



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

**Intake**

Intake ID: [REDACTED]  
Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 03/15/2013 09:19 AM CT  
Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1  
Screened By: [REDACTED]  
Date Screened: 03/15/2013

**Investigation**

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]  
First County/Region: [REDACTED]  
Date/Time Assigned : 03/15/2013 10:32 AM  
First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 03/14/2013 12:00 AM  
First Case Manager [REDACTED] Date/Time 03/14/2013 12:00 AM

**Allegations**

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	1 Yrs	Neglect Death	Yes	[REDACTED]	Other Relative
[REDACTED]	3 Yrs	Lack of Supervision	No	[REDACTED]	Other Relative
[REDACTED]	4 Yrs	Lack of Supervision	No	[REDACTED]	Other Relative

**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 DCS/CPS History Found (based on the demographics provided by the referent)

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

Reporters name/relationship: [REDACTED]

Note: The familys contact information is listed under child victim, [REDACTED]

Reporter states:  
[REDACTED] (10 Months), [REDACTED] (2) and [REDACTED] (3) are currently living with the mother





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**Participant(s)**

**Name:** [REDACTED]  
Gender: Male                      Date of Birth: [REDACTED]                      Participant ID: [REDACTED]  
SSN:                                      Race: White                      Age: 1 Yrs  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Deceased Date:  
School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No  
DCS Foster Child: No

**External History Search Results:**

**DCS History Search Results:**

**DCS Intake Search Results:**

**Name:** [REDACTED]  
Gender: Female                      Date of Birth: [REDACTED]                      Participant ID: [REDACTED]  
SSN:                                      Race:                      Age: 28 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: 3 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: 30 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: Yes

DCS Foster Child: No

**External History Search Results:**

**DCS History Search Results:**

**DCS Intake Search Results:**



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**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Gender:** Male

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Participant ID:** [REDACTED]

**SSN:** [REDACTED]      **Race:** [REDACTED]      **Age:** 4 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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**Child Protective Service Investigation Summary**  
**and Classification Decision of Child Abuse/Neglect Referral**

**A. Investigation**

Case Name: [REDACTED]  
 Referral Date: 03/15/2013  
 Street Address:  
 City/State/Zip:

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]  
 Assignment Date: 03/14/2013

**B. Allegation**

#	Children's Name	DOB	Specific Allegation for Each Child	Alleged Perpetrator's Name	DOB	Classification	Severe Abuse	Classified By
		SSN			SSN			Classified Date
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Lack of Supervision	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unfounded / Perpetrator Unfounded	No	[REDACTED] 03/27/2013
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Lack of Supervision	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unfounded / Perpetrator Unfounded	No	[REDACTED] 03/27/2013
3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neglect Death	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Indicated / Perpetrator Indicated	Yes	[REDACTED] 03/27/2013

**C. Disposition Decision**

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments: AIPI-Accidental Death while working on a gun in a hotel room with three small children in the room.  
 AUPU-LOS

**D. Case Workers**

Case Worker: [REDACTED]  
 Team Leader: [REDACTED]

Date: 03/27/2013  
 Date: 03/27/2013

**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:**

CPSI [REDACTED] observed that [REDACTED] was very friendly and playful while [REDACTED] played silently with his toys; that both stayed close to mom, and that they were both clean and appropriately dressed. She observed that [REDACTED] was very energetic and climbed and played on this worker and that [REDACTED] did not talk but eventually began playing more energetically. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that when they get hurt, she generally puts a Band-Aid on their booboo and that the children expected [REDACTED] booboo to be bandaged and for him to come home.

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



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Investigation ID: ██████████

Continuing the investigation, when Det. ██████ returned to the lobby where CPSI ██████ was waiting and stated that they had interviewed the parents and were headed to room 205; that the child had been shot through the chest, and that mom was in room 105 with the children and an officer. She stated that there was another child, ██████ that was reportedly in Vegas and that she had conducted the initial interviews and the parents were aware that the child had died. She stated that reportedly the child was standing at the end of the bed; dad was cleaning the gun-he knew gun safety and maintenance, and that mom was watching TV. She stated that mom heard the shot; ran over screaming, you shot the baby! and dad said, No I didnt! and was also by the baby now. She stated that mom was holding the baby and reportedly saw a little blood then dad raised his shirt and saw a lot of blood and they began administering CPR while calling 911. She stated that while mom was on the phone, the detectives ran into the room.

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

Not interviewed per police instruction

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

DCS worker (Name Unknown) responded to the scene concerning this incident. The DCS worker was in contact with her supervisor (Name Unknown). The other children were also in the suite with the father along with the mother when this incident took place. ██████ consumed 1 ¼ quarter cans of beer last night but did not appear to be intoxicated in any way. The family has residential history in ██████████ due to the fathers employment as an iron worker. There appears to be no past history of abuse or criminal history coming from this family. A mobile crisis team responded to the scene last night and an assessment was done on the father. There appears to be no past history of mental health illness in the family at this time. The father was not arrested last night, however it is unknown if he will be charged for this incident at a later time..."

Ms. ██████ stated that she tried to administer CPR but she couldnt; that she did not know what to do and the lady tried to talk me through it (911 operator), and that she thought it was his heart or something cause throw-up started coming out of his nose and mouth and he was shot in the chest. She stated that ██████ was working on a gun and had bought and installed a new spring assembly kit; that I dont know if he was cleaning it or what, all I know is babys dead. She stated that no drugs or alcohol were involved; that dad got off at about 3 PM daily, and that dad had one beer and had just sarterd drinking the second one while he was working on the gun.

