



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

Intake

Intake ID: [REDACTED]
Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 08/30/2013 03:49 PM CT
Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1
Screened By: [REDACTED]
Date Screened: 08/30/2013

Investigation

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]
First County/Region: [REDACTED]
Date/Time Assigned : 08/30/2013 06:09 PM
First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 08/30/2013 12:00 AM
First Case Manager [REDACTED] Date/Time 08/30/2013 12:00 AM

Allegations

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	6 Yrs	Neglect Death	Yes	[REDACTED]	Birth Mother
[REDACTED]	6 Yrs	Neglect Death	Yes	[REDACTED]	Other Non-relative
Unknown Participant [REDACTED] Unknown	6 Yrs	Environmental Neglect	No	[REDACTED]	Other Relative
Unknown Participant [REDACTED] Unknown	6 Yrs	Environmental Neglect	No	[REDACTED]	Other Non-relative
Unknown Participant [REDACTED] Unknown	3 Yrs	Environmental Neglect	No	[REDACTED]	Other Non-relative
Unknown Participant [REDACTED] Unknown	3 Yrs	Environmental Neglect	No	[REDACTED]	Other Relative

Referent(s)

Referent Name: [REDACTED] Role to Alleged Victim(s): [REDACTED]
Referent Address:
Referent Phone Number: [REDACTED]
Type of Contact: I-3 Phone
Notification: None
Narrative: TFACTS: Yes
Family Case Id: # [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]



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Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP No

Closed Court Custody No

Open CPS - No

Indicated No

Fatality No

Screened out Yes (1)

History (not listed above):

INV 6/23/10 - # [REDACTED] ENN/PHA/LOS/PYA/MDM Unfounded

ASMT 1/20/10 - # [REDACTED] LOS No Services Needed

County: [REDACTED]

Notification: None

School/ Daycare: Unknown

Native American Descent: No

Directions: none given

Reporters name/relationship: [REDACTED]

Reporter states:

[REDACTED] (5), Unknown (6), and Unknown (3) live with their mother, [REDACTED] and their mothers boyfriend, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is not currently in DCS Custody.

The mother and her boyfriend reported that yesterday [REDACTED] fell and hit his head on a piece of metal by their swing. The piece of metal has been collected by law enforcement. The mother and her boyfriend reported that [REDACTED] was really rough and rowdy. [REDACTED] has a cut on his nose as well as severe bruising on his forehead. As far as the reporter knows, [REDACTED] was not taken to hospital for his injuries.

Today at 1:25pm, 911 received a call from the mother and her boyfriend regarding [REDACTED]. The mother reported that [REDACTED] soiled his pants, threw up last night, and that she was cleaning up. The mother and her boyfriend reported that last night, [REDACTED] consumed dishwasher liquid soap. The mother and her boyfriend reported that [REDACTED] drank about 1/4 of the bottle (it had 3/4 of the liquid in there and [REDACTED] drank it down to where it only had 1/2 of the liquid left). The mother reported that she had been giving [REDACTED] milk and water like the warning label on the dishwasher liquid bottle said to do. It is unknown if the mother sought medical attention for [REDACTED] last night.

Mr. [REDACTED] reportedly arrived home from work today and got someones phone to call 911. The mother and boyfriend do not have a phone of their own. When EMS arrived on scene, [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased. The medical examiner said that [REDACTED] has been dead about 3 or 4 hours. It is believed that the reason why [REDACTED] was dead about 3 to 4 hours before 911 was called, was because the mother claims that she did not have access to a phone when she discovered [REDACTED] dead. The mother claimed that she went around to her neighbors, but that she could not find anybody to help her. When the boyfriend arrived home, he found a neighbor and then called 911. EMS arrived on scene about 10mins later. [REDACTED] body has been sent to [REDACTED] for an autopsy. The Medical Examiner has reported that [REDACTED] has about "40 bruises all over his body" and that his right arm appears to be swollen and appears to be broken. Further details regarding these injuries are unknown.

The other two children in the home are currently on scene. The family is living in a camper. The home environment is not appropriate. The home is dirty. There are dogs in the camper and animal feces on the floor. The camper does not have air conditioning.



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There are concerns of foul play. DCS in [REDACTED] County is aware of this situation. The reporter believes that the children will be removed. The reporter is requesting immediate DCS assistance.

The police have left the home at this time. The mother and her boyfriend are still in the home with the two other children.

No special needs or disabilities are known. This is all the information that the reporter has at this time.

Per SDM: Investigative Track, P1- Child Death
[REDACTED] TC, on 8/30/13 @ 5:18pm

[REDACTED] responded to page at 5:36 pm on 08-30-13 - CM II [REDACTED]

Notified Child Death/Child Near Death Notification Group via Email:

[REDACTED]



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Participant(s)

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 22 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:

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 25 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]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race: White

Age: 6 Yrs

Address: [REDACTED]

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

Name: Unknown Participant [REDACTED] Unknown

Gender:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age: 6 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: Unknown Participant [REDACTED] Unknown

Gender:

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:



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A. Investigation

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Referral Date: 08/30/2013

Assignment Date: 08/30/2013

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			Classified Date
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Environmental Neglect	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	No	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			10/19/2013
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Environmental Neglect	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	No	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			10/19/2013
3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neglect Death	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			10/19/2013
4	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Physical Abuse	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	No	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			10/19/2013
5	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Physical Abuse	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	No	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			10/19/2013
6	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Psychological Harm	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			10/19/2013
7	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Psychological Harm	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			10/19/2013
8	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Environmental Neglect	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	No	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			10/19/2013
9	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Environmental Neglect	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	No	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			10/19/2013
10	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neglect Death	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			10/19/2013



