



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

Intake

Intake ID: [REDACTED]
Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 01/24/2013 10:30 PM CT
Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1
Screened By: [REDACTED]
Date Screened: 01/24/2013

Investigation

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]
First County/Region: [REDACTED]
Date/Time Assigned : 01/25/2013 07:50 AM
First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 01/24/2013 12:00 AM
First Case Manager [REDACTED] Date/Time 01/24/2013 12:00 AM

Allegations

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	15 Yrs	Lack of Supervision	No	Unknown Participant [REDACTED], Unknown	None

Referent(s)

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

Referent Address: [REDACTED]

Referent Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Type of Contact: I-3 Phone

Notification: None

Narrative: TFACTS: No history found

Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP: No

Prior INV/ASMT of Abuse: No
Prior INV/ASMT of Neglect: No
Screen Outs: 0

DUPLICATE REFERRAL: No

County: [REDACTED]
Notification: None
School/ Daycare: Unknown
Native American Descent: No
Directions: None Given



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Reporters name/relationship: [REDACTED]

NOTE: Address and any applicable phone numbers are listed under the oldest child victim.

Reporter states:

[REDACTED] (15) lives with his parents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There are two other siblings in the home, [REDACTED] (17) and [REDACTED] (8).

The mother came home from work this evening around 6pm. The father was asleep due to working third shift. The mother found [REDACTED] slumped over in the living room. The mother at first thought [REDACTED] was playing with her until she could not get him to respond. The mother tried to perform CPR and screamed to wake up the father.

A gun was found lying on the floor in the living room. The gun was a 380 pistol. [REDACTED] had a gunshot wound to the forehead. It is believed that the wound was self-inflicted. However, it is unclear at this time whether this was a suicide or an accident. A note was not found near the body. The family was not aware of any problems with [REDACTED] and stated that he was always happy.

The pistol was registered to the father. The pistol was in a case on top of the kitchen cabinet. The pistol was unloaded but the ammunition was in the case with the pistol. [REDACTED] knew where the pistol was located.

[REDACTED] has had hunter safety classes and has gone hunting. [REDACTED] has a 20 gauge shotgun and has admitted to his father that he has gotten the gun down and played with it before. The father states that he told [REDACTED] not to do this again and discussed gun safety with [REDACTED]

CPS CM [REDACTED] responded to the scene at 7:10pm. LE and TBI are already involved with the case.

No special needs or disabilities are known.

Per SDM: Investigative Track / P1 Fatality

Note: CPS CM [REDACTED] was notified by LE and responded to the scene at 7:10pm. [REDACTED] states that she does not need to be paged regarding this.

[REDACTED] @ 11:12 p.m on 1/24/13

***A copy of this referral was emailed to the Child Fatality group. The group consists of the following people: [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

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 9 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 47 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 51 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

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

Address: [REDACTED]

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

Name: Unknown Participant [REDACTED], Unknown

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race:

Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: Yes

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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

A. Investigation

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Referral Date: 01/24/2013

Assignment Date: 01/24/2013

Street Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]

B. Allegation

#	Children's Name	DOB	Specific Allegation for Each Child	Alleged Perpetrator's Name	DOB	Classification	Severe Abuse	Classified By
		SSN			SSN			
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neglect Death	Unknown, Unknown	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unfounded / Perpetrator Unfounded	Yes	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]						03/26/2013
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Lack of Supervision	Unknown, Unknown	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unfounded / Perpetrator Unfounded	No	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]						03/26/2013

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments: The allegations of lack of supervision and neglect death have been investigated and are being classified as unfounded. This was a suicide. The child knew where the gun and ammunition was kept. The child loaded the gun and shot himself in the forehead. The doctor who performed the autopsy stated to TBI Agent [REDACTED] that it was a hard contact and she found blow back on [REDACTED] hands. There was black residue on the hands. The doctor told Agent [REDACTED] that there is no way this is anything other than intentional. There is no evidence to substantiate the allegations.

D. Case Workers

Case Worker: [REDACTED]

Date: 03/26/2013

Team Leader: [REDACTED]

Date: 03/26/2013

E. Investigation Summary

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

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

On 1/24/13, CM observed the child's body to be lying on the floor in the living room. He was mostly covered with a sheet. His feet and part of his arms were visible. There was some blood on the floor beneath his head that was running away from the body. There were a few drops on the floor on the left side of the body. There was a large pool of blood on the right side of the body. There was brain matter in the large pool of blood. There was blood spatter found on [REDACTED] left hand. There was also blood spatter on the ottoman under where he was sitting. CM observed the child to be lying on his back. His right arm was down by his side. His left arm was bent, with the hand being near his hip. There was blood spatter observed on his left hand.

[REDACTED] room had already been moved to the new residence. There was a bed in the downstairs bedroom and one in an upstairs bedroom, where the father had been sleeping. There was a humidifier in the room,



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which was not plugged up, and a sound machine that did not have batteries in it. There was also a fan. There were no other weapons visible in the home. There was clothes and clutter everywhere where they are in the process of moving. The home otherwise appeared clean and well maintained. The guns case and a box of ammunition were lying on the counter in the kitchen. There was a lot of dust on top of the gun case, indicating that it had been there for a while.

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

CM was told by law enforcement that the father was the only one home besides ██████████. The mother was at work and the siblings were at dance class. The mother arrived home just before 6:00 pm and found the child unresponsive. The father was asleep because he works third shift. Law enforcement stated that the gun was a .380 Hi-point revolver that was the family gun. CM was told that ██████████ was shot in the center of the forehead at point blank range. The weapon was reportedly fired while touching his head. CM was told that ██████████ has completed a hunters safety course and knew how to handle a weapon. The officers reported that the mother found ██████████ sitting on the ottoman in the living room. He was slumped forward. The mother stated that she thought he was joking with her and playing possum. The mother was doing CPR when officers arrived on the scene. Paramedics had moved the body to the floor. The gun had been located on top of the kitchen cabinet. According to law enforcement, it appears that the gun was fired while ██████████ was leaning forward. The gun entered the center of the forehead and exited from the top of his head. The bullet lodged in the ceiling behind him. He was shot in an upward angle, where the gun was below him, pointing upward. ██████████ remained in the slumped position and the blood ran out of the entry wound into the floor, leaving the large pool of blood. The clip was fully loaded. The fathers hands were tested for gun shot residue (GSR) due to being in the home at the time, to rule out any involvement. They did not bag ██████████ hands or check him for GSR.

