



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

Intake

Intake ID: [REDACTED]
Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 06/19/2013 05:20 PM CT
Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1
Screened By: [REDACTED]
Date Screened: 06/19/2013

Investigation

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]
First County/Region: [REDACTED]
Date/Time Assigned : 06/19/2013 09:47 PM
First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 06/20/2013 12:00 AM
First Case Manager [REDACTED] Date/Time 06/20/2013 12:00 AM

Allegations

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	0 Yrs	Neglect Death	Yes	[REDACTED]	Birth Mother
[REDACTED]	0 Yrs	Neglect Death	Yes	[REDACTED]	Birth Father

Referent(s)

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

Referent Address: [REDACTED]

Referent Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Type of Contact: I-3 Phone

Notification: Letter

Narrative: TFACTS: [REDACTED]

Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP No

Closed Court Custody- Yes # [REDACTED]/closed 02-27-2012 and # [REDACTED] Closed 02-27-2012

Open CPS -No

Indicated Cases Date, case number, alleged perpetrator

8/17/10, [REDACTED] ENN, perp: [REDACTED]
8/10/10, [REDACTED] ENN, NUN, DEC, perp: [REDACTED]
7/28/10, [REDACTED] PYA, [REDACTED]
2/10/10, [REDACTED] LOS, [REDACTED]

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Fatality No

Screened out 0

History (not listed above):

2/10/10- [REDACTED] PHA, Unfounded
6/15/09- [REDACTED] ENN, NUN, PHA, LOS, No Services needed
5/10/09- [REDACTED] LOS, NO Services Needed
4/11/09- [REDACTED] LOS, Unfounded
07/20/11- [REDACTED] PYA, Services Required

County: [REDACTED]
Notification: None
School/ Daycare: none
Native American Descent: no
Directions: not given

Reporters name/relationship: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Reporter states: The incident occurred today, 06/19/2013, at about 1:00 pm at the home of the child, [REDACTED] (6 months, DOB, [REDACTED]) and the mother, [REDACTED] (26, DOB, [REDACTED]). The birth father, [REDACTED] (40, DOB [REDACTED]) and the mothers friend, [REDACTED] (unknown age) were also at the home.

The mother, the father, the child, and [REDACTED] were all in the same room. The mother and father had been arguing all day, verbally and via text messaging. The mother had a gun and pointed it to her head. The father stated that he asked her for the gun repeatedly and told her that she did want to do that. [REDACTED] stated, I am leaving, I cant be around this. At the same time, the father went outside and called 911 because the mother was in the bedroom with a gun and the child was in the room with her in a pink bouncy seat. When the father returned into the home to the bedroom, the mother was holding the gun, resting the gun on her knee, facing toward the door where the father entered the room. The father continued to plead with her to give him the gun.

When she still did not give him the gun, the father knocked the gun out of the mothers hand and the gun accidentally went off (this is according to the father) and shot the child in the head.

The mother and father have been arrested by the [REDACTED] County Sheriffs Office and charged with reckless homicide. They are currently being re-interviewed.

The child was transported to the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) Center via ambulance. The child had a pulse at the hospital but medical staff at [REDACTED] was unable to keep the child alive.

There are no other children in the home. However, the parents have other children that are not in their custody.

Response was met by CM [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Per SDM: Investigation P1-Neglect Death-[REDACTED] Team Leader @ 6:38pm on 06/19/13

[REDACTED] responded at 6:43pm [REDACTED]

Child Fatality Team notified by email, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Child-Fatality-Notification EI-DCS, Regional Administrator-
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]



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Please refer to duplicate referral, screened out # [REDACTED] for additional information





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Participant(s)

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth:

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race: White

Age: 26 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: Female

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: [REDACTED] Age: 0 Yrs

Address: [REDACTED]

Deceased Date: 06/19/2013

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: [REDACTED] Age: 41 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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and Classification Decision of Child Abuse/Neglect Referral

A. Investigation

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Referral Date: 06/19/2013

Assignment Date: 06/20/2013

Street Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]

B. Allegation

#	Children's Name	DOB	Specific Allegation for Each Child	Alleged Perpetrator's Name	DOB	Classification	Severe Abuse	Classified By
		SSN			SSN			
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neglect Death	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Indicated / Perpetrator Indicated	Yes	[REDACTED] 09/13/2013
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neglect Death	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Indicated / Perpetrator Indicated	Yes	[REDACTED] 09/13/2013

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments: This case is being submitted to TL for closure as AIPI for NGD.