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Investigation ID: ██████████

#	Children's Name	DOB	Specific Allegation for Each Child	Alleged Perpetrator's Name	DOB	Classification	Severe Abuse	Classified By
		SSN			SSN			Classified Date
11	██████████	██████████	Psychological Harm	██████████	██████████	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	██████████
		██████████			██████████			10/19/2013
12	██████████	██████████	Psychological Harm	██████████	██████████	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	██████████
		██████████			██████████			10/19/2013

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments: A|PI

D. Case Workers

Case Worker: ██████████

Date: 10/19/2013

Team Leader: ██████████

Date: 10/28/2013

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:

██████████ is deceased. ██████████ and ██████████ disclosed being made to drink dish soap as well as ██████████. They described a soap dirt recipe that ██████████ was made to drink. They both report ██████████ was made to eat cigarette butts for not going to sleep. They both report ██████████ being disciplined because he would not go to sleep.

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

██████████ was dead on arrival at ██████████ Medical Center on August 30, 2013. Mr. ██████████ and Mrs. ██████████ do not have any safety concerns for the girls placement with Mr. and Mrs. ██████████. Preliminary cause of death is blunt force trauma.

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

Mr. ██████████ and Ms. ██████████ deny the allegations.

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

██████████ (5), ██████████ (6), and ██████████ (3) live with their mother, ██████████ and their mothers boyfriend, ██████████. ██████████ is not currently in DCS Custody. The mother and her boyfriend reported that yesterday ██████████ fell and hit his head on a piece of metal by their swing. The piece of metal has been collected by law enforcement. The mother and her boyfriend reported that ██████████ was really rough and rowdy. ██████████ has a cut on his nose as well as severe bruising on his forehead. As far as the reporter knows, ██████████ was not taken to hospital for his injuries. Today at 1:25pm, 911 received a call from the mother and her boyfriend regarding ██████████. The mother



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reported that [REDACTED] soiled his pants, threw up last night, and that she was cleaning up. The mother and her boyfriend reported that last night, [REDACTED] consumed dishwasher liquid soap. The mother and her boyfriend reported that [REDACTED] drank about 1/4 of the bottle (it had 3/4 of the liquid in there and [REDACTED] drank it down to where it only had 1/2 of the liquid left). The mother reported that she had been giving [REDACTED] milk and water like the warning label on the dishwasher liquid bottle said to do. It is unknown if the mother sought medical attention for [REDACTED] last night.

Mr. [REDACTED] reportedly arrived home from work today and got someone's phone to call 911. The mother and boyfriend do not have a phone of their own. When EMS arrived on scene, [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased. The medical examiner said that [REDACTED] has been dead about 3 or 4 hours. It is believed that the reason why [REDACTED] was dead about 3 to 4 hours before 911 was called, was because the mother claims that she did not have access to a phone when she discovered [REDACTED] dead. The mother claimed that she went around to her neighbors, but that she could not find anybody to help her. When the boyfriend arrived home, he found a neighbor and then called 911. EMS arrived on scene about 10mins later. [REDACTED] body has been sent to [REDACTED] for an autopsy. The Medical Examiner has reported that [REDACTED] has about "40 bruises all over his body" and that his right arm appears to be swollen and appears to be broken. Further details regarding these injuries are unknown.

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There are concerns of foul play. DCS in [REDACTED] County is aware of this situation. The reporter believes that the children will be removed. The reporter is requesting immediate DCS assistance.

The police have left the home at this time. The mother and her boyfriend are still in the home with the two other children.

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

This case was assigned on the allegations of neglect death on [REDACTED] and lack of supervision on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Child Protective Services added the allegations of physical abuse, psychological harm, and environmental neglect on the victims [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and perpetrators Mr. [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED]. Allegations have been classified as allegation indicated/perpetrator indicated. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are in the custody of their paternal aunt and uncle, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. The CPIT team all agree on the classification of the neglect death allegation of allegation indicated/perpetrator indicated. This case was referred for prosecution. Mr. [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED] have been indicted with first degree murder by the [REDACTED] County Grand Jury. Attorney [REDACTED] has been appointed as Guardian Ad Litem for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] is currently in the [REDACTED] County jail on the charge of felony first degree murder and aggravated child abuse. Ms. [REDACTED] is currently in the [REDACTED] County jail on the charge of first degree murder and aggravated child abuse and neglect. CM recommends this case for closure at this time.

