



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

**Intake**

Intake ID: [REDACTED]  
Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 04/01/2013 11:01 AM CT  
Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1  
Screened By: [REDACTED]  
Date Screened: 04/01/2013

**Investigation**

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]  
First County/Region: [REDACTED]  
Date/Time Assigned : 04/01/2013 01:10 PM  
First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 04/01/2013 12:00 AM  
First Case Manager [REDACTED] Date/Time 04/01/2013 12:00 AM

**Allegations**

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	3 Yrs	Neglect Death	Yes	[REDACTED]	Birth Mother
[REDACTED]	4 Yrs	Lack of Supervision	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: Letter

Narrative: TFACTS History: Yes (screen outs only - based on the demographics provided)

Open Court Custody/FSS/ FCIP: No

Prior INV/ASMT of Abuse: No  
Prior INV/ASMT of Neglect: No

Screen Out: Yes (3)

County: [REDACTED]  
Notification: Letter  
School/ Daycare: None  
Native American Descent: None



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Directions: None Given

Reporters name/relationship: [REDACTED]

Reporter states:

[REDACTED] (3) and [REDACTED] (2) live with their mother, [REDACTED]

A house fire started today and one of the children has been pronounced deceased and the other is severely burned. It is unknown which child due to the bodies being severely burned. The child that has not been pronounced deceased is not expected to survive. [REDACTED] suffered injuries as well and stated something about a candle in the kitchen starting the fire. [REDACTED] stated she woke up to the fire happening in the home. She stated that she grabbed the one of the children to bring them out but her hands were so burned that she dropped the child but continued to run out of the home. This is all the information the reporter had at this time. There are no additional concerns.

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Per SDM: Investigative Track, P1 - Child Fatality and Near Fatality

[REDACTED] TL, on 4/1/13 @ 12:08pm

Notified Fatality/Near Fatality Notification Group via Email:

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



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**Participant(s)**

**Name:** [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth:

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: Yes

DCS Foster Child: No

**External History Search Results:**

**DCS History Search Results:**

**DCS Intake Search Results:**

**Name:** [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age: 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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**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Gender:** Male

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Participant ID:** [REDACTED]

**SSN:** [REDACTED]      **Race:** Black/African      **Age:** 4 Yrs

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Deceased Date:**

**School/ ChildCare Comments:**

**Alleged Perpetrator:** No

**DCS Foster Child:** No

**External History Search Results:**

**DCS History Search Results:**

**DCS Intake Search Results:**



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

**A. Investigation**

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Referral Date: 04/01/2013

Assignment Date: 04/01/2013

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]	Neglect Death	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 02/26/2014
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Lack of Supervision	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 02/26/2014
3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neglect Death	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 02/26/2014
4	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Lack of Supervision	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 02/26/2014

**C. Disposition Decision**

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments:

**D. Case Workers**

Case Worker: [REDACTED]

Date: 02/26/2014

Team Leader: [REDACTED]

Date: 02/28/2014

**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:**



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Case Name : [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] child was in the fire was unable to be interviewed however Ms. [REDACTED] other children were interviewed. Per [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] there was a family member in the home when Ms. [REDACTED] took them to school. No other concerns were addressed.

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

No concerns were addressed about Ms. [REDACTED]

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

Ms. [REDACTED] denied leaving the children in the home by themselves.

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

Referral: Reporter states [REDACTED] (3) and [REDACTED] (2) live with their mother, [REDACTED]. A house fire started today and one of the children has been pronounced deceased and the other is severely burned. It is unknown which child due to the bodies being severely burned. The child that has not been pronounced deceased is not expected to survive. [REDACTED] suffered injuries as well and stated something about a candle in the kitchen starting the fire. [REDACTED] stated she woke up to the fire happening in the home. She stated that she grabbed the one of the children to bring them out but her hands were so burned that she dropped the child but continued to run out of the home. This is all the information the reporter had at this time. There are no additional concerns.

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

CM will close case as there was not enough evidence to support the allegation.

