



Tennessee Department of Children's Services
Notice of Child Death/Near Death

Case # 2013.091

Intake #:	██████████	Investigation #:	██████████	Date of Referral:	10/21/2013
Type: (Please check one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH	<input type="checkbox"/> NEAR DEATH	Date of Death/Near Death:	10/21/2013	
Child's Name:	██████████	DOB:	██████████	Person ID:	██████████
Gender:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Race/Ethnicity:	White (Non Hispanic)	County/Region:
Parents' Names:	Mother: ██████████	Father: ██████████			
Alleged Perpetrator's Name:	██████████	Relationship to Victim:	Birth Mother		
Child in custody at time of incident?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Adjudication:		
If child is in DCS custody, list placement type and name:	N/A				

Describe (in detail) circumstances surrounding death/near death:

On 10/21/2013 ██████████ Sheriff's Department responded to ██████████ in reference to a 2 month old who had passed away during the night. The family had called 911 after mother, ██████████ found the infant, ██████████ to be unresponsive upon waking at approximately 4:15 am. Mother, Ms. ██████████ had been co sleeping with infant in a full size bed. The infant's crib was packed in the family vehicle as the family planned to leave for a vacation the following day. Father, ██████████ had been sleeping in another bedroom with the couple's two year old daughter, ██████████. ██████████ arrived and found the infant's father, ██████████ to be performing CPR on the infant. ██████████ and determined the infant was deceased.

Detective ██████████ with ██████████ Sheriff's Department interviewed infant's parents. Detective ██████████ completed report stating that based on the scene and interviews with the parents detective believes the child may have asphyxiated accidentally by mother, ██████████ while she and the infant slept.

Autopsy report is pending

If this is a near death certified by a physician, identify physician by name and provide contact information:

Name of Physician:	Dr. ██████████	Telephone #	██████████
Street Address:	██████████	City/State/Zip:	██████████

Describe (in detail) interview with family:

CPSA ██████████ contacted Detective ██████████ and left voice mail requesting return call upon receiving referral approximately 10:30 am on 10/21/2013.

Supervisor ██████████ contacted the Detective ██████████ with ██████████ Sheriff's Department. Detective ██████████ assisted with obtaining report completed by Detective ██████████ and photographs of the infant and of the scene at deputy's response. Detective ██████████ reported that he spoke with the investigating Detective ██████████ and he reported that ██████████ indicated that he believed the death of the infant to be accidental.

TFACTS history search was completed and no previous history with the family was found.

CPSA attempted to contact the family by phone and left voice mail message. CPSA responded to the family home at approximately 4:45 pm 10/21/2013. There were multiple friends and family members present in the home. CPSA observed the two year child, ██████████ to be sitting with her paternal grandparents in the living room of the family home. No concerns were noted in child's appearance or interactions during CPSA's visit.

CPSA interviewed the parents in private on the back porch of the family home. Mother, Ms. ██████████ reported that she and the infant, ██████████ had been co sleeping as the infant's crib was packed in the family vehicle for a planned trip. Ms. ██████████ (mother) indicated that the car was still packed for the trip and CPSA observed the car to appear to be packed with family's belongings. Ms. ██████████ reported that she had woken at around 2:30 am but had not physically checked the infant. Ms. ██████████ stated that at approximately 4:15 am she found infant to be unresponsive and "screamed" for her husband, ██████████ (father) as he was sleeping upstairs with the couple's other child, ██████████ that she does not

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wake when infant wakes during the night. Ms. [REDACTED] appeared if she had been crying and began to cry at several points when speaking with CPSA.

Mr. [REDACTED] (father) reported that he began performing CPR on the infant while Ms. [REDACTED] (mother) called 911. The parent's reported that [REDACTED] does not understand what has happened but has asked her mother to stop crying. Ms. [REDACTED] reported that she has told [REDACTED] she has a cold. CPSA remarked that it seemed that the family had numerous supports. Family reported that neighbors have been helpful, as well as co-worker's of parents, and extended family members.

The paternal grandparents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in the home during CPSA visit as well as paternal aunt to children, [REDACTED]. Ms. [REDACTED] reported that her parents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are on their way to the family home traveling from out of state. Mr. [REDACTED] reported that his brother, [REDACTED] is flying to the family home.