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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: 12/05/2013 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 04:02 PM Contact Duration: Less than 05
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 12/16/2013
 Completed date: 12/16/2013 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: 12/16/2013 04:56 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CM received the following information in a letter from Ms. [REDACTED] on the above date: I am the therapist seeing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to address social, emotional, and behavioral symptoms caused by the traumatic events in their lives. Both girls are engaging well in therapy and are making progress in decreasing their trauma symptoms and assimilating the traumatic events. Both girls are very clear in their representation of their lives prior to the death of their brother and their individual reports validate the information both present. Both girls have been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, meeting criteria based on the UCLA PTSD Index. Both girls appear to be thriving in the current placement and have adjusted well to their new schools, social relationships, and familial situation. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have participated well in their therapy and have provided the girls with a good balance of structure, nurturing, and boundaries. In separate individual sessions, both girls have revealed increased anxiety at returning to the area where their brother's death occurred. The girls report visiting maternal grandmother one time after the death and [REDACTED] especially seems to have increased trauma symptoms and negative responses even just being in the area physically. Because they have not yet assimilated the entire trauma they have experienced, I feel this type of re-exposure is too soon and will only serve to escalate symptoms. It would be my recommendation to allow the girls to remain in their current placement and allow their other family members to visit in a neutral location. To disrupt their placement at this point would be detrimental to their progress and stability. It is imperative that the adults involved in this case place a high priority on the well-being and emotional stability of the girls. Signed [REDACTED] LCSW.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	12/02/2013	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	12:00 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 01 Hour
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	12/17/2013
Completed date:	12/17/2013	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)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 12/17/2013 10:45 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

On the above date Mr. [REDACTED] arrived at the [REDACTED] County DCS office with his father. He reports he is answering to the add in the news paper about the custody of his children. CM advised his to go the [REDACTED] County Juvenile Courts. Mr. [REDACTED] consisted to a urine drug screen. He tested negative for all substances. CM inquired to why CM has been unable to locate him since August 30. He reports that his son was shot an killed and that he has been in and out of [REDACTED] hospital. CM served the initial court papers to Mr. [REDACTED] and notified him that the next court hearing is on January 9, 2013. CM inquired to his relationship with Ms. [REDACTED]. He reports that he was letting her do what she wanted to do, letting her learn her lesson, then she would come back to him as usual. He reports he has had some visitation with his daughters.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 11/16/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 11:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 11/16/2013

Completed date: 11/16/2013

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: 11/16/2013 03:24 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Case activities are being summarized and entered as one entry in an effort to close cases for the CPS transition plan. This expedited case closure is approved by [REDACTED], Deputy Commissioner of Child Programs, and [REDACTED] Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Child Safety. This case has been reviewed by TL [REDACTED] and is approved for closure. During the course of this investigation, Investigator [REDACTED] did state the attending physician did rule this case nonaccidental. The two sisters statements were consistent with the preliminary autopsy findings regarding bruising and stomach content. Father, Mr. [REDACTED] has not been interviewed as his whereabouts are unknown. It is believed that Mr. [REDACTED] has outstanding warrants he is aware of and is evading being arrested on these warrants. Parents are currently still in jail awaiting trial. The children are safe in the care of their paternal aunt and uncle and doing well. They are also receiving counseling. Case classification summary (740) will be sent to appropriate parties per written protocol.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 11/10/2013

Contact Method: Correspondence

Contact Time: 05:30 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Detention/Jail

Created Date: 11/10/2013

Completed date: 11/10/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Notification of Classification

Contact Sub Type: Letter A - Notice of Indication to Perpetrator

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/10/2013 03:55 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] hand delivered the Letter A and Letter A attachment to the [REDACTED] County Jail.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 11/10/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 04:50 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 11/10/2013

Completed date: 11/10/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

Brown, Tina Mercer; [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/10/2013 03:52 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Due to the nature of this investigation, not all information has been released by the District Attorney's office. This CM will staff all new information with TL [REDACTED] and add the information into the case as the information is obtain.



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 11/10/2013 Contact Method:
 Contact Time: 04:46 PM Contact Duration: Less than 05
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 11/10/2013
 Completed date: 11/10/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Case Summary
 Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/10/2013 03:49 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 Intake # [REDACTED]

This case was assigned as an Investigation case to CM [REDACTED] on August 30, 2013 for [REDACTED] County. All times are recorded in [REDACTED] Standard Time. The response priority was P 1 the allegation is neglect death. The alleged victim is [REDACTED] and the alleged perpetrators are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Also the allegation of lack of supervision; victims are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]; perpetrators are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Referent was contacted on August 30, 2013 by phone. CPIT was convened with Officer [REDACTED]. The Juvenile Judge, [REDACTED] was notified on September 12, 2013 by fax. The District Attorney, [REDACTED] was notified by fax. Response was met on August 30, 2013 at 6:43 pm.

Household Composition:

Child Victim: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] DOD: [REDACTED]
 Child Victim: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]
 Child Victim: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]
 Mother: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]
 Ms. [REDACTED] paramour: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]
 Father: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]
 Guardian/Caretaker: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Relationship: paternal aunt and uncle
 Ms. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] are currently residing in the [REDACTED] County Jail
 Mr. [REDACTED] is currently on the run from law enforcement with outstanding warrants
 Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] address: [REDACTED]
 Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] telephone numbers: [REDACTED]

DCS history:



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] reviewed case history of the family on August 30, 2013. There is DCS history.

Date: 4/28/2010

Victims: [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]

Allegations: environmental neglect, lack of supervision, psychological harm, physical abuse, medical maltreatment

Classification: allegations unfounded/perpetrators unfounded

Perpetrators: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Date: 12/24/2009

Victim: [REDACTED]

Allegation: lack of supervision

Classification: no services needed

Perpetrator: [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] reviewed local criminal history and internet registries. There is history according to [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] was charged in [REDACTED] County, [REDACTED] on 7/26/2005 for domestic assault and 9/1/2013 charges are unknown. Mr. [REDACTED] was charged in [REDACTED] County, [REDACTED] on 8/20/12 on a criminal summons for assault with bodily injury and on 9/2/2013 charges are unknown. Mr. [REDACTED] was charged in [REDACTED] County, [REDACTED] on 12/15/2012 for aggravated assault and in [REDACTED] County, [REDACTED] on 1/23/2012 for public intoxication and on 5/21/2008 for theft of property over \$500, over \$1000 vandalism, and burglary.