██████████ with TBI stated that as far as he is concerned, he cannot see anything other than suicide. ██████████ stated that he had talked to the doctor who completed the autopsy on Friday. The doctor stated that it was a hard contact and she found blow back on ██████████ hands. There was black residue on the hands. The doctor told ██████████ that there is no way this is anything other than intentional. ██████████ stated that he told the Chief if the family wants to believe this was accidental, he isnt going to try to persuade them otherwise. He stated that the autopsy report goes to the DAs office. ██████████ stated that he is sending the laptop, cell phone, and pistol to the lab to be tested. He stated that he will keep CM informed.

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

The alleged perpetrator was listed as unknown.

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

██████████ (15) lives with his parents, ██████████ and ██████████. There are two other siblings in the home, ██████████ (17) and ██████████ (8).

The mother came home from work this evening around 6pm. The father was asleep due to working third shift. The mother found ██████████ slumped over in the living room. The mother at first thought ██████████ was playing with her until she could not get him to respond. The mother tried to perform CPR and screamed to wake up the father.

A gun was found lying on the floor in the living room. The gun was a 380 pistol. ██████████ had a gunshot wound to the forehead. It is believed that the wound was self-inflicted. However, it is unclear at this time whether this was a suicide or an accident. A note was not found near the body. The family was not aware of any problems with ██████████ and stated that he was always happy.

The pistol was registered to the father. The pistol was in a case on top of the kitchen cabinet. The pistol was



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unloaded but the ammunition was in the case with the pistol. ██████████ knew where the pistol was located.

██████████ has had hunter safety classes and has gone hunting. ██████████ has a 20 gauge shotgun and has admitted to his father that he has gotten the gun down and played with it before. The father states that he told ██████████ not to do this again and discussed gun safety with ██████████

CPS CM ██████████ responded to the scene at 7:10pm. LE and TBI are already involved with the case.

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

This appears to be a suicide. The child did not leave a note, but it does not appear to be accidental. The wound was a contact wound. The gun was touching ██████████ head when it was fired. The wound is in the center of the forehead. The gun was unloaded the last time the father checked it. ██████████ loaded the clip completely.

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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/26/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 11:38 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 03/26/2013

Completed date: 03/26/2013

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: 03/26/2013 10:41 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

This case is being submitted for closure. The shot wound was self inflicted. Professionals believe that it was suicide, but the family believes it was accidental. CM [REDACTED] gave the family resources for grief counseling. There are no concerns regarding the other children. The family has no prior history and all the collaterals were good. This case is approved for closure.



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Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/26/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 11:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 03/26/2013

Completed date: 03/26/2013

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: 03/26/2013 10:01 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

This file will be submitted for closure on 3/26/13 to [REDACTED], CM III of [REDACTED], as all of the investigative assignments have been completed.

The safety assessment, FAST (if applicable) and classification summary have been completed.

Notification of the case closure as well as a copy of classification summary will be submitted to the [REDACTED] County Juvenile Court per local protocol.

The allegations of lack of supervision and neglect death have been investigated and are being classified as allegation unfounded/perpetrator unfounded. There is no further need for a CPS investigation to remain open.

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

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[REDACTED] room had already been moved to the new residence. There was a bed in the downstairs bedroom and one in an upstairs bedroom, where the father had been sleeping. There was a humidifier in the room, which was not plugged up, and a sound machine that did not have batteries in it. There was also a fan. There were no other weapons visible in the home. There was clothes and clutter everywhere where they are in the process of moving. The home otherwise appeared clean and well maintained. The guns case and a box of ammunition were lying on the counter in the kitchen. There was a lot of dust on top of the gun case, indicating that it had been there for a while.

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

CM was told by officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that the father is [REDACTED]. The mother is [REDACTED]. Other



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children are [REDACTED] (17) and [REDACTED] (8). The father was the only one home besides [REDACTED]. The mother was at work and the siblings were at dance class. The mother arrived home just before 6:00 pm and found the child unresponsive. [REDACTED] was 15 yrs old. The father was asleep because he works third shift. The family is in the process of moving to [REDACTED]. The parents took the siblings to the new home and are waiting there for the body to be removed and for law enforcement to interview them. Law enforcement stated that the gun was a .380 Hi-point revolver that was the family gun. CM was told that [REDACTED] was shot in the center of the forehead at point blank range. The weapon was reportedly fired while touching his head. CM was told that [REDACTED] has completed a hunters safety course and knew how to handle a weapon. The officers reported that the mother found [REDACTED] sitting on the ottoman in the living room. He was slumped forward. The mother stated that she thought he was joking with her and playing possum. The mother was doing CPR when officers arrived on the scene. Paramedics had moved the body to the floor. The gun had been located on top of the kitchen cabinet. According to law enforcement, it appears that the gun was fired while [REDACTED] was leaning forward. The gun entered the center of the forehead and exited from the top of his head. The bullet lodged in the ceiling behind him. He was shot in an upward angle, where the gun was below him, pointing upward. [REDACTED] remained in the slumped position and the blood ran out of the entry wound into the floor, leaving the large pool of blood. The clip was fully loaded. The fathers hands were tested for gun shot residue (GSR) due to being in the home at the time, to rule out any involvement. They did not bag [REDACTED] hands or check him for GSR.

[REDACTED] with TBI contacted CM by phone on 1/28/13. He asked if CM had heard in the news that investigators had determined [REDACTED] death was accidental. CM said she had heard this. [REDACTED] stated that this did not come from the TBI, but must be from [REDACTED] Police. He stated that they do not make the determination. He stated that as far as he is concerned, he cannot see anything other than suicide. [REDACTED] stated that he had talked to the doctor who completed the autopsy on Friday. The doctor stated that it was a hard contact and she found blow back on [REDACTED] hands. There was black residue on the hands. The doctor told [REDACTED] that there is no way this is anything other than intentional. [REDACTED] stated that he told the Chief if the family wants to believe this was accidental, he isnt going to try to persuade them otherwise. He stated that the autopsy report goes to the DAs office. [REDACTED] told CM to contact [REDACTED] and let him know the department needs a copy. He stated that this doctor is usually pretty quick at getting report done. He stated it should be 3-4 weeks, but has been up to 6 months. [REDACTED] stated that he is sending the laptop, cell phone, and pistol to the lab to be tested. He stated that he will keep CM informed.

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

The alleged perpetrator was listed as unknown. The following are statements from the family.