CPSA interviewed parent's regarding health concerns, children's pediatrician, children's daycare and needs. Ms. [REDACTED] (mother) reported that she is a type 1 diabetic but had no complications during her pregnancy.

Parent's oldest child, [REDACTED] came out onto the back porch of the home during CPSA interview with parents. CPSA spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] appeared developmentally appropriate in inaction with CPSA. Parents appeared attentive and bonded with [REDACTED] in interaction observed by CPSA. Another car arrived at the home. Ms. [REDACTED] (mother) stated that was the pastor who they had been expecting to arrive at 5:30 pm.

CPSA interviewed Ms. [REDACTED] (paternal grandmother) in the driveway of family home. Ms. [REDACTED] (paternal grandmother) reported that the family had expected to receive some information about what had happened from the medical examiner's office. Ms. [REDACTED] (paternal grandmother) stated that she is worried that mother, Ms. [REDACTED] (mother) is "blaming herself". Ms. [REDACTED] (paternal grandmother) stated that "SIDS is like Autism, you just don't know". Ms. [REDACTED] (paternal grandmother) stated that Ms. [REDACTED] (mother) keeps saying if she had only just checked on the infant at 2 am or that she should have "snuggled with" infant more the previous day. Ms. [REDACTED] (paternal grandmother) reported that the mother would not allow "them to take the body" for some time. Ms. [REDACTED] (paternal grandmother) reported she had no concerns regarding the parent's care taking or concerning granddaughter, [REDACTED].

CPSA observed the family home during visit. No safety concerns were noted. The home was observed to be very clean and orderly as evidenced by absence of clutter, trash, or insects. The home appeared very well maintained and all utilities were observed to be in working order.

CPSA provided family with resource listing, resources for grief counseling and contact information for CPSA.

If child was hospitalized, describe (in detail) DCS involvement during hospitalization:

N/A

Describe disposition of body (Death):	Fatality autopsy report is pending		
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Name of Medical Examiner/Coroner:	[REDACTED]	Was autopsy requested?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
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Did CPS open an investigation on this Death/Near Death?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
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Was there DCS involvement at the time of Death/Near Death?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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Type:	N/A	Case #:	N/A
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Describe law enforcement or court involvement, if applicable:

[REDACTED] Sheriff's Department responded to the home after [REDACTED] personnel and deputies were on scene per Ms. [REDACTED] (mother) 911 call regarding unresponsive infant. [REDACTED] personnel advised Detective [REDACTED] that the infant was deceased upon arrival and had been for a couple of hours. Detective [REDACTED] and medical examiner [REDACTED] examined the infant. The infant was observed to have some small bruising on his chest, apparently from the CPR that was performed. Detective [REDACTED] report states that there was indication that the infant had any other items or material on or around his face as he was lying on his back.

Describe (in detail) action taken to ensure safety of other children (list names and ages of surviving children) and/or victim (Near Death) (attach safety plan, if applicable):

[REDACTED], age 2 DOB [REDACTED]

CPSA observed [REDACTED] in the family home on 10/21/2013. CPSA spoke with child during visit. CPSA noted no concerns in the child's appearance or interactions during visit. Numerous supports were present in the home at response including the child's paternal grandparents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Ms. [REDACTED] (paternal grandmother) was observed to be holding the child on her lap when CPSA arrived at the home. Paternal grandparents reported no concerns to CPSA.

CPSA obtained report from Detective [REDACTED] stating that the infant's death is believed to be accidental.

Autopsy report from medical examiner is pending at this time.

