



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

A. Investigation

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Referral Date: 04/05/2013

Assignment Date: 04/08/2013

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	Participant, Unknown	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unfounded / Perpetrator Unfounded	Yes	[REDACTED] 11/14/2013

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments:

D. Case Workers

Case Worker: [REDACTED]

Date: 11/14/2013

Team Leader: [REDACTED]

Date: 11/18/2013

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:

Observation of [REDACTED]
 CPSI [REDACTED] went to the room with the medical examiner [REDACTED]. He had just arrived and was taking pictures of the child. [REDACTED] was lying in his crib with his head on his pillow. There were many stuffed animals in the bed. It was noticed that [REDACTED] had a green substance on the white hand of the stuffed animal. Many pictures were taken of the child and the room by [REDACTED] forensic unit. He was covered with a green patterned blanket. All of these items in the crib were taken.

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

This case was Unfounded due to the Autopsy stating that the manner of death remains undetermined. Dr. [REDACTED] attended this CPIT and spoke about the autopsy. Dr. [REDACTED] advised that the autopsy report was undetermined and the cause of death is unknown. She said if this child would have been under the age of 1 years old, this would have been classified as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). In this case a 3 year old could not be classified as this. It was also discussed that the child was sick but this did not cause the death. However if [REDACTED] had a seizure while asleep, the brain would not show this during the autopsy. It is unknown if the child had a seizure in his sleep.



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

According to Mrs. ██████████ she got up all the children around 7am and went to check on ██████████ at this time. Mrs. ██████████ said that he was in his usual position. He was lying on his right side facing the wall. Mrs. ██████████ said he was about 6-8 inches from the wall. He was not lying on his pillow. She stated she put her hand on the back of his head and this felt normal to her. Mrs. ██████████ thought that since he had been sick, ██████████ was sleeping in longer and did not want to disturb him. She then returned an hour later (approx. 8am) and said he was lying in the same position from before. This time ██████████ felt cold and hard. She went out to the hallway and yelled for the paternal grandmother to call 911.

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

Interview Summary with the paternal grandmother, ██████████ ██████████ said that she was at the mountain house in ██████████ County when she noticed ██████████ not feeling well. She says there was one time on 4/4 that ██████████ looked at her and pointed at the floor to show that he vomited. She said he felt better after this but you could tell that he was not feeling well. ██████████ also observed ██████████ drooling in the car. After ██████████ took ██████████ to bed, he did not get up all through the night. ██████████ said that seizures do run on both sides of the family.

CPSI asked about sleeping for ██████████ and ██████████ stated that he liked to have all his toys in the bed. He especially liked having the stuffed animals with pacifiers.

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

11/14/13 Closing Summary: This case came to the attention of the Department on 04/05/13 with allegations of Neglect Death. It was alleged that ██████████ (3) was sick on 4/4/13 and was vomiting while he was with his family. On 4/5/13, the mother, ██████████ found her son lifeless in his bed. Upon further investigation it was learned that Ms. ██████████ had given ██████████ Tylenol and Ibuprofen to help reduce his fever. (This was normal practice and did not factor to his death.) He started vomiting and having a stomach ache after eating on 4/4. His sickness was confirmed by other family members. Mrs. ██████████ then woke on 4/5 at 7am and found ██████████ was still sleeping. She allowed him to sleep another hour. The mother then went back to his room after waking the other children up for school. Mrs. ██████████ said she found him cold and hard at this time. The autopsy stated that main cause of death was consistent with asphyxia but was undetermined. Dr. ██████████ stated this case is an example of SIDS but could not be classified in this nature due to the child's age. The manner of death is unknown. This case is closed as Allegations UNFOUNDED Perpetrator UNFOUNDED.

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Intake

Intake ID: [REDACTED]
Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 04/05/2013 09:11 AM CT
Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1
Screened By: [REDACTED]
Date Screened: 04/05/2013

Investigation

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]
First County/Region: [REDACTED]
Date/Time Assigned : 04/05/2013 10:04 AM
First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 04/05/2013 12:00 AM
First Case Manager [REDACTED] Date/Time 04/05/2013 12:00 AM

Allegations

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	3 Yrs	Neglect Death	Yes	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: Letter

Narrative: TFACTS: [REDACTED] has a TFACTS Person ID: [REDACTED] as he appears to be a health service provider identified by DCS. No other history was found for any member of the family.

Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP: No

Prior INV/ASMT of Abuse: 0
Prior INV/ASMT of Neglect: 0
Prior INV/ASMT of both Abuse & Neglect: 0
Screen Outs: 0

DUPLICATE REFERRAL: No

County: [REDACTED]
Notification: Letter
School/ Daycare: Unknown



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Native American Descent: No
Directions: None

Reporters name/relationship: [REDACTED]

Reporter states:

**Address and contact information are listed under [REDACTED] **

[REDACTED] (5) [REDACTED] (4) and [REDACTED] (3) live with their parents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Co. TN.

[REDACTED] was found deceased in his bed this morning 4/5/2013.

The parents reported that [REDACTED] had a stomach bug on 4/4/2013. He had thrown up 3 times in the past 24 hours. The parents gave him ibuprofen and put him to bed. The parents checked on him at midnight and he was sleeping on his back holding his babies and covered with a green blanket. This morning 4/5/2013, he was lying on his stomach, there was vomit on his face and on the bed and he was deceased. It is unknown what time the parents checked on [REDACTED] this morning. It is also unknown which parent checked on [REDACTED] at this time.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are currently at school. It is unknown if there is another caretaker who could care for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at this time. [REDACTED] got [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] up for school at 7 a.m. and then took them to school.

The home appeared to be appropriate. There were no hazards identified in the home. There is no prior history with DCS or law enforcement on this family. The reporter has never been to the home due to the family having no prior cases.

The autopsy is scheduled for tomorrow 4/6/2013.

[REDACTED] County Police Department made the scene and then DCS was contacted directly at the [REDACTED] County Office by Investigator [REDACTED] at approximately 9:00 a.m. [REDACTED] County DCS worker [REDACTED] responded immediately.

No special needs or disabilities are reported at this time.

Per SDM: Investigative Track, P1 - Child Fatality
[REDACTED] TL, on 4/5/13 @ 9:46a

Notified Fatality/Near Fatality Notification Group via Email:

[REDACTED] Child-Fatality-Notification EI-DCS, [REDACTED]

Commissioner [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Region RA, [REDACTED]



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Participant(s)

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth:

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

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: White

Age: 3 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:



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Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 5 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]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: 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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Gender: Male

Date of Birth:

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age:

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: Unknown Participant [REDACTED] Unknown

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Open

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 09/19/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 10:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 09/21/2013

Completed date: 09/21/2013

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)**

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/21/2013 11:50 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
age 3: [REDACTED] (fatality)

Date of Referral: 4/5 DOD 4/5

Case Status:

Waiting for autopsy results, Autopsy was requested from DA advocate [REDACTED] on 7/25/2013, 8/23/2013 and 9/20/13. All requests have been replied to as Final Autopsy is not ready due to toxicology no being back.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Open

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 09/18/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 10:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 09/18/2013

Completed date: 09/18/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Administrative Review

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/18/2013 10:38 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

This case remains open, even though it is overdue, because the final autopsy is still not complete.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Open

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 05/06/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 03:00 PM Contact Duration: Less than 30
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 05/06/2013
 Completed date: 05/06/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency, Safety - Child/Community, Well Being
 Contact Type(s): ACV Interview/Observation
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

[REDACTED]

Participant(s)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/06/2013 03:03 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

5/6/13

In the home at the time of visit was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The paternal grandmother, [REDACTED] and also the mother's friend, [REDACTED] was entertaining the children.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in the living room playing with the Kindle Fire tablets. They were observed doing math on the tablets. [REDACTED] was on the floor and [REDACTED] was in the chair with his grandmother. They both had on appropriate clothing and were very clean. [REDACTED] said Hi to CPSI and both stated they remembered CPSI. [REDACTED] was well behaved and [REDACTED] interrupted his mother a few times when she was talking to CPSI. It was obvious [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were both excited about getting their new bunk beds.

FF with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was sleeping in her Pac-N-Play bed alone in her bedroom. This was the old room of [REDACTED]. The door was closed and [REDACTED] was allowed to sleep. CPSI and the mother entered the room and [REDACTED] was standing up in the play pen. She had a pacifier in her mouth and seemed content. She was heard crying before we entered the room. The Pac-N-Play had 2 blankets in the bed along with a sippy cup. The mother said that she did not like to put many items in the bed. CPSI noticed a baby monitor in the room and Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that makes sure this is on for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was also well behaved. CPSI observed that [REDACTED] had watery eyes but the mother said she had not been sick lately.