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## Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 03/05/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 03:45 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 30

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: DCS Office

Created Date: 03/05/2014

Completed date: 03/05/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Administrative Review

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/05/2014 03:06 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

TL reviewed case as submitted by assigned CM. CM has completed her investigation and has recommended an Unsubstantiated classification for all allegations. Classification was presented to, and accepted by the CPIT panel. TL also concurs. Case can be closed. Notification of Classification will be sent to [REDACTED] Juvenile Court and the District Attorney's Office via 740 forms.



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Case Status:	Close	Organization:	████████████████████

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**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	██████████	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	02/26/2014	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	11:20 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	██████████ ██████████	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	02/26/2014
Completed date:	02/26/2014	Completed By:	██████████ ██████████
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Case Summary		
Contact Sub Type:			

**Children Concerning**

**Participant(s)**

██████████ ██████████

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 02/26/2014 11:31 AM      Entered By: ██████████ ██████████

CPS received this case for allegations of neglect death ██████████ ██████████ and lack of supervision ██████████ ██████████. During CM's investigation, no evidence were found to support the allegations that ██████████ ██████████ left the children home alone when the fire started in the home. CM will close case as unsubstantiated.



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Case Status:	Close	Organization:	████████████████████

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**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	████████	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	02/26/2014	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	09:00 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 45
Entered By:	████████ ██████	Recorded For:	
Location:	Family Home	Created Date:	02/26/2014
Completed date:	02/26/2014	Completed By:	████████ ██████
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	ACV Interview/Observation, Alleged Perpetrator Interview		
Contact Sub Type:			

**Children Concerning**

████████ ██████

**Participant(s)**

████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original    Entry Date/Time: 02/26/2014 10:45 AM    Entered By: ██████████ ██████

CM went to the home of ██████████ ██████████. No concerns were expressed. CM advised her that CM was working on closing out the case. CM was advised that ██████████ was going to ██████████ for physical therapy and was doing well. Although he will have to have a lifetime of surgery as he grows, he is thriving and on point in regards to healing. Per Ms. ██████████ she has been advised to try to put ██████████ in daycare for social skills. At this time, Ms. ██████████ is looking for childcare. CM advised her to contact headstart and start the application process for free childcare.

████████ was observed at this time. No interview was done do to his age. He was clean and groomed appropriately. No concerns were noted at this time.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	02/26/2014	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	08:00 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 30
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	School	Created Date:	02/26/2014
Completed date:	02/26/2014	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Sibling Interview/Observation		
Contact Sub Type:			

**Children Concerning**

**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original    Entry Date/Time: 02/26/2014 10:42 AM    Entered By: [REDACTED]  
CM met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at school at this time. No concerns were expressed.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 02/19/2014

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 11:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Other Community Site

Created Date: 02/26/2014

Completed date: 02/26/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

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

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/26/2014 10:39 AM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CM took the case to CPIT. It was agreed upon that CM could close her case and if the fire investigator decided to charge [REDACTED] they could do so afterwards.



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Case Status:	Close	Organization:	████████████████████

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**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	██████████	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	01/16/2014	Contact Method:	Phone Call
Contact Time:	10:00 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 15
Entered By:	██████████ ██████████	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	02/26/2014
Completed date:	02/26/2014	Completed By:	██████████ ██████████
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Collateral Contact		
Contact Sub Type:			

**Children Concerning**

**Participant(s)**

██████████ ██████████

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 02/26/2014 10:34 AM      Entered By: ██████████ ██████████

CM spoke with ██████████ ██████████ maternal grandmother over the phone. CM asked her about how things were going and she stated that things were going good. She stated that she had the children while ██████████ was in ██████████. No concerns were expressed. CM asked her about how ██████████ was holding up and she stated that she was doing good as she had both good and bad days. She stated that she is supporting her daughter and her family to get through this.