Name:	Age:

Prior DCS involvement with the family. Include dates, type, case #s, allegations, victims, perpetrators (if applicable), and classifications/adjudications (if applicable):

Date	Case #	Allegations	Victims	Perpetrators	Classification/Adj
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Any media inquiry or is attention expected? No Yes List organizations requesting information: N/A

Contact Person/Phone Number(s) (include CM, TL, and TC):

Contact Person:	Telephone Number: () -
Case Manager: [REDACTED]	Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Team Leader: [REDACTED]	Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Team Coordinator: [REDACTED]	Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

ATTACH a copy of the TFACTS Incident Report or if TFACTS is inoperable, DCS Form CS-0496, Serious Incident Report to this notice. No Yes

Email to: [Child-Fatality-Notification EI-DCS](#)
within forty-eight (48) hours of notification
Include subject line (in RED): CHILD DEATH [secure email] or
CHILD NEAR DEATH [secure email]



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Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline Summary**

Intake

Intake ID: [REDACTED]
 Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 10/21/2013 09:55 AM CT
 Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1
 Screened By: [REDACTED]
 Date Screened: 10/21/2013

Investigation

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]
 First County/Region: [REDACTED]
 Date/Time Assigned : 10/21/2013 02:14 PM
 First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 10/21/2013 12:00 AM
 First Case Manager [REDACTED] Date/Time 10/21/2013 12:00 AM

Allegations

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	8 Mos	Neglect Death	Yes	[REDACTED]	Birth Mother

Referent(s)

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

Referent Address: [REDACTED]

Referent Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Type of Contact: I-3 Phone

Notification: None

Narrative: TFACTS: No History Found (based on the demographics provided)

Family Case Id: None

Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP No
 Closed Court Custody No

Open CPS - None
 Indicated None
 Fatality None
 Screened out None

History (not listed above):
 None



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

Reporters name/relationship: [REDACTED]

Note: [REDACTED] is not in DCS Custody (at the time of this report).

Reporter states:

[REDACTED] (2mos) and Unknown female (3yrs) live in the home with their mother, [REDACTED] and father, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was found unresponsive this morning. [REDACTED] was asleep with his mother in her bed and it appears the mother may have put her arm over [REDACTED] at some point and suffocated him while she was sleeping. The family was leaving for vacation today and [REDACTED] crib had already been packed. The father was asleep with the three year old unknown female child upstairs.

Law Enforcement states that this appears to be an accident. The inside of the home appeared to be of normal condition, meaning it appeared to be lived in, but no known safety hazards. The three year old unknown female child was seen today and she appeared to be fine.

[REDACTED] has been transported to the Medical Examiner's office and the autopsy is pending.

Note: [REDACTED] Sheriff's Dept Report # [REDACTED]

Per SDM: Investigative Track, P1 - CHILD DEATH
[REDACTED], TC, on 10/21/13 @ 10:33am

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: 34 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 34 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: [REDACTED] **Race:** [REDACTED] **Age:** 8 Mos

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: Female

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] **Race:** [REDACTED] **Age:** 3 Yrs (Est)

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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

A. Investigation

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Referral Date: 10/21/2013

Assignment Date: 10/21/2013

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

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]	Neglect Death	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 11/16/2013

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments: This case is being closed as allegation unfounded perpetrator unfounded. The death of [REDACTED] is found by department investigation to be accidental and related to infant cosleeping with an adult.

D. Case Workers

Case Worker: [REDACTED]

Date: 11/16/2013

Team Leader: [REDACTED]

Date: 11/16/2013

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:

N/A

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

The autopsy report has been requested.

Law enforcement investigation and report is included in file. The report from detective [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] Sheriff's Department is included in file. Law enforcement investigation states that the death is accidental in nature.

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

Parents were interviewed by law enforcement and CPSA. Parents report that the infant was cosleeping with mother as the family was planning to leave the next morning for a trip and the infant's crib was packed in the



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Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

car for that trip. Parents reported that the mother and infant have cosepl in the past without incident. Mother reported that she woke and checked infant and found him to be unresponsive. Father was sleeping in another room of the home. Father attempted CPR on the infant until [REDACTED] arrived. [REDACTED] examined the infant and found that infant was deceased.

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

No witnesses provided any descriptions of abuse or neglect.

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

No evidence was found in the case to support a finding of the allegation.

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Regional Supervising Attorney



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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:	11/16/2013	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	02:15 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 15
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	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):	Case Summary		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/16/2013 02:15 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]
Case Summary

CPSA recieved P1 referral with allegations of neglected death with alleged child victim being [REDACTED] and alleged perpetrator named as birth mother, [REDACTED].