HV-
 There were still pictures of the children on the wall but most of [REDACTED] photos have been taken down. There was a picture of all 4 children on the wall which caught your attention when you walk in the home. There were no environmental concerns viewed at this time.



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Case Status: Open

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 05/06/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 02:50 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 30

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Family Home

Created Date: 05/06/2013

Completed date: 05/06/2013

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: 05/06/2013 02:30 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

5/6/13

Follow Up interview with [REDACTED] at the family home on [REDACTED] CPSI talked to Mrs. [REDACTED] outside on the front porch.

Mrs. [REDACTED] told CPSI that she has been trying to get back to normal but it is hard. She advised that she is waking up in the middle of the night because of the worry something is happening to the children. Mrs. [REDACTED] said she has a lot of family and church support to help her and Dr. [REDACTED] get through these hard times. She advised that after [REDACTED] passed away, the children took a week off from pre-school afterwards to regroup themselves. Mrs. [REDACTED] reports that it is as normal as could be currently. She was viewed crying and upset when talking about [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she had a friend from out of town and also [REDACTED] was also in the home. The children have not been sick and stated that [REDACTED] had went to Dr. [REDACTED] last week for a 4 year old check up and was normal. [REDACTED] had went to the doctor a couple of weeks ago and nothing was found. [REDACTED] is going to the doctor this week to make sure there is nothing wrong with her. Mrs. [REDACTED] said she has thought of asking the pediatricians run an EKG on the children to check the children's hearts. Since the death, Mrs. [REDACTED] said she has been checking on the children many, many times when they are sleeping. She advised that she has been staying up long after the children are went to bed so she can ensure they are okay. She said all 3 of the kids have bonded more since their brother passed away. She said the kids drew pictures and placed the pictures inside the balloons to send to their brother. They have also had other events to help the siblings. Mrs. [REDACTED] said the funeral service accomadated to about 700 people for [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED] said she believes the family is going to remain in the home but has rearranged much of the bedrooms so they can move forward. [REDACTED] beds for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were being brought when CPSI was there.

Mrs. [REDACTED] then asked about the Autopsy and stated that no one has followed up with her about any results. CPSI [REDACTED] informed Mrs. [REDACTED] that the Autopsy did not conclude to any reasons to why the child died. CPSI said the Toxicology would show the actual cause of death. Mrs. [REDACTED] thanked CPSI for following up and said she would like a call when the results came in to the Department. She said that she was upset because no one called the family back to inform them about their son. She advised Dr. [REDACTED] called a female Detective and has not heard back from her about the autopsy.

In order to engage the family, CPSI explained the current report made to the Tennessee Department of Childrens Services and the MRS/Assessment process. CPSI also provided the family with a brochure describing the Multiple



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Response Approach. 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.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Open

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/26/2013

Contact Method: Attempted Face To Face

Contact Time: 02:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Family Home

Created Date: 05/06/2013

Completed date: 05/06/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): ACV Interview/Observation

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

[REDACTED]

Participant(s)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/06/2013 02:24 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

4/26/13

CPSI [REDACTED] attempted a home visit with the family on this day. CPSI knocked many times and no one was home. CPSI will attempt another visit and then call if no one is contacted.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Open

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	04/06/2013	Contact Method:	Phone Call
Contact Time:	11:45 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 30
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	04/08/2013
Completed date:	04/08/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community, Well Being		
Contact Type(s):	Collateral Contact		
Contact Sub Type:			

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/08/2013 08:39 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

4/6/13

CPSI [REDACTED] contacted Inv. [REDACTED] (PD) via phone on this day. She gave a preliminary report to the autopsy findings of the child, [REDACTED]

Inv. [REDACTED] reported the autopsy was started at 8am on 4/6/13. There were no findings to the body for the cause of death. The medical professionals did not find any bruising, marks, or physical injuries to the child. It was discussed that Toxicology and blood work were sent off for examinations. This report would be available in 3-6 months.

Inv. [REDACTED] also said there were possibly 2 reasons for the cause of death. 1) Virus/Illness to cause death 2) Over-medication. Neither of these causes have been found to be true at this time and the toxicology report would be only able to tell the cause of death. Inv. [REDACTED] discussed the possibility of the child having Roto-virus or also dehydration.

