



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

Case # 2014.126

Intake #:	██████████	Investigation #:	██████████	Date of Referral:	08/10/2014	
Type: (Please check one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH	<input type="checkbox"/> NEAR DEATH	Date of Death/Near Death:	08/10/2014		
Child's Name:	██████████	DOB:	██████████	Person ID:	██████████	
Gender:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Race/Ethnicity:	Other	County/Region:	██████████
Parents' Names:	Mother:	██████████ (custodian/maternal grandmother)	Father:	██████████ (custodian/maternal stepgrandfather)		
Alleged Perpetrator's Name:	██████████	Relationship to Victim:	stepgrandfather			
Child in custody at time of incident?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Adjudication:			
If child is in DCS custody, list placement type and name:						

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

CPSI ██████ was contacted by ██████ 911 dispatch around 10:00pm on 08/10/2014 in regards to a call earlier on ██████ ██████. CPSI ██████ then spoke with Detective ██████ who advised that he was at ██████ County ER and the 8 year old child, ██████, had been pronounced dead from a gun shot wound. Upon arrival at the hospital, CPSI ██████ learned that the call came in around 8:20pm this evening due to the grandfather calling 911. The information gathered was that ██████ grandparents have had custody of him since 2012. Today around 3:00pm the family came home and thought someone might have been in the house, so the grandfather got his gun and cleared the home. The grandfather stated that he unloaded the gun and put it up where he usually kept it. It was unknown how the child knew the gun was there, if he had saw the grandfather put it there this afternoon, or something else. The rest of the evening was "normal" and then at 8:00pm the grandfather put ██████ to bed. The grandfather heard a gunshot from the bedroom and then found ██████ bleeding. The grandfather picked him up and ran to another room to call 911. There was a blood trail from the master bedroom to the place where the child was found. EMS advised that ██████ had a heartbeat when they arrived, and then when he was intubated his heartbeat was gone. EMS attempted to revive him, but were unsuccessful. ██████ was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital. Detective ██████ advised CPSI ██████ that they believe this to be an accidental shooting. Detective ██████ worked the scene, took pictures, and spoke with the grandparents. The grandparents were already at home at the time CPSI ██████ arrived.

**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:**

██████████ stated that he, his wife, and ██████ arrived home at approximately 3:30pm on Sunday 08/10/2014. He noticed that the door to the home was cracked open and their dogs inside were "going nuts". He thought there might be an intruder, so he entered the home and went his bedroom where he got his 45 gun out of the drawer in the headboard on his side of the bed. He said he put the clip in the gun, but did not cock it. He said it was half cocked and the safety was on. He said he cleared the house and then unclipped the gun, and put it back up as it was. He said neither his wife nor ██████ saw him put the gun up. He said when he placed it back in the top headboard drawer, he put pillows in front of the drawer as he usually does. His wife made lunch and ██████ played video games for a little while. At about 5:00pm his wife left when a friend (██████████) picked her up. ██████ continued to play games on the computer while Mr. ██████ said he watched the History Channel. At 7:00pm Mr. ██████ told ██████ to take a bath, which he did, and then continued playing video games until his bedtime. At 8:00pm Mr. ██████ said he watched ██████ walk down the hallway to his room and then turn his bedroom light off. He said he went back to watching the same channel on tv. He said he turned the volume down on the tv and his dogs were calm, and then around 8:45pm (which he is not completely sure of because he said he lost time with everything that happened) he heard a loud pop from his bedroom. He ran down the hallway calling ██████ name, and then found him in the master bedroom floor. He picked ██████ up and ran with him to the dining room area where he called 911. He said he saw where he had shot in his nose when he was told by 911 to clear an airway for CPR. He said he held ██████ in his arms until the ambulance arrived. Mr. ██████ said ██████ knew there were guns in the house, but he had never touched one. He said he taught ██████ to never touch guns, no matter what, and if there was one in front of him he knows he would have

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never touched it because he knew not to touch them. He said he always kept the 45 in the top headboard drawer on his side of the bed and the 380 in the top headboard drawer on his wife's side of the bed. He said he has also always had a 12 gage and a 22 in the closet that had a lock on it. He said none of them are loaded, ammo is in the holster strapped down in front of it, and three clips were in the bottom drawer.

stated that she, her husband, and arrived home around 3:00pm on Sunday 08/10/2014 after they had been at church in the morning and then at a friend's house for a few hours. She said when they came home they noticed the back door was open about 3 inches, so her husband went inside to search the house. She said he got his gun from the bedroom and then she saw him put it back up in the headboard of their bed. She said she saw him unload the gun and put the clip away, so she knows there was nothing in the chamber. She said did not see her husband put the gun up because he was in the living room watching tv. She said the next couple of hours were normal and then she left with her friend, to go to church in . She said she told her husband to make sure took a bath and then get in the bed by 8:00pm since he had school the next day. Her next call from her husband was after EMS was at her home. Mrs. stated that the guns are not usually kept in the headboard, but are usually locked in the closet in their bedroom. She said they are no always out, but they had taught that he should never touch guns. She said she told that little kids that play with guns can have accidents that would make him end up dead, in the ground, and then in Heaven. She said they taught him to not touch, but he was a curious child.

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

N/A

<b>Describe disposition of body (Death):</b>		Medical Examiner's office			
<b>Name of Medical Examiner/Coroner:</b>		<b>Was autopsy requested?</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Did CPS open an investigation on this Death/Near Death?</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		
<b>Was there DCS involvement at the time of Death/Near Death?</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<b>Type:</b>			<b>Case #:</b>		

**Describe law enforcement or court involvement, if applicable:**

County Sheriff's Department, TN - currently open investigation also , Assistant District Attorney.

