incident was conducted by The [REDACTED] County Sheriff's Office, DCS Special Investigations Unit Lead Investigators [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and Special Investigators [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The report to DCS listed an unknown perpetrator. The alleged perpetrators for Child Neglect Death were identified as



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staff at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Numerous interviews were conducted of students, staff and medical professionals.

As part of the investigation, chaperones and students from both youth groups were interviewed. The interviews revealed that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] organized the activity. The flyers that were provided to each family member stated that swim shoes and 10 life vests would be provided by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was responsible for providing the life vests.

It was discovered that the life vests were not provided by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised the group that the life vests were in her car, but she did not realize that the children were so big. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that a life vest is useless if it is "too big", or "too small."

Ms. [REDACTED] made the decision not to give any of the children life vests. Ms. [REDACTED] admitted in her interview that she had the life vests in her car, but never got them out for the children. She stated that the life vests were her own personal life vests that she uses to teach "kayaking," as her side job.

Mr. [REDACTED] was responsible for calling each parent to ask if their child could swim. [REDACTED] parents reported to SI [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] could not swim, but was a part of the group who was identified by Mr. [REDACTED] to be able to swim.

It was reported by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Chaperones from [REDACTED] that the weather condition was "rainy", and not a good day for "swimming".

DCS policy Work Aid 1 (E) defines the following criteria for Child Neglect Death:

1. Any unexplained death of a child when the cause of death is unknown or pending an autopsy report.
2. Any child death caused by abuse resulting from direct action of the child's caretaker or the consequence of the child's caretaker's failure to stop another person's direct action that resulted in the death of a child. Child deaths are always treated as severe child abuse.
3. Any child death that is the result of the caretaker's failure to meet childcare responsibilities. Neglect death is always treated as severe child abuse.

DCS policy defines Lack of Supervision as a failure of a parent or caretaker, who is able to do so, to provide adequate supervision. A determination of which means the child has been placed in a situation that requires actions beyond the child's level of maturity, physical or mental ability. This includes when a caregiver is with the child but inadequately supervises because they are unable or unwilling, for instance under the influence of alcohol or drugs, is depressed, sleeps during the day or has inadequate parenting knowledge or skills.

The case was presented to the [REDACTED] County Child Protective Investigation Team on 09/24/2014. Team members were in agreement that there was sufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death.

Ms. [REDACTED] did not provide the children with life vests as stated on the flyers that were sent out to each parent. It is also evident that even though Ms. [REDACTED] had the life vests in her car, she made the conscious decision not to provide the vests to any child that was on the field trip.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were responsible for making sure that each child was provided with adequate equipment to be successful on the field trip. The lack of appropriate equipment resulted in two child fatalities. [REDACTED] did not make sure that the inner city youths and chaperones were adequately equipped for this type of field trip.

The parents were told that the children would be provided life vests. Some parents stated that had they known that there would not be any life vests provided they would not have allowed their children to go on the trip.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED], the leaders of both groups did not provide the children with life vests. They also decided to continue the field trip allowing the children to swim without the life vests and in "rainy weather conditions". Children who could not swim were allowed to swim in deep water without a life vest.



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There is a preponderance of evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death and Lack of Supervision.

The case will be closed and classified as Allegation Substantiated Perpetrator Substantiated for the allegation of Child Neglect Death and Lack of Supervision.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 09/24/2014

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 10:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05 Hour

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Other Community Site

Created Date: 10/21/2014

Completed date: 10/21/2014

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: 10/21/2014 12:59 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

The case was presented to the [REDACTED] County CPIT Child Protective Investigation Team on 09/24/2014. Team members were in agreement that there was sufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 09/22/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 11:45 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 30

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 11/07/2014

Completed date: 11/07/2014

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: 11/07/2014 02:54 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

This case was staffed with DCS Legal. Legal agreed with SI [REDACTED] and the classification.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 09/22/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 10:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 30

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 11/07/2014

Completed date: 11/07/2014

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: 11/07/2014 09:57 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

SI [REDACTED] and LI, [REDACTED] staffed this case with IC, [REDACTED] and DI, [REDACTED] All parties agreed with the classification of Lack of Supervision and Neglect Death.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

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Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 08/01/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 12:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 08/01/2014

Completed date: 08/01/2014

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: 08/01/2014 12:16 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

SI [REDACTED] uploaded the autopsy report into TFACTS.