TC
 CPSI [REDACTED] contacted TL [REDACTED] via phone to discuss the outcome of the preliminary findings of the autopsy. There was a concern that the cause of death of Over medication. The mother reported to giving the child a teaspoon of Ibuprofen and then within an hour a teaspoon of Tylenol. At this time, these are the only known medications that were given to the child. This would not have caused death and it is reported that this is common practice if the fever had not reduced. However giving the medications simultaneously together would not be a common practice.



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Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/05/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 12:30 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 30

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Other Caretaker Home

Created Date: 04/08/2013

Completed date: 04/08/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Well Being, Permanency

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/08/2013 08:37 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

11:45am

Interview with [REDACTED] (paternal grandmother) DOB: [REDACTED] This interview was conducted by CPSI [REDACTED] CPSI [REDACTED] and Inv. [REDACTED]. She gave her home address to be the following:

Ms. [REDACTED] said that she had been living with her son, Dr. [REDACTED] since she had back surgery 2 months ago. She advised that she has been doing a lot better and able to help the mother with the children. She advised that her back would hurt later due to standing.

[REDACTED] reported that on the morning of 4/5/13, she was in the kitchen cooking [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] pancakes for breakfast when she heard [REDACTED] scream. She said [REDACTED] came out of [REDACTED] room and said hes gone and call 911. Ms. [REDACTED] said she saw [REDACTED] then collapse to the floor. This is when Ms. [REDACTED] brought the other children to the next door neighbors home. She said [REDACTED] asked if the house was on fire and was daddy going to be able to fix it. She told [REDACTED] that god would be able to fix it.

[REDACTED] said that she was at the mountain house in [REDACTED] County when she noticed [REDACTED] not feeling well. She says there was one time on 4/4 that [REDACTED] looked at her and pointed at the floor to show that he vomited. She said he felt better after this but you could tell that he was not feeling well. [REDACTED] also observed [REDACTED] drooling in the car. When [REDACTED] came home, he fell asleep on the couch and [REDACTED] then carried him back to their bedroom. They were watching Mickey Mouse before he went to sleep on the couch. She witnessed him vomit on the couch before he fell asleep. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] has had a seizure 1 year ago but was not aware of this being a regular occurrence. She advised that [REDACTED] was not a child to complain and was not complained even after he threw up. She stated that he would cry if he was frustrated or his brother took a toy from him but nothing abnormal.

After [REDACTED] took [REDACTED] to bed, he did not get up all through the night. [REDACTED] said that seizures do run on both sides of the family.

CPSI asked about sleeping for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that he liked to have all his toys in the bed. He especially liked having the stuffed animals with pacifiers. He also slept in diapers and was going through potty training. [REDACTED] said she ordered special boxers for him to wear throughout the night. [REDACTED] used pacifiers and he had them in his bed.

[REDACTED] advised that Dr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] has lots of family support and is going to have the support of the



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church to help with grief counseling.

Observation:

[REDACTED] was not emotional during this interview but instead said a few times that she could not believe this happened and could not believe he was gone. She advised that Dr. [REDACTED] is going to tell their children that their brother is deceased and is going to present it the best way to them.



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 Contact Date: 04/05/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 12:15 PM Contact Duration: Less than 45
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 04/08/2013
 Completed date: 05/06/2013 Completed By: System Completed
 Purpose(s): Permanency, Safety - Child/Community, Well Being
 Contact Type(s): ACV Interview/Observation, Sibling Interview/Observation
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

[REDACTED]

Participant(s)

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/08/2013 08:32 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 4/5/13 11:15am

Interview with [REDACTED] (not private due the other sibling not knowing their brother was deceased)
 CPSI [REDACTED] interviewed the child in the neighbors home. The children were being watched by the neighbor, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he was 5 years old and said that he did not have any concerns at home. CPSI asked about his day and he seemed shy and did not want to talk. He said that he likes to be with his granny and also his mother and father. CPSI asked if he had 3 wishes what would he wish for and he replied that he would like to be a basketball player. CPSI then asked about his other siblings getting along with him and he denied having any problem with them. He denied having any problems at school or at home. CPSI asked how he felt on this day and he said okay. [REDACTED] seemed tired and was leaning on his grandmother when talking to CPSI.

11:25am

Interview with [REDACTED] (not private in neighbors home)

[REDACTED] stated that he is 4 years old and did not go to school on this day. He could not tell CPSI the school that he went to. He then told his grandmother that he is her bluebird. There was no other information given by the child. He advised he felt safe and liked being around his brothers and sister. He advised that all his siblings are good to him and did not think anything was wrong with them. (CPSI did not talk specifically about [REDACTED].)

