



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

Intake

Intake ID: [REDACTED]
Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 06/24/2015 09:35 PM [REDACTED]
Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1
Screened By: [REDACTED]
Date Screened: 06/25/2015

Investigation

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]
First County/Region: [REDACTED]
Date/Time Assigned : 06/25/2015 09:16 AM
First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 06/25/2015 12:00 AM
First Case Manager [REDACTED] Date/Time 06/25/2015 12:00 AM

Allegations

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	5 Yrs	Lack of Supervision	Yes	Unknown Participant [REDACTED], Unknown	None
[REDACTED]	5 Yrs	Abuse Death	Yes	Unknown Participant [REDACTED] Unknown	None

Referent(s)

Referent Name: [REDACTED] Role to Alleged Victim(s): [REDACTED]

Referent Address:

Referent Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Type of Contact: [REDACTED]

Notification: E-mail

Narrative: ****The child is not in DCS custody

Family Case IDs: [REDACTED]

Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP: No

Closed Court Custody: Yes [REDACTED] / Begin date: 1-24-13 / End date: 12-11-13 / Case Member: [REDACTED]

Open: Yes

Begin date: 6-24-15 / [REDACTED] / Assessment / DEC and LOS / AP, [REDACTED] / ACV's, [REDACTED]



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Begin date: 5-8-15 / [REDACTED] / Assessment / LOS / AP, [REDACTED] / ACV [REDACTED] / Classification: No Services Needed / CM, [REDACTED] and TL, [REDACTED] / End date: Not Yet Established

Substantiated: No

Death: No

History (not listed above): Yes

Begin date: 1-28-15 / [REDACTED] / Assessment / ENN / No Services Needed / End date: 3-30-15

Begin date: 8-21-14 / [REDACTED] / Assessment / LOS and DEC / No Services Needed / End date: 12-29-14

Begin date: 4-27-12 / [REDACTED] / Assessment / LOS / Services Recommended and Accepted / End date: 7-10-12

Begin date: 8-18-11 / [REDACTED] / Assessment / PYA / Services Required / End date: 3-22-12

Begin date: 4-2-13 / [REDACTED] / Assessment / LOS / Unable to Complete / End date: 9-20-13

Begin date: 8-18-11 / [REDACTED] / Assessment / LOS / Services Required / End date: 3-22-12

Begin date: 12-7-09 / [REDACTED] / Assessment / PYA / No Services Needed / End date: 1-20-10

Begin date: 8-19-09 / [REDACTED] / Assessment / PYA, EDN and ENN / No Services Needed / End date: 10-13-09

Begin date: 5-26-09 / [REDACTED] / Assessment / NUN / No Services Needed / End date: 6-28-09

Pending: No

Awaiting Screening: No

Submitted: No

Screen outs: Yes [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

County: [REDACTED]

Notification: Email

School/ Daycare: [REDACTED] attended [REDACTED] however, school is out for the summer. Children are at home for the summer.

Native American Descent: No

Directions: The family resides at [REDACTED] The family's phone number is not available at the time of the call.

Referent's name/relationship: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Reporter states: ****The child is not in DCS custody

[REDACTED] lived with his mother, [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] brother, [REDACTED] and half-sister, [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. There are no other people known to be living in the home.

[REDACTED] (last name unknown/DOB: Unknown/Age approximately: 30's) is a family friend and is involved in



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the report, but he does not live in the home. [REDACTED] contact information is unknown at the time of this call.

The family has two (2) open assessment cases with DCS. [REDACTED] is the family's current DCS assessment case worker. [REDACTED] is a Case Manager 3. [REDACTED] can be reached on her work cell number at [REDACTED].

The alleged incident occurred today at the family's home located at [REDACTED]

DCS Case Manager, [REDACTED] received a call around 4 to 4:30 p.m. [REDACTED] from the mother. The mother reported to the DCS worker that her son, [REDACTED], had been missing since around 12 to 12:30 p.m. [REDACTED] today. [REDACTED] accompanied the [REDACTED] and FBI to the family's home to assess the situation and search for the child. [REDACTED] interviewed the children, mother and mother's friend, [REDACTED] (last name unknown) at the home. [REDACTED] was at the family's home for approximately three (3) hours.

At/around 9:41 p.m. [REDACTED] Team Leader, [REDACTED] contacted DCS [REDACTED] to inform him that the child was missing.

At/around 10 to 10:30 p.m. [REDACTED] it was learned that the child had drowned. The information was learned via new stories released on [REDACTED]

A summary of the situation is as follows:

At the time of incident, the mother had left the children in the care of her friend, [REDACTED] (last name unknown), so she could go to the court house to file a restraining order against her ex-roommate [REDACTED]. The mother reported that she felt she needed to file a restraining order against [REDACTED] because he was threatening her, specifically, in regards to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had lived with the family up until this past week. It has not been verified at this time that the mother filed a restraining order against [REDACTED]. It is unknown how [REDACTED] was threatening the mother in regards to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] contact information is unknown at the time of the call.

It is unknown when specifically the mother left the home today. It is unknown how long the mother was away from the home. The mother reported that she left all of the children in the care of her friend [REDACTED] (last name unknown).

While the mother was away from the home, [REDACTED] were in [REDACTED] room together. [REDACTED] was taking a nap in [REDACTED] bed. [REDACTED] was in bed because she had recently been in a car wreck and suffered some injuries. [REDACTED] were outside swinging in a hammock in the back. [REDACTED] was inside of the home.

[REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] came to the backdoor and yelled for him [REDACTED] to come look at a picture. [REDACTED] reported that he went inside to look at the picture. [REDACTED] reported that he left [REDACTED] outside. [REDACTED] reported that he was only inside of the home for less than two (2) minutes. [REDACTED] reported that when he came back outside [REDACTED] was gone. [REDACTED] did not know where [REDACTED] had gone. [REDACTED] reported that as soon as he realized that [REDACTED] was missing, he contacted the mother and the mother returned to the home. [REDACTED] phone call to the mother has been verified.) It is believed that the mother contacted the [REDACTED]. It is unknown when the mother contacted the sheriff's department. The sheriff's department responded to the home. The FBI responded to the home. It is believed that the sheriff's department contacted the FBI but this is not for certain. The FBI was contacted because the mother had received threatening text messages from her ex-roommate [REDACTED]. The FBI located [REDACTED] and questioned him.

DCS had investigated the family before due to [REDACTED] running off and hiding (see Case ID # [REDACTED]). It is not believed that [REDACTED] should have been left outside, unsupervised.



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A report was made with the sheriff's department but their report number is unknown at the time of this phone call. The name of the contact at the sheriff's department is unknown at the time of this phone call. At this time, law enforcement does not intend on charging anyone.

A report was made with the FBI but their report number is unknown at the time of this call. The name of the contact at the FBI is unknown at the time of this phone call.

According to the news stories, the child was found in a pond. It is unknown how far the pond is located from the family's home. It is unknown who located the child. It is unknown if the child sustained any injuries. The news stories stated that the child had drowned but the child's cause of death is unknown. It is unknown if the child's body has been transported from the scene. It is unknown if an autopsy will be completed. It is believed that law enforcement will complete a death scene report but it is unknown if that has been done at this time.