Current Referral States:

[REDACTED] (5), Unknown (6), and Unknown (3) live with their mother, [REDACTED] and their mothers boyfriend, [REDACTED] is not currently in DCS Custody.

The mother and her boyfriend reported that yesterday [REDACTED] fell and hit his head on a piece of metal by their swing. The piece of metal has been collected by law enforcement. The mother and her boyfriend reported that [REDACTED] was really rough and rowdy. [REDACTED] has a cut on his nose as well as severe bruising on his forehead. As far as the reporter knows, [REDACTED] was not taken to hospital for his injuries.

Today at 1:25pm, 911 received a call from the mother and her boyfriend regarding [REDACTED]. The mother reported that [REDACTED] soiled his pants, threw up last night, and that she was cleaning up. The mother and her boyfriend reported that last night, [REDACTED] consumed dishwasher liquid soap. The mother and her boyfriend reported that [REDACTED] drank about 1/4 of the bottle (it had 3/4 of the liquid in there and [REDACTED] drank it down to where it only had 1/2 of the liquid left). The mother reported that she had been giving [REDACTED] milk and water like the warning label on the dishwasher liquid bottle said to do. It is unknown if the mother sought medical attention for [REDACTED] last night.

Mr. [REDACTED] reportedly arrived home from work today and got someones phone to call 911. The mother and boyfriend do not have a phone of their own. When EMS arrived on scene, [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased. The medical examiner said that [REDACTED] has been dead about 3 or 4 hours. It is believed that the reason why [REDACTED] was dead about 3 to 4 hours before 911 was called, was because the mother claims that she did not have access to a phone when she discovered [REDACTED] dead. The mother claimed that she went around to her neighbors, but that she could not find anybody to help her. When the boyfriend arrived home, he found a neighbor and then called 911. EMS arrived on scene about 10mins later. [REDACTED] body has been sent to [REDACTED] for an autopsy. The Medical Examiner has reported that [REDACTED] has about "40 bruises all over his body" and that his right arm appears to be swollen and appears to be broken. Further details regarding these injuries are unknown.

The other two children in the home are currently on scene. The family is living in a camper. The home environment is not appropriate. The home is dirty. There are dogs in the camper and animal feces on the floor. The camper does not have air conditioning.

There are concerns of foul play. DCS in [REDACTED] County is aware of this situation. The reporter believes that the children will be removed. The reporter is requesting immediate DCS assistance.

The police have left the home at this time. The mother and her boyfriend are still in the home with the two other children.

CM [REDACTED] explained Ms. [REDACTED] the Clients Rights Handbook to include the Parents Bill of Rights and HIPPA and provided the family with copies of each and kept copies of signature pages for the HIPPA and Clients Rights Handbook. CM asked if the child client was of Native American descent and obtained appropriate signatures on the Native American Heritage Veto Verification. CM obtained demographic information and completed the pictorial tool. CM obtained all appropriate releases of information at that time. While completing this paperwork, Ms. [REDACTED]



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denied living in the same home with Mr. [REDACTED] and provided the following address for herself and the children: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. August 30, 2013 at approximately 7:00 pm

Investigation Narrative/Family Story:

On August 30, 2013, Investigator [REDACTED] was on the scene of [REDACTED] death at the family home. The following state was given to Investigator [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] (Ms. [REDACTED] paramour/perpetrator) DOB [REDACTED]. Yesterday evening [REDACTED] was playing in the yard 6:30 or so, he ran into the swing set after tripping in the yard. He was bleeding pretty bad. I carried him into the camper. I wiped his nose cleaned him up. He told me he was tough and not gonna cry. I believe he ate a little something so I went to work on a car in the yard. I came back about 9 or so as I was cleaning up I noticed a big bottle of dish soap in the floor most of it was gone. I read the warning label it said to give them milk and water so I did. He threw up about 10 pm he went to bed. All fine throughout the night at 5 am I woke him up and gave him some more milk. [REDACTED] went back to sleep and I went to work. There is no phone in the camper. She has no cell phone, no car, my aunt was gone. So she couldnt get into the house to call me, as I pulled in she was in the doorway of the camper, hysterical, and crying.

The following statement was given to Investigator [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] (mother/perpetrator) DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]. Around 6:30 pm on Thursday [REDACTED] was in the yard playing. [REDACTED] acquaintance was in the yard with him. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was running and tripped and fell on the sign holder (metal) that is tied onto the swing. [REDACTED] brought him to me in his arms the forehead and nose was swollen but not bleeding much. I put a cold rag on it he never acted dazed or not knowing what was going on. I put a cold rag on him again after a few minutes within 15 minutes or so he was up playing again but we kept him inside. Around 10-10:30 I put him to bed. I didnt send him to school because he had been out all week for throwing up, diarrhea, and upset stomach. This morning I noticed the bruised also he had thrown up in the bed and pooped himself which he doesnt do it was about 10:30 when he got up.