D. Case Workers

Case Worker: [REDACTED]

Date: 09/13/2013

Team Leader: [REDACTED]

Date: 09/16/2013

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:

Child is deceased

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

Per the Autopsy Final Report, it states, "This 6-month-old girl, [REDACTED], died of gunshot wound of head. The manner of death is homicide." "An autopsy revealed a single, through-and-through gunshot wound of the left side of the head with severe damage of the left side of the brain."

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

The mother stated that she was sitting on the bed arguing with the father. The gun was behind the pillow. The father asked for the gun and the mother grabbed it by the barrel and handed it to him. The gun then accidentally went off and shot the baby who was sitting in a bouncy seat behind the father. The father said that he and the mother and another woman were lying in the bed. The mother started rubbing his leg and then got



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mad that he had another girlfriend. The other woman and her 2 y/o left the home. The mother threatened suicide. The father went to call 911. When he came back the mother was holding the gun to her own head threatening suicide. The father said that he then slapped the gun away and it accidentally went off and shot the baby. LE reported that the mother had blood spatter on her person and that the father had gun residue on his hand. The mother tested positive for methamphetamines and marijuana.

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

The incident occurred today, 06/19/2013, at about 1:00 pm at the home of the child, ██████████ (6 months, DOB, ██████████) and the mother, ██████████ (26, DOB, ██████████). The birth father, ██████████ (40, DOB, ██████████) and the mothers friend, ██████████ (unknown age) were also at the home.

The mother, the father, the child, and ██████████ were all in the same room. The mother and father had been arguing all day, verbally and via text messaging. The mother had a gun and pointed it to her head. The father stated that he asked her for the gun repeatedly and told her that she did want to do that. ██████████ stated, I am leaving, I cant be around this. At the same time, the father went outside and called 911 because the mother was in the bedroom with a gun and the child was in the room with her in a pink bouncy seat. When the father returned into the home to the bedroom, the mother was holding the gun, resting the gun on her knee, facing toward the door where the father entered the room. The father continued to plead with her to give him the gun.

When she still did not give him the gun, the father knocked the gun out of the mothers hand and the gun accidentally went off (this is according to the father) and shot the child in the head.

The mother and father have been arrested by the ██████████ County Sheriffs Office and charged with reckless homicide. They are currently being re-interviewed.

The child was transported to the ██████████ (Medical) Center via ambulance. The child had a pulse at the hospital but medical staff at ██████████ was unable to keep the child alive.

There are no other children in the home. However, the parents have other children that are not in their custody.

Response was met by CM ██████████ and ██████████

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

This case came to the attention of the Department on 6/12/13 with allegations of NGD. It was alleged that a 6 month old had accidentally been shot in the head during a domestic altercation between the parents. 911 were called and the child was transported via EMS to ██████████. It was learned that the mother has 4 other children that were removed into foster care in 2010, she later surrendered, and the children were adopted. The issues surrounding the 8 prior CPS investigations and custodial episode were chronic domestic violence and environmental neglect. The mother is still married to ██████████ and he lives in GA. The alleged biological father is ██████████. The alleged father, ██████████ reportedly has joint custody of his 2 children with ██████████. However, it was learned from ██████████ Juvenile Court that he only has supervised visitation with them at ██████████ and they are 15 and 17 y/o. Upon further investigation it was learned that mother stated that she was sitting on the bed arguing with the father. The gun was behind the pillow. The father asked for the gun and the mother grabbed it by the barrel and handed it to him. The gun then accidentally went off and shot the baby who was sitting in a bouncy seat behind the father. The father said that he and the mother and another woman were lying in the bed. The mother started rubbing his leg and then got mad that he had another girlfriend. The other woman and her 2 y/o left the home. The mother threatened suicide. The father went to call 911. When he came back the mother was holding the gun to her own head threatening suicide.