Since the news broadcast, the mother has not been contacted. [REDACTED] has another appointment set-up with the family tomorrow. The time of the appointment is unknown.

[REDACTED] will have a more detailed report of today's event and is available to assist the investigation worker if needed.

At this time, it is not believed that the other children in the home are in any danger and/or at risk of harm.

[REDACTED] father's name is unknown at the time of this phone call. It is unknown if [REDACTED] father has been notified of situation.

Special Needs or Disabilities: [REDACTED] had not been tested for Autism. [REDACTED] is not diagnosed with a disability and/or mental illness but she is currently on bed rest due to a car accident which left her with some fractures. [REDACTED] was in a car accident with her 18 year old brother (name unknown). [REDACTED] car wreck was not the result of child abuse and/or neglect.

Child's current location/is the child safe at this time: Deceased.

Perpetrator's location at this time: It is believed that [REDACTED] is still at the family's home.

Any other safety concerns for the child(ren) or worker who may respond: No

Domestic Violence present in the home: No

The mother does not have a police history.

The mother has a DCS history but nothing has been substantiated against her.

The family does not have a history of child fatality.

The family does not have a history of a child(ren) suffering serious physical injuries from child abuse/neglect.

Per SDM: Investigation P1 [REDACTED] CM3, on 6-24-15 at 11:38 p.m.

County notified via MIR3

[REDACTED] - Time Issued: 11:41:19 PM // Completed: 11:42:16 PM

Email sent to [REDACTED]

Email sent to the [REDACTED], TL, [REDACTED] and CM3, [REDACTED]



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Participant(s)

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 17 Yrs

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: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] **Race:** [REDACTED] **Age:** 12 Yrs

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: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 4 Yrs

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: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 45 Yrs

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: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race: White

Age: 5 Yrs

Address: [REDACTED]

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact:

Contact Type: UNKNOWN

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]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] **Race:** [REDACTED] **Age:** 8 Yrs

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: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: White Age: 28 Yrs

Address: [REDACTED], Tennessee

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact:

Contact Type: UNKNOWN

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Name: Unknown Participant [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth:

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race: White

Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact:

Contact Type: UNKNOWN

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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A. Investigation

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Referral Date: 06/24/2015

Assignment Date: 06/25/2015

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]	Lack of Supervision	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 10/22/2015
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Lack of Supervision	Unknown Participant [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 10/22/2015
3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Abuse Death	Unknown Participant [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 08/24/2015

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments: This case was presented to the Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) and the team agreed that the allegation of Lack of Supervision be classified as ASPS due the children reporting that [REDACTED] was not supervising the child. [REDACTED] gave several different encounters of what had happen. [REDACTED] initially agreed to come in and speak to law enforcement, however he retained an attorney and declined to come in for the interview afterwards. The allegation of Abuse Death is being classified as AUPU due the final autopsy stating no abuse or trauma was found and the cause of death was determined to be accidental drowning. The case has been referred for prosecution. There is not a preponderance of evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death.

D. Case Workers

Case Worker: [REDACTED]

Date: 10/22/2015

Team Leader: [REDACTED]

Date: 10/26/2015

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.



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

[REDACTED] is unable to conduct a face to face with the ACV [REDACTED] due to him being deceased. He passed on 6/24/2015. [REDACTED] went missing on 6/24/15 while in the care of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] body was found in a small pond close to his residence.

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

CPSI received [REDACTED] Autopsy Provisional Report for [REDACTED] via fax.

Provisional Anatomic Diagnoses:

- A. Frothy Pulmonary edema Fluid
- B. Wrinkled, white skin on the hands and feet consistent with prolonged immersion in water
- C. No evidence of trauma or injury

This was signed by [REDACTED]

The findings also state that the above is provisional finding only and may be changed or revised after further testing or additional investigative information.

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

[REDACTED] called [REDACTED] to schedule a time to interview him. [REDACTED] agreed to meet with [REDACTED] on 8/20/2015.

[REDACTED] retained an attorney and refused to meet with [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED] lived with his mother, [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) sister, [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) sister, [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) brother, [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) and half-sister, [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) in [REDACTED]. There are no other people known to be living in the home.

[REDACTED] (last name unknown/DOB: Unknown/Age approximately: 30's) is a family friend and is involved in the report, but he does not live in the home. [REDACTED] contact information is unknown at the time of this call.

The family has two (2) open assessment cases with DCS. [REDACTED] is the family's current DCS assessment case worker. [REDACTED] is a Case Manager 3. [REDACTED] can be reached on her work cell number at [REDACTED]

The alleged incident occurred today at the family's home located at [REDACTED]

DCS Case Manager, [REDACTED] received a call around 4 to 4:30 p.m. [REDACTED] from the mother. The mother reported to the DCS worker that her son [REDACTED] had been missing since around 12 to 12:30 p.m. [REDACTED] today. [REDACTED] accompanied the [REDACTED] and FBI to the family's home to assess the situation and search for the child. [REDACTED] interviewed the children, mother and mother's friend, [REDACTED] (last name unknown) at the home. [REDACTED] was at the family's home for approximately three (3) hours.

At/around 9:41 p.m. [REDACTED] Team Leader, [REDACTED] contacted DCS [REDACTED] to inform him that the child was missing.

At/around 10 to 10:30 p.m. [REDACTED] it was learned that the child had drowned. The information was learned via



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new stories released on [REDACTED]

A summary of the situation is as follows:

At the time of incident, the mother had left the children in the care of her friend, [REDACTED] (last name unknown), so she could go to the court house to file a restraining order against her ex-roommate, [REDACTED]. The mother reported that she felt she needed to file a restraining order against [REDACTED] because he was threatening her, specifically, in regards to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had lived with the family up until this past week. It has not been verified at this time that the mother filed a restraining order against [REDACTED]. It is unknown how [REDACTED] was threatening the mother in regards to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] contact information is unknown at the time of the call.

It is unknown when specifically the mother left the home today. It is unknown how long the mother was away from the home. The mother reported that she left all of the children in the care of her friend [REDACTED] (last name unknown).

While the mother was away from the home, [REDACTED] were in [REDACTED] room together. [REDACTED] was taking a nap in [REDACTED] bed. [REDACTED] was in bed because she had recently been in a car wreck and suffered some injuries. [REDACTED] were outside swinging in a hammock in the back. [REDACTED] was inside of the home.

[REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] came to the backdoor and yelled for him [REDACTED] to come look at a picture. [REDACTED] reported that he went inside to look at the picture. [REDACTED] reported that he left [REDACTED] outside. [REDACTED] reported that he was only inside of the home for less than two (2) minutes. [REDACTED] reported that when he came back outside, [REDACTED] was gone. [REDACTED] did not know where [REDACTED] had gone. [REDACTED] reported that as soon as he realized that [REDACTED] was missing, he contacted the mother and the mother returned to the home. [REDACTED] phone call to the mother has been verified.) It is believed that the mother contacted the [REDACTED]. It is unknown when the mother contacted the sheriff's department. The sheriff's department responded to the home. The FBI responded to the home. It is believed that the sheriff's department contacted the FBI but this is not for certain.