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 Contact Time: 05:00 PM Contact Duration: Less than 05 Hour
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Other Community Site Created Date: 11/07/2014
 Completed date: 11/07/2014 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: 11/07/2014 10:11 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 9/16/74
 [REDACTED]-4 months-[REDACTED] (supervisor)

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] TN. Mr. [REDACTED] was not interviewed by SI [REDACTED] privately or separately. Mr. [REDACTED] was represented by Attorney's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] District Attorney [REDACTED] arranged the interviews and allowed SI [REDACTED] to sit in and ask questions when needed. District Attorney [REDACTED] asked Mr. [REDACTED] to describe the details of the field trip. Mr. [REDACTED] started by saying that there were 39 total people on the field trip. He stated that there were 30 children and 9 Chaperones attending the trip. They arrived at [REDACTED] at 9:00 am and left from [REDACTED] at 10:15am, when they headed to [REDACTED]. According to Mr. [REDACTED] the field trip was scheduled to end at 3pm.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Ms. [REDACTED] stated that the she and [REDACTED] made flyers for the agenda that stated that [REDACTED], the agency that she manages, would be responsible for providing the children with "swimming shoes, life jackets, food, and day packs". Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she brought approximately 11-15 life vests that were located in her car. She stated that when she saw the sizes of the children from [REDACTED] her life vests were too small for them. Ms. [REDACTED] explained that a life vest is useless if it's "too big, or too small". She stated that at that time she decided that she would not give anybody a life vest. She further stated that when after they realized there were no life vests, they split the children into groups. Ms. [REDACTED] took 7-10 children who she stated that they could swim. She stated that she was not aware of the children's names as they were a part of [REDACTED] programs

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was one of the chaperones that were assigned by management to be stationed on the lower rock where the deep end of the water is. Near the water falls.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] demonstrated to the children how to jump into the water. He stated the children jumped into the water. He stated that he noticed that [REDACTED] and one of the boys struggling in the water. He stated that as [REDACTED] tried helping one of the boys he noticed that another boy was struggling as well. He stated those boys were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was helping [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] (another chaperone) was assisting with [REDACTED]



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who was also having trouble in the water. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was having a very difficult time trying to keep [REDACTED] calm because he was in distress.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] (Chaperone) was the 3rd or 4th person in the water. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he got [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to place them onto shore, he then swam back over to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] tried helping him but, [REDACTED] had to back off [REDACTED] because he started to pull her under.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he grabbed [REDACTED] and tried lifting him up, He stated that [REDACTED] grabbed his neck. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he let [REDACTED] push him down to try and regain himself. He stated that the efforts were not successful.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that when [REDACTED] grabbed hold to [REDACTED] he was completely out of it. He tried supporting him. He stated that he could barely keep up because of the struggle he had with [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] body was lifeless and he his head went back underneath the water with [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was too [REDACTED] right screaming. He grabbed her [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] dove back down to try and get [REDACTED]
He stated that [REDACTED] tried everything she could to retrieve the boys. But the efforts were unsuccessful.



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Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location: Other Community Site	Created Date: 11/07/2014
Completed date: 11/07/2014	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: 11/07/2014 10:09 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] TN. Mr. [REDACTED] was not interviewed by SI [REDACTED] privately or separately. Mr. [REDACTED] was represented by Attorney's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] District Attorney [REDACTED] arranged the interviews and allowed SI [REDACTED] to sit in and ask questions when needed. District Attorney [REDACTED] asked Mr. [REDACTED] to describe the details of the field trip. Mr. [REDACTED] started by saying that there were 39 total people on the field trip. He stated that there were 30 children and 9 Chaperones attending the trip. They arrived at [REDACTED] at 9:00 am and left from [REDACTED] at 10:15am, when they headed to [REDACTED]. According to Mr. [REDACTED] the field trip was scheduled to end at 3pm.

[REDACTED] stated that a counselor ([REDACTED]) came to the bus and introduced herself. He stated that the counselor told the children that the older children would go to get day packs and the other children would go and get shoes. She also stated that she did not realize how big the children were. She stated that she had life vest in her car (about 11) but a life jacket is "useless", when they are too big or too small. [REDACTED] stated that after hearing that statement from Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told the children what to expect about the deeps of the water. He stated that he gave comparisons to how deep the water was so that the children understood. [REDACTED] told the children not to swim. He stated that they all went to the areas advised. He stated that staff lined up counted the children. He stated that he advised the children not to go into the water when he realized that life jackets were not provided. He stated that he told the children that he could not swim, and he would not be able to save the children if, something were to go "wrong".

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that all he remembers seeing were the kids on top of the water fall. There were two counselors in the water. One of the boys jumped (unknown name). The "lady" [REDACTED] guided him child's name unknown to the other side of the fall. More kids jumped in. He looked up one of the counselors was struggling with one of the children. He stated that some counselors went in to help.



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He stated that he looked up and around 2 additional children were in the water. He stated then another child was struggling. (Unknown Names).

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was struggling with a child. He stated that when he saw the child and [REDACTED] go under the water, he immediately called for help from the other chaperones and then he proceeded to call 911. He stated that he did see anything else as he had to walk away from the falls to get signal for his phone.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has never been to the falls. He stated that this was his first field trip there and that he has worked with [REDACTED] for several years.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was advised by management to stay at the fall until the parents to the deceased arrived on the scene.



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 Contact Time: 02:30 PM Contact Duration: Less than 05 Hour
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Other Community Site Created Date: 11/07/2014
 Completed date: 11/07/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/07/2014 10:04 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] TN. Ms. [REDACTED] was not interviewed by SI [REDACTED] privately or separately. Ms. [REDACTED] was represented by Attorney's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] District Attorney [REDACTED] arranged the interviews and allowed SI [REDACTED] to sit in and ask questions when needed. District Attorney [REDACTED] asked Ms. [REDACTED] to describe the details of the field trip. Ms. [REDACTED] started by saying that there were 39 total people on the field trip. She stated that there were 30 children and 9 Chaperones attending the trip. They arrived at [REDACTED] at 9:00 am and left from [REDACTED] at 10:15am, when they headed to [REDACTED]. According to Ms. [REDACTED] the field trip was scheduled to end at 3pm.

Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she and [REDACTED] made flyers for the agenda that stated that [REDACTED] the agency that she manages, would be responsible for providing the children with "swimming shoes, life jackets, food, and day packs". Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she brought approximately 11-15 life vests that were located in her car. She stated that when she saw the sizes of the children from [REDACTED], her life vests were too small for them. Ms. [REDACTED] explained that a life vest is useless if it's "too big, or too small". She stated that at that time she decided that she would not give anybody a life vest. She further stated that when after they realized there were no life vests, they split the children into groups. Ms. [REDACTED] took 7-10 children who she stated that they could swim. She stated that she was not aware of the children's names as they were a part of [REDACTED] programs. SI [REDACTED] asked Ms. [REDACTED] how she knew that the group she had could swim, if she didn't know them. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] worked together to put the field trip together. She stated that Mr. [REDACTED] was responsible for calling each parent to ask them if their child could swim or not. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that this is how she got her group of between 7-10 boys, who could allegedly swim. SI [REDACTED] asked Ms. [REDACTED] to describe the weather the day of the incident. She stated that the weather was "cloudy and sprinkling". Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she has been to [REDACTED] approximately four times. She stated that the children had been provided their day packs and gear. She stated that they spent time at the picnic tables. They hiked down the site and up the creek. She stated that the group then stopped for lunch at the creek site. After lunch they continued to climb up the creek, until they came to the pools near the falls. She stated that that is where everyone left their day packs. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she started to station all of the chaperones. She stationed [REDACTED] and her group who were in the "shallow" part of the



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pool. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were swimmers located in the water. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who were also chaperones, were positioned by Ms. [REDACTED] (Manager) to watch from the plateau near the water. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that after she got all of the chaperones positioned, she had given the children safety rules and instructions. She stated then she allowed children one by one to jump into the pool into her arms.

According to Ms. [REDACTED] her instructions to them were to walk, not run. She stated she told the children that they could jump in feet first, swim to her and over to Mr. [REDACTED]. She stated that she told them that they could not "free swim".

Mrs. [REDACTED] later mentioned that the life vest did not belong to [REDACTED] but they were her own personal jackets that she uses when she teaches "Kayaking, during her personal time off from [REDACTED]



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Location: Other Community Site	Created Date: 11/07/2014
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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: 11/07/2014 10:08 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Started May 17, 2014

Attorney [REDACTED] was present with SI [REDACTED] and AP [REDACTED] so some questions were not able to be asked based on the attorney not allowing SI [REDACTED] to ask the questions. These interviews were set up by D.A. [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] County D. A's office

[REDACTED] stated that he drove the bus with the children. [REDACTED] stated that he can swim. [REDACTED] stated that he had never been to the falls prior to this day. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is his supervisor at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that a counselor [REDACTED] came to the bus and introduced herself. He stated that the counselor told the children that the older children would go to get day packs and the other children would go and get shoes. She also stated that she did not realize how big the children were. She stated that she had life vests in her car but a life jacket is "useless", when they are too big or too small. [REDACTED] stated that after hearing that statement from Ms. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] told the children what to expect about the depths of the water. He gave comparisons to how deep the water was so that the children understood. [REDACTED] told the children not to swim. He stated that they all went to the areas advised. He stated that staff lined up counted the children. [REDACTED] stated that it took about 30 minutes to get to a point where they could eat lunch after getting the children ready and making sure that they were all counted. [REDACTED] stated that when they got to the falls, some of the children were in shallow water, while some of the children were making their way to the falls. [REDACTED] stated that he was in the middle of the two groups, and standing on a rock. He was in the shallow water watching the children in the shallow water area. He stated that he walked over to where [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were standing. [REDACTED] stated that he turned and saw one of the children's heads go below the water. He stated that he immediately jumped in the water and almost choked. He stated that when he looked back, the child had already drowned. At this time, he stated that the staff gathered the children. [REDACTED] stated that he could not remember who else was in the water at the time of the incident. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was supposed to supply the life jackets for the children to wear during the activity.