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The father said that he then slapped the gun away and it accidentally went off and shot the baby. LE reported that the mother had blood spatter on her person and that the father had gun residue on his hand. The mother tested positive for methamphetamines and marijuana. This case is closed as Allegations INDICATED Perpetrator INDICATED.

Distribution Copies: Juvenile Court in All Cases
District Attorney in Severe Child Abuse Cases
Regional Supervising Attorney



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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: 09/18/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 10:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 09/17/2013

Completed date: 09/18/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

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

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/17/2013 10:34 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPIT Classification Meeting: This case was presented to Child Protective Investigative Team for classification. It was determined that the case is Indicated.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 09/17/2013

Contact Method: Correspondence

Contact Time: 11:35 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 09/17/2013

Completed date: 09/18/2013

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)**

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/17/2013 10:36 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

DUE PROCESS:

Document due process notification to the indicated perp Letter A was sent to perp, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] via Certified Mail. The green card verifying certified mail is filed in the case record.



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 09/13/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 10:33 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 09/13/2013

Completed date: 09/17/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Case Summary

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/13/2013 09:33 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CLOSING SUMMARY

Closing Summary: This case came to the attention of the Department on 6/12/13 with allegations of NGD. It was alleged that a 6 month old had accidentally been shot in the head during a domestic altercation between the parents. 911 were called and the child was transported via EMS to [REDACTED]. It was learned that the mother has 4 other children that were removed into foster care in 2010, she later surrendered, and the children were adopted. The issues surrounding the 8 prior CPS investigations and custodial episode were chronic domestic violence and environmental neglect. The mother is still married to [REDACTED] and he lives in GA. The alleged biological father is [REDACTED]. The alleged father, [REDACTED] reportedly has joint custody of his 2 children with [REDACTED]. However, it was learned from [REDACTED] Co. Juvenile Court that he only has supervised visitation with them at [REDACTED] and they are 15 and 17 y/o. Upon further investigation it was learned that mother stated that she was sitting on the bed arguing with the father. The gun was behind the pillow. The father asked for the gun and the mother grabbed it by the barrel and handed it to him. The gun then accidentally went off and shot the baby who was sitting in a bouncy seat behind the father. The father said that he and the mother and another woman were lying in the bed. The mother started rubbing his leg and then got mad that he had another girlfriend. The other woman and her 2 y/o left the home. The mother threatened suicide. The father went to call 911. When he came back the mother was holding the gun to her own head threatening suicide. The father said that he then slapped the gun away and it accidentally went off and shot the baby. LE reported that the mother had blood spatter on her person and that the father had gun residue on his hand. The mother tested positive for methamphetamines and marijuana. This case is closed as Allegations INDICATED Perpetrator INDICATED.

740: A copy of the Classification and Summary will be submitted to TL [REDACTED] for review. Upon approval, a copy is then sent by TL [REDACTED] to the Juvenile Court Judge.



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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: 06/20/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 06:29 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 06/20/2013

Completed date: 06/20/2013

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: 06/20/2013 05:32 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

6/19/2013

TC [REDACTED] completed the fatality report and emailed it to the appropriate individuals. A copy of the report was scanned and entered in to TFACTS



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 06/20/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 01:00 PM Contact Duration: Less than 15
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: DCS Office Created Date: 06/21/2013
 Completed date: 06/21/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact,Notation,Referent Interview
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/21/2013 10:00 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPIT: Child Protective Investigation Team was convened with [REDACTED] SD [REDACTED] It was determined that CPSI [REDACTED] was headed to [REDACTED] to see the child; due to the parents not being able to be found. The Detective from Major Crimes who is working this case is [REDACTED]

FAMILY COMPOSITION:

Child: [REDACTED] was a Caucasian female. Her DOB was [REDACTED] and SS# [REDACTED]
 Mother: [REDACTED] was the biological mother to [REDACTED] She is a Caucasian female. Her DOB is [REDACTED] and SS# is [REDACTED]

Father: [REDACTED] was the alleged father to [REDACTED] He is a Caucasian male. His DOB is [REDACTED] and his SS# is [REDACTED]

Addresses: [REDACTED] address is [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] address is [REDACTED]

BACKGROUND:

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Sex Offender Registry search on [REDACTED] CM [REDACTED] searched the database and found no record. A copy of such finding is contained within the hard file.

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Meth Offender Registry search on [REDACTED] CM [REDACTED] searched the database and found no record. A copy of such finding is contained within the hard file.

Tennessee Felony Offender search on [REDACTED] CM [REDACTED] searched the database and found both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has records. A copy of such finding is contained within the hard file.

Tennessee Department of Health Abuse Registry search on [REDACTED] CM [REDACTED] searched the database and found no record. A copy of such finding is contained within the hard file.

Background Check: A request was submitted to General Sessions Court regarding a background check on the family.



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Organization: [REDACTED]

Background Check Results: The results are that all 3 have criminal history (please view file).

TFACTS History Search: This CM verified the familys history of involvement with DCS through a search of TFACTS on this date the following history was noted: There is an extensive history with the Department. Mother had a total of 7 prior cases.

SDM:

SDM: The SDM, Safety Assessment was completed on this date and notes no immediate harm factors at this time. The children appear 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. Child is deceased and the TOD was 3:16 PM on 6/19/13 at [REDACTED]

FFA: The Family Functional Assessment was completed and a copy has been placed in the file. The document has been placed on the network drive.

REFERRAL AND REFERRANT:

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The child was transported to the [REDACTED] Medical) Center via ambulance. The child had a pulse at the hospital but medical staff at [REDACTED] was unable to keep the child alive.

There are no other children in the home. However, the parents have other children that are not in their custody.

Response was met by CM [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

CPS Central Intake received this report on 6/19/2013 at 5:20 PM CT and assigned a P1 response. The case was assigned to this CM on 6/19/2013 with the response due on 6/20/2013.

CASE ASSIGNMENT:

This case came to the attention of the Department on 6/19/2013 and was assigned to CM [REDACTED] on 6/19/2013 as a P1. Referent notification was made by mail on the date of assignment. A copy of such notification is contained within the file. Severe Abuse Notification is made to the District Attorneys Office by DCS secretarial staff. A copy of such notification is contained within the file. Notification is made monthly to the Juvenile Court Judge (by DCS secretarial staff) as requested per Juvenile Court Judge [REDACTED]



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	06/19/2013	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	04:00 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Hospital	Created Date:	06/21/2013
Completed date:	06/21/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being		
Contact Type(s):	Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Notation		
Contact Sub Type:			

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/21/2013 10:03 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

DRUG SCREEN

Drug Screen: A drug screen was given to [REDACTED] The screen was positive for Methamphetamine and Marijuana.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 06/19/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 03:41 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 30

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Hospital

Created Date: 06/21/2013

Completed date: 06/21/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Permanency, Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/21/2013 10:10 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

6/19/13 3:41pm

Interview with [REDACTED] (dob [REDACTED])

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he is the father of [REDACTED] and was the grandfather of the child. He advised that he is not married to the maternal grandmother but has been in [REDACTED] life since he was born. CPSI asked about if he had any concerns about either, Mr. [REDACTED] or his daughter.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has known [REDACTED] for 30 years and described him as a moocher. He said that Mr. [REDACTED] does not live with his daughter but the house is in his name. [REDACTED] lives at the home with [REDACTED]. He said that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are both dancers at the [REDACTED] and thinks Mr. [REDACTED] was having 3-way sexual intercourse with both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] because it would not surprise him. Mr. [REDACTED] said it is a possibility that [REDACTED] is pregnant with Mr. [REDACTED] child. He said this was a rumor that he had heard from [REDACTED]. He also stated Mr. [REDACTED] use to be an EMT but does not hold a steady job currently. Mr. [REDACTED] reported that Mr. [REDACTED] has not been and EMT for close to 2 years because he got fired. He was not aware of what happened.

