



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

**Intake**

Intake ID: [REDACTED]  
Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 09/04/2013 10:37 AM CT  
Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1  
Screened By: [REDACTED]  
Date Screened: 09/04/2013

**Investigation**

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]  
First County/Region: [REDACTED]  
Date/Time Assigned : 09/04/2013 12:37 PM  
First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 09/04/2013 12:00 AM  
First Case Manager [REDACTED] Date/Time 09/04/2013 12:00 AM

**Allegations**

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	5 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: Facsimile  
Notification: Letter  
Narrative: TFACTS:

Family Case Id: # [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]

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

Open CPS None  
Indicated None  
Fatality None  
Screened out Yes (1 - # [REDACTED])

History (not listed above):  
2/4/09 - ASMT# [REDACTED] DEI [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] LOS [REDACTED] - Services Required &

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Accepted

2/9/09 - INV# [REDACTED] SEE (Unknown Perpetrator); ABN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - Unfounded

1/18/08 - INV# [REDACTED] SEE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - Unfounded

5/16/07 - ASMT# [REDACTED] SRP [REDACTED] &amp; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No Services Needed

County: [REDACTED]

Notification: Letter

School/ Daycare: None provided

Native American Descent: No

Directions: None provided

Reporters Name/ Relationship: [REDACTED]

Reporter states: Quoted verbatim from a faxed referral:

On 09/03/2013 at 16:11 hours, Officer [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was called to [REDACTED] to assist in a possible motor vehicle crash. Upon arrival I met with Sgt. [REDACTED] first on scene, Lt. [REDACTED] 3rd on scene, and several of the Detective Division detectives. The investigation revealed that a green 4 wheeler belonging to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was last seen in his yard next to a driveway. [REDACTED] and several of his family members went inside their residence at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] age 4, stayed outside, and a few minutes later the neighbors children notified Mr. [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had an accident. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the 4 wheeler were located against the rear corner of the residence at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was trapped between the 4 wheeler and house. [REDACTED] Fire Department, EMS and [REDACTED] PD were notified and Sgt. [REDACTED] was the first officer on scene. Ptl. [REDACTED] second on scene, Lt [REDACTED] third on scene and Cpl. [REDACTED] 4th on scene. Once on scene additional [REDACTED] PD officers were summonsed to provide security. The [REDACTED] PD Detective Division along with the Traffic Unit responded to process the scene and conduct the investigation. Detectives conducted interviews and took statements, and the Traffic Unit photographed the scene and took measurements.

Based on information from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was all the time playing around the 4 wheeler. Mr. [REDACTED] had removed the key from the engine prior to entering the residence. Based on the scene information, a tire print from the 4 wheeler was located in the area that Mr. [REDACTED] parked the 4 wheeler. It appeared that [REDACTED] had pushed and pulled the front of the 4 wheeler and had slightly turned it to the left. A 26 degree downhill slope was next to the 4 wheeler and once it started down the incline and with [REDACTED] in front of the vehicle, there was nothing he could do to stop the vehicle. Once the [REDACTED] Fire Department arrived on scene, they pulled the 4 wheeler away from the house and put the vehicle in gear. The vehicle inspection was performed by the Detective Division.

[REDACTED] received massive head and neck injuries and was transported to the [REDACTED] Hospital by the [REDACTED] Corner.

The Traffic Unit is conducting the scene inspection and diagramming and the Detective Division is performing the investigation. Assistant District Attorney General [REDACTED] responded. An autopsy was ordered for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the body will be transported to the [REDACTED] College of Medicine on Wednesday.

At this time no charges are placed and the investigation is ongoing by the [REDACTED] Police Department.

Special Needs or Disabilities: none

Childs current location/is the child safe at this time: deceased

Perpetrators location at this time: home

Any other safety concerns for the child(ren) or worker who may respond: none

This is all the information reported at this time.





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**Participant(s)**

**Name:** [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: [REDACTED] Age: 52 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: Yes

DCS Foster Child: No

**External History Search Results:**

**DCS History Search Results:**

**DCS Intake Search Results:**

**Name:** [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: White Age: 5 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:
Referral Date: 09/04/2013
Street Address:
City/State/Zip:

Investigation ID:
Assignment Date: 09/04/2013

B. Allegation

Table with 9 columns: #, Children's Name, DOB, SSN, Specific Allegation for Each Child, Alleged Perpetrator's Name, DOB, SSN, Classification, Severe Abuse, Classified By, Classified Date. Row 1: 1, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], Neglect Death, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated, Yes, [redacted], 01/28/2014

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed
Comments: Case is closed as unsubstantiated.