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Location: Other Community Site	Created Date: 11/07/2014
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Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being	
Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview	
Contact Sub Type:	

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/07/2014 10:02 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he has worked with [REDACTED] for the last 8 years. He stated that he supervised employees and 15 children under the water fall. He stated that they could not figure out how to get to the right banks. He stated that [REDACTED] was on the right and 1 other employee, [REDACTED] was in the water with the children. He stated that four or five children jumped in on the edge of a ledge by the rock. He stated that they had asked [REDACTED] about life jackets but he didn't answer him, either because he didn't hear him or he was ignoring him. He stated that (child on the field trip) [REDACTED] jumped in, followed by [REDACTED] and then [REDACTED]. He stated that he stayed focused on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] watched [REDACTED] who was watching [REDACTED] swim towards her. He stated that they then saw [REDACTED] struggling and everybody jumped in, [REDACTED] jumped in, [REDACTED] jumped in and [REDACTED] helped [REDACTED] to the edge. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he could swim. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he did not try and jump because the other life guards were in the water. He stated that he spoke to every student. They sent permission slips home. He also talked to each employee about the trip and what they would be doing. He stated that it was Mr. [REDACTED] first trip to the falls. He stated that they got permission slips back from each parent whose child went on the field trip. He stated that they agreed on 15 life jackets being available but wanted as many as he could get. Mr. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] about the life jackets and he walked away. He is not sure what happened to the life jackets. He stated that even if he wanted to ask Ms. [REDACTED] manager from [REDACTED] a question she would not be able to hear him, as the noise of the falls was too loud. He stated that Ms. [REDACTED] was already in the water with the children when he got to the top of the fall.

Mr. [REDACTED] was responsible for making sure that the children were provided with vest, shoes and daypacks. Mr. [REDACTED] allowed the field trip to continue without the all the items that were out lined in the brochures provided to the parents.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was advised by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that she would be supplying these items to the children upon their arrival to the falls.

Mr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were over planning the field trip. They are also the supervisors or the



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chaperones that were on the field trip.



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Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/21/2014

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 09:30 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 04 Hour

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Other Community Site

Created Date: 07/21/2014

Completed date: 07/21/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact,Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/21/2014 01:43 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

SI [REDACTED] met with the Camp Advisors from [REDACTED] on this date to obtain statements. Dictation for each person will follow.



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Case Status: Close

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Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/21/2014

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 01:44 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 30

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: [REDACTED]

Created Date: 07/21/2014

Completed date: 07/21/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Medical Exam,Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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[REDACTED]

Participant(s)

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/21/2014 01:49 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

SI [REDACTED] recieved the autopsy report. The report indicted that the cause of death was drowning. The hard copy of the report will be located in the file. It will also be downloaded into tfacts.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

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Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Created In Error
 Contact Date: 07/18/2014 Contact Method: Phone Call
 Contact Time: 01:30 PM Contact Duration: Less than 45
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 11/07/2014
 Completed date: 11/07/2014 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: 11/07/2014 10:15 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 SI [REDACTED] contacted the referent. Case recordings to follow with additional information.

Narrative Type: Created In Error Entry Date/Time: 11/07/2014 10:17 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 the date should be 6/18/2014.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/17/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 10:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 08/11/2014

Completed date: 08/11/2014

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: 08/11/2014 10:42 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

LI [REDACTED] and SI [REDACTED] staffed this case. SI has been able to interview all the AP's at this point. These interviews were conducted by law enforcement. The case will be staff next with uppermanagement for classification purposes. The autopsy has been received. The case will need to go to CPIT in August.



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Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 07/07/2014	Contact Method: Face To Face
Contact Time: 11:30 AM	Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location: Provider Office	Created Date: 07/08/2014
Completed date: 07/08/2014	Completed By: [REDACTED]
Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being	
Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact	
Contact Sub Type:	

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/08/2014 08:25 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 Summary of Child's Disclosure: Forensic Interview with [REDACTED] Collateral witness

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are "people I hanged around with a lot." [REDACTED] stated that he went to "school with [REDACTED] and used to hang out with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] uncle's house. When asked if something happened to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated, "They drowned." [REDACTED] stated that he was there when this happened and they were at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that he was "on a fieldtrip" with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that it was raining that day and they went for a hike before they got to the lake. [REDACTED] stated that he thinks there were "39 kids" there that day. [REDACTED] stated that there were "4 coaches"- [REDACTED] "

[REDACTED] stated that when everyone got to the waterfall there were no instructions. [REDACTED] stated that there were no lifejackets and said "a lot of people were afraid to get in the water; afraid of how deep it was." [REDACTED] stated that someone said that all the lifejackets were "left in the car." [REDACTED] stated that he and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were together. [REDACTED] stated that the 3 of them swam back and forth in the water together where it wasn't very deep. [REDACTED] stated that "yes" they could touch the bottom of the lake where they were swimming. [REDACTED] stated one time [REDACTED] went towards the middle of the lake where it was much deeper and then he turned around and came back. [REDACTED] stated that there were "6 lifeguards." [REDACTED] stated that the 3 boys eventually saw that the lifeguards were "letting people go under the waterfall." [REDACTED] stated that one of the lifeguards was "sitting on a big rock, one was swimming in the middle, and two were by the waterfall."