11:35am

[REDACTED] was being held by the neighbor babysitter by the name of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was watching her brother when they were each talking to CPSI. CPSI did not hear [REDACTED] talking and was quiet when investigators were in the home. She also viewed on the play area in the living room in the neighbors home. She was playing with toys scattered throughout and seemed to be happy and content. CPSI did not observe any bruises or marks on any of the children. All the children had blonde hair and had clean appropriate clothing on.



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Case Recording Details

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Status: Completed

Contact Date: 04/05/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 11:45 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 45

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Family Home

Created Date: 04/08/2013

Completed date: 04/08/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Well Being

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

[REDACTED]

Participant(s)

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/08/2013 08:26 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

10:45am

Interview with [REDACTED] (medical examiner)

[REDACTED] told CPSI [REDACTED] that the white spots (no blood showing from skin) observed to the child's head was most likely how the child was lying when he died. There were also white spots on the child's knees that showed the child was lying face down or also knees in the bed with his butt in the air. Mr. [REDACTED] did not know the cause of death. He advised that he is going to take the medications that were given to the child by the family. The medicine bottles were viewed across the kitchen counter and pictures were being taken of those medications.

The [REDACTED] PD forensic unit was in the home and told investigators that rigor mortis had set in on the child when the mother felt him. He provided his professional opinion about when the child died. He advised that the child may have been dead from 6-10 hours. This was based off his experience of his job.



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Case Status: Open

Organization: [REDACTED]

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 Contact Time: 11:30 AM Contact Duration: Less than 03 Hour
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 04/08/2013
 Completed date: 04/10/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency, Safety - Child/Community, Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview, Parent/Caretaker Interview
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/08/2013 08:15 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

4/5/13 9:30am\

Home Visit

Child Protective Services Investigator [REDACTED] (CPSI) made a home visit to initiate the investigation. There were many people in the home when CPSI arrived to the home. Present were CPSI [REDACTED] CPSI [REDACTED] CPSI [REDACTED] Inv. [REDACTED] Det. [REDACTED] (major crimes), Mrs. [REDACTED] (mother), Dr. [REDACTED] (father), [REDACTED] (Pastor) were present during this visit. The family had been residing at this address for the past 6 years.

When CPSI arrived to the home, Inv. [REDACTED] and Major Crimes [REDACTED] had just finished the interview with mother and father. Inv. [REDACTED] debriefed the case and interviews to CPSI [REDACTED] at this time.

Inv. [REDACTED] advised the child [REDACTED] is deceased and is currently in his bed in the bedroom. [REDACTED] did not have a history of seizures from what the parents reported. The last seizure was a year ago due to a high fever and croup cough. However it was reported that the child had a stomach bug on 4/4/13. This was determined because a friend at [REDACTED] school on 4/2/13 was sick and vomiting. It was believed [REDACTED] had caught this virus from this child. [REDACTED] also had a fever that was reported by the mother. The timeline of events pertaining to the families last interactions with the child in the last 24 hours are as follows:

Mrs. [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] Graduate that worked in the [REDACTED] until she had her first child. She reported to investigators it was cheaper quitting work and caring for the children. Dr. [REDACTED] is an Orthopedic Surgeon and Graduated the [REDACTED] in 2001.

The mother and father were interviewed together and stated that they started their day on 4/4/13 at 6am. They got all the children up [REDACTED] at that time and did not have any concerns. [REDACTED] and his 2 brothers went to a church daycare from 9 1:30pm. Then the children came back home to take a nap from 1:30 4:30pm. The family then had friends [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] come to visit them and the children. They had planned to go to a cabin the family owns in [REDACTED] County to entertain their friends.

When they were eating dinner, [REDACTED] began to have a stomach ache. [REDACTED] ate a half a ribeye and other side items at dinner and was complaining that his tummy hurt. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated he had a fever because he was hot and you could tell he did not feel good. [REDACTED] vomited a total of 3 times after he complained about his stomach hurting. These 3



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times were at the cabin, in the car, and at the family home. The family got back to their home on ██████████ around 8pm. When Mrs. ██████████ arrived home they gave him a teaspoon of childrens Ibuprofen. It was later reported that Dr. ██████████ said ██████████ was also given a teaspoon of childrens Tylenol. It is unsure if these medications were given back to back or within an hour time. There were no other medications given to the child besides these two. Mrs. ██████████ reported that this was given to him around 8:45pm.