Upon Ms. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] arriving at the [REDACTED] County DCS office CM did not interview them because Investigator [REDACTED] had already received their statements on the scene. CM [REDACTED] was empathetic with the family. Mr. [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED] consented to a urine drug screen. Ms. [REDACTED] tested negative for all substance. Mr. [REDACTED] tested positive for opiate and marijuana. Ms. [REDACTED] admits that she has smoked marijuana and taken hydrocodone. Mr. [REDACTED] admits to using marijuana last Tuesday and [REDACTED] yesterday. CM discussed placement options with Ms. [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED] both state that neither Mr. [REDACTED] mother nor her mother [REDACTED] was placement for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] CM inquired to the reasons. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that her mother is a drug addict. CM requested Ms. [REDACTED] to provide information for someone that would be willing and able to care for the children long term if needed. She provided CM with [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] sister. CM [REDACTED] made contact with Mrs. [REDACTED] and she and her husband agreed to care for the children and to come to the [REDACTED] County DCS office to process the required paperwork. CM [REDACTED] completed an immediate protection agreement (IPA) with Ms. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED]. The IPA states the following: Immediate harm factor: [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] caused serious physical harm to [REDACTED] in the current investigation indicated by death of a child due to abuse or neglect. Plan: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] maternal (should have been paternal) aunt and uncle will care for the children in their home. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will have no contact with Ms. [REDACTED] or Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] will fully cooperate with the Department of Children Services ongoing investigation. Once the autopsy of [REDACTED] is completed a child and family team meeting will be scheduled at the [REDACTED] County Department of Children Services office. Monitoring: DCS and Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]. The expected completion date: 9/5/2013. Signed by [REDACTED] paternal uncle, [REDACTED] paternal aunt, [REDACTED] DCS-CPS-CM, [REDACTED] mother/perpetrator, and [REDACTED] paramour/perpetrator. While signing the IPA, Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she had never hurt her children. Mr. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] you all dont know me. CM [REDACTED] completed the expedited place assessment summary and the TIES background check on Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]. A [REDACTED] County DCS worker completed the home walk thru and approved the home. The placement was approved by TL [REDACTED] TC [REDACTED] and RA [REDACTED] CM [REDACTED] then followed Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] Medical Center for a medical evaluation. CM took photos of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] bruising. [REDACTED] has a bruise on the tail bone. [REDACTED] has bruising on her back. The age of the bruising is unknown.

Ms. [REDACTED], maternal grandmother was given an expedited packet to begin completing prior to Ms. [REDACTED] stating that her mother was a drug addicted and she did not want for her children to be placed in Ms. [REDACTED] care for that reason.



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On August 31, 2013, the notice of child death/near death was uploaded into TFACTS by TC [REDACTED]. A copy can be located in the master file in [REDACTED] County.

On September 4, 2013, CM [REDACTED] requested all medical records for [REDACTED] for the year of 2013 to include records from his death on August 30, 2013 from [REDACTED] Medical Center.

On September 5, 2013, DCS filed a petition to transfer temporary legal custody to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and for ex parte order and ex parte protective custody order. [REDACTED] was appointed Guardian ad Litem (GAL).

On September 10, 2013, CPIT was staffed. The team all agreed on the classification of allegation indicated/perpetrator indicated, referred for non-custodial services referred for prosecution on the allegation of neglect death. Present for the meeting: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] DCS-CPS-CM, [REDACTED], DCS-CPS-TL, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] County Sheriffs Department, and [REDACTED] Assistant District Attorney.

On September 10, 2013, [REDACTED], maternal grandmother filed an intervening petition for custody of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by Attorney [REDACTED]. This document can be located in TFACTS under the document icon. CM faxed the Guardian ad Litem (GAL), [REDACTED], a copy of this petition due to her not being notified by the petitioner.

On September 12, 2013, CM [REDACTED] requested medical records from [REDACTED] County medical Center for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for the year of 2013.

On September 12, 2013, CM received the medical record on [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] County Medical Center. The records indicate the following information: On 8/30/2013 [REDACTED] was dead on arrival. He was admitted at 3:09 pm. He weight 37 pounds, 02 sat 0% blood pressure in right arm 00/0, respiration 0, pulse 0 branchial, and temperature 0 axillary. The record of death states the time of death is 1350, attending physician is [REDACTED], and the immediate cause of death is undetermined pending autopsy. The body is discharged to [REDACTED] Forensics. At [REDACTED], DA at side to inspect the body. The skin assessment indicated multiple bruising and bite marks. Patient history indicates that [REDACTED] shots were up to date, he has been treated in the past for strep throat, and there is a smoker in the house. The order for the autopsy was requested. The report of investigation by county medical examiner appears to indicate at the least the same findings of the preliminary autopsy. On May 5, 2013 [REDACTED] was seen at the [REDACTED] County Medical Center for a red spot on left upper thigh, started out as a bump 2 or 3 days ago. At this time his 02 sat was 99% blood pressure sitting right arm 97/54, respiration 24, pulse 98 radial, temperature 98.4, and weight 44 lbs. A copy of this record in full can be locate in the file at the [REDACTED] County office.

There was a change in weight in the difference of 7 pounds between May 5, 2013 and August 30, 2013.

On September 12, 2013, The Department of Children Services filed an amended petition to transfer temporary legal custody to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and for ex parte order. The respondents are [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. This document can be located in TFACTS under the document icon. Court date for this petition is October 3, 2013 at 9:00 am.

On September 17, 2013, Attorney [REDACTED] was appointment as counsel to Ms. [REDACTED].