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

The investigation into this incident was conducted by the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. As part of the investigation, [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED] was interviewed. Records were requested from medical staff as well.

The department received Child Protective Services (CPS) referral on 6/25/2015 with allegations of Abuse Death and Lack of Supervision. The Alleged Child Victim is 5 year old [REDACTED] and the Alleged Perpetrator is unknown for the Abuse Death and the alleged perpetrator is [REDACTED] for Lack of Supervision. The family was involved with the department prior to this referral for similar allegations of Lack of Supervision.

[REDACTED] reported that her son [REDACTED] had been missing since noon on 6/24/15. The mother reported that she left her children in the care of family friend, [REDACTED], while she had gone to the [REDACTED] to file a restraining order on her former roommate, [REDACTED]. According to the mother, [REDACTED] had been making threats to her via text messages.

[REDACTED] stated that he was outside with [REDACTED] and went into the house for no longer than 2 minutes. [REDACTED] reported he went inside the home because one of [REDACTED] siblings [REDACTED], called him in to look at a picture. [REDACTED] reported that he called out to [REDACTED] with no response. When he was unable to locate him, he called the mother and she returned home. The mother then contacted the police.

FBI and [REDACTED] searched for several hours by ground and helicopter for [REDACTED]. Law enforcement and [REDACTED] interviewed the children and all adults at the home during this time.

[REDACTED] body was soon located in a pond approximately 100 yards from the home. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] 4 year old sister, [REDACTED], stated that she knew where [REDACTED] was. [REDACTED] stated that when he asked if she could show him where he was, [REDACTED] stated yes [REDACTED] then led him to where [REDACTED] was found.



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██████████ told the Detective that she was at the pond with ██████████ but she went home and ██████████ stayed. ██████████ body was found at approximately 9:30 PM. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The mother has been observed several times grieving the loss of ██████████, however she appeared to be mothering her children appropriately. The mother and other children, do have immediate family and friends who were observed to be supportive to the mother and the children during this time. There was no indication of any safety or harm factors present at the home during this investigation, and the children will remain in the home with their mother.

██████████ submitted a final autopsy report that revealed that ██████████ died of accidental drowning. This case was presented to the Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) and the team agreed that the allegation of Lack of Supervision be classified as ASPS due the children reporting that ██████████ was not supervising the child. ██████████ gave several different encounters of what had happen. ██████████ initially agreed to come in and speak to law enforcement, however he retained an attorney and declined to come in for the interview afterwards. The allegation of Abuse Death is being classified as AUPU due the final autopsy stating no abuse or trauma was found and the cause of death was determined to be accidental drowning. The case has been referred for prosecution. There is not a preponderance of evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death.

Family was offered grief counseling and was provided with grief counseling resources.

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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	11/12/2015	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	03:00 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	11/12/2015
Completed date:	11/12/2015	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: 11/12/2015 02:19 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] staffed this case regarding the classification, as well as the submission for closure. CPIT met and discussed the classification and determined that the caretaker of the child should be substantiated for Lack of Supervision (LOS) but not for Abuse Death. The reasoning behind this was because there was no intent on the part of the caretaker to cause harm to the child, nor was there reason to believe that a lack of supervision of the child for a relatively short period of time would lead to the death of the child. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] discussed this classification and determined that the reasoning behind the team's decision did, in fact, make sense. The caretaker had no reason to believe that the child would wander so far away, nor that he would get into the pond. He had gotten out of the house before when the mother was home, and was hiding in some bushes, but was trying to follow a sibling when she got on the bus to go to school. He did not have any physical or mental disabilities that would lead one to believe he had to have constant supervision. Therefore, the classification as agreed upon by CPIT will remain the same. A Letter A will be sent to the perpetrator after approval is given to close the case. This case has been approved for closure by [REDACTED]



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Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

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Contact Date:	11/12/2015	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	03:00 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	11/12/2015
Completed date:	11/12/2015	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Service Planning		
Contact Type(s):	Case Summary		
Contact Sub Type:	Closing		

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Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/12/2015 02:13 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

The Department of Children's Services (DCS) Child Protective Services Investigator (CPSI) received a referral on 6/25/2015 with allegations of Abuse Death and Lack of Supervision. The Alleged Child Victim is 5 year old [REDACTED]. The Alleged Perpetrator is unknown for the allegation of Abuse Death and [REDACTED] is the Alleged Perpetrator for the allegations of Lack of Supervision. The family was involved with the department prior to this referral for similar allegations of Lack of Supervision.

[REDACTED] called law enforcement on 6/24/2015 and reported that her son [REDACTED] had gone missing around noon on 6/24/15. The mother reported that she left her children in the care of family friend [REDACTED] while she had gone to the [REDACTED] to file a restraining order on her former roommate [REDACTED]. According to the mother [REDACTED] had been making threats to her via text message. [REDACTED] stated that he was outside with [REDACTED] and went into the house for no longer than 2 minutes. [REDACTED] reported he went inside the home because one of [REDACTED] siblings [REDACTED] called him inside to look at a picture. [REDACTED] reported that after he called out to [REDACTED] with no response and was unable to locate him, he called the mother and she returned home. The mother contacted the police.

FBI and [REDACTED] searched for hours by ground and helicopter for [REDACTED]. Children and all adults at the home were interviewed.

[REDACTED] body was found in a pond about approximately 100 yards from the home. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] sister 4 year old [REDACTED] stated she knew where [REDACTED] was. [REDACTED] stated that when he asked [REDACTED] if she could show him she stated yes. [REDACTED] led him to where [REDACTED] was found. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] stated she was at the pond with [REDACTED] but she went home and [REDACTED] stayed. [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased at 10:40 PM [REDACTED] on 6/24/2015.

The investigation into this incident was conducted by the [REDACTED] and Child Protective Services Investigator, [REDACTED]. The Autopsy was completed by [REDACTED]

The report to DCS listed and unknown as the alleged perpetrator of Child Neglect Death. Numerous interviews were conducted with family members, law enforcement, and records were obtained from law enforcement as well as



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medical providers.

As part of the investigation, [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED], was interviewed along with [REDACTED] (babysitter), siblings [REDACTED]. The mother provided information about the child including medical, mental health history, the child's behaviors, developmental levels, likes, dislikes, and daily routines. The mother also gave a time line of events beginning 24 hours prior to the incident.

[REDACTED] was interviewed alone and provided details of the incident and described his involvement in the family's life.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and provided details about the incident based on her recollection as well as details of the child's personality, developmental status, and daily routine.

[REDACTED] participated in forensic interviews.

[REDACTED] was on medication and asleep and during the incident therefore she was unable to provide any information on the incident.

[REDACTED] was gone with her mother therefore she was unable to provide any information on the incident.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and provided details about the incident based on his recollection as well as details of the child's personality, developmental status, and daily routines

[REDACTED] was interviewed and provided details about the incident based on her recollection.