Since ██████████ was sick, Mrs. ██████████ wanted ██████████ to lay with her and Dr. ██████████ until he felt better. At approximately the midnight hour, ██████████ began feeling better. Dr. ██████████ said that you could tell he was feeling better because ██████████ was talking and moving around a lot more. Mrs. ██████████ then laid ██████████ in his bed in his room because it appeared that the fever had broke. ██████████ shares his bedroom with his sister ██████████. Mrs. ██████████ laid ██████████ down to sleep. She advised that he liked his stuffed animals (called babies) and held them when he went to sleep. Mrs. ██████████ stated that she covered ██████████ with his green blanket and she always lays him on his back with his head on his pillow. Mrs. ██████████ said that he does not like a pillow and will usually find him laying on the bed without the pillow. She said that he still uses pacifiers and are located in his bed.

CPSI was able to interview the mother and father along with Inv. ██████████ and also CPSI ██████████ Inv. ██████████ filled out with Dr. and Mrs. ██████████. The form (SUIDI) was for the medical examiner and was very detailed.

Inv. ██████████ then asked about the bed and the clothing her son was wearing. Mrs. ██████████ reported ██████████ was wearing Shark jammies that his father had gotten for him. She advised all of her children have this same pair of pajamas. Since ██████████ had vomited 3 times this night, Mrs. ██████████ put down a towel down for ██████████ to lie on. She said ██████████ laid on the towel and then the fitted sheet. He was covered with his green blanket at this time.

(Observation: Mrs. ██████████ was crying during these statements and CPSI noticed it was hard to talk about her now deceased son. Also while asking these questions; Dr. ██████████ looked at framed picture on the wall with their 3 boys posing. He started talking about things that made ██████████ happy and his eyes became watery.)

After lying ██████████ down to sleep, there were no other reported disturbances throughout the night until the morning of 4/5/13. According to Mrs. ██████████ she got up all the children around 7am and went to check on ██████████ at this time. Mrs. ██████████ said that he was in his usual position. He was lying on his right side facing the wall. Mrs. ██████████ said he was about 6-8 inches from the wall. He was not lying on his pillow. She stated she put her hand on the back of his head and this felt normal to her. Mrs. ██████████ thought that since he had been sick, ██████████ was sleeping in longer and did not want to disturb him. She then returned an hour later (approx. 8am) and said he was lying in the same position from before. This time ██████████ felt cold and hard. She went out to the hallway and yelled for the paternal grandmother to call 911.

***This 911 call was made at 8:26am. This call is on file with ██████████ PD/Dispatch.

Dr. ██████████ advised that he had gone to work at 6:45am and did not check on the children before he left. He said that he sometimes tells the children goodbye before work but he did not on this day. Dr. ██████████ said he received a call at work about his sons death when he was about to do his morning rounds. He says he left 70 patients on the floor because he immediately came home when he heard the news.

*****Childs Medical History reported by the parents:

10:03am

Dr. ██████████ and Mrs. ██████████ stated that ██████████ was a healthy child and did not have any medical disorders. There was no regular medication given to ██████████ other than when he is sick. He would take Children's medications to help the symptoms. Mrs. ██████████ said that he may have taken a Zyrtec for his allergies but nothing further. They advised that ██████████ did have a seizure a year ago when they were in ██████████. This was due to his high fever.

It was also reported that ██████████ had a history of the croup cough but when he was much younger. ██████████ had not had it in a while but Mrs. ██████████ said this was something that could have caused the seizure.

██████████ pediatrician is Dr. ██████████ and had last seen him a year ago. The next visit scheduled for ██████████ was going to be 4/8/13. During pregnancy, Mrs. ██████████ reported that ██████████ had normal prenatal care and no complications were noted. ██████████ was born at ██████████ Hospital. Mrs. ██████████ denied any current drug use and never drank alcohol or smoke during pregnancy. ██████████ did not have any disabilities known to the parents.

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The home was located in the ██████████ Subdivision and was a nice home with a front and backyard. The inside of the home was well furnished and decorated. CPSI observed leftover breakfast in the kitchen but overall sanitary



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conditions. Each of the children's rooms were decorated with family pictures and pictures of the children together. The living room was slightly disorganized from what looked like the children had been playing or watching movies from the night before. There were no safety hazards observed.