**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):**

N/A

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Age:</b>

**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
10/18/2012		physical abuse and psychological harm			no services needed
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Intake #:	██████████	Investigation #:	██████████	Date of Referral:	8/20/14	Case #	2014-126
Any media inquiry or is attention expected?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	List organizations requesting information:			
Contact Person/Phone Number(s) (include CM, TL, and TC):							
Contact Person:				Telephone Number: (     )     -			
Case Manager: ██████████				Telephone Number: ██████████			
Team Leader ██████████				Telephone Number: ██████████			
Team Coordinator: ██████████				Telephone Number: ██████████			
ATTACH a copy of the <u>TFACTS Incident Report</u> or if TFACTS is inoperable, <u>DCS Form CS-0496, Serious Incident Report</u> to this notice.						<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p><b>Email to: ██████████</b></p> <p><b>within forty-eight (48) hours of notification</b></p> <p><b>Include subject line (in RED): CHILD DEATH [secure email] or</b></p> <p><b>CHILD NEAR DEATH [secure email]</b></p>							



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Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline Summary**

**Intake**

Intake ID: [REDACTED]  
 Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 08/10/2014 11:13 PM [REDACTED]  
 Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1  
 Screened By: [REDACTED]  
 Date Screened: 08/11/2014

**Investigation**

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]  
 First County/Region: [REDACTED]  
 Date/Time Assigned: 08/11/2014 02:13 PM  
 First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 08/11/2014 12:00 AM  
 First Case Manager: [REDACTED] Date/Time 08/11/2014 12:00 AM

**Allegations**

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	8 Yrs	Neglect Death	Yes	[REDACTED]	Grandfather

**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: TFACTS:

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

Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP: No

Closed Court Custody: No

Open CPS: No

Substantiated: No

Death: No

Screened out: Yes, (3)



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History (not listed above): Yes

10/20/12, [REDACTED] PHA/PYA, No services needed

6/5/09, [REDACTED] PHA/LOS, DEC, Unsubstantiated

3/30/09, [REDACTED] PYA/PHA, Unable to Complete

DUPLICATE REFERRAL: No

County: [REDACTED]

Notification: None

School/ Daycare: Unknown

Native American Descent: No

Directions: None given

Reporter's name/relationship: [REDACTED]

Reporter states: [REDACTED] has been in the custody of his grandparents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], in [REDACTED] TN. The reporter states that the family arrived at home at approximately 3PM on August 10, 2014 and the front door was open. Mrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] waited outside in the car. Mr. [REDACTED] got his gun and walked around the house to see if someone had broken into the house. He didn't find anyone and the family didn't notice that anything was disturbed. The family then entered the home. Mr. [REDACTED] unloaded the gun and put the gun away. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] put [REDACTED] to bed at approximately 8 PM. One of the adults saw [REDACTED] in his own bed and they were in a different room and heard a gunshot go off. The child was shot in the face and they went to the hospital. The reporter doesn't know if the family called 911 or if they transported [REDACTED] to the hospital themselves. This is all of the information the reporter has at this time. The reporter states that law enforcement called [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] County DCS, who then informed Lead Investigator [REDACTED] at 10:22PM. The reporter states that [REDACTED] responded to the hospital and is en route to the home. [REDACTED] is being sent for an autopsy. The reporter does not believe there are other children in the home. Per TFACTS, the child's name is [REDACTED].

Special Needs or Disabilities: Unknown

Child's current location/is the child safe at this time: en route to an autopsy

Perpetrator's location at this time: Unknown

Any other safety concerns for the child(ren) or worker who may respond: The reporter does not know where the gun is at the time of the call to the hotline.

Per SDM: Investigative Track, P1, [REDACTED], CM 2 on August 10, 2014 at 11:48PM. County not paged via MIR3 due to already being aware of the report. Email notification sent to [REDACTED] intake notification group. Email notification sent to [REDACTED] including RA [REDACTED]. 08-11-14 @ 12:44am, [REDACTED], TL



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**Participant(s)**

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Gender:** Female

**Date of Birth:**

**Partipant ID:** [REDACTED]

**SSN:**

**Race:** Unable to

**Age:** 55 Yrs (Est)

**Address:** , [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**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:**



**Tennessee Department of Children's Services  
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**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Gender:** Male

**Date of Birth:**

**Partipant ID:** [REDACTED]

**SSN:**

**Race:** Unable to

**Age:** 55 Yrs (Est)

**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: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: Unable to Age: 8 Yrs

Address: [REDACTED]

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:**



**Tennessee Department of Children's Services**  
**Child Protective Service Investigation Summary**  
**and Classification Decision of Child Abuse/Neglect Referral**

**A. Investigation**

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Referral Date: 08/10/2014

Assignment Date: 08/11/2014

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			
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neglect Death	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			09/30/2014
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Lack of Supervision	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			08/20/2014

**C. Disposition Decision**

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments: Case closed - AUPU as to Child Neglect Death, ASPS as to severe lack of supervision - perpetrator: [REDACTED]

**D. Case Workers**

Case Worker: [REDACTED]

Date: 10/01/2014

Team Leader: [REDACTED]

Date: 10/03/2014

**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:**

The body of [REDACTED] was observed in the emergency room area of [REDACTED] Medical Center on the evening of August 10, 2014. Pictures were taken and are contained in the case file. [REDACTED] died of a single self inflicted gun shot wound to the face. The bullet entered at his nose area and exited the back of his head. EMS worked on him in transit to the hospital, where he was then pronounced dead. There were no other wounds, injuries, bruises, etc on his body that concerned CPSI. CPSI also noted that he appeared to be a small 7 year old child.

Pictures were taken of the home on this same night. [REDACTED] shot himself in the master bedroom, which was that of his grandparents: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The home had already been cleaned so that it was free of blood when CPSI arrived. CPSI did not observe any safety hazards in the home. All guns had already been cleared, CPSI was told upon arrival.



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Case Name : ██████████

Investigation ID: ██████████

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

The autopsy report and ballistics from TBI have not yet been received by the Detective that worked the case. ADA ██████████ advised CPSI that he would give CPSI a copy of these for the CPS record once he receives them. In discussion with law enforcement and the district attorney, it was concluded that this was a self inflicted accidental gun shot wound that resulted in the death of this young child.