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

CPSI ██████ accompanied TL ██████ to the Medical Examiners office for a meeting with Detectives ██████ and ██████ Sergeant ██████ and ██████ M.D.-assigned medical examiner. After updating MD ██████ and discussing the believed circumstances of the incident with the group, MD ██████ stated that because someone pulled the trigger, it was a homicide but that if it could be proven that the dad was working on the gun and it misfired, she would change the ruling to Accidental Homicide. The detectives agreed to continue working on that; gave her the crime scene photos, and they ended the meeting.

On 4/9/13, CPSI ██████ got an email from Det. ██████ which stated that the ME had changed the eruling to Accidental Death since the TBI results stated that the gun could have misfired three different ways.

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**Case Recording Summary**

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/10/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time:

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 04/23/2013

Completed date: 04/23/2013

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: 04/23/2013 09:14 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] prepared the Perp Indication Letter for [REDACTED] It was sent on 4/23/2013.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/09/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 11:30 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 04/09/2013

Completed date: 04/09/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Administrative Review

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/09/2013 03:50 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

This case was discussed at the Severe Abuse Review. Present during the discussion was RA [REDACTED] Legal [REDACTED] TC [REDACTED] TC [REDACTED] and CPSI [REDACTED]. Child was accidentally shot by the father while his was cleaning/fixing his gun. Initially an IPA was done until backgrounds, history in other states and medical report was obtained, then IPA was dissolved. The children went to live with their grandmother in [REDACTED] while parents still in [REDACTED] due to employment. The family is currently in grief counseling.

Non-Custodial; No TPR



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/09/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 09:07 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 04/10/2013

Completed date: 04/10/2013

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: 04/10/2013 08:39 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] received an email from Det. [REDACTED] which stated that "The TBI results found that the handgun could discharge without pulling the trigger three different ways. The autopsy report was changed to Manner-accidental, and circumstance was accidental discharge of handgun." This worker informed her supervisors of the decision.



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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: 03/27/2013 Contact Method:  
 Contact Time: 09:28 AM Contact Duration: Less than 15  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 03/27/2013  
 Completed date: 04/23/2013 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: 03/27/2013 09:30 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

On 03/14/13 At or about 8:15 PM, CPSI [REDACTED] received a call from TL [REDACTED] who stated that this worker had a child fatality concerning a 19 month old male. She stated that all that was known at that time was that the 10 month old boy had been shot in the chest and that there were a total of four children. She stated that the address was [REDACTED] (later identified as the [REDACTED]); that this worker should proceed to that address, state that she was from DCS and Youth Services was expecting her, and to ask for the Youth Services officer on scene. She reminded this worker that she did not have to view the body of the child.

To initiate the investigation, CPSI [REDACTED] went to the specified address, asked for the Youth Services officer and was directed to go in with Detective [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] precinct. They went into the hotel and Det. [REDACTED] asked one of the other officers for the Youth Services detective. She was told that the assigned detectives was [REDACTED] and that she was currently interviewing mom, [REDACTED]. While they waited on Det. [REDACTED] and a search warrant for the room, Det. [REDACTED] stated that the following recount of events: The call came in as a ten month old accident-dad was cleaning the gun and it went off; she was first on the scene, and mom, [REDACTED] was on the phone with 911 while standing over the baby, [REDACTED] appearing to attempt CPR. The father, [REDACTED] was in the room with the other two small children; the gun lying on the bed was secured, and it was believed that the dad accidentally shot the child. The incident occurred in room 201; [REDACTED] was fatal by the time the fire department got him to the ambulance, and mom and the children were separated from dad and moved to room 105. The following information was also provided: BF [REDACTED], BM [REDACTED] Siblings- [REDACTED] - with his father in [REDACTED]

Continuing the investigation, when Det. [REDACTED] returned to the lobby where CPSI [REDACTED] was waiting and stated that they had interviewed the parents and were headed to room 205; that the child had been shot through the chest, and that mom was in room 105 with the children and an officer. She stated that there was another child, [REDACTED] that was reportedly in [REDACTED] and that she had conducted the initial interviews and the parents were aware that the child had died. She stated that reportedly the child was standing at the end of the bed; dad was cleaning the gun-he knew gun safety and maintenance, and that mom was watching TV. She stated that mom heard the shot; ran over screaming, you shot the baby! and dad said, No I didnt! and was also by the baby now. She stated that mom was holding the baby and reportedly saw a little blood then dad raised his shirt and saw a lot of blood and they began administering CPR while calling 911. She stated that while mom was on the phone, the detectives ran into the room.

CPSI [REDACTED] called TL [REDACTED] and updated her. TL [REDACTED] stated that she did not have to go into the room where the incident occurred-since this worker did not want to, and advised her to obtain permission from Det. [REDACTED] first, then go



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Organization: ██████████

interview mom, gather information, and call and update ██████████ the on-call TL.

Continuing the investigation, CPSI ██████████ went to room 105 and interviewed Ms. ██████████ Present were Ms. ██████████ CPSI ██████████ and Officer ██████████. In order to engage the family, CPSI explained the current report made to the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Ms. ██████████ stated that the family lives kinda all over; that they lived her for a year, moved to ██████████ for two weeks, then came back, and that they were scheduled to go back to ██████████ in two weeks for another job connected with the organization he works for ██████████.