Since Mr. [REDACTED] had been around Mr. [REDACTED] for many years, Mr. [REDACTED] said that he has seen Mr. [REDACTED] hit another women and knows he would hit [REDACTED] if he wanted to.

Mr. [REDACTED] then described his daughter. He stated that his daughter can be clingy and she also has a history of being men that hit women. Mr. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] has told him that she has been hit by Mr. [REDACTED] and reported to seeing a bruise on her from the physical argument. He said that he has always told Mr. [REDACTED] that he needs to take care of his daughter and his child and if Mr. [REDACTED] didnt care for them, Mr. [REDACTED] would take care of him.

Mr. [REDACTED] also reported to seeing the child this morning in the car when [REDACTED] came over to drop off the car. He stated that [REDACTED] appeared happy and did not have any concerns on the morning of 6/19. He also saw the child on Saturday (6/15/13) and was making normal baby sounds. Mr. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was worried about her electricity getting cut off because they did not have any money to pay it.

CPSI asked about any drug use and stated that he thinks Mr. [REDACTED] is using Meth and Ice and bringing it to his daughter. He did not know if [REDACTED] was using drugs or not but is a possibility. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he believes there are drugs hidden in hollowed out artificial rocks at [REDACTED] house. He said he was not sure if they were there but said Mr. [REDACTED] has said this in the past. He has never seen drugs in the rocks but has been said in the past.

Observation: Mr. [REDACTED] did not seem worried about the childs health but wanted to know if the baby was shot on



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accident or intentionally. CPSI advised that Mr. [REDACTED] would need to talk to investigators but would find out soon enough.



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Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

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Status: Completed

Contact Date: 06/19/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 03:15 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 30

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Hospital

Created Date: 06/20/2013

Completed date: 06/21/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/20/2013 03:47 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] arrived at [REDACTED] in response to an emergency call that a 6 month old child had been shot in the head. The child was receiving medical treatment and was alive at this time. The parents, [REDACTED] and boyfriend (alleged father) was at the hospital beginning to be interviewed by [REDACTED]. At the scene when CPSI arrived was Captain [REDACTED] Lieutenant [REDACTED] (Major Crimes Unit), Det. [REDACTED] and Det. [REDACTED] with Major Crimes and also DCS CPSI [REDACTED]. The mother was outside waiting to be interviewed. She was observed to have blood splatter on her but did not appear to be injured. The father was inside the hospital in the family room of the emergency room. Mr. [REDACTED] had an injury to his hand which was covered in a bag. CPSI observed this injury and he was injured between on the skin between his thumb and pointer finger. There was a circle of black substance (black powder) that was on the palm of his hand with very small burn marks. On the back of his hand was more black substance with another very small circular burn spot. It was determined that CPSI [REDACTED] and Det. [REDACTED] would interview the mother in a private location at [REDACTED]. CPSI [REDACTED] and Major Crimes Detective [REDACTED] would interview the boyfriend/father away from the mother.

6/19/13 3:10pm

Interview with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Medical Center by Det. [REDACTED] and CPSI [REDACTED]. There were a few attempts to interview Mr. [REDACTED] but due to so many disturbances with hospital staff, family and Mr. [REDACTED] being slightly uncooperative. He had told investigators that he wanted to see his child and was questioning why the criminal investigators were talking to him and not the mother Ms. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that his phone had texts from the mother stating that she did not shoot the baby. Mr. [REDACTED] then went to a more private room. He finally agreed to sign a form addressing his Miranda rights. Mr. [REDACTED] then asked if he was being arrested and Det. [REDACTED] stated this was normal procedures. When Mr. [REDACTED] was signing any forms, he had to question it. He was out of his seat during the entire interview. Det. [REDACTED] led with questioning and asked Mr. [REDACTED] to tell his side of story. He was very sporadic and could not stay on track when talking to investigators. Mr. [REDACTED] said that he got up at 6:35am because he received a call from the maternal grandmother about taking the car to their house because the maternal grandfather, [REDACTED] needed to have transportation. Ms. [REDACTED] took the car over to the grandparents house. Mr. [REDACTED] said that the home is in his name but does not live with [REDACTED]. He stated that he had just been staying with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] has a child by the name of [REDACTED] but did not know either of their last names. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are dancers at the