On October 3, 2013, CM [REDACTED] received a request form GAL [REDACTED] requesting copies of the file including any plans. CM staffed with TL [REDACTED] and Attorney [REDACTED]. Ms. [REDACTED] may review the file, but no copies can be made. CM notified Ms. [REDACTED] and she will review the file on a later date.

On October 19, 2013, CM spoke with collateral contact [REDACTED] the maternal grandmother to Ms. [REDACTED]. She reports that she last saw [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on September 9, 2013. She does not agree with the placement of the girls at this time because she is afraid her daughter is going to have a nervous breakdown due to the stress. She does not believe that Ms. [REDACTED] harmed her children in anyway. She reports that Ms. [REDACTED] should have the girls because she was always with them prior to this incident. She does not like that she and Ms. [REDACTED] cannot visit with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on a regular scheduled. She does not have any safety concerns for the girls in their current placement. She reports that Ms. [REDACTED] is an excellent mother and that she could not have known what Mr. [REDACTED] was doing. She reports that Ms. [REDACTED] has fixed her home up since the death of [REDACTED] in an effort to obtain custody of the girls.



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On November 7, 2013, CM attended a court hearing for an adjudication hearing. DCS filed a motion to quash respondent [REDACTED] first set of interrogatories and requests for production of documents and to disqualify counsel. This motion was filed due to Ms. [REDACTED] being initially appointed counsel [REDACTED] in juvenile court and [REDACTED] in criminal court. Attorney [REDACTED] requested appointment due to practicing law with Mr. [REDACTED]. It is believed by DCS Attorney [REDACTED] that this is not legal due to the sharing of information within the firm from a juvenile hearing to a criminal hearing. Mr. [REDACTED] requested time to respond. The next court date is January 9, 2013.

On November 8, 2013, CM received notification from Ms. [REDACTED] attorney [REDACTED] for an ex parte order allowing service by publication in lieu of personal service on Mr. [REDACTED] due to the lack of cooperation on service by Mr. [REDACTED]. This order was filed with the [REDACTED] County Courts on November 1, 2013. CM is aware that no parties involved have been successful at serving Mr. [REDACTED].

CM has spoken with Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] on several occasions during this investigation. They report the girls are attending [REDACTED] School and doing very well. Their concern with allowing Ms. [REDACTED] family visit with the girls is because the [REDACTED] family takes the children outside of their sight and outside of their listening area. They are concerned for the girls overall well-being. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] have continued to protect the girls and cooperate with the department throughout the investigation. There was a rumor that Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] had received funds from fund raisers that had been held for the children and burial costs. They deny the allegation. They do admit to being given a small amount (couple hundred) of money directly for the girls. They reported opening a savings account and deposited some of the money and continue to maintain some cash on hand. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] agree to contact DCS if any further assistance is needed.

Content and Observations:

The Regional Forensic Center [REDACTED] Medical Center completed the autopsy on [REDACTED]. The preliminary report states the following: Decedent: [REDACTED] Autopsy number: [REDACTED] Case number: [REDACTED] County requesting autopsy: [REDACTED] Autopsy date: 8-31-2013, Cause of death: Multiple blunt force trauma, and Manner of death: homicide.

Preliminary Findings

- I. Blunt trauma
 - A. Left-side subdural hematoma, 20 mL
 - B. Bite mark on back
 - C. Many contusions on body (head, torso, extremities)
 - 1. Perianal bruising
 - 2. Extensive deep scalp hemorrhage
 - 3. Patchy subgaleal hemorrhage
 - D. Contused omentum, small bowel, and small bowel mesentery
- II. History of forced ingestion of soapy liquid
 - A. Recent diarrhea
- III. History of forced ingestion of cigarette
 - A. Portions of cigarettes in stomach
 - B. Cigarette tobacco mixed with gastric contents
- IV. Pending NMS toxicology
- V. Pending microscopic examination

Comments: These are preliminary findings only. After additional testing is complete, there may be revision of these findings and addition of other findings. These changes will be reflected in the final report.

[REDACTED] MD, FCAP 9/2/2013

Board Certified Forensic Pathologist

Chief Deputy Medical Examiner for [REDACTED] Counties

CM received the qualification via email of a suggested counselor for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] LCSW at [REDACTED]. It states the following:

Hi [REDACTED]. Thanks for your inquiry about counseling for the siblings of [REDACTED]. I am a therapist at [REDACTED] and our agency focuses on services for victims of abuse including forensic interviewing, therapy and medical management with our RN practitioner. Our center approaches treatment using Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral



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Therapy. This is an evidence-based, solution-focused treatment that has been proven to greatly reduce symptoms common in child and adolescent survivors of trauma. This model focuses on increasing healthy coping skills, trauma education, increasing communication and support between the child and the caregiver, learning to accept the trauma, reducing negative effects of trauma and safety planning. Other goals which are more specific to the child can also be incorporated into treatment. This treatment has a strong focus on the importance of and involvement of the caregiver.

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker which involves obtaining a masters degree in Social Work and then passing a test. To keep a current license, I have to complete 30 CEUs every two years. I have been licensed for 16 years. I have only recently been hired at [REDACTED] (July 2013) and I have been in private practice for five years seeing children. I also work 10-15 hours per month at [REDACTED] Hospital in the Diabetes/Oncology clinics as a prn employee. Prior to my work in private practice and at ETCH, I worked for a Home Health/Hospice agency and at a local childrens mental health clinic. I do not have extensive court experience but have testified several times in [REDACTED] County Juvenile Court.