After offering condolences, this worker recounted the general events described to her by the officer and Ms. ██████████ agreed that they were correct. Ms. ██████████ stated that she tried to administer CPR but she couldn't; that she did not know what to do and the lady tried to talk me through it (911 operator), and that she thought it was his heart or something cause throw-up started coming out of his nose and mouth and he was shot in the chest. She stated that ██████████ was working on a gun and had bought and installed a new spring assembly kit; that I don't know if he was cleaning it or what, all I know is baby's dead. She stated that no drugs or alcohol were involved; that dad got off at about 3 PM daily, and that dad had one beer and had just started drinking the second one while he was working on the gun. She stated that she thought they would be remaining in room 105; that dad had been taken to another room by the police, and that they had signed a paper so that room 201 could be searched. She stated that before ██████████ they were in ██████████; that they had moved all over the country and just wanted to settle down in ██████████ and that ██████████ also had a seven year old daughter from another relationship that lived in her mother there. She stated that in addition to the children her, she had a son, ██████████ (-8) who lived with his dad in ██████████. She stated that no one had any mental or physical health issues. She stated that they had no DCS or Law Enforcement history anywhere. CPSI explained all forms and engaged the family during the paperwork process. The custodian signed the Clients Rights Handbook Signature Page, Native American Heritage Veto Verification, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Acknowledgement form, Notice of Equal Access to Programs and Services, and the Release of Information. CPSI obtained signed acknowledgements of such and copies have been placed into the file.

CPSI ██████████ talked to Ms. ██████████ about accepting counseling. Ms. ██████████ stated that if this worker gave her some numbers she would talk to someone about the death.

CPSI ██████████ observed that ██████████ was very friendly and playful while ██████████ played silently with his toys; that both stayed close to mom, and that they were both clean and appropriately dressed. She observed that ██████████ was very energetic and climbed and played on this worker and that ██████████ did not talk but eventually began playing more energetically. Ms. ██████████ stated that when they get hurt, she generally puts a Band-Aid on their booboo and that the children expected ██████████ booboo to be bandaged and for him to come home. CPSI ██████████ observed that Ms. ██████████ was reasonably calm and cried softly intermitently throughout the interview.

CPSI ██████████ called ██████████ and updated her. ██████████ stated that Legal agreed that no IPA was necessary; that the family had no DCS or law enforcement history so far, and that this worker should not attempt to talk to dad. She stated that CPSI ██████████ should suggest counseling for the whole family; and to check the case status with law enforcement and ask them to call DCS if there are any changes. CPSI ██████████ apprised Ms. ██████████ of the decision; again emphasized the importance of accepting counseling, and after receiving her agreement to follow through with counseling, left the room. CPSI ██████████ apprised Det. ██████████ of the status of the DCS case -outside of the room-and asked him to contact her if there were any changes. After receiving his affirmative nod and shaking hands, this worker left the hotel.

On 3/15/2013, The Department of Children's Services received a referral which stated: On 3/14/2013 at about 6:00pm, ██████████ was "manipulating maintenance" on his hand gun; the gun discharged and fatally shot ██████████ in the chest. Law enforcement and medics responded to the scene at about 6:45pm and ██████████ was pronounced dead at the scene. A DCS worker (Name Unknown) responded to the scene concerning this incident. The DCS worker was in contact with her supervisor (Name Unknown). The other children were also in the suite with the father along with the mother when this incident took place. ██████████ consumed 1 ¼ quarter cans of beer last night but did not appear to be intoxicated in any way. The family has residential history in ██████████ due to the father's employment as an iron worker. There appears to be no past history of abuse or criminal history coming from this family. A ██████████ team responded to the scene last night and an assessment was done on the father. There appears to be no past history of mental health illness in the family at this time. The father was not arrested last night, however it is unknown if he will be charged for this incident at a later time. The investigation is in the early stages, however it appears that this was an accidental shooting. All known hand guns and weapons were collected from the hotel room last night. An autopsy is currently being performed on ██████████ at this time. A chaplain was on the scene concerning the parents and children. The parents are caring for the children and extended family has been notified. The family appears to have a proper support system. The referent is requesting for a DCS worker to be assigned to the children for possible assistance. A report was not filed concerning this incident last night due to the chaotic scene.



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Case Status: Close

Organization: ██████████

CPSI ██████ received a call from Det ██████ who stated that there was no indication that ██████ had been inebriated; that metro police had no other concerns, and that he would run checks in other states as well. He stated that ██████ would be assigned the case but they both agreed that it was a pretty cut and dried accident.

Later that day, CPSI ██████ had a case conference with TC ██████ and ██████ to address concerns with the presence of beer at the scene of the incident. CPSI ██████ updated her on ██████ position and stated that dad had one beer and had just started on another within a 5 1/2 hour period so inebriation was very unlikely. ██████ suggested that checks be run on both parents in every known state they had been in. ██████ stated that she would begin running the background checks and advised this worker to confirm her information with mom so that every state could be checked; which this worker did. The family was immediately cleared in ██████

CPSI ██████ called Ms. ██████ and stated the nature of her call. Ms. ██████ stated that she did not think that ██████ had set up any counseling but someone had come out that morning to check on ██████ that they did have insurance through ██████ job, and that the social security cards were apparently in storage. She stated that the death was hitting harder today than last night. CPSI ██████ encouraged her to hold on and stated that she would call her back with some numbers. CPSI ██████ called ██████ and was informed that a signed consent had to be received from ██████ before they could answer any question. CPSI ██████ called Crisis Intervention to see if the family met their criteria; there was no answer after several rings so she hung up. CPSI ██████ called Resource Linkage; reached ██████, and stated the nature of her call. Ms. ██████ suggested that Ms. ██████ call the ██████ Grief group and ██████ (who has mobile counseling). After giving this worker their contact information, she also suggested that mom call the insurance company for participating counselors in the area. CPSI ██████ thanked her, ended the call, and called Ms. ██████. This worker gave her the contact information and Ms. ██████ stated that she would call immediately.