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[REDACTED] He stated that [REDACTED] is supposed to be on medications for post-partum depression but denied knowing if she ever used illegal substances because he was not around her that often. He told CPSI [REDACTED] that he did not know what she does when she is not around.

After [REDACTED] got back, Mr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] laid back down in bed because the kid woke up so damn early. This is when [REDACTED] come over to him and began loving on him. They were then fighting throughout the day through text messages. Mr. [REDACTED] stated they could not speak to each other in person because they would start yelling. She had sent some text messages that said I love you and sorry. He then skipped to the about [REDACTED] threatening to kill herself. According to Mr. [REDACTED] she was on the floor in the bedroom beside the bed with a gun when she was threatening to kill herself. Mr. [REDACTED] said he continued asking for the gun from [REDACTED] because he did not want her to follow through with this. He reported that he saw [REDACTED] holding the gun to her head and raising it up and down. At this time, the child ([REDACTED]) was sitting on the pink bouncy seat on the floor beside the bed. [REDACTED] had told Mr. [REDACTED] that she could not be around this because she was on probation and did not want him to call the police. Mr. [REDACTED] said that he thinks she left with her son but knows she was not in the home when the gun went off.

Mr. [REDACTED] said as he is going back and forth from the bedroom to the front of the house, [REDACTED] is still threatening to kill herself with the gun and the child is still in the room at the time. As Mr. [REDACTED] reenters the bedroom, he sees [REDACTED] sitting on the bed with the gun now pointed away from her and to the wall slightly towards him. He demonstrated this action and was able to help Det. [REDACTED] draw a sketch were everyone was located at the time of the incident. While the gun was pointed away from her, Mr. [REDACTED] smacked the gun away and it went off shooting the child in the bouncy seat. Mr. [REDACTED] said that was his story and asked investigators if they were happy.

CPSI asked Mr. [REDACTED] if he had any other children and he stated that he has 2 other children named [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are currently living with their mother. When asked about information for them, Mr. [REDACTED] said he did not know a phone number or an address because he never see them. He stated they lived with their mother, [REDACTED]

****Mr. [REDACTED] was asked to drug screen on 2 different occasions. The first request he asked CPSI [REDACTED] why he had to be drug screened when his baby is going to die. When asked at a later time, Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he would take one but could not produce any urine at that time. CPSI asked after this interview. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he would have a clean drug screen. CPSI asked him if he was aware if [REDACTED] could take a drug screen and he replied that he did not know.



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Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

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Status: Completed

Contact Date: 06/19/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 02:50 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Hospital

Created Date: 06/21/2013

Completed date: 06/21/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Well Being

Contact Type(s): Medical Exam

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

[REDACTED]

Participant(s)**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/21/2013 10:09 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

6/19/13 2:50pm

FF with Dr. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

Dr. [REDACTED] came in to the family room to address the status of the child. Dr. [REDACTED] said the child had suffered injuries to the head but still had a pulse at this time. They have ordered a CT scan but stated they are doing everything possible to keep the child alive. He explained the medical staff has had to do chest compressions and put on life support several times throughout the day. The child is now going to PICU and will continue to give Epinephrine to sustain life. He addressed this to the maternal grandparents and Mr. [REDACTED]



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 06/19/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 02:30 PM Contact Duration: Less than 02 Hour
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Hospital Created Date: 06/21/2013
 Completed date: 06/21/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Initial ACV Face To Face
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/21/2013 10:02 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

WORKER/PARENT FACE TO FACE CONTACT FOR CPS

Content:

In order to engage the family, CPSI explained the current report made to the Tennessee Department of Children's Services and the MRS/Assessment process. CPSI also provided the family with a brochure describing the Multiple Response Approach. CPSI explained all forms and engaged the family during the paperwork process. The custodian signed the Clients Rights Handbook Signature Page, Native American Heritage Veto Verification, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Acknowledgement form, Notice of Equal Access to Programs and Services, and the Release of Information. CPSI obtained signed acknowledgements of such and copies have been placed into the file.