If you need further information, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] Thanks!

[REDACTED], LCSW
 Therapist

Website: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Family Assessment:

Assessment of Safety The children are safe in the care of their paternal aunt and uncle, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Maltreatment Allegations Mr. [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED] were arrested for the death of [REDACTED] Delinquent or Unruly Behaviors

There is no reports of delinquent or unruly behaviors.

Domestic Violence Ms. [REDACTED] reports that the children have seen Mr. [REDACTED] hit her in the past.

Substance Abuse Ms. [REDACTED] reports that Mr. [REDACTED] abuses whatever drugs he can get his hands on. **Home Environment** Ms. [REDACTED] reports her home is approximately 30-35 foot camper with one bedroom.

Community The family lives in a rural community.

Neighborhood The camper is located on Ms. [REDACTED] mothers property.

Assessment of Well Being-

Current Functioning Ms. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] are not functioning in a healthy manner at this time.

Family's Parenting Capabilities Both parents have the ability to care for the children, but not under the current conditions as of November 10, 2013.

Education [REDACTED] is in day care and [REDACTED] is in kindergarten at [REDACTED] School.

Employment Neither parent is believed to be employed.

Physical and Mental Health It is reported that Mr. [REDACTED] is bi-polar and schizophrenic.

Relationships It does not appear Mr. [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED] has the ability to formulate appropriate relationships.

Connections- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are receiving counseling.

Assessment of Permanence-

Current Placement The children are currently in the care of their paternal aunt and uncle, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

Stability and Transitions The children appear to have transitioned well and have remained with the family unit.

Long-term view and Concurrent Plan The children will remain in the care of Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

Transition to Adulthood There are no known barriers to the children transitioning into adulthood.

Assessment of Resources-

Family Supports - Due to the nature of this investigation it is difficult to determine the family supports. It does appear



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the surviving children have multiple individuals that care for them.

CFT members roles [REDACTED], mother/perpetrator, [REDACTED], father, [REDACTED], Ms. [REDACTED], paramour/perpetrator, [REDACTED], maternal grandmother, [REDACTED], parental grandfather, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] paternal aunt and uncle/custodians, [REDACTED], DCS-CPS-CM, [REDACTED], DCS-CPS-TL, [REDACTED] DCS-CPS-CM, [REDACTED] DCS Attorney, [REDACTED] DCS-CPS-TC, and [REDACTED] DCS-RA.

Access and Coordination of Team All members of the team can contact the Tennessee Department Of Children Services and request a child and family team meeting to be scheduled.

Services An expedited placement summary, IPA, petition for change of custody, and the girls are receiving counseling at Child Help.

The Initial Safety Assessment was completed on August 30, 2013 and rated conditionally safe.

A final Safety Assessment was completed on September 5, 2013 and rated safe.

FAST was completed on August 30, 2013 and scored high intensity

FFA was completed on August 30, 2013 and has been entered in the system.

Closing Summary:

This case was assigned on the allegations of neglect death on [REDACTED] and lack of supervision on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Child Protective Services added the allegations of physical abuse, psychological harm, and environmental neglect on the victims [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and perpetrators Mr. [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED]. Allegations have been classified as allegation indicated/perpetrator indicated. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are in the custody of their paternal aunt and uncle, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. The CPIT team all agree on the classification of the neglect death allegation of allegation indicated/perpetrator indicated. This case was referred for prosecution. Mr. [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED] have been indicted with first degree murder by the [REDACTED] County Grand Jury. Attorney [REDACTED] has been appointed as Guardian Ad Litem for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] is currently in the [REDACTED] County jail on the charge of felony first degree murder and aggravated child abuse. Ms. [REDACTED] is currently in the [REDACTED] County jail on the charge of first degree murder and aggravated child abuse and neglect. CM recommends this case for closure at this time.



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 Contact Time: 10:00 AM Contact Duration: Less than 05
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Detention/Jail Created Date: 10/19/2013
 Completed date: 10/19/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/19/2013 02:04 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CM received a copy of the following statement that was taken by [REDACTED] County Investigator [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. Sometime after the middle of Aug. 2013, I was in the bedroom watching a movie. I heard [REDACTED] crying outside. I ran outside and [REDACTED] was holding the top of his head and crying as I had come out the door. I saw [REDACTED] throw a flat board approx 12-18 inches long off to the side. [REDACTED] kept repeating I wouldn't go to bed. I didn't ask [REDACTED] anything but he did go to his aunts house next door for some Tylenol. [REDACTED] s head was swallow so I put ice on it he was still swollen the next morning I put ice on it again. The swelling went down at noon. signed [REDACTED] is at the bottom of the page.