TL ██████ went to CPSI ██████ and stated that the ME had ruled the death a Homicide because it was from a gunshot; that it may be ruled a Negligent Homicide and the other children may have to be safety placed, and that she was meeting with RA ██████ and ██████ about the case. At that meeting, ██████ disclosed that she had learned from ██████ that the gun went off, went through the bed and changed angles in-route, and shot ██████ taking out a chunk of his heart. She stated that it had been ruled Negligent Homicide by the ME although the police agreed that it was accidental. After much discussion, it was suggested that other family members be contacted as collateral contacts; that Legal be consulted about how to ensure the safety of the siblings, and that mom be asked if a safety placement option was available if necessary. After consulting with Legal, it was decided that mom would be asked to voluntarily sign a seven day, limited visitation specific IPA while the case was investigated.

CPSI ██████ called Ms. ██████ apologized for bothering her at this time, and after explaining that additional information needed to be gathered from out-of-town sources, asked her if she knew anyone that could be a safety placement here while that information was acquired. Ms. ██████ stated she would check with ██████ but that she would only sign it if it was absolutely necessary. After checking with TL ██████ who reminded this worker that DCS needed to ensure the safety of the children, this worker called Ms. ██████ back. Mr. ██████ stated that he would talk to his coworker about staying with him and call this worker back. After ensuring that she had all of the cities where dad had worked, CPSI ██████ thanked him and ended the call. He called this worker back at 3:49 PM and stated that he could stay with his friend ██████ and that they would sign the IPA.

CPSI ██████ went to the ██████ hotel room for a follow-up visit. Present were ██████ and this worker. CPSI ██████ explained that the IPA was for seven days, that dad could have no overnight or unsupervised visitation, and that dad could visit from 3:30 PM -9PM. Both parents signed the agreement and dad stated that he would stay with his friend ██████ at another hotel. ██████ tried to call him to get his address but there was no answer. He stated that he would call this worker with that information. Ms. ██████ stated that they had found the childrens social security cards and gave this worker the information. Ms. ██████ stated that she had called the counseling numbers and left voicemails; and that the children were still waiting for ██████ to come home. Ms. ██████ again stated that they would participate in counseling when they were contacted and that they did not need anything. Ms. ██████ later called and stated that ██████ address was ██████ and that it was down the street from them.

CPSI ██████ observed that the children appeared to be playful and unconcerned and ██████ only said Hello; and that mom and dad both looked like they had been crying recently and were clearly still distraught. She observed that both children were neat, clean, and appropriately dressed and that there was a small swimming pool filled with childrens toys in the room.

CPSI ██████ received a call from Ms. ██████ who stated that dad grandmother wanted to come get the children and take them to ██████ for a week or two and asked was that alright. This worker told her that she would check and get back to her. She later consulted with TL ██████ who instructed her to wait until after the meeting tomorrow with the other involved agencies. This worker called Ms. ██████ back and updated her.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] accompanied TL [REDACTED] to the Medical Examiners office for a meeting with Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Sergeant [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] M.D.-assigned medical examiner. After updating MD [REDACTED] and discussing the believed circumstances of the incident with the group, MD [REDACTED] stated that because someone pulled the trigger, it was a homicide but that if it could be proven that the dad was working on the gun and it misfired, she would change the ruling to Accidental Homicide. The detectives agreed to continue working on that; gave her the crime scene photos, and they ended the meeting. After receiving the message from TL [REDACTED] about concerns that the family needed some things, CPSI [REDACTED] called Ms. [REDACTED] and stated that nature of her call. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that they did not need anything; that the fire department and other agencies and hotel occupants had been very helpful and generous. She stated that they were receiving counseling from their pastor right now. She stated that [REDACTED] grandmother had not arrived yet. This worker again explained the out-of-town related delays; and stated that she was waiting on a decision and would update her as soon as possible. Ms. [REDACTED] called this worker and received permission for [REDACTED] to visit with his grandmother and the children during the day, in case the children were allowed to go home with them. She called back at 11:56 and stated that grandmother had arrived and that grandmother was staying as long as it takes. She texted this worker at 12:43 PM and stated that she would sign over temporary custody to grand mom if it would help. After again checking with TL [REDACTED] this worker informed Ms. [REDACTED] that it would not be helpful and that a judge probably would not grant it since DCS was involved in the active investigation and had not instigated it. She again assured her that as soon as she heard anything, she would call Ms. [REDACTED] and let her know. CPSI [REDACTED] received a call from Ms. [REDACTED] who stated that dad's grandmother was leaving that afternoon and she was calling to check the status of her request. CPSI [REDACTED] stated told her there was no decision yet. TL [REDACTED] completed the necessary background checks from 3/15-3/20/13 and found no negative results. At approximately 1 PM on 3/20/13, she informed this worker that Legal had stated that the IPA could be dissolved. She also stated that this worker suggest to Ms. [REDACTED] that she sign a P.O.A. from grand mom in case something happened while the children were with her in [REDACTED]. She also stated that the TBI results with a conclusive analysis would take quite a while to get back. On 3/20/12 @ 1:06 PM CPSI [REDACTED] called Ms. [REDACTED] and updated her. Ms. [REDACTED] was extremely happy and stated that they were going to the bank and sign a POA as soon as she got off of the phone, before grand mom left. She stated that they were scheduled to start counseling through [REDACTED] and Associates with [REDACTED] that day at 6 PM. This worker stated that she was happy that every thing was working out and they ended the call. On 4/9/13, CPSI [REDACTED] received an email from Det. [REDACTED] which stated that "The TBI results found that the handgun could discharge without pulling the trigger three different ways. The autopsy report was changed to Manner-accidental, and circumstance was accidental discharge of handgun." This worker informed her supervisors of the decision. After reviewing her finding and consulting with TL [REDACTED] CPSI [REDACTED] closed the case. While the shooting was ruled an accident, the father nonetheless was working on the gun in a hotel room with three small children and at some point ammunition was placed in the gun. This action automatically put the children in danger and exhibited child neglect as the safety precaution of not handling loaded firearms in the presence of children was not used, and subsequently caused the accidental death of [REDACTED]. The case was closed as AIPi-Neglect Death, AUPU-LOS.