CPSI [REDACTED] and Detective [REDACTED] met with Ms. [REDACTED] (here after mother) outside of [REDACTED]. She stated that at 5:30 AM [REDACTED] woke up and mother gave her a bottle and then went back to sleep. Mother reported that while she was feeding her child, Mr. [REDACTED] (here after father) was in the bedroom asleep and was until approx. 8 AM. Mother said that [REDACTED] woke up at 7 AM. Mother said that she changed her diaper and played with her. Mother said that when father woke up he was in a pissy mood. She said that they watched television for a while. She said that she was trying to love on the father (kissing him on the forehead, hold his hand, etc.) but he just yelled at her every time she tried. She said that she got upset about it and decided to get her [REDACTED] and go into her bedroom. She said that [REDACTED] was sitting in her bouncy and she was on the bed playing with [REDACTED] and texting [REDACTED] back and forth. She said that [REDACTED] text her letting her know that she and he would not work and that he needed to leave and stay a part. She said that she opened up the bedroom door and yelled out saying that he could go back to [REDACTED] house. When asked who [REDACTED] was, mother said, She is one of his others. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] walked in the bedroom and started packing his clothes. She said that father asked for his hat and she handed it to him then he asked for his gun. [REDACTED] said that she picked up the gun by the barrel and that he grabbed the gun by the trigger (she could not describe). She said that at this time she was sitting on the bed, [REDACTED] was in her bouncy seat still on the floor, and father was between her and [REDACTED] catty cornered. [REDACTED] said that he took it by the trigger and it just went off. She then said that after it went off, she was attending to her child while [REDACTED] went to go wrap the gun up and would not help her with the baby. [REDACTED] said that she was screaming for him to help her. [REDACTED] said that she picked [REDACTED] up and had to walk to the ambulance. [REDACTED] reported to both Det. and CPSI that the only people at her



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home were [REDACTED] and her. She denied [REDACTED] being in the home. Mother admitted to smoking METH approx. 4 days ago, on Saturday. [REDACTED] said that she, [REDACTED] and their roommate, [REDACTED] was smoking METH in the home. She said that the children were not at the home during that time, she said that the children were at her mothers house. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] use METH all the time and she believes that the last time he used was on Sunday. She said that he gets the METH from someone in [REDACTED]. Det., CPSI, and mother went into the hospital so that mother could check on her daughter and her condition. By the time they were leaving to go inside, [REDACTED] had already been pronounced dead at 3:16 PM. The doctor and a nurse reported to [REDACTED] that her daughter did not make it. CPSI, mother, and other LE walked with the mother to the area of where the child was laying in PICU.

Observations:

Mother was observed wearing a tank top with sweatpants. She was covered in blood and dirt and was barefoot. Mother didnt seem to be coherent the majority of the time. CPSI and Det. had to repeat themselves several times and when she would come to, she would say that she needed to see and hold her baby to let her know that mommy was there with her. When viewing the body, [REDACTED] was pale, stiff, and had dried blood on the right side of her face. Her head was bandaged up so you could not see what her entire face and head looked like. She was lying on her back and her body was covered up in blankets.

Next Steps:

Formal interviews with parents and the witness



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Assessment

Family Name: [REDACTED]

TN DCS Intake ID #: [REDACTED]

County: [REDACTED]

Worker:

Date of Referral: 6/19/13 5:20 PM

Date of Assessment: 6/19/13 12:00 AM

Assessment Type: Initial Closing Other

Number of Children in the Household: 1

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): Child is deceased

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: _____