D. Case Workers

Case Worker:
Team Leader:

Date: 01/28/2014
Date: 01/29/2014

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:

CPS Investigation dated 09/04/2013 alleged the following: Reporter states: Quoted verbatim from a faxed referral: On 09/03/2013 at 16:11 hours, Officer [redacted] was called to [redacted] to assist in a possible motor vehicle crash. Upon arrival I met with Sgt. [redacted] first on scene, Lt. [redacted] 3rd on scene, and several of the Detective Division detectives. The investigation revealed that a green 4 wheeler belonging to [redacted] was last seen in his yard next to a driveway. [redacted] and several of his family members went inside their residence at [redacted] age 4, stayed outside, and a few minutes later the neighbors children notified Mr. [redacted] that [redacted] had an accident. [redacted] and the 4 wheeler were located against the rear corner of the residence at [redacted] and [redacted] was trapped between the 4 wheeler and house. [redacted] Fire Department, EMS and [redacted] PD were notified and Sgt. [redacted] was the first officer on scene. Ptl. [redacted] second on scene, Lt [redacted] third on scene and Cpl. [redacted] 4th on scene. Once on scene additional [redacted] PD officers were summonsed to provide security. The [redacted] PD Detective Division along with the Traffic Unit responded to process the scene and conduct the investigation. Detectives conducted interviews and took statements, and the Traffic Unit photographed the scene and took measurements. Based on information from [redacted] was all the time playing around the 4 wheeler. Mr. [redacted] had



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removed the key from the engine prior to entering the residence. Based on the scene information, a tire print from the 4 wheeler was located in the area that Mr. [REDACTED] parked the 4 wheeler. It appeared that [REDACTED] had pushed and pulled the front of the 4 wheeler and had slightly turned it to the left. A 26 degree downhill slope was next to the 4 wheeler and once it started down the incline and with [REDACTED] in front of the vehicle, there was nothing he could do to stop the vehicle. Once the [REDACTED] Fire Department arrived on scene, they pulled the 4 wheeler away from the house and put the vehicle in gear. The vehicle inspection was performed by the Detective Division. [REDACTED] received massive head and neck injuries and was transported to the [REDACTED] Hospital by the [REDACTED] Corner. The Traffic Unit is conducting the scene inspection and diagramming and the Detective Division is performing the investigation. Assistant District Attorney General [REDACTED] responded. An autopsy was ordered for [REDACTED] and the body will be transported to the [REDACTED] College of Medicine on Wednesday. At this time no charges are placed and the investigation is ongoing by the [REDACTED] Police Department.

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

Sgt. [REDACTED] was assigned to this case along with CM [REDACTED]. See the hard file for a copy of the medical records, death certificate and autopsy.

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

See signed statements in TFACTS and in the hard file.

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

See signed statements in TFACTS and in the hard file.

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

Accidental death resulting from blunt force trauma.

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:	02/25/2014	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	12:00 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 15
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	02/25/2014
Completed date:	02/25/2014	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

**Children Concerning**

**Participant(s)**

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original      Entry Date/Time: 02/25/2014 11:23 AM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

TL [REDACTED] reviewed this case and approving for closure as AUPU. The Classification summary will be forwarded to the Juvenile Court. The case will be filed under the caregiver, [REDACTED]

Date of Referral: 09/04/13  
Initial Notification to Juvenile Court: 09/04/13  
Notification to DA: 09/04/13  
Law Enforcement Notification: 09/04/13  
CAC Notification: 09/04/13  
SDM Safety Assessment: 09/04/13  
FAST: n/a  
CS-0740 Sent to [REDACTED] Juvenile Court: 02/25/14  
Case Closure Date: 02/25/14  
CPIT Date: 02/19/14



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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:	02/24/2014	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	09:00 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	████████████████	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	02/24/2014
Completed date:	02/24/2014	Completed By:	████████████████
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: 02/24/2014 10:21 AM    Entered By: ██████████

**CLOSING CASE SUMMARY**

This case is being submitted for closure as unsubstantiated for NGD.