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Case Status:	Close	Organization:	████████████████████

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**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	██████████	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	01/16/2014	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	09:15 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 30
Entered By:	██████████ ██████████	Recorded For:	
Location:	School	Created Date:	02/26/2014
Completed date:	02/26/2014	Completed By:	██████████ ██████████
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Sibling Interview/Observation		
Contact Sub Type:			

**Children Concerning**

**Participant(s)**

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**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 02/26/2014 10:37 AM      Entered By: ██████████ ██████████

██████████ ██████████ and ██████████ ██████████ were seen at school on this date. No concerns were expressed. They all expressed that they had had a good Christmas however they were sad about their brother ██████████ CM expressed to them that it was okay to sad about their brother and if they were too sad, they needed to let their mother, grandmother, or someone at school know. CM was informed that ██████████ was in ██████████ to visit with her doctors.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 12/11/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 11:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Other Community Site

Created Date: 02/26/2014

Completed date: 02/26/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

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

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/26/2014 10:49 AM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CM took the case to CPIT. Per CPIT, the case was going to be passed until DA [REDACTED] could meet with Det. [REDACTED] and discuss the case.



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Case Status:	Close	Organization:	████████████████████

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**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	████████	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	12/06/2013	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	08:45 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 30
Entered By:	████████ ██████████	Recorded For:	
Location:	Family Home	Created Date:	02/26/2014
Completed date:	02/26/2014	Completed By:	████████ ██████████
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	ACV Interview/Observation,Alleged Perpetrator Interview		
Contact Sub Type:			

**Children Concerning**

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**Participant(s)**

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**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 02/26/2014 10:28 AM      Entered By: ██████████ ██████████

CM went to the home and met with ██████████ and ██████████. Per ██████████ things were going good for ██████████ and he was healing appropriately. No concerns were expressed. CM signed the children up for Shop with a Cop for Christmas toys.

████████ was observed at this time. No concerns were noted by CM.



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Case Id:	██████████	Case Name:	██████████ ██████████
Case Status:	Close	Organization:	████████████████████

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**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	██████████	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	12/06/2013	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	08:00 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 30
Entered By:	██████████ ██████████	Recorded For:	
Location:	School	Created Date:	02/26/2014
Completed date:	02/26/2014	Completed By:	██████████ ██████████
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Sibling Interview/Observation		
Contact Sub Type:			

**Children Concerning**

**Participant(s)**

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**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 02/26/2014 10:22 AM      Entered By: ██████████ ██████████

CM made a visit with the children ██████████ ██████████ and ██████████ ██████████. Neither child had any concerns and stated that they were doing well. No concerns regarding ██████████ or anyone else were made. The children were excited about Christmas coming up and winter break.



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Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 12/02/2013

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 10:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 02/26/2014

Completed date: 02/26/2014

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

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

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/26/2014 10:47 AM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CM spoke with Det. [REDACTED] regarding the case. CM asked him about the statues of the criminal case. Per Det. [REDACTED] he was waiting to get with DA [REDACTED] to determine how he could preceed with the case. At this time, there was nothing to prove that [REDACTED] was not home during the time of the fire. There are two witnesses however they have both involved in Federal cases and are in the process of being indicted. There has also been an issue with obtaining statements from witnesses as well. CM was advised that another case regarding a fire was coming up and that Det. [REDACTED] would see the outcome of the case to determine how to proceed.



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Case Status:	Close	Organization:	████████████████████

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Recording ID:	██████████	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	11/06/2013	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	01:00 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 01 Hour
Entered By:	██████████ ██████████	Recorded For:	
Location:	School	Created Date:	11/06/2013
Completed date:	11/06/2013	Completed By:	██████████ ██████████
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community, Well Being		
Contact Type(s):	Other Child Living in the Home Interview/Observation		
Contact Sub Type:			

**Children Concerning**

**Participant(s)**

██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 11/06/2013 01:41 PM      Entered By: ██████████ ██████████

CM went to ██████████ Elementary and was informed that the children were at ██████████. CM went to ██████████ to follow up as CM has been out on medical leave. CM spoke with ██████████ and ██████████ at the time. CM asked them about how things were going and they stated that things were going good. CM was informed that the family had moved as well. CM was informed by ██████████ that her brother has come home however he still had to go to ██████████ alot. CM was informed that he was in ██████████ at this time with his mother. CM concerns were addressed.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