[REDACTED] was regularly consulted and periodic status updates were provided on the autopsy until received on 7/17/2015.

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.

The case was presented to the [REDACTED] Child Protective Investigation Team on 9/10/14. Team members were in agreement that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death.

[REDACTED] was inside the home not appropriately supervising [REDACTED]. After conducting interviews and obtaining records it was concluded that [REDACTED] drowning was an accident; however [REDACTED] was not appropriately supervised. Law enforcement will be presenting the case to grand jury due.

There is not a preponderance of evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death.

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



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Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

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

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 This case has been reviewed by [REDACTED] and has been approved for closure.

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/17/2015 03:06 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]
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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/17/2015 03:06 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 This case has been reviewed by [REDACTED] and has been approved for closure.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 10/30/2015 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 01:21 PM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 10/30/2015
 Completed date: 10/30/2015 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Service Planning
 Contact Type(s): Administrative Review
 Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/30/2015 12:23 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 LI has made final review of the investigation and to the final case summary. Case is being forwarded for review by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for review prior to sending to [REDACTED] for final review.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 10/22/2015 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 01:50 PM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 10/22/2015
 Completed date: 10/22/2015 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: 10/22/2015 01:08 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 Pictures of the outside of the home were provided by [REDACTED] and uploaded on this date.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]
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Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

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Contact Date:	10/02/2015	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	05:00 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	10/02/2015
Completed date:	10/02/2015	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Service Planning		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/02/2015 11:25 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Li and CPSI reviewed this case on this date. Final case summary has been completed and reviewed by [REDACTED]. Summary has now been entered into the case recordings. [REDACTED] has attempted on several occasions now to obtain photos of the crime scene to upload to the investigation in TFACTS however CPSI has been unable to obtain them from the Det. Another appointment has been set up to rendezvous with the Det on Tuesday the 6th. Once photos are obtained and uploaded. Case will be sent for review to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] prior to being sent for final review by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] will also be updating and completing the 740 documentation prior to sending the investigation for approval.



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 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

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 Contact Time: 03:42 PM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 10/02/2015
 Completed date: 10/02/2015 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Service Planning
 Contact Type(s): Case Summary
 Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/02/2015 02:43 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Closing Death Summary

Child's Name: [REDACTED]

The investigation into this incident was conducted by the [REDACTED] and Office of Child Safety Investigator, [REDACTED]. As part of the investigation, [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED] was interviewed. Records were requested from medical staff as well.

The department received Child Protective Services (CPS) referral on 6/25/2015 with allegations of Abuse Death and Lack of Supervision. The Alleged Child Victim is 5 year old [REDACTED] and the Alleged Perpetrator is unknown for the Abuse Death and the alleged perpetrator is [REDACTED] for Lack of Supervision. The family was involved with the department prior to this referral for similar allegations of Lack of Supervision.

[REDACTED] reported that her son [REDACTED] had been missing since noon on 6/24/15. The mother reported that she left her children in the care of family friend, [REDACTED], while she had gone to the [REDACTED] to file a restraining order on her former roommate, [REDACTED]. According to the mother [REDACTED] had been making threats to her via text messages.

[REDACTED] stated that he was outside with [REDACTED] and went into the house for no longer than 2 minutes. [REDACTED] reported he went inside the home because one of [REDACTED] siblings [REDACTED], called him in to look at a picture. [REDACTED] reported that he called out to [REDACTED] with no response. When he was unable to locate him, he called the mother and she returned home. The mother then contacted the police.

FBI and [REDACTED] searched for several hours by ground and helicopter for [REDACTED]. Law enforcement and [REDACTED] interviewed the children and all adults at the home during this time.

[REDACTED] body was soon located in a pond approximately 100 yards from the home. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] 4 year old sister, [REDACTED], stated that she knew where [REDACTED] was. [REDACTED] stated that when he asked if she could show him where he was, [REDACTED] stated yes. [REDACTED] then led him to where [REDACTED] was found. [REDACTED] told the Detective that she was at the pond with [REDACTED] but she went home and [REDACTED] stayed. [REDACTED] body was found at approximately 9:30 PM. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The mother has been observed several times grieving the loss of [REDACTED], however she appeared to be mothering her children appropriately. The mother and other children, do have immediate family and friends who were observed to be supportive to the mother and the children during this time. There was no indication of any safety or harm factors present at the home during this investigation, and the children will remain in the home with their mother.

[REDACTED] submitted a final autopsy report that revealed that [REDACTED] died of accidental drowning. This case was presented to the Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) and the team agreed



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that the allegation of Lack of Supervision be classified as ASPS due the children reporting that [REDACTED] was not supervising the child. [REDACTED] gave several different encounters of what had happen. [REDACTED] initially agreed to come in and speak to law enforcement, however he retained an attorney and declined to come in for the interview afterwards. The allegation of Abuse Death is being classified as AUPU due the final autopsy stating no abuse or trauma was found and the cause of death was determined to be accidental drowning. The case has been referred for prosecution. There is not a preponderance of evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death.

Family was offered grief counseling and was provided with grief counseling resources.

Work aid describes Child Death/Near Death as:

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

Any child death caused by abuse or neglect resulting from the parent or caretaker's failure to stop another person's direct action that resulted in the death of the child. Child deaths are always treated as severe child abuse.

Any child death caused by abuse or neglect resulting from the parent or caretaker's to stop another person's direct action that resulted in the death of the child.

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Case Summary being re-entered due to Closing case summary format being incorrect. Please see corrected Closing Case summary from 11/12/15

Narrative Type: Addendum 1 Entry Date/Time: 11/12/2015 02:06 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] called law enforcement on 6/24/2015 and reported that her son [REDACTED] had gone missing around noon on 6/24/15. The mother reported that she left her children in the care of family friend [REDACTED] while she had gone to the [REDACTED] to file a restraining order on her former roommate [REDACTED]. According to the mother [REDACTED] had been making threats to her via text message. [REDACTED] stated that he was outside with [REDACTED] and went into the house for no longer than 2 minutes.

[REDACTED] reported he went inside the home because one of [REDACTED] siblings [REDACTED] called him inside to look at a picture. [REDACTED] reported that after he called out to [REDACTED] with no response and was unable to locate him, he called the mother and she returned home. The mother contacted the police.

FBI and [REDACTED] searched for hours by ground and helicopter for [REDACTED] Children and all adults at the home were interviewed.

[REDACTED] body was found in a pond about approximately 100 yards from the home. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] sister 4 year old [REDACTED] stated she knew where [REDACTED] was. [REDACTED] stated that when he asked [REDACTED] if she could show him she stated yes. [REDACTED] led him to where [REDACTED] was found. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] stated she was at the pond with [REDACTED] but she went home and [REDACTED] stayed. [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased at 10:40 PM [REDACTED] on 6/24/2015.

The investigation into this incident was conducted by the [REDACTED] and Child Protective Services Investigator, [REDACTED]. The Autopsy was completed by the [REDACTED]. The report to DCS listed and unknown as the alleged perpetrator of Child Neglect Death. Numerous interviews were conducted with family members, law enforcement, and records were obtained from law enforcement as well as medical providers.

