

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Ezra Nunez Pino

County: Palm Beach

Date of Birth: 02/05/2022

Date of Death: 03/17/2022

Report Number: 2022-082605

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Ezra Nunez-Pino	1 month old	Child Victim
[REDACTED]	1 month old	Twin-Sibling
[REDACTED]	Born July 24, 2023	Sibling
[REDACTED]	3 years old	Sibling
[REDACTED]	4 years old	Sibling
Delaila Pino-Lasalle	22 years old	Mother
Kenneth Nunez-Arroyo	25 years old	Father
Yvonne Lasalle	41 years old	Maternal Grandmother

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On March 17, 2022, the 1-month-old infant passed away after he stopped breathing while breastfeeding.

According to the family, the following information was provided:

On December 18, 2021, the mother and children came to Florida from Puerto Rico for vacation. The mother went into early labor at the beginning of January, and she spent a week in the hospital after her labor was stopped. The grandmother offered to have them stay with her so the soon-to-be born twins would be able to get better health care and insurance. The mother was discharged and able to go another 5 weeks before going back to the hospital with stomach pains and giving birth after an emergency C-section. The father came to Florida a few days before birth.

On February 5, 2022, the twins were born at 37 weeks, but the decedent measured at 33 weeks, had cleft palate, a hole in her heart, and pneumonia from ingesting amniotic fluid. The infant stayed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for a ten day round of antibiotics and was there for approximately two weeks.

The mother stated she was exclusively breastfeeding, but the infant was being fed with a bottle that had a special nipple for her cleft palate as that caused her to be gassy and spit up.

On March 17, 2022, the mother fed the baby at midnight and 2:00 a.m. At approximately 4:30 a.m. the mother fed the infant again and she seemed a little more fragile. At 5:30 a.m. she changed a diaper and then at approximately 6:00 a.m. she checked on the infant (the twins woke up at different times to be fed) and she noticed that the infant appeared pale and grayish in color. The mother brought the infant to grandmother's room. The grandmother realized the infant was unresponsive, blue in color and called 911. Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services responded to the home and transported the baby to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 7:54 a.m.

The pediatrician records were reviewed and revealed that the baby had not been seen by a doctor since 2/25/22. The mother cancelled one appointment and "no showed" for two appointments. The baby weighed 2230 grams upon his discharge from NICU. The baby weighed 1871 grams at the autopsy. The baby was observed to be extremely thin with his ribs showing, sunken eyes, saggy skin, and an extended abdominal cavity.

The surviving twin was observed to be slightly jaundiced and extremely emaciated. He appears to have lost significant weight in the six days since commencement. It was decided to take the infant to the hospital. On March 24, 2022, the twin infant was admitted to the hospital and discharged on March 28, 2022. The Child Protection Team saw the surviving twin at the hospital, had positive findings for medical neglect and classified the infant's condition as starvation. The Child Protection Team completed a review and had positive findings for physical abuse, neglect, and medical neglect as to the decedent. The decedent was a victim of chronic starvation.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office investigated the death of the child (22-047008). On January 30, 2023, the mother was arrested and charged with Aggravated Manslaughter of a Child and Neglect of a Child. On February 26, 2026, the mother was sentenced 1 year 8 months 19 days in prison/time served and to five years of probation through February 25, 2031. No charges were filed as to the father.

The Medical Examiner's Office of District 19 completed an autopsy. The autopsy report states the following:

Cause of Death: Malnutrition

Manner of Death: Homicide

Malnutrition:

- a. Generalized gelatinous atrophy of adipose tissue, bilateral temporal wasting, sunken eyes and anterior fontanel, visible bony margins, saggy skin (poor skin turgor)*
- b. Less than 3rd percentile for body weight (Fenton preterm infant growth chart)*
- c. Serous fluid in chest cavities, pericardial sac, and abdominal cavity*

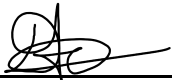
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