Reporter states:

[REDACTED] (2mos) and Unknown female (3yrs) live in the home with their mother, [REDACTED] and father, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was found unresponsive this morning. [REDACTED] was asleep with his mother in her bed and it appears the mother may have put her arm over [REDACTED] at some point and suffocated him while she was sleeping. The family was leaving for vacation today and [REDACTED] crib had already been packed. The father was asleep with the three year old unknown female child upstairs.

Law Enforcement states that this appears to be an accident. The inside of the home appeared to be of normal condition, meaning it appeared to be lived in, but no known safety hazards. The three year old unknown female child was seen today and she appeared to be fine.

[REDACTED] has been transported to the Medical Examiner's office and the autopsy is pending.

TFacts history search produces no history with the family.

CPSA responded to referral at the family home on 10/22/2013. The parents of alleged child victim were interviewed by CPSA. Multiple supports were observed in the family home on this date. No concerns were noted in the family home, interview with parents, or collaterals, or law enforcement.

CPIT reviewed this case on 11/12/13. The classification was agreed as allegation unfounded, perpetrator unfounded. The department's investigation is that the death of [REDACTED] was accidental and related to infant co sleeping with



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Organization: [REDACTED]

an adult.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	11/13/2013	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	02:00 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 01 Hour
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Other Community Site	Created Date:	11/16/2013
Completed date:	11/16/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community, Service Planning		
Contact Type(s):	CPIT (Child Protective Investigative Team)		
Contact Sub Type:			

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/16/2013 02:14 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

This was reviewed by CPIT on this date. Supervisor, [REDACTED] presented the case at CPIT review.

The case was classified as allegation unfounded perpetrator unfounded by CPIT. The department's investigation finds no evidence that the death of [REDACTED] was due to neglect or abuse. Child Protective Investigative Team Review form was completed and will be included in file.

The department investigation supports finding that the death was accidental and related to infant cosleeping with an adult.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 10/22/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 03:15 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 10/22/2013

Completed date: 11/16/2013

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: 10/22/2013 03:12 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Releases for local background checks for parents of alleged child victim ACV were faxed to [REDACTED] Sheriff's Department and [REDACTED] Police Department.

Request and release for for local background checks of parents of ACV was emailed to [REDACTED].

Internet checks were completed for parents of ACV. No records were found.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 10/22/2013

Contact Method: Correspondence

Contact Time: 03:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 10/22/2013

Completed date: 10/22/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): CPIT (Child Protective Investigative Team)

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/22/2013 03:04 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Request for CPIT to be convened regarding case.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 10/21/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 04:30 PM Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 10/22/2013
 Completed date: 10/22/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Collateral Contact,Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/22/2013 03:01 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSA made face to face visit with family for the purpose of initiating the investigation.

Location: Family Home [REDACTED]

Present: CPSA [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] (mother), Mr. [REDACTED] (father), [REDACTED] (age 2, sister of alleged child victim ACV), Ms. [REDACTED] (paternal grandmother), Mr. [REDACTED] (paternal grandfather), Ms. [REDACTED] (paternal aunt), family pastor arrived at the home as CPSA was leaving.

Other friends and family supports were observed arriving at the home and leaving from visiting during CPSA visit.

*Interview with child

Alleged child victim in the case is deceased. ACV's body had been transported by [REDACTED] Funeral Home to the medical examiners office for autopsy prior to CPSA response.

[REDACTED] (age 2)

[REDACTED] is the two year old sibling of ACV. [REDACTED] was observed by CPSA at response to be sitting on the lap of her paternal grandmother with paternal grandfather sitting with them in the living room of the family home.

CPSA interviewed the parents on the back porch of the family home. [REDACTED] came onto the porch during the end of the interview accompanied by her paternal grandparents. CPSA spoke with [REDACTED] while she was being held by mother. [REDACTED] had a pacifier. Father stated that he asks [REDACTED] to take out her paci so she can sing with him when he takes her to daycare in the mornings. CPSA asked [REDACTED] about what songs she likes to sing. Paternal grandmother reported that she had a child who took a pacifier until age three and then sucked her thumb. Paternal grandmother stated there are worse things than pacifiers. CPSA agreed.