The father, [REDACTED], stated that [REDACTED] has always been a happy child. He stated that he was the happiest of all three children. He stated that "it has never not been that way". [REDACTED] stated that nothing has happened recently that would have upset [REDACTED]. He stated that he asked [REDACTED] all the time if anything is wrong that they need to talk about. He stated that they would often talk about all kinds of things while working on the remodeling of their new home together. The father works third shift and had worked the previous night. [REDACTED] took [REDACTED] to the dentist on the morning of 1/24/13. The other two children had dentist appointments as well and rode separately. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] drove [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to school. [REDACTED] stated that he ate, showered, and went to bed upstairs around 2 pm. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had dance class after school and [REDACTED] came to the house where [REDACTED] was sleeping to wait on his mother to get home from work. She generally gets home between 5:30 and 6:00 pm. [REDACTED] stated that he was awakened by [REDACTED] screaming. He stated that he went downstairs and [REDACTED] had moved [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he saw [REDACTED] and the blood and he stepped on the gun, which was lying in the floor. He stated that he touched the gun to be sure it was his pistol and not one of [REDACTED] air soft guns. [REDACTED] stated that the gun was registered to him and he purchased it in South Carolina in 1998 or 1999. [REDACTED] stated that the gun was kept in a gun case on top of the kitchen cabinet. He stated that he thought that he and [REDACTED] were the only ones who knew it was there. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had never fired the gun, but had handled it. [REDACTED] stated that he thinks [REDACTED] got it out and handled it when he was by himself. He stated that [REDACTED] told him about this and he told [REDACTED] not to do it. [REDACTED] stated that the gun was kept unloaded and the ammunition was kept in the case with the gun. [REDACTED] stated that he has not had the gun out in about two years. [REDACTED] stated that he just found out today that [REDACTED] had decided not to play baseball. He has played since second grade. [REDACTED] stated that he doesn't think baseball meant as much to him as it used to. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] lost desire to play and it was no longer fun for him. [REDACTED] stated that he wanted [REDACTED] to condition during the off-season, but [REDACTED] was not interested. [REDACTED]



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stated that ██████████ did not have a girlfriend. He was not on any medication and there were no signs of drug use. ██████████ stated that ██████████ has a good group of friends. There were no signs of bullying. He stated that ██████████ has been a little more withdrawn since his 14th birthday, but he thought it was normal teenage stuff. ██████████ stated he has no thought about why this happened. He stated that he wants to know why he did not hear the gun go off. He stated that he is not a heavy sleeper. CM asked if there are other weapons in the home. ██████████ stated that there is a .22 pistol, .32 pistol, a rifle, and a 12 gauge and 20 gauge shotgun. He stated that ██████████ has fired all of these weapons, except the .32. He stated that the 20 gauge shotgun was ██████████ He got it for Christmas.

██████████ reported she left work around 5:00pm. She said she went to the library and then got home right before 6pm. She said she brought Lasagna home, ██████████ favorite. She said she had called his dads phone around 3:25pm earlier that day and talked to ██████████ She said she fussed at him about his grade card and talked about college and the importance of good grades. She said she mentioned having a meeting with the school next week. She said she did tell him that she was proud of him on that call. She said she feels guilty. She said ██████████ was a great kid, loving and affectionate. ██████████ said that ██████████ always tried to get his little sister to play opossum. They would act like they were asleep when someone came home. She said when she went in, ██████████ was slunched over. She demonstrated by bending at her waist while sitting. Her chest was touching the tops of her legs and her head was down at her legs. She said she told ██████████ she had brought dinner home. She said she went to get a fork and still hadn't heard ██████████ She said she went in the room and shook him; there was no response. She said she thought he was playing. She said she flipped him back and that was when she saw the blood on his nose and mouth. She said she just finished CPR training so she tried to find a pulse. She said his lips were already blue. She said she then saw all the blood on the floor and the place on his forehead. ██████████ stated ██████████ had just finished his hunter safety course and had gone muzzleloader hunting during the season. She reported ██████████ was a typical teenager and liked video games. She said he played baseball but was burnt out and decided not to play this year. She said they rarely argued and he wasn't dramatic. She said he was responsible and helped take care of his 8 year old sister. She said everyday after school he picked her up, walked her home, got her a snack, and sat with her until she ██████████ got home. ██████████ was asked about the grade card. She said he never saw it. She said she was made aware of his grades and they talked about it. She said he had all As except for one C. She said he knew she wasn't upset. She was asked to rank, on a scale from one to ten, how upset each of them were. She said he was not at all upset and she was maybe a two. She said it was not a heated conversation; it was a normal conversation. She said love you and he said love you too. She said ██████████ was the one that would talk to her. She said ██████████ played baseball since he was 7 or 8, but the last two years had been different. She said her husband couldn't go to a lot of practices because of his work and the coaches would yell and scream. She said ██████████ was burnt out. She said he told her on Monday or Tuesday that he didn't want to play. She said she told him to tell his coach what he decided; she didn't know if he had talked to his coach or not. ██████████ said he never mentioned anything that was bothering him. She said several weeks ago he said he wanted to be a good dad and get a good job when he got older. ██████████ was asked if her older daughter had said anything about ██████████ She said ██████████ took ██████████ to the Dentist and McDonalds today. She said she was told ██████████ was cutting up and joking around, nothing stood out. ██████████ said she never heard him say anything negative about anyone. She said he has even gotten on to her for saying things in the past and would say it wasn't Christian. She was asked if anything traumatic had happened recently. She said no. She then said that her husband's brother passed on 9/5/12 and ██████████ was a pallbearer at his funeral. She reported it did not seem to bother him, but he had mentioned that he didn't want to have to bury her or her husband. She reported this was like a normal teenage conversation. ██████████ was asked about her and her husband's relationship. She said things have been stressful with the move, but nothing really bad. She said they sometimes argue about normal things like other married couples. She reported they hadn't talked about divorce or anything like that. She reported they were okay financially and hadn't been dealing with a lot of troubles. She said they were able to go out to eat and go to the movies. ██████████ said she just didn't understand. She said she could not think of any symptoms. She said he was the only grandson and close to his grandparents. She explained that they lived in North Carolina years ago and moved here when ██████████ was 2 and ██████████ was 4 so they could be closer to family. ██████████ was asked about when the family stays at which house. She said ██████████ gets ██████████ from school and walks across the street to the house on ██████████ to get a snack. She said they eat dinner there, get clothes for the next day, and go to the new house to sleep. She explained that the kitchen in the new house was not finished yet so they were only sleeping at the new house. She said that on this date the girls went to dance after school and that is where they were when it happened. She reported her husband works third shift and was asleep upstairs. She said he sleeps at the old house during the day because he didn't have a closet or anything at the new house. She asked how he could not have heard it happen. ██████████ was asked about ██████████ teachers. She did not have any knowledge of ██████████ having issues with any of his teachers. She was asked about how she thought ██████████ coach may have reacted to him not playing baseball. She explained that she did not know him very well



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but had met him a few times. She said she and [REDACTED] worked the concession stand at games. She said she was not sure how he would have reacted. She wasn't sure if [REDACTED] had told him or not. She said she didn't think the coach would have been ugly to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] always got along with the neighbors and she was not aware of any issues. She said he always got along with everyone. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] liked to talk. She said a lot of things he talked about were facts. Do you know kind of things. [REDACTED] was asked about the guns in the home. She said the gun was kept on the top of the cabinet, but she wasn't sure if the ammunition was kept with it. She said she has a gun in the bathroom. She said it is not loaded, but the ammunition is kept with it. She said she doesn't think [REDACTED] knew about her gun. She said there is also a shotgun in the house, but she probably couldn't find a shell even if there was a home intruder. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] liked to play air soft with his friends. [REDACTED] said there was dust on the gun case in the kitchen, and the gun had been there for years.