Narrative Type: Addendum 1    Entry Date/Time: 02/24/2014 10:43 AM    Entered By: ██████████

Due to the coroner responding to the scene and pronouncing the child deceased; the child was taken straight to the medical examiners office so there will not be any medical records from a hospital on this case.



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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:	02/19/2014	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	09:00 AM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	████████████████	Recorded For:	
Location:	Other Community Site	Created Date:	02/24/2014
Completed date:	02/24/2014	Completed By:	████████████████
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: 02/24/2014 10:19 AM      Entered By: ██████████

This case was presented to CPIT and the team recommended the case be closed as unsubstantiated for NGD due to the autopsy results.



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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: 01/27/2014

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 09:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 01/28/2014

Completed date: 01/28/2014

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: 01/28/2014 12:56 PM      Entered By: [REDACTED]

Autopsy final: Accidental death due to blunt force trauma. See a copy of the autopsy in the documents section of TFACTS and in the hard file. The case will be presented to CPIT on 02/19/2014 and submitted for closure.



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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: 12/04/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face  
 Contact Time: 02:30 PM Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 12/06/2013  
 Completed date: 12/06/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact,Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation  
 Contact Sub Type:

**Children Concerning****Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

**Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 12/06/2013 10:28 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CM [REDACTED] followed up with the family on this day. Mr. [REDACTED] was mowing the yard when CM arrived. He stated that they are getting by as much as the possibly can. He reported that he keeps himself busy so he doesn't think about his son. CM asked him about counseling and he stated that they have someone that comes to the house once a week and he will talk to [REDACTED] most of the time but he will also talk to them on occassion. He said that they are not in need of anything at this time and thanked CM for stopping in and checking on them. He said that [REDACTED] is having a really hard time and does not like to be at the house. He has a friend that lives a couple of houses up that he goes to quite often to keep from being at the house. The counselor has instructed them to give him time and it will get better. [REDACTED] was at the front door but CM did not feel it was best to talk with him after speaking with Mr. [REDACTED]. CM told Mr. [REDACTED] that if at anytime they feel that [REDACTED] needs additional therapy to let CM know and she will set that up for them.

CM also went over and met with Ms. [REDACTED]. She stated that she is doing ok considering the circumstances. She said that her grandsons have done better than she thought they would with the situation. The boys don't mention [REDACTED] much. The last time he was mentioned was during a blessing before dinner and her grandson told Jesus to take care of [REDACTED]. No one likes to go around that side of the house. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she was raking leaves on that side one evening and she had a funny feeling come over her and she had to leave the area. When the boys are outside on the trampoline; she doesn't even like going out back. There are also times when she said that she can hear [REDACTED] knocking on her door. Ms. [REDACTED] has come over and talked with her at times and she said that she has felt very sorry for her. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that Ms. [REDACTED] has told her that it was Ms. [REDACTED] house that killed her son. She said that she understands that Ms. [REDACTED] is just looking to blame someone for her son being gone and she just lets her talk and she just listens to her. She went on to say that she thought at one point the [REDACTED] were going to move but Ms. [REDACTED] said that they have changed their minds. Ms. [REDACTED] wants to remain at the house because of it being the last place where [REDACTED] was alive. During [REDACTED] funeral; the casket was left open and she was quite surprised considering what she seen. She said that she did not attend the funeral and she didn't let her grandson's go either. She felt that it was best for all of them to not go. CM inquired about counseling and Ms. [REDACTED] stated that they are doing fine and she talks with her church family if she needs to. CM told Ms. [REDACTED] if she ever felt that she or the boys were in need of counseling that CM would be able to set that up. She thanked CM and said that she still has CM's contact card. CM thanked her for her time and the interview ended.



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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: 10/01/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 09:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 12/06/2013

Completed date: 12/06/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

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

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 12/06/2013 11:24 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

See a copy of the obituary in the documents section of TFACTS and in the hard file.



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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: 09/11/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 09:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Other Community Site

Created Date: 09/11/2013

Completed date: 09/11/2013

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: 09/11/2013 09:55 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Initial presentment to the CPIT team will take place on Wednesday 08/18/2013 but the case will remain open until the autopsy results are received.