As part of the investigation, [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED], was interviewed along with [REDACTED] (babysitter), siblings [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] The mother provided information about the child including medical, mental health history, the child's behaviors, developmental levels, likes, dislikes, and daily routines. The mother also gave a time line of events beginning 24 hours prior to the incident.

[REDACTED] was interviewed alone and provided details of the incident and described his involvement in the family's life.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and provided details about the incident based on her recollection as well as details of the child's personality, developmental status, and daily routine.

[REDACTED] participated in forensic interviews.



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[REDACTED] was on medication and asleep and during the incident therefore she was unable to provide any information on the incident.

[REDACTED] was gone with her mother therefore she was unable to provide any information on the incident.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and provided details about the incident based on his recollection as well as details of the child's personality, developmental status, and daily routines

[REDACTED] was interviewed and provided details about the incident based on her recollection.

[REDACTED] was regularly consulted and periodic status updates were provided on the autopsy until received on 7/17/2015.

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.

The case was presented to the [REDACTED] Child Protective Investigation Team on 9/10/14. Team members were in agreement that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death.

[REDACTED] was inside the home not appropriately supervising [REDACTED]. After conducting interviews and obtaining records it was concluded that [REDACTED] drowning was an accident; however [REDACTED] was not appropriately supervised. Law enforcement will be presenting the case to grand jury due.

There is not a preponderance of evidence to substantiate the allegation of Child Neglect Death.

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



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	09/16/2015	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	11:32 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	09/16/2015
Completed date:	09/16/2015	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: 09/16/2015 10:38 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

LI reviewed this case with [REDACTED] on this date. Grief counseling has been offered to the family other children and they have complied with some recommendations however they are also pursuing their counseling through their church. Family also were interested in the [REDACTED] which specializes in traumatic events with children. Info on this camp was provided to the family. Family also has a very good support system with relatives. Final case summery will be completed and submitted to LI for review. CPSI will also obtain additional photos from LE as well as some other additional statements and interviews they completed with the family. Once review of the summery has been completed, and the additional info entered in TFACTS, case will be submitted for final approval to LI, IC, RID, prior to sending to [REDACTED] for approval for closure.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 09/10/2015 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 11:30 AM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 09/10/2015
 Completed date: 09/10/2015 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: 09/10/2015 10:34 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

A peer review was held on this case at the [REDACTED] office on this date. Present for the review were the following: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This case was presented to CPIT on 9-9-15 and the decision was made to unsubstantiate for abuse death, however, to substantiate the babysitter, [REDACTED] for severe lack of supervision. LE has indicated that they will be presenting this case to the [REDACTED] Grand Jury. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will meet to discuss any other tasks that need to be completed, such as ensuring that the other children are receiving needed services to help deal with their grief. There are no other next steps except for case summary entry and review of the case by [REDACTED].



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Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 09/09/2015 Contact Method: Correspondence
 Contact Time: 10:30 AM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Other Community Site Created Date: 09/09/2015
 Completed date: 09/09/2015 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: 09/09/2015 11:09 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPIT Presentation

This case was presented to the [REDACTED] CPIT team on 09/09/15.

Individuals Present:

[REDACTED]

The following decision was made:

The team did agree that the allegation of Lack of Supervision be classified as ASPS due the children reporting that [REDACTED] was not supervising the child. [REDACTED] gave several different encounters of what had happen. [REDACTED] agreed to come in and speak to law enforcement; however he retained an attorney and declined to come in for the interview. The allegation of Abuse Death is being classified as AUPU due the final autopsy stating no abuse or trauma was found and the case of death is an accidental drowning. The case has been referred for prosecution.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 08/24/2015 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 10:30 AM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 08/24/2015
 Completed date: 08/24/2015 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: 08/24/2015 09:33 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

LI reviewed this case at Peer review on this date with [REDACTED] as well as [REDACTED]. This case was briefly presented to the Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) on 8/12/15. LI reviewed the case with the team. Autopsy has been received and was ruled the cause of death was accidental drowning. During the last Admin review with the [REDACTED], it was discussed that CPSI would refer the children for other services to the mother. CPSI would also discuss with the mother regarding obtaining additional forensic interviews with the other children. Mother did agree and the forensics were completed. Children did disclose not being watched outside when the incident occurred. Documentation will be entered regarding these interviews. CPIT agreed that the alleged perp would need to be interviewed again regarding specifics, however, the alleged perp has now "lawyered up" and his attorney advised him not to talk with CPSI or LE. LI is proceeding with presenting the case to grand jury. Case will be represented to CPIT on 9/9/15 for a final agreement for classification. Once presented the Final case summary will be completed.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 08/20/2015 Contact Method: Attempted Face To Face
 Contact Time: 11:00 AM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Detention/Jail Created Date: 08/24/2015
 Completed date: 08/24/2015 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Notation
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 08/24/2015 10:09 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called [REDACTED] to schedule a time to interview him. [REDACTED] agreed to meet with [REDACTED] on 8/20/2015.

[REDACTED] retained an attorney and refused to meet with [REDACTED]



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: System Completed
 Contact Date: 07/30/2015 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 09:30 PM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Other Community Site Created Date: 08/24/2015
 Completed date: 08/30/2015 Completed By: System Completed
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Notation,Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 08/24/2015 09:45 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

NAME [REDACTED]
 TIME: 9:38 a.m.
 DATE: 7/30/2015

[REDACTED] reported that she is five years old (she is really four) and that she likes to draw names. [REDACTED] reported that she likes to play with "ponies". [REDACTED] reported that she lives with her mom, [REDACTED] reported she was there to talk about [REDACTED] playing with her ponies and dolls. FI asked if it was okay that [REDACTED] play with those things and [REDACTED] said yes. [REDACTED] could not think of any reason someone might be worried about her or her family. [REDACTED] said nothing mad her sad that she needed to talk about. FI asked [REDACTED] if there was anyone in the family who wasn't there anymore, [REDACTED] begin talking about her friends. FI asked if she remembered what she talked to the "the big guy" [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] replies "I said hi".

FI asked [REDACTED] if she had another brother [REDACTED] said [REDACTED]. FI asked what happen to [REDACTED] replied, "He didn't die, he saved" [REDACTED] said she saved [REDACTED] "last night" when the birds were knocking on the window and coming in the house. FI asked when was the last times she saw [REDACTED] started talking about [REDACTED] sleeping in the bed. FI asked if there was anyone else who use to live in the house that doesn't live there anymore, [REDACTED] said her mom lives with her and then she begin talking about [REDACTED] brother who went home and went to sleep. FI asked [REDACTED] if she has a creek by her home, [REDACTED] a said yes. FI asked [REDACTED] to tell her about the creek [REDACTED] said no. FI asked [REDACTED] if she ever seen anyone go in the creek, [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] went in the creek. [REDACTED] said she saw [REDACTED] jump in the creek. FI asked [REDACTED] if anyone else was there when she saw [REDACTED] jump in the creek, [REDACTED] said no. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] went home/she went home [REDACTED] was in the house and [REDACTED] was home. [REDACTED] said she saw a log and [REDACTED] fell down-she said [REDACTED] stepped on the log and he dies. FI if she remembered taking the "the big guy" to the creek/what she told the "the big guy" [REDACTED] said she told him "there's [REDACTED]". [REDACTED] then said a few times that she needed to go to her mom. FI asked [REDACTED] if she ever saw [REDACTED] at the creek before; however her response was unclear. FI asked [REDACTED] if anyone ever watched her when her mom was any; however her response was unclear.FI asked [REDACTED] if she knows anyone named [REDACTED], [REDACTED] said she knows [REDACTED] - that [REDACTED] is her mom's cousin [REDACTED] then begin talking about a pool and catching tadpoles and [REDACTED] catching shells.