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

[REDACTED] (15) lives with his parents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There are two other siblings in the home, [REDACTED] (17) and [REDACTED] (8).

The mother came home from work this evening around 6pm. The father was asleep due to working third shift. The mother found [REDACTED] slumped over in the living room. The mother at first thought [REDACTED] was playing with her until she could not get him to respond. The mother tried to perform CPR and screamed to wake up the father.

A gun was found lying on the floor in the living room. The gun was a 380 pistol. [REDACTED] had a gunshot wound to the forehead. It is believed that the wound was self-inflicted. However, it is unclear at this time whether this was a suicide or an accident. A note was not found near the body. The family was not aware of any problems with [REDACTED] and stated that he was always happy.

The pistol was registered to the father. The pistol was in a case on top of the kitchen cabinet. The pistol was unloaded but the ammunition was in the case with the pistol. [REDACTED] knew where the pistol was located.

[REDACTED] has had hunter safety classes and has gone hunting. [REDACTED] has a 20 gauge shotgun and has admitted to his father that he has gotten the gun down and played with it before. The father states that he told [REDACTED] not to do this again and discussed gun safety with [REDACTED].

CPS CM [REDACTED] responded to the scene at 7:10pm. LE and TBI are already involved with the case.

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

This appears to be a suicide. The child did not leave a note, but it does not appear to be accidental. The wound was a contact wound. The gun was touching [REDACTED] head when it was fired. The wound is in the center of the forehead. The gun was unloaded the last time the father checked it. [REDACTED] loaded the clip completely.

Classification:

The allegations of lack of supervision and neglect death have been investigated and are being classified as unfounded. This was a suicide. The child knew where the gun and ammunition was kept. The child loaded the gun and shot himself in the forehead. The doctor who performed the autopsy stated to TBI [REDACTED] that it was a hard contact and she found blow back on [REDACTED] hands. There was black residue on the hands. The doctor told Agent [REDACTED] that there is no way this is anything other than intentional. There is no evidence to substantiate the allegations.



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Case Status: Close

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Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/26/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 10:15 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 03/26/2013

Completed date: 03/26/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original

Entry Date/Time: 03/26/2013 09:18 AM

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Notation

CM discussed gun safety with the family. CM discussed putting all guns in a safe. The mother stated that the guns would probably not be brought to the new home and if they are they will be locked up. CM provided the family with resources for counseling. CM discussed with the family the need for counseling for the other children and the parents. The family indicated that they would go to counseling.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/26/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 10:10 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 03/26/2013

Completed date: 03/26/2013

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: 03/26/2013 09:13 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Date: 3/26/13

Time: 10:10 am

Notation

A closing safety assessment was not completed. The ACV is deceased. The other children in the home were not listed as ACV's and are safe. There are no safety concerns at this time.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/25/2013

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 03:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 03/26/2013

Completed date: 03/26/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/26/2013 07:28 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Date: 3/25/13

Time: 3:00 pm

Collateral

Contacted: [REDACTED] - Forensic Dept.

CM contacted the [REDACTED] Medical Examiner's office to obtain the autopsy report. CM was informed that the final report will not be ready for 3-8 months. The preliminary report has been sent to local law enforcement. CM was told to obtain a copy from [REDACTED] County.

Date: 3/25/13

Time: 3:15 pm

Collateral

Contacted: [REDACTED] (DA's Criminal Investigator)

CM contacted [REDACTED] to obtain copy of the preliminary autopsy report. [REDACTED] stated that he is out of the office today, but will fax report to CM tomorrow when he returns. CM thanked him.

Date: 3/25/13

Time: 3:23 pm

Collateral

Contacted: [REDACTED] (TBI)

CM attempted to contact [REDACTED] for a copy of his report. CM left a message on his voicemail.



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 03/01/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 10:03 AM Contact Duration: Less than 30
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 03/18/2013
 Completed date: 03/18/2013 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)**

[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/18/2013 01:11 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Date: 03/01/13

Time: 10:03 a.m.

Present: [REDACTED], CM [REDACTED], and CM [REDACTED]

Location: Family Home

Documentation of Contact:

CM [REDACTED] and CM [REDACTED] were met at the side door by [REDACTED]. He invited CMs in and gave them a tour of the home, as he was now in the process of remodeling the downstairs. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] how the family was doing. [REDACTED] stated that the family is fine. He reports that [REDACTED] is back at work, [REDACTED] is going to [REDACTED] College next year, and [REDACTED] has her moments, but not many.

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

Authorization for Release of Information to DCS/HIPAA
 Notice of Privacy Practices
 Native American Heritage Veto Verification/Confirmation of Native American Heritage
 Equal Access to Programs and Services (Title IV)
 Client's Rights Handbook
 Family was also provided a copy of the Multiple Response Pamphlet.

While filling out the paperwork, [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] had never had counseling and that the only medical he had was for things like baseball. [REDACTED] informed CMs that the primary physician was [REDACTED] Pediatrics.

CM [REDACTED] expressed her condolences and informed [REDACTED] that if there was anything that the family needed to let her know. [REDACTED] stated that the family was doing fine. CM [REDACTED] thanked [REDACTED] for his time.

Worker Observations: [REDACTED] appeared to be upset while filling out the paperwork. His hands were shaking as he



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went through his wallet to get [REDACTED] social security number for the Authorization for Release of Information to DCS/HIPAA.