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

██████████ was the only person in the home with ██████████ on the night of this incident. He stated that he cleared the home earlier in the day by getting his gun from his headboard and walking through the home to ensure there was no intruder. He maintains that he stored the gun safely without bullets or the clip, in the holster with the safety on, in the headboard of his bed in his bedroom. He put ██████████ to bed at 8:00pm, and then a short time later heard a loud pop from his bedroom. He found ██████████ bleeding on the floor. He called 911 at 8:20pm. He said he taught ██████████ to not ever touch guns, so the child knew gun safety. He also described ██████████ as a prowler that would often get into things that he knew he should not.

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

██████████ was not in the home at the time of the shooting. He said she left ██████████ in the care of ██████████ when he left around 5:00pm that day for church. She also stated that Mr. ██████████ cleared the home earlier in the day by getting his gun from the bedroom and walking throughout the house to make sure there was not an intruder there. She stated that she saw Mr. ██████████ unload the gun and put it away safely. She said she taught ██████████ to never touch guns because they could kill him and he would have to go to Heaven. She said he had never handled a gun and she and her husband always had them put up where ██████████ could not get them. She also described ██████████ as a curious child that would often get into things he should not.

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

CPSI and Law Enforcement agree that there was an issue of proper gun storage on the night of this horrific accident. ██████████ was a small child that most likely could not have put the clip in, cocked it, took off the safety, and then shot himself. Mr. and Mrs. ██████████ knew the proper storage of guns in the home and reported that ██████████ was taught to never touch them. However, because the gun was likely left out or left loaded on this afternoon, ██████████ got it, which resulted in his death. This is not a case that meets criteria for severe neglect death, however it does meet policy criteria for severe lack of supervision on the grandfather's part.

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**Tennessee Department of Children's Services**  
**Case Recording Summary**

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Case Id: [REDACTED]	Case Name: [REDACTED]
Case Status: Close	Organization: [REDACTED] Region

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**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 03/06/2015	Contact Method:
Contact Time: 01:57 PM	Contact Duration: Less than 05
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location:	Created Date: 03/06/2015
Completed date: 03/06/2015	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: 03/06/2015 01:59 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]  
 case was approved for closure by [REDACTED] (Deputy Director of investigations).

autopsy was received and cause of death was " the cause of death is a gunshot wound of the head, and scene and police investigation reveal that the manner of death is accident".

LI will close case and copy of the 740 will be sent to the Judge and DA per local protocol.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]	Case Name: [REDACTED]
Case Status: Close	Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 03/02/2015	Contact Method:
Contact Time: 09:21 AM	Contact Duration: Less than 05
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location:	Created Date: 03/02/2015
Completed date: 03/02/2015	Completed By: [REDACTED]
Purpose(s): Well Being	
Contact Type(s): Notation	
Contact Sub Type:	

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 03/02/2015 12:47 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI received an email from [REDACTED] this morning with the attachment [REDACTED] autopsy report. This report is scanned and uploaded to TFACTS. A copy is contained in the CPS case file.

Date of Deat: 08/10/2014 8:56pm  
 Type of Death: Accident  
 Narrative Summary: Decendent was found laying in the floor not breathing, with a gunshot wound to his head. [REDACTED]  
 Physician Responsible for Death Certificate: [REDACTED] MD  
 Cause of Death: Gunshot wound of head  
 Manner of Death: Accident  
 Circumstances of Death: Shot self while handling firearm



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/25/2015

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 09:15 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 02/25/2015

Completed date: 02/25/2015

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Well Being

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 02/25/2015 09:17 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI received an email from [REDACTED] this morning. This email advised that the autopsy report for [REDACTED] is still not complete.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]	Case Name: [REDACTED]
Case Status: Close	Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 02/23/2015	Contact Method: Correspondence
Contact Time: 01:06 PM	Contact Duration: Less than 05
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location:	Created Date: 02/23/2015
Completed date: 02/23/2015	Completed By: [REDACTED]
Purpose(s): Well Being	
Contact Type(s): Notification of Classification	
Contact Sub Type:	

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 02/23/2015 11:50 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI received an email from [REDACTED] (ASA II, Formal File Review/Due Process) on this date. This email advised CPSI that Letter C was sent to [REDACTED] via certified mail on this date. The letter advises Mr. [REDACTED] that the Department completed his request for a Formal File Review of the child neglect or child abuse investigation regarding [REDACTED], in which Mr. [REDACTED] was substantiated as the perpetrator. The result of this review is that the classification decision of ASPS is upheld. It is explained that there was a preponderance of evidence in this case and his review process is now terminated. It is stated in the letter that the case was properly classified. A copy of this letter is contained in the CPS case file.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/19/2015

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 12:32 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 02/19/2015

Completed date: 02/19/2015

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Well Being

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/19/2015 12:34 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI emailed [REDACTED], Nursing Director with DCS, again on this date to inquire if the autopsy report for this child death is available yet.

Narrative Type: Addendum 1 Entry Date/Time: 02/19/2015 12:38 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] responded by email at 12:35pm advising that she requested the report and will call to check on it, and then let CPSI know.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/05/2015

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 01:30 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 02/05/2015

Completed date: 02/05/2015

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Well Being

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 02/05/2015 01:32 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI emailed [REDACTED], Nursing Director with DCS, on this date to inquire if the autopsy report for this child death is available yet.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/05/2015

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 09:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 02/21/2015

Completed date: 02/21/2015

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Service Planning

Contact Type(s): Administrative Review

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 02/21/2015 04:33 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

case is completed. waiting on autopsy.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 01/27/2015

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 01:15 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 01/27/2015

Completed date: 01/27/2015

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Well Being

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 01/27/2015 01:20 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI spoke with [REDACTED], assistant medical director, on this date. He advised that he checked the system two days ago and the autopsy report for [REDACTED] was not finalized yet. He advised that he is currently out on a delivery, but when he returns to his office he will look it up again. If he has it, he will call CPSI back. He advised CPSI to call anytime to check the status and assured CPSI that he would get a copy for the Department as soon as it is available.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]	Case Name: [REDACTED]
Case Status: Close	Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 12/18/2014	Contact Method: Phone Call
Contact Time: 12:00 PM	Contact Duration: Less than 30
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location:	Created Date: 01/05/2015
Completed date: 01/05/2015	Completed By: [REDACTED]
Purpose(s): Service Planning, Well Being	
Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact	
Contact Sub Type:	