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

said no. FI asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] has watching the kids before, and she said yes. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was a "trusted friend". FI asked if there were certain rules to follow when watching the kids/important things to remember like allergies special needs, [REDACTED] said no- just that [REDACTED] was on pain meds. FI asked [REDACTED] what she remembered about that day [REDACTED] said her and her mom left the house to get a restraining order and that they got lost because her mom's GPS was not working well. [REDACTED] said that they left around 12 or 1 o'clock in the afternoon and that [REDACTED] had texted them to say [REDACTED] was missing. She said they were already on the way back home. FI asked [REDACTED] about the person her mom was getting the restraining order on/why- [REDACTED] said that the person was on drugs and had been threatening her mom. FI asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] had ever gone missing before, [REDACTED] said a few months before he drown [REDACTED] had gone out early one morning and hid in the bushes for about an hour or so. FI asked what happen after she and her mom got home [REDACTED] said first they looked in the house then they split up and looked outside. [REDACTED] mentioned that they did not look by the lake because [REDACTED] knew not to go down there

NAME: [REDACTED]
 TIME: 10:55 a.m.
 DATE: 7/30/2015

[REDACTED] reported that she does not really remember anything about [REDACTED] dying because she was in a car wreck [REDACTED] noted that [REDACTED] wasn't a regular babysitter however he has watched them before and they have been camping with him. [REDACTED] said that she doesn't blame [REDACTED] for for what happened, that the kids always run outside to play. FI asked if [REDACTED] had ever gone missing before and she once when her mom's friend [REDACTED] was babysitting [REDACTED] in the bushes. [REDACTED] reported that it surprised her when [REDACTED] body was found dead at the bottom of the creek because he never went out there.

[REDACTED] was asleep and on medication from a car wreck the day [REDACTED] went missing.

This concluded the interviews.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
Contact Date: 07/30/2015 Contact Method: Face To Face
Contact Time: 09:30 AM Contact Duration:
Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
Location: Other Community Site Created Date: 10/22/2015
Completed date: 10/22/2015 Completed By: [REDACTED]
Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
Contact Type(s): Sibling Interview/Observation
Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/22/2015 12:49 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Siblings of the deceased Alleged Child Victim (ACV) participated in a forensic interview on the date the [REDACTED] interviewed the children. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed the interview. The children were brought to the interview by their mother [REDACTED].

NAME: [REDACTED]
TIME: 9:38 a.m.
DATE: 7/30/2015

[REDACTED] reported that she is five years old (she is really four) and that she likes to draw names. [REDACTED] reported that she likes to play with "ponies". [REDACTED] reported that she lives with her [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reported she was there to talk about [REDACTED] playing with her ponies and dolls. FI asked if it was okay that [REDACTED] play with those things and [REDACTED] said yes. [REDACTED] could not think of any reason someone might be worried about her or her family. [REDACTED] said nothing mad her sad that she needed to talk about. FI asked [REDACTED] if there was anyone in the family who wasn't there anymore, [REDACTED] begin talking about her friends. FI asked if she remembered what she talked to the "the big guy" ([REDACTED] with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about, [REDACTED] replies "I said hi".

FI asked [REDACTED] if she had another brother, [REDACTED] said [REDACTED]. FI asked what happen to [REDACTED] replied, "He didn't die, he saved". [REDACTED] said she saved [REDACTED] "last night" when the birds were knocking on the window and coming in the house. FI asked when was the last times she saw [REDACTED] started talking about [REDACTED] sleeping in the bed. FI asked if there was anyone else who use to live in the house that doesn't live there anymore, [REDACTED] said her mom lives with her and then she begin talking about [REDACTED] brother who went home and went to sleep. FI asked [REDACTED] if she has a creek by her home, [REDACTED] said yes. FI asked [REDACTED] to tell her about the creek, [REDACTED] said no. FI asked [REDACTED] if she ever seen anyone go in the creek, [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] went in the creek. [REDACTED] said she saw [REDACTED] jump in the creek. FI asked [REDACTED] if anyone else was there when she saw [REDACTED] jump in the creek, [REDACTED] said no. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] went home/she went home [REDACTED] was in the house and [REDACTED] was home. [REDACTED] said she saw a log and [REDACTED] fell down-she said [REDACTED] stepped on the log and he dies. FI if she remembered taking the "the big guy" to the creek/what she told the "the big guy" [REDACTED] said she told him "there's [REDACTED]". [REDACTED] then said a



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Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 07/28/2015 Contact Method: Phone Call
 Contact Time: 04:40 PM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 07/29/2015
 Completed date: 07/29/2015 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: 07/29/2015 02:47 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI called and spoke to [REDACTED] on this date. CPSI informed [REDACTED] about the [REDACTED] which is a camp for children who are grieving the loss of a loved one. CPSI encouraged [REDACTED] to call to inquire about the camp for the children. CPSI provided [REDACTED] with the contact number.

CPSI also spoke to [REDACTED] regarding her other four children participating in a forensic interview. [REDACTED] agreed. CPSI scheduled the forensics beginning at 9:30 a.m. on 7/30/2015



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 07/20/2015 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 10:15 AM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 07/20/2015
 Completed date: 07/20/2015 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: 07/20/2015 09:35 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

This case was staffed in the [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]

CPSI reviewed the past history, open assessment, and incidents surrounding the the new Child Fatality investigation. Grief counseling has been referred to the family however currently there are relatives that are stating that the mother has "rights" and that she does not need to comply with CPS recommendations. CPSI also completed a drug screen on the mother on July 7th and she did not test positive for a y substances. CPSI has asked that mother to allow forensic interviews regarding the other children however due to her "rights" she has shown some rejection to the idea. CPSI feels, however, that she can convince the mother to proceed with the forensic interviews. Medical records have also been requested. Final autopsy has been received and shows that it was an accidental death with no suspected foul play, however, due to the child supposed to be being supervised by a caretaker, forensics will need to be completed with the other children to determine time frame the child was left alone. The caretaker at the time, stated that he left the children unattended for approximately 2 minutes however this appears to be suspicious due to the distance the child covered prior to his death and due to the fact that the sister stated that she initially went with her brother to the pond and then returned back to the home in that same "2 minutes".