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 Contact Date: 08/30/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 06:43 PM Contact Duration: Less than 30
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For: [REDACTED]
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 09/16/2013
 Completed date: 09/16/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Initial ACV Face To Face
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

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Participant(s)

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/16/2013 11:19 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 8/30/2013 6:43pm

CM [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] County DCS office. [REDACTED] stated that she was three years old, liked cats, and that her favorite color was pink. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] who lived in her home and [REDACTED] stated that her mom, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] where she slept and [REDACTED] stated that the kids slept in the living room and that the adult have a bed. CM asked [REDACTED] if she had enough to eat and [REDACTED] stated that they were "bout outta food" but that they could go buy some at the store. CM [REDACTED] asked how they were disciplined when they did something wrong and [REDACTED] stated that they were "whooped" by [REDACTED] on the bottom. [REDACTED] denied that she was ever hit anywhere else on her body. [REDACTED] stated that her mom didn't spank them, only [REDACTED] CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] was nice to her and [REDACTED] stated that he was except that he whooped them. CM asked [REDACTED] if anything happened the night before and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] gave [REDACTED] a whooping. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] has whooped [REDACTED] on any other part of his body and [REDACTED] stated that he had only whooped [REDACTED] on his bottom. CM asked [REDACTED] if she noticed that [REDACTED] had a "boo boo" on his face that night and [REDACTED] stated that she did but that she didn't know how he had received it. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] what happened after [REDACTED] received a whooping and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had to eat soap. CM [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] ate the soap on his own and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] made him drink soap and eat cigarettes". CM [REDACTED] asked where the cigarettes came from and [REDACTED] stated that they came from the ashtray. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] why [REDACTED] had to eat soap and [REDACTED] stated that it was because [REDACTED] didn't go to bed. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] yelled at [REDACTED] and stated "you are gonna run, run, run all night". CM asked how [REDACTED] drank the soap and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] squirted it in his mouth "alot". [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] then threw up from the soap and cigarettes. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if her mother had seen [REDACTED] drinking the soap and [REDACTED] stated that she had. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he better not throw up on his floor but [REDACTED] did. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] then made [REDACTED] lick up the vomit "because [REDACTED] told him not to and he still did". [REDACTED] stated that her mom whooped her and [REDACTED] but that [REDACTED] kept talking to [REDACTED] and telling him to lick up the vomit. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] what happened next and [REDACTED] stated that she was scared because [REDACTED] was yelling at [REDACTED] and was hitting him "hard hard". CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] was hitting [REDACTED] with the ashtray and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was hitting [REDACTED] on the foot with the



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ashtray. [REDACTED] stated that her mom had to cough in [REDACTED] mouth that next morning.

[REDACTED] 8:30pm 7:02pm

CM [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] County DCS office. [REDACTED] stated that she was four years old and that her favorite colors were pink, green, orange, blue, yellow, red, black, and brown. [REDACTED] stated that she went to school and was in [REDACTED]. CM [REDACTED] asked about what grade [REDACTED] was in and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] didn't go to school. CM [REDACTED] asked why [REDACTED] wasn't going to school and [REDACTED] stated because he was sick. CM [REDACTED] asked why [REDACTED] was sick and [REDACTED] stated that it was because [REDACTED] got in trouble but that she did not know why he got in trouble. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] what happened when they got in trouble and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] whooped them. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] where they got whooped and [REDACTED] stated that they were whooped on the bottom. CM [REDACTED] asked if something had happened the night before and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] got mad at [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was saying mean things to [REDACTED]. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] was nice or mean and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was nice to her but mean to [REDACTED]. CM [REDACTED] asked why [REDACTED] was mad at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that it was because [REDACTED] didn't go to sleep. CM [REDACTED] asked what [REDACTED] did after getting whooped and [REDACTED] stated that he "stayed up". CM [REDACTED] asked where [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were and [REDACTED] stated that they were in bed and that their mom was in bed too. CM [REDACTED] asked what happened next and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was eating soap because he lied about going to sleep. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] how [REDACTED] ate the soap and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] made him eat alot. CM [REDACTED] asked what color the soap was and [REDACTED] stated that it was blue. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] threw up on the couch and that he had to clean it up with [REDACTED] and a rag. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if she had noticed that [REDACTED] had a "boo boo" on his face and [REDACTED] stated that he did because [REDACTED] whooped him in the face. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] how [REDACTED] whooped [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] punched [REDACTED] in the face. CM [REDACTED] asked how long [REDACTED] had lived with them and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had just recently moved in. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] what [REDACTED] was saying to [REDACTED] when he hit him and [REDACTED] stated "mean stuff like why don't you go to sleep". CM [REDACTED] asked what [REDACTED] did and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] cried. CM [REDACTED] asked where her mom was at that time and [REDACTED] stated that she was in bed. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] what happened next and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] stayed up because he didn't open his eyes. CM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] had fallen off the swingset the day before and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] hadn't played on the swingset. CM [REDACTED] asked how [REDACTED] was the next morning and [REDACTED] stated that he was still sick and that [REDACTED] made him take cold showers for a long time and that [REDACTED] was crying. CM [REDACTED] asked if [REDACTED] was there that morning and [REDACTED] stated that he was because he took her to the bus stop because her mom didn't want to. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] went to work after that. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] got out of the shower after [REDACTED] left. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was mean to [REDACTED] a lot.

Notation:

CM [REDACTED] was unable to make a face to face contact with [REDACTED] as he was transported to [REDACTED] for an autopsy before DCS was contacted.



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Assessment

Family Name: [REDACTED]

TN DCS Intake ID #: [REDACTED]

County: [REDACTED]

Worker:

Date of Referral: 8/30/13 3:49 PM

Date of Assessment: 8/30/13 12:00 AM

Assessment Type: Initial Closing Other

Number of Children in the Household: 2

Section 1: Immediate Harm Factors

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

Yes No

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



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

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

Section 2: Safety Interventions

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

Non-Protective Custody Interventions:

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

Protective Custody Interventions:

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



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Section 3: Safety Decision

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

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

Children Removed

Children Not Removed

Case Manager: _____

Date: _____

Team Leader: _____

Date: _____