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 01/05/2015 04:34 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI spoke with [REDACTED], assistant medical examiner for [REDACTED] County, on this date ([REDACTED]). CPSI inquired about a copy of the autopsy report for [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] advised that in general it can take up to 6 months for an autopsy report to be completed and in the system. He looked up this child in his system and advised that the report is not completed as far as he can see. He advised only the preliminary report is in the system which shows a cause of death as gun shot wound to the head. He advised that what he sees cannot be printed, so CPSI will need to check back after the holidays to see if it is ready. He advised that once the report is complete, the medical examiner has to review and sign for the report to be printable. He said it will not be an issue for CPSI to get this once it is available for him to print.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 12/17/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 10:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 01/05/2015

Completed date: 01/05/2015

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Service Planning, Well Being

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 01/05/2015 04:37 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI spoke with ADA [REDACTED] and Detective [REDACTED] during CPIT this morning in regards to the [REDACTED] autopsy report. Detective [REDACTED] provided CPSI wike [REDACTED] cell number and advised to call him. He is the assistant medical examiner and will be able to get a copy of the report when it is available.

ADA [REDACTED] advised the ballistics report is not back yet and it will likely take several months for it, but he believes autopsy should be ready.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 10/15/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 05:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 10/15/2014

Completed date: 10/15/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Well Being

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 10/15/2014 05:05 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI completed the 740 for this case and added a copy to the CPS case file.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]	Case Name: [REDACTED]
Case Status: Close	Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 10/15/2014	Contact Method:
Contact Time: 05:00 PM	Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location:	Created Date: 10/15/2014
Completed date: 10/15/2014	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: 10/15/2014 05:04 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

The Department of Children's Services (DCS) received a referral on 08/10/2014 with an allegation of Neglect Death regarding child: [REDACTED] was in the custody of his maternal grandparents, [REDACTED]. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] obtained legal and physical custody of [REDACTED] by court order on 02/16/2012. The child's mother and father [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have had only supervised visitation with the child since then. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] was medically neglected and the State of [REDACTED] Children's Services were going to remove him, so she and Mr. [REDACTED] got custody of him then.

At approximately 3:00pm on August 10, 2014, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] arrived at their home. They had been at church and then visiting a friend on this day. The door to the home was slightly ajar, leading Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] to believe that an intruder might be in the home. Mr. [REDACTED] entered the home to clear it while Mrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stayed outside. Once the home was cleared, Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he unloaded his gun and put it up safely in his room, and then Mrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] entered the home. The rest of the afternoon was described as "normal". Mrs. [REDACTED] left the home for church around 5:00pm. Mr. [REDACTED] put [REDACTED] to bed at 8:00pm this evening. A call was made to [REDACTED] County 911 at approximately 8:20pm this evening. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he heard a gunshot from his bedroom and then found [REDACTED] lying on the floor, bleeding. EMS workers arrived at the scene and attempted to revive [REDACTED] but were unsuccessful. [REDACTED] was pronounced dead upon arrival at [REDACTED] Medical Center emergency room this evening. Law enforcement responded to the home, and then to the hospital. Child Protective Services (CPS) on call was contacted at approximately 10:00pm.

Deputy [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED] County Sheriff's Department first responded to the home in regards to the 911 call. The investigation into this incident was conducted by [REDACTED] County Sheriff's Department Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], as well as DCS CPS Investigator [REDACTED].

The report listed [REDACTED] as the alleged perpetrator of Child Neglect Death. Interviews were conducted with law enforcement, EMS, family, and pastor.

[REDACTED] was the only one at home with [REDACTED] on the night of this incident. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that when he cleared the home earlier in the afternoon, he took the clip out of the gun, put the safety on, and then put it in its holster in the drawer of his headboard with the clip in a different drawer. He stated that neither Mrs. [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] saw him unload the gun and put it away. After [REDACTED] left the house for the evening, he watched television and [REDACTED] played



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video games. [REDACTED] took a bath at 7:00pm and then went to bed at 8:00pm. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he watched [REDACTED] walk into his own bedroom and his bedroom light went out. He went back to his television show, and a short time later he heard a loud pop from his bedroom. When he found [REDACTED] in the floor, he saw he was shot in the nose, and then he called 911. He stated that [REDACTED] knew he had guns in the house, but he was taught to never touch them. He stated that he always stored his guns safely, but described [REDACTED] as a "prowler" that would often get into things that he should not.

[REDACTED] gave the same account of her husband clearing the home when the family got home earlier in the afternoon. She left the home at 5:00pm, leaving Mr. [REDACTED] to care for [REDACTED] and get him to bed for school in the morning. She stated that she saw Mr. [REDACTED] unload the gun after he cleared the home and put the clip away. She also stated that the guns in the home were put up and [REDACTED] was taught to never touch them. She also described [REDACTED] as a "curious" child that would often get into things he should not. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were at the home following the incident as support for the family. Mr. [REDACTED] is the family pastor. He and his wife described [REDACTED] as a delightful child that was very happy. They stated that they saw the family often and believe that he was well cared for. They did not have any knowledge of the guns in the home, but did assist in removing them from the home, at Mr. [REDACTED] request, after the house was cleaned the night of the incident.

Law enforcement and EMS report to CPSI that this was an accidental shooting, self-inflicted by the child. They did not pursue any criminal charges in regards to the investigation.

DCS policy 14 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.

This case was presented to the [REDACTED] County Child Protective Investigation Team (CPIT) on 08/20/2014. Team members were all in agreement that there was not sufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death.

This case was presented to [REDACTED] County CPIT again on 10/01/2014. The case was further discussed and the majority of team members (one member disagreed) were in agreement that there was sufficient evidence to substantiate [REDACTED] for severe lack of supervision.