[REDACTED] stated, "Me and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went up with them to go under the waterfall." [REDACTED] stated that they had gotten out of the water and walked around to where the waterfall was. [REDACTED] stated, "We got under the waterfall and it was warmThen [REDACTED] said he could live under the waterfall." [REDACTED] stated, "Then the lifeguards started letting people jump off the waterfall." [REDACTED] stated that there was a rock about 5 feet up out of the water that they were jumping off of. [REDACTED] stated, "3 kids got in and needed help and 3 of the lifeguards helped." [REDACTED] stated, "Once you got in the water it was tiring." [REDACTED] stated that the 3 boys had jumped off the rock into the water and gotten tired so the lifeguards helped them back to shore. [REDACTED] stated that the 3 boys were with [REDACTED] but he didn't remember their names. When asked what happened next, [REDACTED] stated, "[REDACTED] was taking pictures of everyone and wanted to see how high we could jump off the waterfall." [REDACTED] stated, "Then [REDACTED] went first." [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] jumped off the rock under the waterfall and then swam "into the middle." [REDACTED] stated



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earlier that "the middle" was where the water got really deep. [REDACTED] stated, "I went second." [REDACTED] stated that he jumped off the rock and then swam "to the middle" where [REDACTED] was. [REDACTED] stated, "Then [REDACTED] jumped in."

[REDACTED] stated that around the time that [REDACTED] jumped in [REDACTED] told him, "[REDACTED] I need help." [REDACTED] stated, "Then I tried to help him and I started going under the water. I was trying to swim him back to shore but he was too heavy. Then I was trying to get back on top of the water. Then I was trying to say to [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] needed help. Then [REDACTED] tried to help him." [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was "trying to grab [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated "no" no one else was around. [REDACTED] stated, "I think the lifeguards were trying to get back to us." [REDACTED] stated that all 3 boys couldn't yell "because we were so tired." [REDACTED] stated, "I started to swim back to shore; then my swimming shoe was about to fall off but when I grabbed it I could hardly breathe." [REDACTED] stated, "I made it back to shore. Then [REDACTED] saw what happened and then he jumped in with all his clothes on. Then he grabbed both of them but he couldn't swim with both inside his arms." [REDACTED] stated, "Then one of the lifeguards was sitting on the rock watching." [REDACTED] described this lifeguard as being "white" with "short hair."

[REDACTED] stated, "[REDACTED] tried to jump in with all his clothes on but got back out because the water was freezing. Then [REDACTED] was calling 911." [REDACTED] stated that at this point there were 4 lifeguards and [REDACTED] all trying to help [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated, "The lifeguards were tired from helping others back to shore." [REDACTED] stated, "Then [REDACTED] went under water and wasn't coming back up. Then [REDACTED] went under to try and save him. Then [REDACTED] came back up to get air and then went back down to try and get him again." [REDACTED] stated that at this point the lifeguards and [REDACTED] were "trying to catch their breath." [REDACTED] stated, "Then [REDACTED] didn't come back up." [REDACTED] stated, "Then we sat there for 10 minutes to see if they came back up." [REDACTED] stated, "The lifeguards and [REDACTED] swam back to shore."

[REDACTED] stated, "Then we started to leave and some people came with scuba diving equipment. Then we were trying to get back to the buses." [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] stayed behind.

[REDACTED] stated, "No" no one was able to try and get [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] close to the shore.

This is not a complete transcript of the forensic interview with [REDACTED] This is a summary. For the complete interview, please view DVD.



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Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/02/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 09:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 08/11/2014

Completed date: 08/11/2014

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: 08/11/2014 10:38 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

LI [REDACTED] and SI [REDACTED] staffed this case. SI has met with the family of one of the ACV's. The family is very distraught but willing to talk with SIU about the child. All interviews in the case are being written in a WORD document for proof reading and then pasted into TFACTS as a recording. The AP's have not been willing to meet at this time. Investigative tasks are still ongoing.



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Contact Date: 06/30/2014	Contact Method: Face To Face
Contact Time: 02:45 PM	Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location: Family Home	Created Date: 08/11/2014
Completed date: 08/11/2014	Completed By: [REDACTED]
Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being	
Contact Type(s): Parent/Caretaker Interview	
Contact Sub Type:	

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 08/11/2014 12:48 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

The interview with the [REDACTED] family is a little "scattered", as SI [REDACTED] allowed the family to flow with the interview as they wanted discuss the events

SI [REDACTED] arrived at the home of the [REDACTED] family. Upon arrival of the home, family member's friends and others were at the home giving support to Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

SI [REDACTED] would describe the home as a four-bedroom three-bathroom home with a living room dining room and den. The home appeared to be in a low crime rate area.

SI [REDACTED] allowed the family to discuss the events that lead to the field trip. The [REDACTED] were not spoken to privately or separately as the parents felt that they were support systems for one another.

Before SI [REDACTED] could ask any question, Mr. [REDACTED] started to talk about his son, and described him as a very good athlete. He stated that his nickname for [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]. He stated he has thirteen children and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was the baby child of his.

The [REDACTED] came into the discussion only knowing limited information about what happened the day of the incident, The [REDACTED] stated that as of this date the only information that they know has been obtained by the news as well as TV articles and word on the street. At this time they had not been told any information from [REDACTED] in regards to what staff believed went wrong during the field trip.

The [REDACTED] stated that all they knew as of this date is that [REDACTED] drowned. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he received a call from Mr. [REDACTED] at around 2:40 pm regarding what had happened and about the bodies being missing. He stated that [REDACTED] told him that [REDACTED] had drowned and could not be saved. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the phone call lasted about 50 seconds before [REDACTED] phone "hung up".