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/13/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 09:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 03/26/2013

Completed date: 03/26/2013

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: 03/26/2013 08:41 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Date: 2/13/13
Time: 9:00 am
CPIT

This case was presented to CPIT in [REDACTED] TN on 2/13/13. Individuals on the team were:

- [REDACTED] CPS Supervisor/Presenter
- [REDACTED] County Sheriff's Department
- [REDACTED] DA's office
- [REDACTED] County Juvenile Court
- [REDACTED] CAC

The allegation of lack of supervision against Unknown was classified as AUPU. There is no evidence to substantiate the allegation. The team was in agreement with these classifications.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 01/28/2013

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 10:55 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 01/28/2013

Completed date: 01/28/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/28/2013 02:15 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Date: 1/28/13

Time: 10:55 am

Collateral

Contacted: [REDACTED] (TBI)

[REDACTED] contacted CM by phone on 1/28/13. He asked if CM had heard in the news that investigators had determined death was accidental. CM said she had heard this. [REDACTED] stated that this did not come from the TBI, but must be from [REDACTED] Police. He stated that they do not make the determination. He stated that as far as he is concerned, he cannot see anything other than suicide. [REDACTED] stated that he had talked to the doctor who completed the autopsy on Friday. The doctor stated that it was a hard contact and she found blow back on [REDACTED] hands. There was black residue on the hands. The doctor told [REDACTED] that there is no way this is anything other than intentional. [REDACTED] stated that he told the Chief if the family wants to believe this was accidental, he isn't going to try to persuade them otherwise. He stated that the autopsy report goes to the DAs office. [REDACTED] told CM to contact [REDACTED] and let him know the department needs a copy. He stated that this doctor is usually pretty quick at getting report done. He stated it should be 3-4 weeks, but has been up to 6 months. [REDACTED] stated that he is sending the laptop, cell phone, and pistol to the lab to be tested. He stated that he will keep CM informed. CM thanked him for the information.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 01/25/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 04:45 PM Contact Duration: Less than 30
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 01/28/2013
 Completed date: 01/28/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact,Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/28/2013 02:14 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Date: 1/25/13

Time: 4:45 pm

Sibling Interview; Parent Interview

Contacted: [REDACTED] (sibling) and [REDACTED] (birth father)

Location: Family home [REDACTED]

CM called the father and asked if it was a good time to come by and talk to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that there were a few people there, but it would be fine.

CM arrived at the residence to meet with [REDACTED] at the family home on 1/25/13. The family had a lot of visitors when CM arrived. There were approximately 20 vehicles outside. CM was greeted at the door and CM introduced herself and asked to speak with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] came down and invited CM into the home. He took CM upstairs to [REDACTED] room, where [REDACTED] was watching a movie and drawing with a cousin. [REDACTED] asked the cousin to step out for a moment and explained to [REDACTED] that someone wanted to talk to her. [REDACTED] left the room. CM explained her job to [REDACTED]. CM asked [REDACTED] how she was doing. She stated that she is fine now. She stated that she had stopped crying. [REDACTED] stated that yesterday was really bad for her mom. CM asked if she knew all of the people at her home. She stated that she did. She stated that they are all relatives or church friends. [REDACTED] stated that someone brought them presents. She got an art kit with markers and paper. She was drawing while talking to CM. CM asked her about dance. She stated that she does jazz, tap, and ballet. She stated that she has been in dance for about three years. She stated that she is in the junior teen division and is only 8 yrs old. CM asked how her brother had been lately and she said he had been good. She stated that his wisdom teeth had come in and he was planning to have them removed.

CM observed [REDACTED] to be very bright and mature for her age. She smiled often and seemed to be doing well. She did not appear to be upset. CM did not ask her about guns in the home at this time because CM did not know what the family had told her about [REDACTED] death. She was neat, clean, and appropriately dressed. The home was clean and well-maintained. The family has completed renovations upstairs. They still have to complete the downstairs.

CM then spoke to [REDACTED] and provided him with a [REDACTED] County Resource Guide for counseling services. CM explained that she would follow up with the family in a few weeks. [REDACTED] stated that he would probably be back at work by then.



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He stated that the best time to reach him would be between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. CM told him that [REDACTED] appeared to be okay. He stated that she is the strong one. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was sleeping. CM asked [REDACTED] if he had checked the gun to see if it was unloaded after [REDACTED] told him he had been playing with it. [REDACTED] stated that he had. He stated that he had checked to make sure the chamber was empty as well. [REDACTED] had been talking to [REDACTED] mother, the maternal grandmother, when CM walked up. She stepped over and asked if CM thought that this meant it had been intentional. CM explained that there is no way to rule out that it was an accident, from what law enforcement had told her. The grandmother stated that she knew [REDACTED] very well and that he did not do this on purpose. She stated that it was an accident. She thinks that he was playing with the gun and may have become distracted. She stated that an officer had talked to them and said that he did not know what the autopsy would show for sure, but that it would probably be listed as self-inflicted. She stated that this was a strong term and there were already people saying this was suicide. CM explained that self-inflicted means that no one else was responsible. It means that he had the gun, but could mean either accidental or suicide. CM thanked the family for their time and left.



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

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Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 01/24/2013 Contact Method: Correspondence
 Contact Time: 07:00 PM Contact Duration: Less than 15
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 03/26/2013
 Completed date: 03/26/2013 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: 03/26/2013 08:38 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Date: 1/24/13
 Time: 7:00 pm
 Person Contacted [REDACTED]
 Relationship to Client: TBI
 Purpose of Contact: CPIT Contact

CM contacted Agent [REDACTED] on 1/24/13 to convene CPIT.

Date: 1/25/13
 Time: 9:00 am
 Person Contacted: [REDACTED]
 Relationship to Client: ADA [REDACTED]
 Purpose of Contact: CPIT Contact

CM contacted [REDACTED] by fax on 1/24/13 to convene CPIT.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 01/24/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 06:30 PM Contact Duration: More than 5 Hours
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 01/25/2013
 Completed date: 02/05/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): ACV Interview/Observation,Collateral Contact,Initial ACV Face To Face,Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/25/2013 02:57 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Date: 1/24/13

Time: 7:10 pm

Initial ACV Face to Face; Collaterals; Parent Interviews; Sibling Interview

Contacted: [REDACTED] (ACV); [REDACTED] (birth father); [REDACTED] (birth mother); [REDACTED] (sibling)
 (TBI Agent); [REDACTED] (TBI Agent); [REDACTED] (Criminal Investigator with DAs office); [REDACTED] Police
 Chief); [REDACTED] Police); [REDACTED] Police), [REDACTED] Police), [REDACTED] Police), [REDACTED] Police)
 County Medical Examiner)

Location: Family Home [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Police Dept.

CM was notified by TL [REDACTED] of child fatality in [REDACTED] County. CM was asked to respond to the scene. CM was told that a child had apparently shot himself.

CM contacted Officer [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] Police to notify him that CM was en route.

CM arrived at the residence at 7:10 pm. CM spoke to the medical examiner, police officers, and paramedics who were on the scene. CM was told by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that the father is [REDACTED]. The mother is [REDACTED]. Other children are [REDACTED] (17) and [REDACTED] (8). The father was the only one home besides [REDACTED]. The mother was at work and the siblings were at dance class. The mother arrived home just before 6:00 pm and found the child unresponsive. [REDACTED] was 15 yrs old. The father was asleep because he works third shift. The family is in the process of moving to [REDACTED]. The parents took the siblings to the new home and are waiting there for the body to be removed and for law enforcement to interview them. CM was informed that TBI was on their way.