[REDACTED] was the only adult in the home with [REDACTED]. the night that [REDACTED] shot himself in the face with Mr. [REDACTED] gun. After interviewing the family and discussing the details of the investigation with law enforcement, it is evident that the gun was not properly stored. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the gun was unloaded and properly maintained in safe mode; however this child was able to get to it and accidentally shoot himself. The death was ruled accidental, but it is the Department's position that Mr. [REDACTED] failure to have the gun out the reach of this small child meets the criteria for lack of supervision. This lack of supervision did result in an unfortunate accidental death of young [REDACTED]

There is not a preponderance of evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death. There is a preponderance of evidence to substantiate [REDACTED] for the allegation of severe Lack of Supervision.

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

Narrative Type: Addendum 1    Entry Date/Time: 11/17/2014 12:19 PM    Entered By: [REDACTED]

The classification of severe lack of supervision is based on DCS Policy 14 Work Aid 1, specifically letter A of the definition, which reads:

**5. Lack of Supervision:**

Failure to provide adequate supervision, by a parent or other caretaker, who is able to do so. A lack of supervision allegation or determination means that:



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- A) The child has been placed in a situation that requires actions beyond the child's level of maturity, physical ability, and/or mental ability; or
  - B) Caregiver inadequately supervises the child. The caregiver is with the child but is unstable or unwilling to supervise (e.g. the caregiver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, is depressed, sleeps during the day, or has inadequate parenting knowledge or skills).
  - C) Any registered sex offender residing in a home with unrelated minor children or victim of offender, and/or caregiver knowingly resides with and/or allows children to be unsupervised with a registered sex offender.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 10/15/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 05:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 10/15/2014

Completed date: 10/15/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Well Being

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 10/15/2014 05:05 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI mailed the CPS letter A and its attachment to [REDACTED] via certified mail on this date. Copies of the letters, as well as the certified mail receipt are contained in the CPS case file.



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Case Status: Close	Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 10/01/2014	Contact Method: Face To Face
Contact Time: 09:00 AM	Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location: DCS Office	Created Date: 10/15/2014
Completed date: 10/15/2014	Completed By: [REDACTED]
Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community, Well Being	
Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact	
Contact Sub Type:	

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 10/15/2014 05:03 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI was provided with a copy of the incident report from the night of [REDACTED] death. This is a short narrative from Deputy [REDACTED], who was one of the first on the scene. After some discussion of the case, Detective [REDACTED] stated that the grandfather's account of the situation was about the same to law enforcement as it was to DCS. The autopsy for [REDACTED] is not back yet. Detective [REDACTED] asked for a full assessment, which he stated takes quite a while longer. The gun used that evening was sent to TBI, and that report is not yet back. Detective [REDACTED] advised CPSI that when he gets these, he will provide CPSI with copies of them for the case file. Detective [REDACTED] agreed with CPSI in the belief that Mr. [REDACTED] overcompensates for his gun safety in the home, especially the particular evening that [REDACTED] shot himself. He was part of the CPIT team that agreed to Substantiate the grandfather for lack of supervision since his placement of the gun that evening was in the reach of the child, and his death was the ultimate result. There was much discussion on the strength it would take to shoot such a gun (an old 1911 style). After much discussion of the case overall, all members of CPIT except Detective [REDACTED] agreed that the grandfather be substantiated for severe lack of supervision.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]	Case Name: [REDACTED]
Case Status: Close	Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 10/01/2014	Contact Method: Face To Face
Contact Time: 09:00 AM	Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location: DCS Office	Created Date: 10/15/2014
Completed date: 10/15/2014	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: 10/15/2014 05:03 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

This case was presented to [REDACTED] County CPIT again on this date. The case was further discussed and the majority of team members (one member disagreed) were in agreement that there was sufficient evidence to substantiate [REDACTED] for severe lack of supervision. This signed CPIT form is contained in the CPS case file.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]	Case Name: [REDACTED]
Case Status: Close	Organization: [REDACTED] Region

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**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 08/20/2014	Contact Method: Face To Face
Contact Time: 09:00 AM	Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location: DCS Office	Created Date: 10/15/2014
Completed date: 10/15/2014	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)**

[REDACTED]

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 10/15/2014 05:02 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

This case was presented at [REDACTED] County CPIT on this date. Team members were all in agreement that there was not sufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death. This signed CPIT form is contained in the CPS case file.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]	Case Name: [REDACTED]
Case Status: Close	Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 08/11/2014	Contact Method: Phone Call
Contact Time: 03:00 PM	Contact Duration: Less than 15
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location:	Created Date: 10/15/2014
Completed date: 10/15/2014	Completed By: [REDACTED]
Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community, Well Being	
Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact	
Contact Sub Type:	

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 10/15/2014 05:00 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI spoke with ADA [REDACTED] on this date. He confirmed that [REDACTED] body was sent for an autopsy. He also advised that the TBI will be working on the ballistics, and that report takes about two months to get back. He advised that the location of the gun with the point of entry, as well as the bullet exit wound, was consistent with a self-inflicted shot. He said the single bullet was found in the ceiling of the grandparent's bedroom, also consistent with the location of the child. This is definitely an accident and no question of a homicide. He questions the overall gun safety in the home and he is concerned about the child being able to get hold of a gun that was ready to fire. This is the issue he sees in the death of this young child.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 08/11/2014

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 02:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 10/15/2014

Completed date: 10/15/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Well Being

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 10/15/2014 05:01 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI received a phone call from [REDACTED] at 2:00pm this afternoon. He advised that Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] decided to have [REDACTED] cremated. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] will be taking care of this. He also said that [REDACTED] biological mother has called all the funeral homes saying that she wants his body sent to [REDACTED] for a funeral. He said she is trying to wreak havoc on an already bad situation. CPSI advised him that the Department does not have any say in the final resting place for [REDACTED]. He expressed that he understands.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 08/11/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 12:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 10/01/2014

Completed date: 10/01/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Permanency, Well Being

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/01/2014 08:52 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CS-0635 Notice of Child Death form submitted to LI [REDACTED]  
Copy contained in the CPS case file