## Tennessee Department of Children's Services

## Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 03/19/2013 Contact Method: Phone Call  
 Contact Time: 08:40 AM Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 03/27/2013  
 Completed date: 03/27/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact,Notation,Parent/Caretaker Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/27/2013 09:06 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Ms. [REDACTED] called this worker and asked could [REDACTED] visit with his grandmother and the children during the day, in case the children were allowed to go home with them. This worker asked her to hold on and checked with TL [REDACTED] TL [REDACTED] stated that it was ok; hat the IPA may not be resolved because of the out-of-town issues, ad advised this worker to see how long dads mom was staying. She returned to the phone and updated mom. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she did not know.

**Notation**

Ms. [REDACTED] called at 11:56 and stated that grandmother had arrived and that grandmother was staying as long as it takes. She texted this worker at 12:43 PM and stated that she would sign over temporary custody to grand mom if it would help. After again checking with TL [REDACTED] this worker informed Ms. [REDACTED] that it would not be helpful and that a judge probably would not grant it since DCS was involved in the active investigation and had not instigated it. She again assured her that as soon as she heard anything, she would call Ms. [REDACTED] and let her know.

3/20/13 10:19 AM PI Ms. Bass

CPSI [REDACTED] received a call from Ms. [REDACTED] who stated that dads grandmother was leaving that afternoon and she was calling to check the status of her request. CPSI [REDACTED] stated that there had been no change yet and again assured her that DCS was doing everything it could to expedite it, if possible. Ms. [REDACTED] gave verbal permission to disclose information and put [REDACTED] grandmother on the phone. This worker again explained that because the family was from [REDACTED] and moved around, the background checks were taking longer than normal; and again stated that she would inform them as soon as a decision was made.

**Notation**

TL [REDACTED] completed the necessary background checks from 3/15-3/20/13 and found no negative results. At approximately 1 PM on 3/20/13, she informed this worker that Legal had stated that the IPA could be dissolved. She also stated that this worker suggest to Ms. [REDACTED] that she sign a P.O.A. from grand mom in case something happened while the children were with her in [REDACTED] She also stated that the TBI results with a conclusive analysis would take quite a while to get back.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

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1:06 PM PI Ms. [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] called Ms. [REDACTED] and updated her. Ms. [REDACTED] was extremely happy and thanked God and this worker. She stated that they were going to the bank and sign a POA as soon as she got off of the phone, before grand mom left. She stated that they were scheduled to start counseling through [REDACTED] and Associates with [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) that day at 6 PM. This worker stated that she was happy that every thing was working out, encouraged her to continue to trust God and be strong, and they ended the call.



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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: 03/18/2013 Contact Method: Phone Call  
Contact Time: 01:00 PM Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour  
Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
Location: DCS Office Created Date: 03/27/2013  
Completed date: 04/18/2013 Completed By: System Completed  
Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact,Notation,Parent/Caretaker Interview,Referent Interview  
Contact Sub Type:

**Children Concerning**

**Participant(s)**

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/27/2013 08:46 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] accompanied TL [REDACTED] to the Medical Examiners office for a meeting with Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Sergeant [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] M.D.-assigned medical examiner. After updating MD [REDACTED] and discussing the believed circumstances of the incident with the group, MD [REDACTED] stated that because someone pulled the trigger, it was a homicide but that if it could be proven that the dad was working on the gun and it misfired, she would change the ruling to Accidental Homicide. The detectives agreed to continue working on that; gave her the crime scene photos, and they ended the meeting.

1:28 PM PI Ms. [REDACTED]  
After receiving the message from TL [REDACTED] about concerns that the family needed some things, CPSI [REDACTED] called Ms. [REDACTED] and stated that nature of her call. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that they did not need anything; that the fire department and other agencies and hotel occupants had been very helpful and generous. She stated that they were receiving counseling from their pastor right now. She stated that [REDACTED] grandmother had not arrived yet. This worker again explained the out-of-town related delays; and stated that she was waiting on a decision and would update her as soon as possible.



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**Case Recording Summary**

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/17/2013

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 12:53 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 03/27/2013

Completed date: 03/27/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact, Parent/Caretaker Interview

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 03/27/2013 08:41 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] received a call from Ms. [REDACTED] who stated that dad grandmother wanted to come get the children and take them to [REDACTED] for a week or two and asked was that alright. This worker told her that she would check and get back to her. She later consulted with TL [REDACTED] who instructed her to wait until after the meeting tomorrow with the other involved agencies. This worker called Ms. [REDACTED] back and updated her.