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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: 09/05/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face  
 Contact Time: 10:37 AM Contact Duration: Less than 03 Hour  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Family Home Created Date: 09/05/2013  
 Completed date: 09/11/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Collateral Contact,Initial ACV Face To Face,Other Child Living in the Home Interview/Observation,Other Persons Living in Home Interview/Observation,Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation  
 Contact Sub Type:

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

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/05/2013 01:01 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CM had just left another residence on an unrelated case when the news of this incident came over the radio. Sgt. [REDACTED] and CM [REDACTED] had been working the previous unrelated case together. Due to CM being on call the night and not living in the immediate area; CM made phone contact with TL [REDACTED] and informed her of the situation. CM said that she would go on out with Sgt. [REDACTED] to keep from him having to call CM out. CM told TL [REDACTED] that she would make sure that someone called the referral into the hotline. Statements had already been obtained from everyone when CM arrived because there were numerous detectives from the [REDACTED] Police Department that had already made it to the scene. The child's body was still stuck in the ATV when CM arrived. Numerous fire department staff and medical staff were working to free him. Upon removing his body from the ATV; the body was transported to [REDACTED] where an autopsy will be conducted. Due to this tragic accident; it was not the time nor the place to discuss grief counseling options with the family. The family and friends that were present were hysterical over the situation. Those issues along with the required paperwork will be addressed at a later date by Sgt. [REDACTED] as well as CM [REDACTED]. Counseling will also be discussed with the neighbor and friends due to what they witnessed.

NOTE: Please refer to the documents section of TFACTS and the hard file for misc. documents pertaining to this case including statements. When there is more information received; it will be documented and maintained in the hard file.



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Organization: [REDACTED]

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 Contact Time: 10:37 AM Contact Duration: Less than 05  
 Entered By: [REDACTED] Recorded For:  
 Location: Created Date: 02/24/2014  
 Completed date: 02/24/2014 Completed By: [REDACTED]  
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being  
 Contact Type(s): Case Summary  
 Contact Sub Type:

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Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/24/2014 10:30 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CASE ASSIGNMENT  
INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

This investigation came into central intake on 09/04/2013; at 10:37 am CT as a P1 with the allegations being; NGD. The victim/s = [REDACTED]. The alleged perpetrator/s = [REDACTED]. The investigation was assigned to CM [REDACTED] on 09/04/2013 at 12:37 pm CT by TL [REDACTED]. Notification was sent to the [REDACTED] Juvenile Court, [REDACTED] PD, [REDACTED] SD; CAC, and District Attorneys office per local protocol.

## TFACTS/TNKIDS history:

2/4/09 - ASMT# [REDACTED] DEI [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] LOS [REDACTED] - Services Required & Accepted  
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 1/18/08 - INV# [REDACTED] SEE [REDACTED] - Unfounded  
 5/16/07 - ASMT# [REDACTED] SRP [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] No Services Needed

CPIT convened per CPS policies #14.3 Section G # 6 as well as 14.6. and per local protocol for [REDACTED]

The following records were checked on each adult in the household:

Sex Offender Registry  
 Meth Offender Registry  
 Adult Abuse Registry  
 National Sex Offender Registry  
 Felony Offender Registry  
 Results=Negative

Reporter was contacted upon assignment. See case recordings for more detail. Reporter was also mailed a letter of notification of assignment per CPS policy 14.1.

Background checks were requested per local policy and will be located in the hard file.



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SDM form completed.

The following Immediate Harm Factor was identified and the following interventions were made to address this factor: N/A- Safe (Incident was accidental)

Genogram initiated. A copy can be located in the hard file.

The DCS Practice Wheel was utilized throughout this investigation.

**HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION:**

[REDACTED]  
Parents: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
Sibling: [REDACTED]

\*\*\*CASE WILL BE FILED UNDER THE NAME\*\*\* [REDACTED]



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SDM™ Safety Assessment

Assessment

Family Name: [Redacted]

TN DCS Intake ID #: [Redacted]

County: [Redacted]

Worker: [Redacted]

Date of Referral: 9/4/13 10:37 AM

Date of Assessment: 9/4/13 12:00 AM

Assessment Type: [X] 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: \_\_\_\_\_