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 08/11/2014

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 03:12 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Investigator [REDACTED]: I learned that the grandparents of [REDACTED] were foster parents in the past and their home had been closed. I found where they had two SIU investigations. I submitted a request for information regarding the SIU investigations. The form 0635 was prepared and submitted to appropriate recipients.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 08/11/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 08:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 10/01/2014

Completed date: 10/01/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 10/01/2014 08:52 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

No Safety Assessment required with child death case



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Case Id: [REDACTED]	Case Name: [REDACTED]
Case Status: Close	Organization: [REDACTED] Region

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**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 08/11/2014	Contact Method: Face To Face
Contact Time: 12:30 AM	Contact Duration: Less than 15
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location: Family Home	Created Date: 10/01/2014
Completed date: 10/01/2014	Completed By: [REDACTED]
Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being	
Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact	
Contact Sub Type:	

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 10/01/2014 08:51 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

Before leaving the family home, CPSI exchanged contact information with the family. [REDACTED] also advised of their home number if CPSI needed to contact them. She advised that they have known the family for three years, so [REDACTED] has been a part of their lives since he came to live with his grandparents. She said he was a "delightful child". She said he was very happy at church and at home. She said Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] are good people and "this is a tragedy". She said she and her husband will be here for anything they need to help them through this.



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 Case Status: Close Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 08/10/2014 Contact Method: Face To Face  
 Contact Time: 11:30 PM Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 10/01/2014  
 Completed date: 10/01/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Parent/Caretaker Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/01/2014 08:51 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

When CPSI and Detective [REDACTED] arrived at the home, Mr. [REDACTED] answered the door and welcomed both in the home. Also at the home at this time were [REDACTED] (the family's church pastor) and his adult son. Mr. [REDACTED] advised CPSI that Mr. [REDACTED] and his son came tonight to clean the home. CPSI smelled bleach and cleaner in the air. The floors were wet, as it was noticed that the home's floors had recently been mopped. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he wanted the home to be cleaned up before his wife came home. She is currently with the pastor's wife.

CPSI explained to Mr. [REDACTED] that although he has spoken with law enforcement throughout the evening, it is important for CPSI to understand from the family what happened to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he, his wife, and [REDACTED] arrived home at approximately 3:30pm on Sunday 08/10/2014. He advised that they had been at church and then checked on the neighbor, Ms. [REDACTED] to see if she was going to see the [REDACTED] later. He noticed when they got home that the door to the home was cracked open and their dogs inside were "going nuts". He thought there might be an intruder, so he entered the home and went his bedroom where he got his 45 gun out of the drawer in the headboard on his side of the bed. He said he put the clip in the gun, but did not cock it. He said it was half cocked and the safety was on. He said he cleared the house and then unclipped the gun, and put it back up as it was. He said neither his wife nor [REDACTED] saw him put the gun up. He said when he placed it back in the top headboard drawer, he put pillows in front of the drawer as he usually does. His wife made lunch and [REDACTED] played video games for a little while. At about 5:00pm his wife left when a friend [REDACTED] picked her up. He advised that [REDACTED] continued to play games on the computer while Mr. [REDACTED] said he watched the History Channel. At 7:00pm Mr. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to take a bath, which he did, and then continued playing video games until his bedtime. At 8:00pm Mr. [REDACTED] said he watched [REDACTED] walk down the hallway to his room and then turn his bedroom light off. He said he went back to watching the same channel on tv. Mr. [REDACTED] tried to explain the shows he was watching on television. He said he watched the History Channel and got through all of "The Last Ship". He said he also began watching a show called "Falling Skies". He said he turned the volume down on the tv and his dogs were calm, and then around 8:45pm (which he said he is not completely sure of because he said he "lost time with everything that happened") he heard a loud pop from his bedroom. He ran down the hallway calling [REDACTED] name, and then found him in the master bedroom floor. He said he picked [REDACTED] up and ran with him to the dining room area where he called 911. He said he saw where he had shot in his nose when he was told by 911 to clear an airway for CPR. He said he held [REDACTED] in his arms until the ambulance arrived. He advised that his wife came home and then they went to the hospital.



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Case Name: ██████████

Case Status: Close

Organization: ██████████ Region

Mr. ██████ said ██████ knew there were guns in the house, but he had never touched one. He said he taught ██████ to never touch guns, no matter what, and if there was one in front of him he knows he would have never touched it because he knew not to touch them. He said he always kept the 45 in the top headboard drawer on his side of the bed and the 380 in the top headboard drawer on his wife's side of the bed. He said he has also always had a 12 gage and a 22 in the closet that had a lock on it. He said none of them are loaded, ammo is in the holster strapped down in front of it, and three clips were in the bottom drawer. He stated that today he is certain that the gun he got out to clear the house was completely unloaded and the safety was on. He said he does not understand how ██████ got to it and made it shoot. Mr. ██████ was visibly distraught and stated that he is exhausted. He cried and said he loved ██████ and this is the worst thing that has ever happened in his life. He stated many times that he did not understand how this could have happened. He said "██████ knew not to mess with guns, ever".

████████ arrived at the home a little while after CPSI and Detective ██████ were there talking to Mr. ██████. She came in and sat at the kitchen table. CPSI made introductions and Mrs. ██████ expressed that she understood that CPSI needed to understand what happened. She apologized and said she would do her best to talk, but she was very upset. CPSI did observe her to be visibly upset. She cried and it was noticeable that she had been crying throughout the night. She appeared to be tired and at times would sit, staring at the table as she gathered her thoughts.