[REDACTED] was observed to be dressed appropriately for weather and neat in appearance regarding hygiene. [REDACTED] was



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Organization: ██████████

observed to be smiling and developmentally appropriate in interaction. No concerns were noted in child's appearance or interactions. All caretakers appeared bonded, appropriate in interaction, and attentive towards ██████████ during CPSA's visit.

*Interview with mother

Ms. ██████████

CPSA was greeted by father at door. CPSA explained reason regarding visit and asked if there was places where she could speak privately with parents.

Mother and Father were interviewed together in private on the back porch of the family home.

Mother appeared to have been crying as her eyes were red and appeared irritated. Mother was observed crying at several points during interview.

In order to engage the family, CPSA ██████████ explained the current report made to the Tennessee Department of Children's Services and the MRS/Assessment process. CPSA ██████████ also provided parents with a brochure describing the Multiple Response Approach. CPSA ██████████ explained all forms and engaged the family during the paperwork process. The mother signed the Client's 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. CPSA ██████████ obtained signed acknowledgements of such and copies have been placed into the file.

CPSA asked the parents if they could explain what had happened this morning. Mother stated that she and infant, ██████████ (ACV) had been cosleeping in the parents' bed. Mother stated that ACV normally sleeps in a crib but the crib was packed in the family vehicle as they planned to leave for a trip this morning. Mother stated that the car is still packed and indicated towards the vehicle. CPSA observed that the car appeared too packed with belongings. Mother reported that she has co-slept with infant before the previous evening.

Mother reported that she had woken at 11 or 12 am and checked on ACV. Mother reported everything was fine at that time. Mother reported that she woke again at about 2:30 am as this is around the time when ACV normally wakes. Mother reported that she did not physically check on ACV at that time but that he appeared to be sleeping. Mother reported that at about 4:30 am she checked on ACV and he was unresponsive. Mother stated that she screamed for her husband at that time. Mother reported that father and ██████████ normally sleep upstairs in the home so that ██████████ when not awake when ACV woke during the night.

CPSA asked about any health conditions of parents or children. Mother reported that she is a type 1 diabetic but she did not experience any other complications during pregnancy from that or any other condition. Mother reported that ACV had had one doctor's visit and another scheduled for next week. Mother reported no health issues regarding the children. Mother reported that the children see Dr. ██████████ at ██████████. Mother reported that the family currently is covered through father's insurance which is Blue Cross Blue Shield but that the family had planned to have the children and mother's coverage transferred to her employer after November.

Mother reported no history of mental health concerns, domestic violence, department involvement, or legal issues.

CPSA asked how ██████████ was doing today. Mother reported that ██████████ is not really aware of what's going on. Mother stated that ██████████ has asked her to stop crying and she tells the child that mommy has a cold.

Mother reported that her parents, ██████████ and ██████████ are in route to the family home from ██████████

Mother and father are employed in ██████████

CPSA asked about other supports for the family. Mother reported that the neighbors have been wonderful and coworkers of parents also.

Father stated that the grandparents will be staying with the family.

CPSA provided parents with DCS resource listing and additional resources for grief counseling. CPSA provided parent



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

s with contact information.

***Interview with father**

Father answered the door of family home. CPSA asked if she could speak with the parents privately. Father reported that he had begun to perform CPR on ACV when responding to the room. Father reported that his parents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and his sister, [REDACTED] are with the family now in the home.

Father was observed talking with [REDACTED] and asking her about what song he sings with her when he takes her to childcare in the mornings. Parents reported that [REDACTED] attends [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] as parents both work in [REDACTED]

***Interview with others**

[REDACTED] (paternal grandmother)

CPSA interviewed Ms. [REDACTED] (paternal grandmother) in the driveway of family home. Paternal grandmother reported that the family had expected to receive some information about what had happened from the medical examiner's office. Paternal grandmother stated that she is worried that mother is "blaming herself". Paternal Grandmother stated that "SIDS is like Austim, you just don't know". Paternal grandmother stated that mother keeps saying if she had only just checked on the infant at 2 am or that she should have "snuggled with" infant more the previous day. Paternal grandmother reported that the mother would not allow "them to take the body" for some time. Paternal grandmother reported she had no concerns regarding the parents care taking or concerning granddaughter, [REDACTED].