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**Case Recording Summary**

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed  
 Contact Date: 03/15/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face  
 Contact Time: 05:05 PM Contact Duration: Less than 30  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Other Community Site Created Date: 03/27/2013  
 Completed date: 03/27/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): ACV Interview/Observation,Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Notation,Parent/Caretaker Interview

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/27/2013 08:38 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] went to the [REDACTED] hotel room for a follow-up visit. Present were [REDACTED] and this worker. CPSI [REDACTED] explained that the IPA was for seven days, that dad could have no overnight or unsupervised visitation, and that dad could visit from 3:30 PM -9PM. Both parents signed the agreement and dad stated that he would stay with his friend [REDACTED] at another hotel. [REDACTED] tried to call him to get his address but there was no answer. He stated that he would call this worker with that information. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that they had found the childrens social security cards and gave this worker the following information: [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she had called the counseling numbers and left voicemails; and that the children were still waiting for [REDACTED] to come home. Ms. [REDACTED] again stated that they would participate in counseling when they were contacted and that they did not need anything.

CPSI [REDACTED] observed that the children appeared to be playful and unconcerned and [REDACTED] only said Hello; and that mom and dad both looked like they had been crying recently and were clearly still distraught. She observed that both children were neat, clean, and appropriately dressed and that there was a small swimming pool filled with childrens toys in the room.

**Notation**

Ms. [REDACTED] later called and stated that [REDACTED] address was [REDACTED] and that it was down the street from them.



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**Case Recording Summary**

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/15/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 05:05 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 30

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Other Community Site

Created Date: 03/27/2013

Completed date: 03/27/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Initial ACV Face To Face,Parent/Caretaker Interview

Contact Sub Type:

**Children Concerning**

[REDACTED]

**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/27/2013 09:37 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

See entry [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had to be noted as seen for TFACTS.



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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: 03/15/2013 Contact Method: Phone Call  
 Contact Time: 01:17 PM Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 03/27/2013  
 Completed date: 03/27/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact,Notation,Parent/Caretaker Interview  
 Contact Sub Type:

**Children Concerning**

**Participant(s)**

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/27/2013 08:33 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]  
 CPSI [REDACTED] called Ms. [REDACTED] and stated the nature of her call. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she did not think that [REDACTED] had set up any counseling but someone had come out that morning to check on [REDACTED] that they did have insurance through [REDACTED] job, and that the social security cards were apparently in storage. She stated that the death was hitting harder today than last night. CPSI [REDACTED] encouraged her to hold on and stated that she would call her back with some numbers. CPSI [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] and was informed that a signed consent had to be received from [REDACTED] before they could answer any question. CPSI [REDACTED] called Crisis Intervention to see if the family met their criteria; there was no answer after several rings so she hung up.

1:35 PM Notation-[REDACTED]  
 TL [REDACTED] went to CPSI [REDACTED] and stated that the ME had ruled the death a Homicide because it was from a gunshot; that it may be ruled a Negligent Homicide and the other children may have to be safety placed, and that she was meeting with RA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] about the case. At that meeting, [REDACTED] disclosed that she had learned from [REDACTED] that the gun went off, went through the bed and changed angles in-route, and shot [REDACTED] taking out a chunk of his heart. She stated that it had been ruled Negligent Homicide by the ME although the police agreed that it was accidental. After much discussion, it was suggested that other family members be contacted as collateral contacts; that Legal be consulted about how to ensure the safety of the siblings, and that mom be asked if a safety placement option was available if necessary. After consulting with Legal, it was decided that mom would be asked to voluntarily sign a seven day, limited visitation specific IPA while the case was investigated.

3:16 PM PI Resource Linkage, Ms. [REDACTED]  
 CPSI [REDACTED] called Resource Linkage; reached [REDACTED], and stated the nature of her call. Ms. [REDACTED] suggested that Ms. [REDACTED] call the [REDACTED] Grief group and [REDACTED] (who has mobile counseling). After giving this worker their contact information, she also suggested that mom call the insurance company for participating counselors in the area. CPSI [REDACTED] thanked her, ended the call, and called Ms. [REDACTED]. This worker gave her the contact information and Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she would call immediately.

3:37 PM PI Ms. [REDACTED]  
 CPSI [REDACTED] called Ms. [REDACTED] apologized for bothering her at this time, and after explaining that additional information



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

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needed to be gathered from out-of-town sources, asked her if she knew anyone that could be a safety placement here while that information was acquired. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that they had no one here; that this was already a horrible situation, and that they couldnt afford an additional hotel room because they had already borrowed money from [REDACTED] boss to have the body cremated and to get the ashes. She stated that she would check with [REDACTED] but that she would only sign it if it was absolutely necessary. After checking with TL [REDACTED] who reminded this worker that DCS needed to ensure the safety of the children, this worker called Ms [REDACTED] back. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he would talk to his coworker about staying with him and call this worker back. After ensuring that she had all of the cities where dad had worked, CPSI [REDACTED] thanked him and ended the call. He called this worker back at 3:49 PM and stated that he could stay with his friend [REDACTED] and that they would sign the IPA. This worker agreed to go to the room later that evening.



