

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Isabella Abreu

County: Orange

Date of Birth: 05/06/2014

Date of Death: 05/06/2022

Report Number: 2022-142091

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Isabella Abreu	7 years old	Child Victim
[REDACTED]	7 years old	Sibling
[REDACTED]	15 years old	Sibling
Viviana Roig-Caballero	27 years old	Mother
Lidianys Roig	36 years old	Maternal Aunt
Marlenis Caballero	56 years old	Maternal Grandmother
Francisco Roig	57 years old	Maternal Grandfather

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On May 7, 2022, a report was received indicating the 7-year-old passed away on May 6, 2022, after being brought to the Emergency Room in respiratory distress.

According to the family, the following information was provided.

On May 6, 2022, the child was brought to the Emergency Room at Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital by the mother and maternal grandmother at 8:40pm. Per the mother, the child's eyes had rolled back into her head, and she became unresponsive. Per security, the child was in a blanket being carried by the family, they checked in, and they sat in the waiting room. The hospital staff noted the child to be very pale with agonal breathing. The child was immediately brought back to triage. The Emergency Room (ER) noted difficulties obtaining an accurate weight.

While doing compressions on the child the ER staff noted blood coming out of the child's mouth. The child had severe swelling to her feet and other extremities, a distended abdomen, tiny red dots over her chest and abdomen, and multiple small wounds on both knees. The child's backside had a scabbed area with scratches over it. The rectum was severely dilated with blood coming out, and scabbing was observed inferior to the left labia. The child coded four times.

On May 6, 2022, Isabella Abreu was pronounced deceased at 10:39 p.m.

According to the family, the child fell and hit her knees at the home approximately three to four weeks prior. The child cried but had no observable swelling or pain to the leg when moved. The child cried but was able to walk after the incident. Due to no apparent injuries, the family did not take the child to the doctor. A few days after the fall, the child was limping slightly but would tell the mother she was not hurt. Approximately two to three days later, the child and her twin sibling were playing in their bedroom when the mother heard the child cry out in pain. She complained about her leg. The mother stretched her knee to check it, the child was able to stand but would not bear weight on the leg. The mother assumed it was because the child was afraid to put her leg down due to the pain. The mother purchased a knee brace but after a few days, the child would not get out of bed.

Approximately two weeks ago, the mother began to notice the child's legs were swollen, one more so than the other. The mother used Arnica cream to massage the child's legs and believes this led her to realize the child could not feel her legs. The child refused to walk and had to be carried from place to place by the mother, grandmother, or the aunt. The mother saw the red dots appear, which she thought was due to poor circulation. At this point, the mother tried doing different exercises to decrease swelling. The aunt had purchased a pillow to keep the child's feet elevated. During this time, the child continued to eat but had a significantly decreased appetite. The mother had initially assumed the child was being dramatic and over-exaggerating but knew something was wrong when she saw the swelling.

On May 6, 2022, the mother noticed the child's breathing was not right. Initially, the mother stated she had observed the change in the morning, but then corrected herself and stated that she observed it in the afternoon. The grandmother told the mother she needed to take the child to the hospital. The grandmother bathed the twins then they took the child to the hospital after the mother was done working. When asked why they did not take the child to the ER sooner, the grandmother reported they had to wait for the aunt to return home to watch the sibling; however, the mother and grandfather stated the grandfather was home and stayed with the sibling. The mother stated the grandparents had tried to get the mother to take the child to the hospital since the swelling started, but the mother was afraid she would be in trouble for not taking her sooner. Per the mother, neither of the twins had been to the doctor in at least two years.

The Orlando Police Department investigated the death of Isabella Abreu (22-160033). On December 17, 2022, the mother was arrested and charged with Aggravated Manslaughter of a Child.

The autopsy report was received on January 12, 2023, and indicated District 9 Medical Examiner Sara H. Zydowicz, M.D., completed an autopsy of Isabella Abreu on January 12, 2022. ME# 22-09-00893.

Cause of Death: Congestive Heart Failure, Not Otherwise Specified

Manner of Death: Natural

The Child Protection Team (CPT) doctor completed a medical consultation addendum following a review of the child's autopsy as well as forensic information provided by law enforcement, and noted that his initial findings for medical neglect remain positive. The doctor noted that a review of the mother's internet searches as well as photographs contained in her cellular telephone indicated that the child was ill for approximately one month prior to passing away. The doctor noted that it was his medical opinion that it is very likely the child would not have passed away if she had been brought for medical attention promptly after the family became aware of the child's lower extremity swelling, inability to walk, poor appetite and development of buttock and sacral skin ulcerations. CPT's conclusion was positive findings of medical neglect of the child as perpetrated by the mother.

On January 13, 2022, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- Verified Findings of Death and Medical Neglect as to Isabella Abreu, with Victoria Roig-Caballero as the caregiver responsible.
- Verified Findings of Threatened Harm as to [REDACTED], with Victoria Roig-Caballero as the caregiver responsible.
- No Indicators of Physical Injury and Sexual Abuse/Sexual Molestation.

Other Children in the Family:

The siblings were sheltered on June 30, 2022. Grief counseling information was provided to the 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 does not have any prior abuse report history.



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