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Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	06/20/2013	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	01:42 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	06/20/2013
Completed date:	06/20/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community, Well Being		
Contact Type(s):	Case Summary		
Contact Sub Type:			

**Children Concerning**

[REDACTED]

**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 06/20/2013 01:52 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

4/2/13

CM spoke with [REDACTED] maternal grandmother. CM identified herself and explained the reason why CM was there. CM obtained birthday and info on the family members. CM asked her if she was aware of what was going on and she stated that the only thing that she knew was that there was a house fire. She stated that this was not the first time that the home has been on fire. She stated that she once everything calmed down her daughter would be staying with her. The interview ended as Ms. [REDACTED] was pulled out by hospital staff to identify the surviving child. Ms. [REDACTED] asked CM if she could continue the interview with her daughter [REDACTED].

CM spoke with [REDACTED] who was able to sign DCS paperwork on behalf of her sister. No safety concerns were addressed by [REDACTED] was also asked to identify the surviving child as Ms. [REDACTED] could not do it. [REDACTED] who watches the children often was able to identify the surviving child as [REDACTED].

CM was informed that [REDACTED] would be airlifted to the [REDACTED] Burn Center in [REDACTED].

4/9/13

CM spoke with [REDACTED] on the phone to see how things were going. She stated that things were fine. She stated that [REDACTED] had surgery to place skin grafts on her hands, nose, and legs. She stated that [REDACTED] has had a couple of skin grafts and has a many more to go.

5/2/13

CM spoke with Det. [REDACTED] fire investigator. Per Mr. [REDACTED] He has not been able to contact [REDACTED] for an interview. He stated that several had been scheduled and she was a no show. CM was asked to talk with her tell her that an interview was needed.

5/4/13

CM went to Ms. [REDACTED] home and received no answer. CM spoke with Ms. [REDACTED] on the phone and explained to her that [REDACTED] was needed for an interview. She stated that she would let [REDACTED] know as she was on her way



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

to [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] was having another surgery. CM advised her that if she did not comply with the fire investigator, she could risk custody of the children. She stated that she would make sure that it was done.

5/20/13

CM spoke with Det. [REDACTED] regarding the case. He stated that he had interviewed [REDACTED] but needed to know if the other children were on the daycare bus to school. CM was informed to interview the children and see what they say.

5/23/13

CM spoke with [REDACTED] asst. director of [REDACTED] Center. CM explained the reason for the visit and expressed that it was important for the information discussed to remain between CM and herself due to the fact that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] worked in the facility. CM explained that she needed to know if [REDACTED] children rode the daycare bus to school on the morning of April 1st. CM was informed that the children did not ride the bus on that day. CM asked if she could see the children but was informed that they were not there. The children were with paternal family since [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in [REDACTED]. CM called [REDACTED] and got her voicemail.

5/30/13

CM spoke with [REDACTED] on the phone. CM asked her about how things were going and she stated that things were getting better. She stated that [REDACTED] toes had to be amputated but her was alert and moving around. She that there was to be a few more surgeries and he could come home.

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CM spoke with [REDACTED] on the phone. CM explained to her that CM still needed to see the children. She advised CM that the children were no longer in daycare and was at her home. She provided CM with a number for [REDACTED].

CM called [REDACTED] and asked her if CM could come over for a visit. CM went to home and spoke with [REDACTED]. CM asked her about how going and she were stated that things were getting better for her. She stated that she still had times where she was really sad and down however her children reminded her of how important caring for them was far more important. She stated that she was in the process of finding a home that all of the children before [REDACTED] was released from the hospital. She stated that he was going to be transferred to [REDACTED] for rehab and once he learns how to walk without the support of his toes. She stated that he had his last surgery last Wednesday and there have been no complications. CM asked her about visit and she stated that she was going about every other week to give her time to find house suitable for him. CM advised her that it would be a good thing for her and the child to attend counseling to deal with the traumatic experience. She stated that she felt that she did not need it at the moment but maybe down the road. CM encouraged her to think about doing it now so that she could learn coping skills when issues arise.