There are other older children that can be interviewed to determine a time line regarding the alleged caretaker at the time. Team agreed that additional next steps would be to proceed with forensic interviews and update the FAST on the family. CPSI also is recommending to the mother a "camp" that works with children that have gone through traumatic events similar to these.

Case will continue to be reviewed for safety and restaffed after forensics have been completed.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 07/13/2015 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 03:18 PM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 07/13/2015
 Completed date: 07/13/2015 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Notation
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/13/2015 03:32 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 CPSI received [REDACTED] Autopsy Provisional Report for [REDACTED] via fax.

Provisional Anatomic Diagnoses:

- A. Frothy Pulmonary edema Fluid
- B. Wrinkled, white skin on the hands and feet consistent with prolonged immersion in water
- C. No evidence of trauma or injury

This was signed by [REDACTED]

The findings also state that the above is provisional finding only and may be changed or revised after further testing or additional investigative information.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	07/08/2015	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	10:40 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	07/08/2015
Completed date:	07/08/2015	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: 07/08/2015 10:00 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Li reviewed this case with CPSI and with CPIT. [REDACTED] staffed with the team surrounding the incident. He recounted the events of locating the body with the sister of [REDACTED]. There is now concern that [REDACTED] was not supervising the children appropriately and had not been in the house for only 2 min looking at picture that another child had made. [REDACTED] stated that his story has changed a couple times since the incident and the children would have had to been unsupervised for longer than the said time frame for the children to wonder off to the pond. The area was described as swampy with lots of vegetation. CPSI and [REDACTED] will be following up with the family and other children for forensic interviews and continued recommendations for grief counseling for the mother and the children. CPSI will continue to update the dictation as the contacts are made with in 5 days per protocol.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: System Completed
Contact Date: 07/07/2015 Contact Method: Face To Face
Contact Time: 12:30 PM Contact Duration:
Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
Location: Family Home Created Date: 07/13/2015
Completed date: 08/07/2015 Completed By: System Completed
Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
Contact Type(s): Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation
Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/13/2015 03:06 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 07/06/2015 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 02:00 PM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 07/08/2015
 Completed date: 07/08/2015 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Notation
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/08/2015 08:20 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 CPSI called the [REDACTED] on 6/6/2015 and spoke to [REDACTED] CPSI was informed that the preliminary autopsy is not back yet. CPSI informed her that CPSI will check back in a few days. CPSI thanked her for her time and the call was ended



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Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	06/29/2015	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	01:51 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	06/29/2015
Completed date:	06/29/2015	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: 06/29/2015 12:59 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reviewed this case with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. CPSI reviewed the case and discussed the circumstances surrounding the incident. Child has history of wondering off. CPSI was able to discuss with family some of the additional concerns about the child wondering off and possibly swimming in the pond. Mother disclosed that they do not swim in the pond however he did like to go over there. LE also interviewed the other man that the mother was allegedly filing a petition against and LE found him credible. CPSI will be following up with the family for forensics with the other children. CPSI will be requesting medical records and offering grief counseling to the family as well. Police reports and records will also be requested. CPSI will also be following up with back grounds on the caretaker at the time of incident as well.

[REDACTED] discussed how CPSI was doing and explained that CPSI could lean on supervisors for support. Also discussed EAP if CPSI needed additional support. CPSI thanked them for the info. Case will continue to be monitored and staffed. Updates and dictation will be entered with in 5 days and the info becomes available.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 06/25/2015 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 03:30 PM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 07/13/2015
 Completed date: 07/13/2015 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/13/2015 02:57 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 Date: 6/25/15
 Time: 3:30pm
 Location: Family's Home
 Present: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and CM [REDACTED] went to the home of the [REDACTED] family to assess for the surviving siblings safety and to offer grief counseling services for the family.

Upon arrival to the residence, [REDACTED] was waiting in his vehicle for another detective with plans to take photographs of the residence and surrounding area. [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that yesterday evening, when [REDACTED] still was not found and no leads were developing, he began observing [REDACTED] who kept repeating, "I know where [REDACTED] is". [REDACTED] explained he spoke with [REDACTED], got her shoes, and had her lead him to the nearby creek/pond area where [REDACTED] was eventually located. [REDACTED] reported that the babysitter [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] had mentioned to him that she knew where [REDACTED] was earlier in the day.

As CMs were walking up towards the home, [REDACTED] inquired as to who CMs were. At that time, [REDACTED] recognized [REDACTED]. CM introduced [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and explained she would be meeting with the family. On this date, however, CM told [REDACTED] she and [REDACTED] wished to express their sympathies, establish if there any immediate needs or ways in which [REDACTED] felt Children's Services could assist at this time, and, provide [REDACTED] with resources for grief counseling to look at once [REDACTED] is able.

Child [REDACTED] came outside while Cm's speaking with [REDACTED]. CM introduced [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and expressed how sorry she was. After, CM asked permission from [REDACTED] to enter the home and speak briefly with [REDACTED] was sitting on her mother's bed and when asked how she was doing said, "Not real good right now". Grief counseling was explained to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated both she and [REDACTED] are active with [REDACTED] and would discuss with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was eating fried chicken and watching cartoons.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

CMs met [REDACTED] had been giving [REDACTED] a bath, got her dressed, and came outside with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] presented as very comfortable with her aunt. [REDACTED] was observed keeping a close eye on [REDACTED], following close behind her. [REDACTED] explained [REDACTED] did not grasp the concept [REDACTED] would not be returning home.

[REDACTED] presented as very upset and reported the full weight of [REDACTED] death had yet to fully set in. Her emotions were very appropriate given the nature of the trauma. [REDACTED] has the support of her sister, [REDACTED], who is staying in the home with the family, and, explained her parents would be flying in this evening from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] friend [REDACTED] was also present and offering assistance in caring for the children.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	06/25/2015	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	02:35 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	06/25/2015
Completed date:	06/25/2015	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: 06/25/2015 01:47 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] staffed this case on this day at this time. CPSI disclosed that the mother was taken to the hospital due to some distressed behavior regarding the incident. CPSI and the [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] have also collaborated regarding the initial interviews and photos of the environment. The Det. will be forwarding that info to CPSI. LI and IC discussed CPSI obtaining written statements as well as photos of the environment including the pond area. CPSI will also follow up with the child's relationship with [REDACTED], the alleged caretaker, at the time of the incident. CPSI will also obtain info regarding the child's familiarity with the pond and if the family had gone swimming in this area before as well if the child knew how to swim. CPSI will also be obtaining further info surrounding the restraining order and court involvement with the mother.

CPSI will be obtaining the medical records from EMS and will be making referrals to the family for Grief counseling. Info will continue to be updated to the documentation and an initial case summary will be forwarded [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as well, and [REDACTED] The Child Death/Near death report will be sent to the Fatality Notification Group Email by tomorrow Morning, 6/26/15.