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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: 03/15/2013 Contact Method: Phone Call  
Contact Time: 09:19 AM Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour  
Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
Location: DCS Office Created Date: 03/27/2013  
Completed date: 03/27/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact,Notation,Referent Interview  
Contact Sub Type:

**Children Concerning**

**Participant(s)**

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/27/2013 08:25 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

The Department of Childrens Services received a referral which stated: On 3/14/2013 at about 6:00pm, [REDACTED] was "manipulating maintenance" on his hand gun; the gun discharged and fatally shot [REDACTED] in the chest. Law enforcement and medics responded to the scene at about 6:45pm and [REDACTED] was pronounced dead at the scene. A DCS worker (Name Unknown) responded to the scene concerning this incident. The DCS worker was in contact with her supervisor (Name Unknown). The other children were also in the suite with the father along with the mother when this incident took place. [REDACTED] consumed 1 ¼ quarter cans of beer last night but did not appear to be intoxicated in any way. The family has residential history in [REDACTED] due to the fathers employment as an iron worker. There appears to be no past history of abuse or criminal history coming from this family. A [REDACTED] team responded to the scene last night and an assessment was done on the father. There appears to be no past history of mental health illness in the family at this time. The father was not arrested last night, however it is unknown if he will be charged for this incident at a later time. The investigation is in the early stages, however it appears that this was an accidental shooting. All known hand guns and weapons were collected from the hotel room last night. An autopsy is currently being performed on [REDACTED] at this time. A chaplain was on the scene concerning the parents and children. The parents are caring for the children and extended family has been notified. The family appears to have a proper support system. The referent is requesting for a DCS worker to be assign to the children for possible assistance. A report was not filed concerning this incident last night due to the chaotic scene.

3/15/13 11:15 AM PI Det [REDACTED]  
CPSI [REDACTED] received a call from Det [REDACTED] who asked did this worker know [REDACTED] birthplace and was told that she did not. Det. [REDACTED] stated that there was no indication that [REDACTED] had been inebriated; that [REDACTED] police had no other concerns, and that he would run checks in other states as well. He stated that [REDACTED] would be assigned the case but they both agreed that it was a pretty cut and dried accident.

11:42 AM Notation: [REDACTED]  
CPSI [REDACTED] had a case conference with TC [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to address concerns with the presence of beer at the scene of the incident. CPSI [REDACTED] updated her on [REDACTED] position and stated that dad had one beer and had just started on another within a 51/2 hour period so inebriation was very unlikely. [REDACTED] suggested that checks be run on both parents in every known state they had been in. [REDACTED] stated that she would begin running the background checks and advised this worker to confirm her information with mom so that every state could be



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

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checked; which this worker did. The family was immediately cleared in [REDACTED]



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**Case Recording Summary**

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/14/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 10:13 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Other Community Site

Created Date: 03/27/2013

Completed date: 03/27/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact,Parent/Caretaker Interview,Notation

Contact Sub Type:

**Children Concerning**

[REDACTED]

**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/27/2013 08:20 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] and updated her. [REDACTED] stated that Legal agreed that no IPA was necessary; that the family had no DCS or law enforcement history so far, and that this worker should not attempt to talk to dad. She stated that CPSI [REDACTED] should suggest counseling for the whole family; and to check the case status with law enforcement and ask them to call DCS if there are any changes.

10:16 PM Ms. [REDACTED] Det. [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] apprised Ms. [REDACTED] of the decision; again emphasized the importance of accepting counseling, and after receiving her agreement to follow through with counseling, left the room. CPSI [REDACTED] apprised Det. [REDACTED] of the status of the DCS case - outside of the room-and asked him to contact her if there were any changes. After receiving his affirmative nod and shaking hands, this worker left the hotel.



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**Case Recording Summary**

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/14/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 08:55 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Other Community Site

Created Date: 03/27/2013

Completed date: 03/27/2013

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: 03/27/2013 08:13 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

To initiate the investigation, CPSI [REDACTED] went to the specified address, asked for the Youth Services officer and was directed to go in with Detective [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] precinct. They went into the hotel and Det. [REDACTED] asked one of the other officers for the Youth Services detective. She was told that the assigned detectives was [REDACTED] and that she was currently interviewing mom, [REDACTED]. While they waited on Det. [REDACTED] and a search warrant for the room, Det. [REDACTED] stated that the following recount of events: The call came in as a ten month old accident-dad was cleaning the gun and it went off; she was first on the scene, and mom, [REDACTED] was on the phone with 911 while standing over the baby, [REDACTED] appearing to attempt CPR. The father, [REDACTED] was in the room with the other two small children; the gun lying on the bed was secured, and it was believed that the dad accidentally shot the child. The incident occurred in room 201; [REDACTED] was fatal by the time the fire department got him to the ambulance, and mom and the children were separated from dad and moved to room 105. The following information was also provided: BF [REDACTED] BM [REDACTED] Siblings- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - with his father in [REDACTED]

9:17 PM Det [REDACTED]

Continuing the investigation, when Det. [REDACTED] returned to the lobby where CPSI [REDACTED] was waiting and stated that they had interviewed the parents and were headed to room 205; that the child had been shot through the chest, and that mom was in room 105 with the children and an officer. She stated that there was another child, [REDACTED] that was reportedly in [REDACTED] and that she had conducted the initial interviews and the parents were aware that the child had died. She stated that reportedly the child was standing at the end of the bed; dad was cleaning the gun-he knew gun safety and maintenance, and that mom was watching TV. She stated that mom heard the shot; ran over screaming, you shot the baby! and dad said, No I didnt! and was also by the baby now. She stated that mom was holding the baby and reportedly saw a little blood then dad raised his shirt and saw a lot of blood and they began administering CPR while calling 911. She stated that while mom was on the phone, the detectives ran into the room.

9:21 AM CC [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] called TL [REDACTED] and updated her. TL [REDACTED] stated that she did not have to go into the room where the incident occurred-since this worker did not want to, and advised her to obtain permission from Det [REDACTED] first, then go interview mom, gather information, and call and update [REDACTED] the on-call TL.