Law enforcement stated that the gun was a .380 Hi-point revolver that was the family gun. CM was told that [REDACTED] was shot in the center of the forehead at point blank range. The weapon was reportedly fired while touching his head. CM was told that [REDACTED] has completed a hunters safety course and knew how to handle a weapon.

The officers reported that the mother found [REDACTED] sitting on the ottoman in the living room. He was slumped



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Case Status: Close

Organization: ██████████

forward. The mother stated that she thought he was joking with her and playing possum. The mother was doing CPR when officers arrived on the scene. Paramedics had moved the body to the floor. The gun had been located on top of the kitchen cabinet. The guns case and a box of ammunition were lying on the counter in the kitchen. There was a lot of dust on top of the gun case, indicating that it had been there for a while.

It was reported that ██████████ made a C on his grade card this 9-weeks. He played baseball.

CM observed the child's body to be lying on the floor in the living room. He was mostly covered with a sheet. His feet and part of his arms were visible. There was some blood on the floor beneath his head that was running away from the body. There were a few drops on the floor on the left side of the body. There was a large pool of blood on the right side of the body. There was brain matter in the large pool of blood. There was blood spatter found on ██████████ left hand. There was also blood spatter on the ottoman under where he was sitting.

According to law enforcement, it appears that the gun was fired while ██████████ was leaning forward. The gun entered the center of the forehead and exited from the top of his head. The bullet lodged in the ceiling behind him. He was shot in an upward angle, where the gun was below him, pointing upward. ██████████ remained in the slumped position and the blood ran out of the entry wound into the floor, leaving the large pool of blood.

The clip was fully loaded. The gun was bagged into evidence. ██████████ laptop and cell phone were also taken. Photos were taken by ██████████ Police Department. The father's hands were tested for gun shot residue (GSR) due to being in the home at the time, to rule out any involvement. They did not bag ██████████ hands or check him for GSR.

The TBI agents arrived and were updated by the officers who were present. They also observed the body and discussed their theories. CM ██████████ arrived to assist CM ██████████

The sheet was pulled back so the TBI agents could view the body. CM observed the child to be lying on his back. His right arm was down by his side. His left arm was bent, with the hand being near his hip. There was blood spatter observed on his left hand. The Agents ██████████ and ██████████ along with CM ██████████ and CM ██████████ then looked around the home. The family had signed a consent to search their home. ██████████ room had already been moved to the new residence. There was a bed in the downstairs bedroom and one in an upstairs bedroom, where the father had been sleeping. There was a humidifier in the room, which was not plugged up, and a sound machine that did not have batteries in it. There was also a fan. There were no other weapons visible in the home. There was clothes and clutter everywhere where they are in the process of moving. The home otherwise appeared clean and well maintained.

CM ██████████ and CM ██████████ then proceeded to the ██████████ Police Department to meet with the family after the child's body was removed from the home and transported to ██████████ Center for an autopsy to be performed.

The father and ██████████ were interviewed individually by TBI Agent ██████████ and CM ██████████. The father, ██████████, stated that ██████████ has always been a happy child. He stated that he was the happiest of all three children. He stated that "it has never not been that way". ██████████ stated that nothing has happened recently that would have upset ██████████. He stated that he asked ██████████ all the time if anything is wrong that they need to talk about. He stated that they would often talk about all kinds of things while working on the remodeling of their new home together. ██████████ stated that he works at ██████████ in ██████████. The father works third shift and had worked the previous night. ██████████ took ██████████ to the dentist on the morning of 1/24/13. The other two children had dentist appointments as well and rode separately. ██████████ stated that the oldest child, ██████████ (17) drove ██████████ and his younger sister, ██████████ (8), to school. ██████████ went home and went to bed around 2:00 pm. ██████████ said that the kids came by the house before returning to school to get money for McDonalds. They had missed lunch at school. ██████████ stated that he ate, showered, and went to bed upstairs. ██████████ stated that the family is in the process of remodeling a new house and moving. ██████████ and the girls have been staying at the new house and ██████████ sleeps at the house where the incident took place. ██████████ stated that ██████████ and ██████████ had dance class after school and ██████████ came to the house where ██████████ was sleeping to wait on his mother to get home from work. The mother is the Director of Food Service at ██████████. She generally gets home between 5:30 and 6:00 pm, but this sometimes varies. He stated that ██████████ likes to hang out there because the new house does not have cable or internet yet. ██████████ stated that he was awakened by ██████████ screaming. He stated that he went downstairs and ██████████ had moved ██████████. ██████████ stated that he saw ██████████ and the blood and he stepped on the gun, which was lying in the floor. He



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stated that he touched the gun to be sure it was his pistol and not one of ██████ air soft guns. ██████ stated that the gun was registered to him and he purchased it in South Carolina in 1998 or 1999. ██████ stated that the gun was kept in a gun case on top of the kitchen cabinet. He stated that he thought that he and ██████ were the only ones who knew it was there. ██████ stated that ██████ had never fired the gun, but had handled it. ██████ stated that he thinks ██████ got it out and handled it when he was by himself. He stated that ██████ told him about this and he told ██████ not to do it. ██████ stated that the gun was kept unloaded and the ammunition was kept in the case with the gun. ██████ stated that he has not had the gun out in about two years. ██████ stated that he just found out today that ██████ had decided not to play baseball. He has played since second grade. ██████ stated that he doesn't think baseball meant as much to him as it used to. ██████ stated that ██████ lost desire to play and it was no longer fun for him. ██████ stated that he wanted ██████ to condition during the off-season, but ██████ was not interested. ██████ stated that ██████ did not have a girlfriend. He was not on any medication and there were no signs of drug use. ██████ stated that ██████ has a good group of friends. He said ██████ played Xbox live. There were no signs of bullying. He stated that ██████ has been a little more withdrawn since his 14th birthday, but he thought it was normal teenage stuff. ██████ stated he has not thought about why this happened. He stated that he wants to know why he did not hear the gun go off. He stated that he is not a heavy sleeper. CM asked if there are other weapons in the home. ██████ stated that there is a .22 pistol, .32 pistol, a rifle, and a 12 gauge and 20 gauge shotgun. He stated that ██████ has fired all of these weapons, except the .32. He stated that the 20 gauge shotgun was ██████ He got it for Christmas.