She explained that she and her husband obtained custody of ██████ in ██████ court due to medical neglect by his parents. She said ██████ was three years behind when he came to be with them, but he is now up to date with no developmental needs. She said he is a healthy, good boy, that looked forward to school and loved church. She said he was just baptized and took communion this morning. She said he was a good child and they looked forward to adopting him soon. She said his biological mother is her daughter and she is a "crazy psychotic bitch". She showed CPSI notebooks full of handwritten notes. She advised that she kept up with every day of contact or no contact between ██████ and his mother. She said she and her husband loved him and cared for him. She said they were working with an attorney to have him adopted so that he would never have to return to his mother where he would be abused and neglected. She said she and her husband were very involved with ██████ and he "had come a long way". She said she was in contact with his school and always made sure he had what he needed. His regular doctor is ██████ and he was up to date on appointments with no medical issues. He was seeing a counselor, ██████, at ██████. Health due to issues from being with his mother. She explained that when his mother would call, ██████ would have some outbursts and behavior issues. She said the calls were sporadic and usually lasted about 5 minutes, but ██████ did not want to be with her and he made it clear to them all time. She said he never wanted to speak to his mom because she would always fuss at him about something when they were on the phone. She said it was not appropriate between a parent and a child. She also advised that ██████ went to school one a month last school year and spoke to ██████ one on one. She felt that these services had helped ██████ and he was a great child.

Mrs. ██████ stated that she, her husband, and ██████ arrived home around 3:00pm on Sunday 08/10/2014 after they had been at church in the morning and then at a friend's house for a few hours. She stated that there was nothing unusual about the early part of the day. After church, the three of them went to ██████' home to visit for a little while. She said when they came home they noticed the back door was open about 3 inches, so her husband went inside to search the house. She said he got his gun from the bedroom and then she saw him put it back up in the headboard of their bed. She said she saw him unload the gun and put the clip away, so she knows there was nothing in the chamber. She said ██████ did not see her husband put the gun up because he was in the living room watching tv. She said the next couple of hours were normal and then she left with her friend, ██████ to go to church in ██████. She said she told her husband to make sure ██████ took a bath and then get in the bed by 8:00pm since he had school the next day. Her next call from her husband was after EMS was at her home.

Mrs. ██████ stated that the guns are not usually kept in the headboard, but are usually locked in the closet in their bedroom. She said they are not always out, but they had taught ██████ that he should never touch guns. She said she told ██████ that little kids that play with guns can have accidents that would make him end up dead, in the ground, and then in Heaven. She said they taught him to not touch, but he was a curious child.

She said ██████ was never a problem. She stated that if he got into any trouble at home he would get spankings. She advised that they recently put a pool up in the backyard and ██████ knew he couldn't go around it without her or her husband with him. He got a spanking when he went around it once, and it taught him to not do it again. She then said he was just learning to be a better swimmer and was very excited about having a pool at home.

CPSI asked about any medications Mr. and Mrs. ██████ were prescribed. Mr. ██████ advised that he is prescribed Tramadol for back pain. He takes one in the morning and one at night. He stated that today he had only taken the morning dose before church. He said the medication has no negative effects on him and does not make him sleepy.



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Case Status: Close

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Mrs. [REDACTED] had her husband get her Valium prescription, and she took one. She showed CPSI the bottle. It was filled on 04/19/2013 and still had several pills in the bottle. She said she hardly ever took them, but believes she needs one tonight for anxiety.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she and her husband attend [REDACTED] College. He is pursuing a radiology degree while she is studying social work. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has a military background, which is why he has knowledge of guns and guns in the home. He said tonight he had his pastor take all of his guns out of the house so that he will not think to hurt himself over what has happened with [REDACTED] tonight. He said he just "doesn't know what to think of all this".

Mrs. [REDACTED] signed paperwork for CPSI at this time. The following forms are contained in the CPS case file: Native American Heritage Veto Verification, HIPAA Acknowledgement, Notification of Equal Access to Programs and Services, and Acknowledgement of Receipt of Clients Rights Handbook.

CPSI took several pictures of the home before leaving this evening. CPSI observed the kitchen, living room, hallway, bathroom, [REDACTED] bedroom, and the grandparent's bedroom. There is a long hallway with the two bedrooms across from each other at the end. [REDACTED] bedroom had a bed, dresser, and some toys in it. It was not furnished with a lot of items. In the grandparent's bedroom CPSI observed the headboard of the bed with two sections on each side of it that had drawers in them. There were pillows in front of the drawers on the side of the bed closest to the door of the room. Detective [REDACTED] explained that just inside the room, next to the side of the bed, in the floor, is where [REDACTED] shot himself. CPSI also observed a side table with three drawers in it next to the bed beside the door as you walk in the bedroom. The closet in the room was also observed to have a padlock on the outside of it. The lock was between the door handle and the top of the door. This would have been out of a small child's reach. There was no lock on the door at this time. These printed pictures are part of the CPS case file.



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Case Status: Close	Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 08/10/2014	Contact Method: Phone Call
Contact Time: 11:00 PM	Contact Duration: Less than 15
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location:	Created Date: 10/01/2014
Completed date: 10/01/2014	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: 10/01/2014 08:46 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI followed Detective [REDACTED] to the family home around 11:00pm this evening.

Initial convening of CPIT Team:

En route, CPSI called ADA [REDACTED] to advise of the Department's involvement in the case. ADA [REDACTED] advised CPSI that he has been in contact with law enforcement all night and will continue to be in touch with CPSI in regards to this investigation. CPSI also contacted LI [REDACTED] to give an update on information thus far. She advised that she will be in communication with IC [REDACTED].



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Case Status: Close	Organization: [REDACTED] Region

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]	Status: Completed
Contact Date: 08/10/2014	Contact Method: Face To Face
Contact Time: 10:30 PM	Contact Duration: Less than 45
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location: Hospital	Created Date: 10/01/2014
Completed date: 10/01/2014	Completed By: [REDACTED]
Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being	
Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact,Initial ACV Face To Face	
Contact Sub Type:	

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 10/01/2014 08:45 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