Case will continue to be staffed and Documentation entered within 5 days.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 06/25/2015 Contact Method: Phone Call
 Contact Time: 11:27 AM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 06/25/2015
 Completed date: 06/25/2015 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: 06/25/2015 11:12 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

DATE: 6/25/2015
 TIME: 11:27 a.m.
 LOCATION TYPE: Via phone
 PRESENT: [REDACTED]

CPSI spoke to [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reported that he is working the child death case regarding [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] was found in a pond at approximately 9:30 p.m. on 6/24/2015.

[REDACTED] reported that the mother was very emotionally upset last night and was sent to the hospital for evaluations. The mother other children were left with a friend [REDACTED] (last name unknown) at the residence.

[REDACTED] reported that he may be looking at charging someone under "Haley's Law".

[REDACTED] stated that all law enforcement involved is currently working on reports and supplements.

CPSI and [REDACTED] will meet on Tuesday June 30, 2015 to discuss the case. [REDACTED] reported that he will provide CPSI with copies on all the reports. [REDACTED] asked CPSI to provide him the TFACTs documentation of all the CPSI cases the family has had with the department.

[REDACTED] stated that the adults in the home as well as the children were all interviewed at the residence on 6/24/2015.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 06/25/2015 Contact Method: Attempted Face To Face
 Contact Time: 10:30 AM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 07/08/2015
 Completed date: 07/08/2015 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: 07/08/2015 08:17 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is unable to conduct a face to face with the ACV [REDACTED] due to him being deceased. He passed on 6/24/2015. [REDACTED] went missing on 6/24/15 while in the care of [REDACTED] body was found in a small pond close to his residence.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 06/25/2015 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 10:30 AM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 10/22/2015
 Completed date: 10/22/2015 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: 10/22/2015 01:02 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is unable to conduct a face to face with the ACV [REDACTED] due to him being deceased. He passed on 6/24/2015 [REDACTED] went missing on 6/24/15 while in the care of [REDACTED] body was found in a small pond close to his residence.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 06/25/2015 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 10:00 AM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 06/25/2015
 Completed date: 06/25/2015 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: 06/25/2015 10:22 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 SEVERE ABUSE Opening summary

This case was assigned to [REDACTED] on 6/25/2015. The District Attorney's office is notified of all severe abuse cases per local protocol. Upon classification the District Attorney is notified at the Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) monthly meeting. Juvenile Court judges are notified of all referrals per local protocol. Notice of classification is submitted to the Juvenile Court Judge per local protocol via the 740. The allegations reported are: Abuse Death and Lack of Supervision.

The referral states the following: Reporter states: ****The child is not in DCS custody [REDACTED] lived with his mother, [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] brother, [REDACTED] and half-sister, [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. There are no other people known to be living in the home. [REDACTED] (last name unknown/DOB: Unknown/Age approximately: 30's) is a family friend and is involved in the report, but he does not live in the home [REDACTED] contact information is unknown at the time of this call. The family has two (2) open assessment cases with DCS. [REDACTED] is the family's current DCS assessment case worker. [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] can be reached on her work cell number at [REDACTED]. The alleged incident occurred today at the family's home located at [REDACTED] DCS Case Manager, [REDACTED] received a call around 4 to 4:30 p.m. [REDACTED] from the mother. The mother reported to the DCS worker that her son, [REDACTED], had been missing since around 12 to 12:30 p.m. [REDACTED] today. [REDACTED] accompanied the [REDACTED] and FBI to the family's home to assess the situation and search for the child. [REDACTED] interviewed the children, mother and mother's friend [REDACTED] (last name unknown) at the home. [REDACTED] was at the family's home for approximately three (3) hours. At/around 9:41 p.m. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], [REDACTED] contacted DCS [REDACTED] to inform him that the child was missing. At/around 10 to 10:30 p.m. [REDACTED] it was learned that the child had drowned. The information was learned via new stories released on [REDACTED]. A summary of the situation is as follows: At the time of incident, the mother had left the children in the care of her friend [REDACTED] (last name unknown), so she could go to the court house to file a restraining order against her ex-roommate, [REDACTED]. The mother reported that she felt she needed to file a restraining order against [REDACTED] because he was threatening her, specifically, in regards to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had lived with the family up until this past week. It has not been verified at this time that the mother filed a restraining order against [REDACTED]. It is unknown how [REDACTED] was threatening the mother in regards to [REDACTED] contact information is unknown at the time of [REDACTED].



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]
 Case Status: Close

Case Name: [REDACTED]
 Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 06/24/2015 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 06:00 PM Contact Duration:
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 07/13/2015
 Completed date: 07/13/2015 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/13/2015 03:16 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] documentation on interviews for the children and adults involved are below:

Date: 6/24/15

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Family's residence

Present: [REDACTED]
 (referred to as [REDACTED] by police), and local law enforcement

Safety: At the time of CM's arrival to the home, ACV [REDACTED] whereabouts were unknown. Local law enforcement were in the process of an extensive search to find [REDACTED]. The children, [REDACTED] were being supervised by [REDACTED] (**name has not been confirmed at this time). The children were observed free from physical bruising/injury. [REDACTED], while distressed and visibly upset, presented as alert and free from the influence of drugs/alcohol and able to respond to the children's needs.

Well-being: The children, [REDACTED] remained quiet and relaxed as to the disappearance of their brother. The full gravity of the situation seemed yet to be comprehended. [REDACTED] was alert and active.

Permanency [REDACTED] is the biological mother and caregiver to the children. While at work, [REDACTED] made efforts to establish appropriate childcare. The father of [REDACTED] has not had contact with the family for some time. In the past, [REDACTED] filed a restraining order in protection from [REDACTED] due to in-home family violence. [REDACTED] explained she last heard [REDACTED] was living in [REDACTED] in efforts to dodge child support.

Content:

CM arrived at the family's home on this date in response to a new report of concerns and [REDACTED] report to CM while speaking on the phone that [REDACTED] was missing and authorities were in the process of looking for him. After speaking briefly with [REDACTED] and while [REDACTED] spoke with the police, CM met with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] recently was involved in a car accident. Her brother was driving while she and sister, [REDACTED] were passengers, traveling home from the fair. The car's tire blew and [REDACTED] brother, [REDACTED], lost control. [REDACTED] escaped with bruises and



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Assessment

Family Name: [REDACTED]

TN DCS Intake ID #: [REDACTED]

County: [REDACTED]

Worker:

Date of Referral: 5/8/15 9:08 AM

Date of Assessment: 6/26/15 12:00 AM

Assessment Type: Closing

Number of Children in the Household: 5

Section 1: Immediate Harm Factors

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

Yes No

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



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

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

Section 2: Safety Interventions

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

Non-Protective Custody Interventions:

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

Protective Custody Interventions:

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



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Section 3: Safety Decision

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

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

Children Removed

Children Not Removed

Case Manager: _____

Date: _____

Team Leader: _____

Date: _____



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Assessment

Family Name: [REDACTED] TN DCS Intake ID #: [REDACTED]
 County: [REDACTED] Worker:
 Date of Referral: 6/24/15 9:44 AM Date of Assessment: 7/1/15 12:00 AM
 Assessment Type: Initial Number of Children in the Household: 4

Section 1: Immediate Harm Factors

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

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