██████ stated that ██████ was very happy and laid back. He stated that he was funny and kept people laughing. She stated that he just got a "C" on his report card. She stated that she picked the grade card up today. She stated that the "C" was in Algebra. He generally makes all "A's". She stated that she had his math teacher and her class is hard. ██████ has struggled in this class. ██████ stated that she called her mom and told her about the grade. Her mom did not seem upset. ██████ said her mom called ██████ and he reportedly took responsibility for the grade and mentioned getting tutoring. He did not seem upset. ██████ stated that she took him to McDonalds before school. She signed him in and the last time she saw him, he was on his way back to class. She stated that their father took him to his dental appointment. She and ██████ went later, as they had later appointments. She took ██████ and ██████ back to school. They went by the house on ██████ to get money for McDonalds because they were going to miss ██████ lunch. She admitted that she drove extra slow on the way back because they really wanted to go to McDonalds. ██████ stated that ██████ goes to the ██████ house after school from 3-5pm to wait on their mother. He usually watches ██████ during this time, but they had dance class today, so she picked ██████ up from school. She stated that ██████ likes to watch TV in the afternoons. There is no cable or internet at the new house. She said he doesn't usually have friends over after school because their dad is asleep. ██████ stated that she is aware of two firearms in the home. She stated that there are two handguns. She knew about the gun on top of the kitchen cabinet and one in the computer room, which she described as a revolver. She stated that she was told never to touch them unless an intruder was in the home. She stated that she did not know if the guns were loaded. She stated that she believed there were trigger locks on the guns. She stated that she doesn't remember who told her where the guns were located. ██████ described ██████ interests as outdoor stuff and survivalist stuff. She stated that he talked about the military. He recently went hunting for the first time with their uncle. He completed a hunter safety course. She stated that ██████ had a collection of show knives and air pistols. ██████ stated that she thought ██████ would know better that to look down a gun. She stated that ██████ was diligent about safety. She stated that ██████ never had the guns out in front of her and that, if he had, she would have "ripped him a new one". She did not know ██████ knew the gun was there. ██████ stated that she called her mom's phone when they were coming back from dance class. Her father answered and told them to go to the new house and they would meet them there. She stated that her parents and a friend arrived a few minutes later. She stated that she thought something had happened to her mom. She looked like she had a stroke. She stated that her dad said ██████ was dead. ██████ stated that ██████ talked to his baseball coach at school today. ██████ told the coach that he was not going to play this year. ██████ was joking and appeared happy about. She stated that ██████ was burned out with baseball. She stated that he did not like the high school team. He maybe felt screwed over. She stated that the family was sort of surprised by his decision to quit, but not too much. ██████ stated that she thought he liked a neighborhood girl and he had no problems with peers. She stated that his knife collection was the big thing to him right now. She stated that he always kept the knives clean and sharp. She stated that she talked to her mom right after school about the grade card.

██████ was interviewed by TBI Agent ██████, Criminal Investigator with the DAs office ██████, and CM ██████. The interview began with ██████ giving a timeline of events. She reported she works at the hospital in ██████ and left work around 5:00pm. She said she went to the library and then got home right before 6pm. She said she brought Lasagna home, ██████ favorite. She said she had called his dads phone around 3:25pm earlier



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that day and talked to ██████████. She said she fussed at him about his grade card and talked about college and the importance of good grades. She said she mentioned having a meeting with the school next week. She said she did tell him that she was proud of him on that call. She said she feels guilty. She said ██████████ was a great kid, loving and affectionate. ██████████ said that ██████████ always tried to get his little sister to play opossum. They would act like they were asleep when someone came home. She said when she went in, ██████████ was slunched over. She demonstrated by bending at her waist while sitting. Her chest was touching the tops of her legs and her head was down at her legs. She said she told ██████████ she had brought dinner home. She said she went to get a fork and still hadn't heard ██████████. She said she went in the room and shook him; there was no response. She said she thought he was playing. She said she flipped him back and that was when she saw the blood on his nose and mouth. She said she just finished CPR training so she tried to find a pulse. She said his lips were already blue. She said she then saw all the blood on the floor and the place on his forehead. ██████████ stated ██████████ had just finished his hunter safety course and had gone muzzleloader hunting during the season. She reported ██████████ was a typical teenager and liked video games. She said he played baseball but was burnt out and decided not to play this year. She said they rarely argued and he wasn't dramatic. She said he was responsible and helped take care of his 8 year old sister. She said everyday after school, he picked her up, walked her home, got her a snack, and sat with her until she ██████████ got home. ██████████ was asked about the grade card. She said he never saw it. She said she was made aware of his grades and they talked about it. She said he had all As except for one C. She said he knew she wasn't upset. She was asked to rank, on a scale from one to ten, how upset each of them were. She said he was not at all upset and she was maybe a two. She said it was not a heated conversation; it was a normal conversation. She said love you and he said love you too. ██████████ reported ██████████ had a knife collection and was interested in military things. She said her biggest fear was always that he would join the military. She said he watched military type shows on TV. ██████████ reported ██████████ had a good rapport with his teachers. She said he looked up to ██████████ and his youth minister. She said he loved Wednesday night church and went every week. She said he went last night and there was nothing out of the ordinary. ██████████ said her husband mentioned something about a girl, but he had never mentioned a girlfriend. She said ██████████ was the one that would talk to her. ██████████ was asked about playing baseball. She said ██████████ played since he was 7 or 8, but the last two years had been different. She said her husband couldn't go to a lot of practices because of his work and the coaches would yell and scream. She said ██████████ was burnt out. She said he went to some practices this year. During the first training a weight fell on his foot and he couldn't go to all the practices. She said he told her on Monday or Tuesday that he didn't want to play. She said she told him to tell his coach what he decided; she didn't know if he had talked to his coach or not. ██████████ said he never mentioned anything that was bothering him. She said several weeks ago he said he wanted to be a good dad and get a good job when he got older. ██████████ was asked if her older daughter had said anything about ██████████. She said ██████████ took ██████████ to the Dentist and McDonalds today. She said she was told ██████████ was cutting up and joking around, nothing stood out. ██████████ said she never heard him say anything negative about anyone. She said he has even gotten on to her for saying things in the past and would say it wasn't Christian. She was asked if anything traumatic had happened recently. She said no. She then said that her husband's brother passed on 9/5/12 and ██████████ was a pallbearer at his funeral. She reported it did not seem to bother him, but he had mentioned that he didn't want to have to bury her or her husband. She reported this was like a normal teenage conversation. ██████████ was asked about her and her husband's relationship. She said things have been stressful with the move, but nothing really bad. She said they sometimes argue about normal things like other married couples. She reported they hadn't talked about divorce or anything like that. She reported they were okay financially and hadn't been dealing with a lot of troubles. She said they were able to go out to eat and go to the movies. ██████████ said she just didn't understand. She said she could not think of any symptoms. She said he was the only grandson and close to his grandparents. She explained that they lived in North Carolina years ago and moved here when ██████████ was 2 and ██████████ was 4 so they could be closer to family. ██████████ was asked about when the family stays at which house. She said ██████████ gets ██████████ from school and walks across the street to the house on ██████████ to get a snack. She said they eat dinner there, get clothes for the next day, and go to the new house to sleep. She explained that the kitchen in the new house was not finished yet so they were only sleeping at the new house. She said that on this date the girls went to dance after school and that is where they were when it happened. She reported her husband works third shift and was asleep upstairs. She said he sleeps at the old house during the day because he didn't have a closet or anything at the new house. She asked how he could not have heard it happen. Investigator ██████████ said it could have been possible for him not to hear it as the sound could have been muffled due to the circumstance and the surroundings in the room. ██████████ was asked about ██████████ teachers. She did not have any knowledge of ██████████ having issues with any of his teachers. She was asked about how she thought ██████████ coach may have reacted to him not playing baseball. She explained that she did not know him very well but had met him a few times. She said she and ██████████ worked the concession stand at games. She said she was not sure how he would have reacted. She wasn't sure if ██████████ had told him or not. She said she didn't think the coach would have been ugly to ██████████.