Upon arrival at [REDACTED] Medical Center in [REDACTED] CPSI [REDACTED] learned from Detective [REDACTED] that the call came in around 8:20pm this evening due to the grandfather calling 911. CPSI was advised that [REDACTED]' grandparents have had custody of him since 2012. Detective [REDACTED] provided CPSI with court custody papers that EMS had made copies of during the course of the evening. This paperwork stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] obtained legal and physical custody of [REDACTED] as of 02/16/2012. The child's mother and father [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have supervised visitation with the child. Detective [REDACTED] advised CPSI that Detective [REDACTED] worked the scene earlier this evening, took pictures, and originally spoke with the grandparents. The information gathered at the onset of this investigation is that [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] came home today around 3:30pm. They thought someone might have been in the house, so the grandfather got his gun and cleared the home. The grandfather stated that he unloaded the gun and put it up where he usually kept it. It was unknown how the child knew the gun was there, if he had saw the grandfather put it there this afternoon, or something else. The rest of the evening was "normal" and then at 8:00pm the grandfather put [REDACTED] to bed. The grandfather heard a gunshot from the bedroom and then found [REDACTED] bleeding. The grandfather picked him up and ran to another room to call 911. There was a blood trail from the master bedroom to the place where the child was found. The EMS worker that had been involved throughout the evening was also present at the emergency room at this time. He advised CPSI that [REDACTED] had a heartbeat when they arrived, and then when he was intubated his heartbeat was gone. EMS attempted to revive him, but were unsuccessful. [REDACTED] was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital. Detective [REDACTED] advised CPSI [REDACTED] that they believe this to be an accidental shooting. CPSI observed the body of [REDACTED] lying on a stretcher on the hospital bed in this emergency room. He still had a neck brace on and had tubes from his mouth which were to attempt to resuscitate him tonight. CPSI observed the child in a pair of pajama pants, overed in blood. The EMS worker assisted CPSI in taking pictures of the child. He pointed out the entry and exit bullet wound. To the left side of the child's nose, there was an obvious hole, which was explained to be the entry wound. The EMS worker lifted the child's head to show CPSI the back of his head, which on the left side was an obvious hole with exposed brain matter. This is the exit wound of the bullet. Pictures were also taken of the child's body. There were no observed scrapes or bruises other than two small bruises on his upper left leg. There were no injuries observed on the child other than the fatal gunshot wound to his face. During this observation, EMS and Detective [REDACTED] taped paper evidence bags to both of the child's hands. CPSI was advised that



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the body will be sent for autopsy and his hands will be check for gunshot residue. This was a way of preserving any evidence on his body. EMS and Detective [REDACTED] then bagged the child's body in a white body bag with his identification in it. All of the pictures taken at this time are printed and contained in the CPS case file.



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**Case Recording Details**

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Contact Date: 08/10/2014	Contact Method:
Contact Time: 10:22 PM	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 03:09 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

Investigator [REDACTED] called me and reported that law enforcement had contacted her regarding a child death in [REDACTED] Co. Investigator [REDACTED] was headed to [REDACTED] Co Hospital. Reportedly a 7 yr old child had died of a gun shot wound while at his grandparent's home. I asked her to call me as soon as she knew more details. I immediately notified Investigative Coordinator [REDACTED] of the child death.



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**Case Recording Details**

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Contact Date: 08/10/2014	Contact Method:
Contact Time: 10:00 PM	Contact Duration: Less than 15
Entered By: [REDACTED]	Recorded For:
Location:	Created Date: 10/01/2014
Completed date: 10/01/2014	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: 10/01/2014 08:44 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

**Referral:**

Reporter states [REDACTED] has been in the custody of his grandparents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], in [REDACTED] TN. The reporter states that the family arrived at home at approximately 3PM on August 10, 2014 and the front door was open. Mrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] waited outside in the car. Mr. [REDACTED] got his gun and walked around the house to see if someone had broken into the house. He didn't find anyone and the family didn't notice that anything was disturbed. The family then entered the home. Mr. [REDACTED] unloaded the gun and put the gun away. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] put [REDACTED] to bed at approximately 8 PM. One of the adults saw [REDACTED] in his own bed and they were in a different room and heard a gunshot go off. The child was shot in the face and they went to the hospital. The reporter doesn't know if the family called 911 or if they transported [REDACTED] to the hospital themselves. This is all of the information the reporter has at this time. The reporter states that law enforcement called [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] County DCS, who then informed Lead Investigator [REDACTED] at 10:22PM. The reporter states that [REDACTED] responded to the hospital and is en route to the home. [REDACTED] is being sent for an autopsy. The reporter does not believe there are other children in the home. Per TFACTS, the child's name is [REDACTED].

CPS Central Intake received this report on 08/10/2014 and assigned a P1 response. The case was assigned to this CM on 08/10/2014 with the response due on 08/11/2014.

This CM verified the family's history of involvement with DCS through a search of TFACTS on 08/11/2014. The following history was noted:

CPS assessment 10/22/2012

Victim: [REDACTED]

Allegations: physical abuse, psychological

Perpetrators: [REDACTED]

Classifications: no services needed

Referent notification was made by mail on 08/11/2014.

Severe abuse notification is made to the District Attorney's office by the [REDACTED] Children's Advocacy Center, Executive Director, and [REDACTED].



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Notification is made monthly to the Juvenile Court Judge (by DCS secretarial staff or supervisors) as requested per Juvenile Court Judge.

CM did a search of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation sex offender registry (<http://www.tbi.state.tn.us/sorint/SOMainpg.aspx>) as to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There were no results.

CM did a search on the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation meth offender registry (<http://www.tennesseeanytime.org/methor/>) as to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There were no results.

CM did a Tennessee felony offender search (<http://www.tennesseeanytime.org/foil/search.jsp>) as to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There were no results.

CM did a National Sex Offender search (<http://www.nsopr.gov/>) as to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There were no results.

CM did a Tennessee Department of Health Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry search (<http://health.state.tn.us/abuser registry/index.html>) as to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There were no results.



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Status: Completed

Contact Date: 08/10/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 10:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 10/01/2014

Completed date: 10/01/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Service Planning

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/01/2014 08:44 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] was contacted by [REDACTED] 911 dispatch around 10:00pm on 08/10/2014 in regards to a call earlier on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] CPSI [REDACTED] then spoke with Detective [REDACTED] who advised that he was at [REDACTED] County ER and the 8 year old child, [REDACTED], had been pronounced dead from a gun shot wound.