The [REDACTED] stated that they tried calling [REDACTED] back to obtain details. They stated that after several attempts to call coach [REDACTED] back they were unable to reach him via cell phone. The [REDACTED] stated that they later found out that [REDACTED] phone went dead.

(When SI [REDACTED] state "The [REDACTED] this is an indication that Mr. [REDACTED] is the primary person and when Mr. [REDACTED] would speak Mrs. [REDACTED] would occasionally "chime", in and out of the conversation, as she was in and out of the



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conversation.)

Mr. [REDACTED] continued to state that he thought that the children were going to either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] for swimming. He stated that he gave verbal consent for [REDACTED] to go on the field trip. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he did not think that [REDACTED] knew for sure where the group was going. He stated that all he knew is that [REDACTED] wanted to go on the field trip.

He further stated that he had to be driven home from work because he was just "distracted", after hearing the news through a phone call from [REDACTED] that his son had drowned on the field trip, and that he was dead. He further stated that no one could tell him the address to where they were on the field trip. He stated that he and his wife contacted the secretary at [REDACTED]. They stated that [REDACTED] could not provide them with the address or the field trips location.

The [REDACTED] stated that they finally googled the park for the address and headed towards that direction. After several attempts to locate the field trip flyer to clarify where the group had gone.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that when he finally got to [REDACTED] County, he was only able to speak with [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] made sure he was introduced to the park ranger then [REDACTED] immediately left the scene. SI [REDACTED] asked Mr. [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] could swim and the family stated "no". The [REDACTED] stated that they asked the counselors if they were able to get a life vest. Counselors stated that they only had 15 life vests and everyone couldn't get a life jacket. [REDACTED] told the family this after the incident occurred.

Mr. [REDACTED] has stated that [REDACTED] along with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] jumped into the pool. According to Mr. [REDACTED] (Dad) Mr. [REDACTED] (father), told him that he heard that [REDACTED] saved [REDACTED] and another child involved [REDACTED] from "drowning".

The [REDACTED] family stated that they still don't have the answers that they need. The family would like to have clarity with [REDACTED].

The Group appeared to become more emotional, leading SI [REDACTED] to feel the interview needed to stop for the time being.



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 Contact Time: 04:00 PM Contact Duration: Less than 30
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 07/03/2014
 Completed date: 07/03/2014 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)**

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/03/2014 11:01 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

SI [REDACTED] has scheduled forensic interviews for the following children. I was reported that these children were actually in the water at the time of the incident.

[REDACTED] July 7, 11:00 am

[REDACTED] July 10, 9:30 am

[REDACTED] - July 10, 11:00 am

[REDACTED] - July 11 @ 1:00pm



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 Location: Other Community Site 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): Notation
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/25/2014 12:36 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

SI [REDACTED] attended a meeting that was scheduled by DA [REDACTED] to obtain statements from the group leaders that attended the field trip the day that the incident occurred. The meeting was to be held at [REDACTED] at 4:00pm at the [REDACTED] building.

SI [REDACTED] and DA [REDACTED] were present. [REDACTED] and DA [REDACTED] were informed by [REDACTED] that a meeting was held with the groups lawyer and the Lawyer obtained by both family's. In their meeting it was decided that they would like to obtain a criminal lawyer before making any statements to anyone.



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Contact Time: 02:00 PM	Contact Duration: Less than 30
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location: [REDACTED]	Created Date: 06/23/2014
Completed date: 06/23/2014	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: 06/23/2014 03:56 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Phone Call
 Collateral Contact

SI spoke with Officer [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] County Sheriff's office. He informed SI that the DA's office from the [REDACTED] was at the Sheriff's Office this morning speaking to everyone about the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] child death case.

Officer [REDACTED] stated that Mr. [REDACTED] is meeting with the Group Leaders of the [REDACTED] tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 PM [REDACTED] to obtain "statements" regarding the drowning that occurred on June 13 at [REDACTED]. The office address where meeting is to be held is:

[REDACTED]

SI requested permission for SIU to also attend the meeting and Officer [REDACTED] said that he did not see a problem and for SIU to call Mr. [REDACTED] to inform him of the plan.

Officer [REDACTED] also said that the [REDACTED] has "lawyered up" and the Sheriff's Department is still trying to get information from them. He said that he has been communicating with their legal counsel and the DA's and have not gotten any information yet about getting statements.

Officer [REDACTED] said that he is still planning on faxing to SI the documents as SI discussed with the Chief Deputy [REDACTED] earlier today: the [REDACTED] Itinerary, Release Forms / Parental Consent Forms, late this afternoon. He said that he is still getting information in and that their computers are not compatible and it is difficult. But the information is coming.



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Contact Time: 12:00 PM	Contact Duration: Less than 30
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location: [REDACTED]	Created Date: 06/23/2014
Completed date: 06/23/2014	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: 06/23/2014 04:16 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Collateral Contact
Phone Call

Collateral Contact
Chief Deputy [REDACTED] [REDACTED] County Sheriff's Dept.