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 Contact Date: 04/05/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 10:45 AM Contact Duration: Less than 30
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 04/08/2013
 Completed date: 04/08/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency, Safety - Child/Community, Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Initial ACV Face To Face
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

[REDACTED]

Participant(s)**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/08/2013 08:19 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

4/5/13 9:40am

Observation of [REDACTED] (deceased):

CPSI [REDACTED] went to the room with the medical examiner [REDACTED]. He had just arrived and was taking pictures of the child. [REDACTED] was lying in his crib with his head on his pillow. It was reported that the child's body was not in the same position when he was found lifeless. The mother had moved the child's head to put on the pillow and he was put on his back. There were many stuffed animals in the bed. It was noticed that Mickey Mouse had a green substance on the white left hand of the stuffed animal. Many pictures were taken of the child and the room by [REDACTED] PD forensic unit. He was covered with a green patterned blanket. All of these items in the crib were taken.

It was also noticed that the child's head had a circular white spot to the left of the forehead. CPSI did not see any bruises to the head. The rest of the body was not observed due to the child being covered up and respect for the family.



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 Contact Date: 04/05/2013 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 10:30 AM Contact Duration: Less than 30
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 04/08/2013
 Completed date: 04/08/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community
 Contact Type(s): Case Summary
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

Participant, Unknown; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/08/2013 08:07 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Family Name: [REDACTED]

Family Composition:

Child (deceased): [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] and SS# [REDACTED]

Child: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] and SS# [REDACTED]

Child: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] and SS# [REDACTED]

Child: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] and SS# [REDACTED]

Mother: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] and SS# [REDACTED]

Father: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] and SS# [REDACTED]

Also in the home at the time of death:

Paternal Grandmother: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] and SS# [REDACTED]

Addresses: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Schools: [REDACTED]

REFERRAL AND REFERRANT:

4/5/13 It was reported that the now deceased child, [REDACTED] started vomiting yesterday. The parents said a friend at school was sick earlier in the week and that he must have picked up the stomach bug from him. He threw up 3 times in 24 hours. He had a fever so the parents gave him 1 tsp of ibuprofen last night and then an hour later gave him tylenol. His fever broke around midnight to 1am and then they put him to bed. Dad went to work around 6:15 am but did not check on the children. Mom got up with the siblings about 7am and checked on [REDACTED] and placed her hand on his forehead. Then she checked on him again about 8 or 8:30am and discovered that he was deceased and yelled for the paternal grandmother to call 911. When EMS responded they discovered that [REDACTED] was already deceased and had been for quite some time as rigor mortis had already set in. There was no vomit found on the child or in the bed. There will be an autopsy at 4am tomorrow (4/6/13) morning.



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4/5/13 8:50am CPS Central Intake received this report on 4/5/13 and assigned a P-1 response. The case was assigned to this CM on 4/5/13.

CASE ASSIGNMENT:

4/5/13 This case came to the attention of the Department on 4/5/13 and was assigned to CM ██████████ on 4/5/13 as a P1. Referent notification was made by mail on the date of assignment. A copy of such notification is contained within the file. Severe Abuse Notification is made to the District Attorneys Office by DCS secretarial staff. A copy of such notification is contained within the file. Notification is made monthly to the Juvenile Court Judge (by DCS secretarial staff) as requested per Juvenile Court Judge ██████████

CPIT / CLASSIFICATION (CPIT FOR INVESTIGATION ONLY)

4/5/13 CPIT: Child Protective Investigation Team was convened with PD ██████████. It was determined that CPSI ██████████ would meet Inv. ██████████ and Major Crimes Detective ██████████ at the home in order to talk to the parents and caretakers at the home.

4/5/13 TFacts History Search: This CM verified the familys history of involvement with DCS through a search of TFACTS on this date the following history was noted:

There was no history found pertaining to the ██████████ family.

4/8/13 Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Sex Offender Registry search: CM ██████████ searched the database and found no results pertaining to ██████████ or ██████████. A copy of such finding is contained within the hard file.

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Meth Offender Registry search: CM (you) searched the database and found no results pertaining to ██████████ or ██████████. A copy of such finding is contained within the hard file.

Tennessee Felony Offender search: CM (you) searched the database and found no results pertaining to ██████████ or ██████████. A copy of such finding is contained within the hard file.