

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Olivia Dryer and Adam Dryer

County: Brevard

Date of Birth: 05/09/2018

Date of Death: 03/20/2022

Report Number: 2022-087869

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Olivia Dryer	3 years old	Child Victim
Adam Dryer	3 years old	Child Victim
Andrea Langhorst	35 years old	Mother

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On March 21, 2022, a report was received indicating the mother and 3-year-old twins were found deceased in a vehicle at an apartment complex in Melbourne on March 20, 2022.

According to law enforcement, the following information was provided.

The family is from St. Lucie County and had been living out of the vehicle.

On March 18, 2022, the maternal grandmother reported to the Fort Pierce Police Department that the mother and children were missing. They had last been seen on March 9, 2022 and the mother had not been in phone contact with other relatives since March 11, 2022.

On March 20, 2022, at 10:47 p.m., the Melbourne Police Department (MPD) received a 911 call indicating there was a suspicious vehicle in the apartment complex parking lot, with fogged up windows and a bad odor emanating from the car. MPD Officers responded to the scene and the mother and twin children were found deceased inside the vehicle. They were pronounced deceased on scene at 11:04 PM.

All three individuals were found in a severe state of decomposition. A Wendy's receipt was found in the vehicle dated March 10, 2022.

At the time, the children's father was incarcerated at the Brevard County Jail Complex, awaiting trial in an unrelated case.

The Melbourne Police Department investigated the deaths of Olivia Dryer, Adam Dryer and Andrea Langhorst (22-18321). Their case was closed as a murder/suicide.

MPD's Crime Scene Investigation found drug paraphernalia inside the vehicle and upon testing there was a positive presumptive result for fentanyl. Also, MPD indicated the mother had a long history of heroin use, methamphetamine use, and was an intravenous drug user. The maternal grandmother stated all of the mother's phone activity ceased on the evening of March 10, 2022. Per video surveillance, the mother's vehicle arrived at the Manatee Cove Apartments at 10:27 p.m. on March 10, 2022. The last phone activity for the mother was in the early morning hours of March 11, 2020.

The autopsy report was received on June 7, 2022, and indicated District 18 Medical Examiner Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D., completed an autopsy of Olivia Dryer on March 22, 2022. ME# 22-18-00283.

Cause of Death: Methamphetamine Toxicity

Manner of Death: Homicide

Autopsy Findings:

1. Moderate to severe decomposition.
2. No gross trauma or signs of physical abuse.
3. Average body weight and length of age group.
4. Toxic to lethal level of methamphetamine in body system, postmortem maggots (from cranial cavity) toxicology.

Notanda: As per investigations, deceased was seen in the backseat of a parked vehicle. Another person (sibling) was sitting on the same backseat and an adult (mother) was present on the driver's seat of the vehicle. Allegedly, this deceased person was last seen alive about 11 days before being found in this state. This case is the companion to case nos. A-22-282 and A-22-284.

The autopsy report was received on June 7, 2022, and indicated District 18 Medical Examiner Sajid Qaiser, M.D., completed an autopsy of Adam Dryer on March 22, 2022. ME# 22-18-00284.

Cause of Death: Methamphetamine Toxicity

Manner of Death: Homicide

Autopsy Findings:

1. Moderate to severe decomposition.
2. No gross trauma or signs of physical abuse.
3. Average body weight and length of age group.
4. Toxic to lethal level of methamphetamine in body system, postmortem maggots (from cranial cavity) toxicology.

Notanda: As per investigations, deceased was seen in the backseat of a parked vehicle. Another person (sibling) was sitting on the same backseat and an adult (mother) was present on the driver's seat of the vehicle. Allegedly, this deceased person was last seen alive about 11 days before being found in this state. This case is the companion to case nos. A-22-282 and A-22-283.

The autopsy report was received on June 7, 2022, and indicated District 18 Medical Examiner Sajid Qaiser, M.D., completed an autopsy of Andrea Langhorst on March 22, 2022. ME# 22-18-00282.

Cause of Death: Methamphetamine and Cocaine Toxicity

Manner of Death: Suicide

Autopsy Findings:

1. Advanced decomposition.
2. No gross trauma, in this decomposing body.
3. Average body weight and length of age group.
4. Toxicologically significant (toxic to lethal levels) cocaine, cocaine metabolite, and methamphetamine in body system, postmortem brain toxicology.

Notanda: As per investigations, deceased was found unresponsive, sitting on the driver's seat of a motor vehicle, parked in the parking lot of an apartment complex. Two minors (children) were also found seated in the back seats of the car. They were last seen alive, about 11 days before finding them in these states. This case is the companion to case nos. A-22-283 and A-22-284.

On July 24, 2022, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- Verified Findings of Death, Inadequate Supervision, and Substance Misuse – Illicit Drugs as to Olivia Dryer and Adam Dryer, with Andrea Langhorst as the caregiver responsible.

Other Children in the Family:

There were no other children in the mother's care. Grief counseling information was provided to the extended family.

Summary of Current Agency Involvement with Family

The family did not have any open services.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family had two prior abuse reports in 2018 and 2021. The 2018 investigation was closed with not substantiated findings of household violence as to both children, and the 2021 investigation was closed with not substantiated findings of inadequate supervision as to Adam only.



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