SI called and spoke to Chief Deputy [REDACTED] [REDACTED] County Sheriff's Dept.
SI spoke to Chief Deputy [REDACTED] about the meeting he had with DA [REDACTED] and Assistant DA [REDACTED] last week.

Chief Deputy informed SI that DA and ADA are now updated on the case and they know the information that he and SI discussed last week when we met.

He said that he had spoken to VP, [REDACTED], from the [REDACTED] and he is planning on sending to the Sheriff's Department copies of the "parental agreement, harmless / release forms, trip details, roster and the itinerary".

He learned that the [REDACTED] legal representative will be [REDACTED] who the Chief Deputy said that he knows. He said that Mr. [REDACTED] told him that he is planning on "sitting down with them and getting statements from them". Chief Deputy said that he will get the affidavit "from someone" but does not know yet when the statements will be taken yet. He said that the special investigator from the DA's office was in charge of setting this up. He was not sure of his name but thought it was [REDACTED]

SI provided to Chief Deputy again SIs fax and email information.



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Status: Completed

Contact Date: 06/19/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 01:15 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 45

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): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/25/2014 12:38 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

SI [REDACTED] called the office in order to speak with Mr. [REDACTED]. The assistant informed me that he would not be in the office until later this afternoon. The assistant advised [REDACTED] that she would have him to give me a return phone call.



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 Contact Time: 09:00 AM Contact Duration: Less than 30
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 06/19/2014
 Completed date: 06/19/2014 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: 06/19/2014 01:05 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

6/19/14 9:00 am LI [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He stated that he was called in on Saturday 6/14/14 by State Parks officer [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to use his underwater sonar device to locate the bodies of the two juveniles. He stated that he initially received a call from Officer [REDACTED] on Friday evening and reported to the State Park on Saturday morning. He stated that they had to use ropes to get down to the pool of water below the falls because it is very steep. He stated that within 5 minutes of using his device he located the bodies of both male juveniles. He stated that one juvenile was 8.5 feet under and the other was 9.5 feet under. He stated that the water was about 10 feet deep where the bodies were recovered. Officer [REDACTED] stated that his device takes pictures and videos underwater. He stated that he took a lot of pictures of the area. He has video of the bodies and all areas surrounding the bodies under the water. He will provide everything he has to SIU. He stated that he did not see the water on Friday but he was told the water wasn't clear and that is why the divers were unable to locate the bodies but he cannot speak to that for sure. He stated that he was told the water conditions had changed overnight so he isn't certain how they were on Friday. He stated that on Saturday the water had a little bit of a current on top but where the boys were at there was no current. He stated that he was told by the police on site that there was a group of 30-40 juveniles with 6 chaperons, however all of those individuals had already left the park when he arrived and the park was closed. He stated that he was told that the family was at the park while the recovery was going on but he did not see them. Officer [REDACTED] agreed to meet with LI [REDACTED] on Monday morning and provide all information, pictures, and videos.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 06/18/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 03:30 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour

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): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/25/2014 12:44 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

SI [REDACTED] received a call from Attorney [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] @3:30 pm on a conference call. Both Attorneys are currently working for [REDACTED]. The Attorneys have stated that they would gather from [REDACTED].

Names of staff on the trip

Names if all children on the trip, Staff to child ration

Ages of the youth on the trip

Questions about the itinerary.

Both stated that they would scan and email all the names by Friday.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 06/18/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 02:30 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 30

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 11/07/2014

Completed date: 11/07/2014

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: 11/07/2014 10:37 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

The Risk assessment could not be scored as the children are deceased.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 06/18/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 02:15 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 45

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): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/25/2014 12:43 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

SI [REDACTED] received a phone call from Attorney [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] is representing [REDACTED]. He is affiliated with [REDACTED]. He is also [REDACTED]. He has stated that he will provide SI with the group leader's names that were on the field trip. He mentioned that the group leaders are currently receiving grief counseling and advised the staff and other associates are taking this death really hard. He further stated that he would have those names to me by the end of this week.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 06/18/2014 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 01:30 PM Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Other Community Site Created Date: 06/23/2014
 Completed date: 06/23/2014 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)**

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/23/2014 02:59 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Collateral Contact
Face to Face

SI met with Sheriff [REDACTED] Chief Deputy [REDACTED] and Police Officer [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] County Sheriff's Office, [REDACTED] TN. Officer [REDACTED], the first officer on the scene, was not available to meet on this date.

I was able to get the completed reports from the Sheriff's Dept., the Activity Log they were faxed from the State Park, and victim/family information and some of the adult leader names from the Youth Groups and their addresses and dates of birth. They were not aware of what leaders or victims belonged to which group. This information will be scanned into TFACTS.

Chief Deputy [REDACTED] stated that June 13 and June 14, they were told that the [REDACTED] County Sheriff's Dept. was going to be "secondary" in the investigation and for them to be a support to the families and help guide people where to go and to make sure everything on top of the falls area was secured. The day of the incident the Sheriff and Chief Deputy were in [REDACTED] and did not arrive back in town until around 4 pm but were aware of the situation and briefed when they returned. The call about the incident was called into dispatch "around 1:30" Friday, June 13, 2014..