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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: 03/14/2013 Contact Method: Phone Call  
 Contact Time: 08:15 PM Contact Duration: Less than 15  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Other Community Site Created Date: 03/27/2013  
 Completed date: 03/27/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency, Safety - Child/Community, Service Planning, Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact, Notation  
 Contact Sub Type:

**Children Concerning**

**Participant(s)**

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/27/2013 08:08 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

At or about 8:15 PM, CPSI [REDACTED] received a call from TL [REDACTED] who stated that this worker had a child fatality concerning a 19 month old male. She stated that all that was known at that time was that the 10 month old boy had been shot in the chest and that there were a total of four children. She stated that the address was [REDACTED] (later identified as the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]); that this worker should proceed to that address, state that she was from DCS and Youth Services was expecting her, and to ask for the Youth Services officer on scene. She reminded this worker that she did not have to view the body of the child.



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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: 03/14/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 09:25 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Other Community Site

Created Date: 03/27/2013

Completed date: 03/27/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Initial ACV Face To Face,Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation

Contact Sub Type:

**Children Concerning**

[REDACTED]

**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/27/2013 08:17 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Continuing the investigation, CPSI [REDACTED] went to room 105 and interviewed Ms. [REDACTED]. Present were Ms. [REDACTED], CPSI [REDACTED] and Officer [REDACTED]. In order to engage the family, CPSI explained the current report made to the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that the family lives kinda all over; that they lived her for a year, moved to [REDACTED] for two weeks, then came back, and that they were scheduled to go back to [REDACTED] in two weeks for another job connected with the organization he works for [REDACTED]. She stated the time here keeps being extended and so far they have been in [REDACTED] for about five weeks.

CPSI [REDACTED] observed that Ms. [REDACTED] was reasonably calm and cried softly intermitently throughout the interview. Ms. [REDACTED] talked briefly to the ME on scene about sending [REDACTED] body back to [REDACTED] where her family was. She was informed that he would be examined tomorrow, the body would probably be released that same afternoon, and that mom should talk to them about how to transport the body out of state. She gave Ms. [REDACTED] a card with trhe necessary contact information.

After offering condolences, this worker recounted the general events described to her by the officer and Ms. [REDACTED] agreed that they were correct. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she tried to administer CPR but she couldnt; that she did not know what to do and the lady tried to talk me throught it (911 operator), and that she thought it was his heart or something cause throw-up started coming out of his nose and mouth and he was shot in the chest. She stated that [REDACTED] was working on a gun and had bought and installed a new spring assembly kit; that I dont know if he was cleaning it or what, all I know is babys dead. She stated that no drugs or alcohol were involved; that dad got off at about 3 PM daily, and that dad had one beer and had just sarterd drinking the second one while he was working on the gun. She stated that she thought they would be remaining in room 105; that dad had been taken to another room by the police, and that they had signed a paper so that room 201 could be searched. She stated that the police, crime scene investigatot, I think, said dad would be returned to 105 soon; that dad was working at the [REDACTED] as an iron worker, and that dad worked for the [REDACTED] and they moved alot but the pay and benefits were good. She stated that after the [REDACTED] job dad planned to work in [REDACTED] so they could get a stable home; and that the job her semed like a good idea financially but now that the baby has died, she just didnt know. She stated that before [REDACTED] they were in [REDACTED] that they had moved all over the country and just wanted to settle down in [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] also had a seven year old daughter from another relationship that lived in her mother there.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

She stated that in addition to the children her, she had a son, [REDACTED] -8) who lived with his dad in [REDACTED]. She stated that he was with dad because initially dad kept him because they moved alot and her and [REDACTED] were kinda fighting over it but now they were working it out. She stated that that all of their family members were either in [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and that those locations were about 45 minutes away from each other. She stated that no one had any mental or physical health issues. She stated that she did not know the social security numbers and that the cards were probably either upstairs or in the van; that [REDACTED] knew his number by heart, and that she would look for them and contact this worker with that information. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that they were married so both had custody. She stated that they had no DCS or Law Enforcement history anywhere.

CPSI explained all forms and engaged the family during the paperwork process. The custodian signed the Clients Rights Handbook Signature Page, Native American Heritage Veto Verification, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Acknowledgement form, Notice of Equal Access to Programs and Services, and the Release of Information. CPSI obtained signed acknowledgements of such and copies have been placed into the file.

CPSI [REDACTED] talked to Ms. [REDACTED] about accepting counseling. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that Right now I dont wanna talk about it. It comes and goes right now. I dont think its quite stuck yet. If I dont think about it...then it comes back. This worker talked to her about the necessity of dealing with the grief effectively, especially considering that she had stated that she felt she was going to have to be the strong one. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that if this worker gave her some numbers she would talk to someone about the death. This worker stated that she would talk to Resource Linkage and call her back with that information. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that her phone number was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] number was [REDACTED] and suggested that the easiest way to reach either of them was to call her.

She observed that [REDACTED] was very friendly and playful while [REDACTED] played silently with his toys; that both stayed close to mom, and that they were both clean and appropriately dressed. She observed that [REDACTED] was very energetic and climbed and played on this worker and that [REDACTED] did not talk but eventually began playing more energetically. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that when they get hurt, she generally puts a Band-Aid on their booboo and that the children expected [REDACTED] booboo to be bandaged and for him to come home.



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**Assessment**

Family Name: [REDACTED] TN DCS Intake ID #: [REDACTED]  
 County: [REDACTED] Worker:  
 Date of Referral: 3/15/13 9:19 AM Date of Assessment: 3/20/13 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.
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5. The family refuses access to the child, or there is reason to believe that the family is about to flee.
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7. The physical living conditions are hazardous and immediately threatening to the health and/or safety of the child.
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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:

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**Section 3: Safety Decision**

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