CM spoke with [REDACTED] and explained why CM was talking to her. CM asked her how things were going and she stated that they were going good. CM asked her about she was dealing with the lost of her brother and her other brother being hurt. She stated that she was sad sometimes but was glad that [REDACTED] was okay. CM asked her if she could remember what happened the day of the accident and she stated that she did. CM asked her how she got to school and she stated that her mother took her and her cousin [REDACTED] stayed with her brothers. She stated that she then left for school. She stated that after school, her grandmother told her about what happen.

CM spoke with [REDACTED] and identified herself. CM asked her about how she was doing he stated that he was doing alright. CM asked her if she remembers who took her to school and she stated that her mother. CM asked her who was with her brothers when there was the fire and she stated that her moms cousin was at the house when they went to school. She stated that she did not know what happened later since she was in school. CM asked her if she had any issues and she stated that she did not.

CM spoke with [REDACTED]. CM identified herself and explained why CM was talking to him. CM asked about his school and who took him to school. He stated that he went to [REDACTED] Elementary and his mom took him to school. CM asked him if he remembered who took him to school the day of fire and he did not remember. CM asked him about who usually took him to school and he stated that his mom.

CM observed the home. Although cluttered, CM observed no safety concerns. CM observed food in the home. No



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bugs or rodents were observed as well.

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CM spoke with Det [REDACTED] about info obtained from the children and the school. CM was informed that the detective was having some issues with getting people in to talk to him about the case. He stated to CM that he would like for the children to have a recorded interview if possible. CM informed him that she would coordinate with [REDACTED] to get them done.



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**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	04/01/2013	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	12:00 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Hospital	Created Date:	06/10/2013
Completed date:	06/10/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Initial ACV Face To Face		
Contact Sub Type:			

**Children Concerning**

[REDACTED]

**Participant(s)**

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original    Entry Date/Time: 06/10/2013 01:01 PM    Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was observed at this time. Due to his injuries, CM could not talk with child. Child was airlifted to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was not seen as he was deceased.

Narrative Type: Addendum 1    Entry Date/Time: 06/20/2013 01:42 PM    Entered By: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was indentified as the surviving child. [REDACTED] is the deceased child.



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Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

**Case Recording Details**

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	04/01/2013	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	11:01 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	02/26/2014
Completed date:	02/26/2014	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Case Summary		
Contact Sub Type:			

**Children Concerning**

[REDACTED]

**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 02/26/2014 11:50 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Referral #: [REDACTED]

Date of Referral: 4/1/13

Referral: Reporter states [REDACTED] (3) and [REDACTED] (2) live with their mother, [REDACTED]. A house fire started today and one of the children has been pronounced deceased and the other is severely burned. It is unknown which child due to the bodies being severely burned. The child that has not been pronounced deceased is not expected to survive. [REDACTED] suffered injuries as well and stated something about a candle in the kitchen starting the fire. [REDACTED] stated she woke up to the fire happening in the home. She stated that she grabbed the one of the children to bring them out but her hands were so burned that she dropped the child but continued to run out of the home. This is all the information the reporter had at this time. There are no additional concerns.

CPS is currently at the hospital and has been since 11:30 ET.

Note: It is unknown which child is actually deceased and which child is still alive. Neglect Death was added to one child and LOS severe for Near Fatality was added to the other just for allegation establishing purposes at this time. This can be corrected once [REDACTED] CPS obtains all the needed information.

**Demographics:**

[REDACTED] deceased)  
[REDACTED]



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Assessment

Family Name: [Redacted]

TN DCS Intake ID #: [Redacted]

County: [Redacted]

Worker:

Date of Referral: 4/1/13 11:01 AM

Date of Assessment: 4/1/13 12:00 AM

Assessment Type: [X] Initial [ ] Closing [ ] Other

Number of Children in the Household: 4

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: \_\_\_\_\_