Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Andres Chateau County: Pinellas

Report Number: 2022-104691

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship to Deceased Child
Andres Chateau	9 years	Deceased
Kevin Bybee	44 years	Father

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On April 6, 2022, an investigation was received regarding the death of 9-year-old Andes Chateau and his father, Kevin Bybee-44, from an apparent murder-suicide. The child resided primarily with his mother, Jessica Chateau-42, and he visited with his father every other weekend.

The child visited his father on the weekend of April 1, 2022. However, when the mother attempted to pick him up from the father's home on the evening of April 3rd, she was unable to make contact with anyone. She noticed that both of the father's vehicles were at his home and found it strange that he was not answering his door, so she requested a welfare check. Law enforcement determined that exigent circumstances did not exist to enter the father's apartment, so the mother waited outside the father's home for several hours prior to returning to her residence. When the mother still hadn't heard from the father the next day, she returned to his apartment complex and sought assistance from property management. Staff entered the father's residence on the morning of April 4th and discovered the father and child unresponsive. Staff called 911 and first responders subsequently pronounced the father and child deceased at the home.

Dr. J. Thogmartin with the District 6 (Pinellas and Pasco Counties) Medical Examiner's Office conducted the autopsy on the child and his father. Regarding the child, the cause of death is listed as gunshot wound of head and the manner of death is listed as homicide. The father's cause of death is listed as gunshot wound of head and his manner of death was determined to be a suicide.

The St. Petersburg Police Department conducted the criminal investigation and law enforcement identified the father as the suspect responsible for the child's death.

Based on the interviews and evidence gathered, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Child Protection Investigations Division closed their investigation on April 21, 2022, with

verified findings of the death and physical injury maltreatments. Grief counseling resources were provided to the mother.

Other Children in the Family

The father has no other children.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The father and child were involved in one investigation in 2019 with allegations of physical abuse; that investigation resulted in no findings of any maltreatments.

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