

Florida Department of Children and Families Child Fatality Summary C-15 2022

Child's Name: Alana Attianese

County: Palm Beach

Date of Birth: 05/21/2021

Date of Death: 04/05/2022

Family Composition Chart

Report Number: 2022-098896

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Alana Attianese	10 months	Decedent
Kelly Kirwan	31 years	Mother
Lee Attianese	34 years	Father

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On March 31, 2022, a report was received by the Hotline stating that a 10-month-old infant was heard making loud breathing noises while sleeping. The mother contacted 911 and emergency medical services arrived. The infant had no pulse upon their arrival. Resuscitation efforts were initiated, and the infant regained a pulse. The emergency room staff at Bethesda Medical Center continued these efforts and the infant was transferred to Joe DiMaggio Medical Center in Broward. The infant was determined to be "brain dead" and was on life support until she subsequently died on April 5, 2022.

On the day of the incident, the parents stated that the infant woke up around 9:00am, ate breakfast, and was her normal self throughout the day. The father left the home for work around 2:30pm. Next, the mother gave the infant a bottle around 4:00pm. The infant fell asleep and the mother transported her to her crib to take a nap. The mother noticed that the infant's breathing was louder and different than it normally sounded. Next, the mother put the infant in her car to go to the store to purchase baby formula. The infant remained in a deep sleep and the mother described the infant as "floppy" when she held her. Next, the infant's head slumped over in the car seat. The mother called the maternal grandmother, a nurse, who advised the mother to immediately call 911.

911 arrived on the side of the road, where the mother and infant were located, and began resuscitative efforts. The infant was transported to the hospital. The infant's heart rate did not improve until she was administered Narcan. The infant spend several days on life support until she was declared deceased.

Law enforcement found pills throughout the parent's house on the day of the incident. The parents declined to speak to DCF after the first day of the investigation. The parents declined to take drug screens.

The Palm Beach County Medical Examiner's office completed an autopsy. The cause of death was determined to be "Fluorofentanyl and Fentanyl Intoxication" and the manner as "Homicide." The injury occurred by "Ingestion of illicit drugs in the setting of unsafe environment."

The Boynton Beach Police Department has jurisdiction over this case. The criminal investigation concluded that a crime occurred. The mother was arrested for "Aggravated Manslaughter of a Child" on 09/21/2022. The criminal proceedings concluded at the beginning of 2025. The mother was sentenced to 7 years in prison, followed by two years of probation and then one year of being monitored by an ankle monitor.

Based on the information indicated above, the report was closed with "verified" findings of the death, environmental hazards, inadequate supervision and substance misuse maltreatments.

Other Children in the Family

There are no other children in the home.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

No prior reports were located on the family.

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