Paternal grandmother appeared visibly upset and as though she had been crying. Paternal grandmother thanked CPSA for coming to the home.

***CPSA observed**

CPSA observed the family residence. No safety concerns were noted during the visit. The home appeared very neat and orderly as evidenced by absence of insects, trash, or clutter. The home appeared well maintained and all utilities were observed to be in working order during the visit.

CPSA observed that parents appeared visibly distraught during visit. CPSA observed that the family had numerous supports present. CPSA observed the parents and paternal grandparents too appear to be in a state of shock during interview with CPSA.

CPSA observed ACV's sibling [REDACTED] (age 2) during visit. No concerns were noted regarding the child's appearance, development, or interactions during visit.



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Case Status: Close

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Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 10/21/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 04:30 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Family Home

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): Initial ACV Face To Face

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

[REDACTED]

Participant(s)

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/16/2013 02:50 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Entry being added to surface TFACTS requirements.

Alleged child victim was deceased and the body taken for autopsy before CPSA response.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 10/21/2013 Contact Method: Attempted Phone Call
 Contact Time: 04:00 PM Contact Duration: Less than 05
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 10/22/2013
 Completed date: 10/22/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,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: 10/22/2013 12:33 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 CPSA attempted to contact family by phone. CPSA left voice mail requesting return call.



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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: 10/21/2013

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 11:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 10/22/2013

Completed date: 10/22/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/22/2013 12:31 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Supervisor [REDACTED] contacted Detective [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sheriffs Department as detective regularly assists department and detective [REDACTED] who completed initial report on this case could not be reached.

Detective [REDACTED] reported that photographs of the scene and alleged child victim had been taken by law enforcement. Detective [REDACTED] assisted the department with obtaining Detective [REDACTED] report. Supervisor [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED] Sheriff's Department to obtain report. Detective [REDACTED] reported that he had spoken with Detective [REDACTED] who reported that he felt the death was accidental based on his investigation.

Detective [REDACTED] was thanked for assistance.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	10/21/2013	Contact Method:	Attempted Phone Call
Contact Time:	10:55 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	10/22/2013
Completed date:	10/22/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Referent Interview		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/22/2013 12:24 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSA attempted to contact referent by phone. CPSA left voice mail requesting return call.



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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:	10/21/2013	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	10:45 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 15
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	10/22/2013
Completed date:	10/22/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being		
Contact Type(s):	Case Summary		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/22/2013 12:23 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]
 Initial Case Summary

CPSA received this P1 referral on 10/21/2013 with allegations of neglected death of alleged child victim, [REDACTED] (infant) with the alleged perpetrator reported as child's birth mother, [REDACTED].

The reporter states [REDACTED] (2 months) and unknown female (3yrs) live in the home with their mother, [REDACTED] and father, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was found unresponsive this morning. [REDACTED] was asleep with his mother in her bed and it appears the mother may have put her arm over [REDACTED] at some point and suffocated him while she was sleeping. The family was leaving for vacation today and [REDACTED] crib had already been packed. The father was asleep with the three year old unknown female child upstairs.

Law Enforcement states that this appears to be an accident. The inside of the home appeared to be in normal condition, meaning it appeared to be lived in, but no safety hazards. The three year old unknown female child was seen today and she appeared to be fine.

[REDACTED] has been transported to the Medical Examiners office and the autopsy is pending.

Note: [REDACTED] Sherriffs Dept Report # [REDACTED]

A TFACTS history search was completed and no history was found with the family.

CPSA will attempt to make initial contact with the family to investigate the allegations of the referral. CPSA will take the appropriate action to ensure child's safety. From that point, CPSA will then aid the family with appropriate services as/if deemed necessary.



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Assessment

Family Name: [REDACTED]

TN DCS Intake ID #: [REDACTED]

County: [REDACTED]

Worker:

Date of Referral: 10/21/13 9:55 AM

Date of Assessment: 10/22/13 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: _____