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██████ reported ████████ always got along with the neighbors and she was not aware of any issues. She said he always got along with everyone. ████████ said ████████ liked to talk. She said a lot of things he talked about were facts. Do you know kind of things. ████████ was asked about the guns in the home. She said the gun was kept on the top of the cabinet, but she wasn't sure if the ammunition was kept with it. She said she has a gun in the bathroom. She said it is not loaded, but the ammunition is kept with it. She said she doesn't think ████████ knew about her gun. She said there is also a shotgun in the house, but she probably couldn't find a shell even if there was a home intruder. ████████ said ████████ liked to play air soft with his friends. ████████ said there was dust on the gun case in the kitchen, and the gun had been there for years.

██████ reported her youngest daughter was home with family. She reported her name is ██████████ and her DOB is ██████████. CM explained that ████████ would need to be seen. CM and ████████ discussed guns in the new home. She said there were none in the new home. CM and ████████ discussed plans for where to keep the guns. She said they could go home with her father. CM explained to ████████ that the Department could provide in-home services if that would be beneficial and could also provide them with counseling resources for the entire family. She said she thought she would need it and thanked CM.

██████ asked if it could have been an accident. Investigator ████████ said they were doing an autopsy to rule things out, and they could not be completely sure at this time. He said that because of the close contact, it did appear that it was self-inflicted. Possible drug use was brought up, and she denied any concerns of drug use. She said ████████ hung out with a good group of kids.

██████ reported her new address is ██████████. She said she could be contacted at ██████████ and her husband's number is ██████████.

TC TL ██████████
 CM contacted TL ██████████ and informed her of the information gathered. CM explained that CM ██████████ was still completing interviews with the father and sister. CM explained that the youngest child was at home with family and could be asleep. CM also explained that the youngest child had a very close relationship with ████████ as he used to watch her after school. CM was concerned about interviewing child on this date. TL ██████████ advised CM to inform the family of counseling options and CM informed TL that she had done this. CM informed TL that she had talked to ████████ about the guns in the home. TL ██████████ said she would talk to TC ██████████ and call CM back.

CM spoke with ████████ again. CM asked how the father was alerted about what had happened. She said she screamed for him, he woke up, and came downstairs. CM asked if anything had been going on with girls. She denied any knowledge of girl problems. She was not aware of any upcoming social dances or anything at school. CM and ████████ again discussed counseling options and she appeared receptive to that.

TC TL ██████████
 TL ██████████ contacted CM. She said that the youngest child could be seen tomorrow. TL ██████████ advised CM to make sure CMs talked to parents about the guns in the home. TL ██████████ stated the guns could be kept in gun safes if the parents decided to keep them in the home.

CM spoke with Investigator ████████. He reported that there was no evidence at this time to suggest that the cause of death was anything other than suicide. He also stated that it is difficult to rule out the possibility it was an accident due to it being a child and there is no suicide note or any known problems.

CM ██████████ and CM ██████████ then spoke to the parents privately. The parents again confirmed that there are no weapons at the new home and the children will not be returning to the old home. The parents agreed that weapons will be locked up if they bring them to the new home and the children will not have access to them. The family has also agreed to participate in counseling. CM ██████████ will follow up with the family to insure the weapons are stored properly, if brought to the home. CM ██████████ will also provide resources to the family for counseling. CM arranged to conduct a home visit the following day to see ██████████.



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Case Recording Details

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 Contact Date: 01/24/2013 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 06:25 PM Contact Duration: Less than 15
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Created Date: 03/26/2013
 Completed date: 03/26/2013 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: 03/26/2013 08:33 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CASE SUMMARYDate: 1/24/13
Time: 6:30 pm

This case was assigned to CM [REDACTED] by TL [REDACTED]. This case was assigned as a P1 Investigation. The alleged child victim is [REDACTED]. The alleged perpetrator was unknown. The allegations were Lack of Supervision and Neglect Death. This is a fatality.

DCS Case History: None

Name of Family: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] then [REDACTED]

Juvenile Court is notified of referrals by the supervisor on a monthly basis as requested by the court.

At the conclusion of this case, a 740 will be submitted to the supervisor to be reviewed and signed, and then submitted to the Juvenile Court on a monthly basis as requested by the court.

Reporter states:

[REDACTED] (15) lives with his parents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There are two other siblings in the home, [REDACTED] (17) and [REDACTED] (8).

The mother came home from work this evening around 6pm. The father was asleep due to working third shift. The mother found [REDACTED] slumped over in the living room. The mother at first thought [REDACTED] was playing with her until she could not get him to respond. The mother tried to perform CPR and screamed to wake up the father.

A gun was found lying on the floor in the living room. The gun was a 380 pistol. [REDACTED] had a gunshot wound to the forehead. It is believed that the wound was self-inflicted. However, it is unclear at this time whether this was a



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suicide or an accident. A note was not found near the body. The family was not aware of any problems with [REDACTED] and stated that he was always happy.

The pistol was registered to the father. The pistol was in a case on top of the kitchen cabinet. The pistol was unloaded but the ammunition was in the case with the pistol. [REDACTED] knew where the pistol was located.

[REDACTED] has had hunter safety classes and has gone hunting. [REDACTED] has a 20 gauge shotgun and has admitted to his father that he has gotten the gun down and played with it before. The father states that he told [REDACTED] not to do this again and discussed gun safety with [REDACTED]

CPS CM [REDACTED] [REDACTED] responded to the scene at 7:10pm. LE and TBI are already involved with the case.



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Assessment

Family Name: [REDACTED]

TN DCS Intake ID #: [REDACTED]

County: [REDACTED]

Worker:

Date of Referral: 1/24/13 10:30 PM

Date of Assessment: 1/25/13 12:00 AM

Assessment Type: Initial Closing Other

Number of Children in the Household: 3

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): The parents will keep the guns locked up

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: _____