Ranger [REDACTED] was the first one on the scene from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is the Chief Park Ranger. Mr. [REDACTED] was their Sheriff's Dept. first contact. Mr. [REDACTED] advised the Sheriff's Department that "since state property State was primary and we were secondary.the peacekeepers". The Ranger Station and Law Enforcement remained active on the scene throughout the weekend.

SI was informed that there were a lot of response teams to help retrieve the two youth from the water. Those involved were the [REDACTED] County Rescue Squad, [REDACTED] Fire Dept, [REDACTED] County Dive Team and [REDACTED] County Cliff and Cave Rescue team. The Rescue Squad Dive Team recovered the bodies and the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [Redacted]

Case Name: [Redacted]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

He was the "incident commander" the weekend of incident.

[Redacted] Ranger, first on the scene
All this week Ranger [Redacted] in [Redacted].

[Redacted]

The Sheriff's Department did not take pictures of the scene. The comments taken were random and not individual. But information they gathered is in the report and in the notes of Officer [Redacted] SI asked if they viewed any signs regarding dangerous waters or warnings about knowing how to swim before entering the water and they said that they did not see any. The officers did see trail signs. No warning signs. They told SI that the Falls was full from rains. SI was told that the EMS told them that Friday evening the water rose 6".

Chief Deputy [Redacted] told SI that he was told "that there were 4 or 5 kids in the water experiencing difficulty in the water, two went down". Then all the adult leaders went in the water trying to help get the kids out of the water and were only able to save all but the two.

That Friday evening the 13th, the youth groups left and the families of the victims stayed until the victims were retrieved from the water. The victims were not retrieved until Saturday.

The leaders were random in ages, "18, 19, 20s, 22". And there were "48 50 kids". Officers said that the Rangers told them that there were 6 adult leaders, 4 kids went in the water at some point, "they were in trouble began to panic and became distressed" then the adult leaders went in the water to get them out but only able to retrieve two.

Officers were unsure of the relation between the [Redacted] and the [Redacted] but know that they are non-profit.

[Redacted]

Adult Leaders Information gathered:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

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Other names mentioned:

[REDACTED] EMS that responded on Friday
[REDACTED] - EMS took pictures they "think"

The officers said too that they will find out who took pictures and let DCS know. They said from speaking to the youth and the families they do not feel that there was any criminal intent in the drowning. But do feel that something went wrong in regard to the supervising of the youth and they are questioning if the children knew how to swim in these conditions. He said that the bodies were found under the falls about 9 feet under the water.

Tomorrow Sheriff Dept. is meeting with the local Asst. DA, [REDACTED] and DA [REDACTED] about the investigation going forward.

[REDACTED]

ACV and family information gathered during meeting:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 06/18/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 01:30 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 45

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 11/07/2014

Completed date: 11/07/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Referent Interview

Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/07/2014 10:18 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

SI [REDACTED] contacted the referent. Case recordings to follow with additional information.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 06/18/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 09:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour

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): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/25/2014 12:41 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SI [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] who is the director of the youth group. Mr. [REDACTED] informed SI [REDACTED] that he would not be giving out any information regarding the incident. He stated that both families of the deceased children have obtained legal counsel. He stated in turn he had to obtain an attorney. He stated that his attorney's name is [REDACTED].



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 06/17/2014

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 01:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 06/18/2014

Completed date: 06/23/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Initial ACV Face To Face

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

[REDACTED]

Participant(s)

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/18/2014 09:07 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Initial ACV response met.

Please note CPIT was convened.

CPIT was convened to meet response per policy.

Child Death - ACV, [REDACTED] 13 years old, occurred Friday, June 13, 2014.

OIC - [REDACTED], was second victim involved in the drowning.

Please note two separate SIU cases were created for each ACV.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 06/17/2014 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 01:00 PM Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 06/18/2014
 Completed date: 06/18/2014 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: 06/18/2014 08:55 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Please note CPIT was convened.
 CPIT was convened to meet response per policy.
 Child Death - [REDACTED] 13 years old.

SI [REDACTED] spoke to the [REDACTED] County, District Attorney, Mr. [REDACTED]
 Phone number: [REDACTED]

SI [REDACTED] spoke to Chief Deputy, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] County Sheriff's Office.
 Phone number: [REDACTED]

When speaking to Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] both stated they will assist SI [REDACTED] / DCS SIU Team with the investigation and will provide the necessary reports, statements and State Park Rangers information and ACV information. They both expressed sorrow about the drownings.

SI [REDACTED] also informed the DCS attorney via email, about new SIU referrals regarding the child deaths. DCS Attorney is [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] County, and Lead General Counsel for [REDACTED].



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: CPS Special Investigation

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 06/17/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 01:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 45

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): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/25/2014 12:40 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SI [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] who is the director of the youth group. Mr. [REDACTED] informed SI [REDACTED] that he would not be giving out any information regarding the incident. He stated that both families of the deceased children have obtained legal counsel. He stated in turn he had to obtain an attorney. He stated that his attorney's name is [REDACTED].