Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Khaleesi Robinson County: Pasco

Date of Birth: 11/21/2021 **Date of Death:** 5/16/2022

Report Number: 2022-151278

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child	
Khaleesi Robinson	5 months	Deceased Child	
	6 years	Half-sibling by mother	
	12 years	Half-sibling by mother	
Kassandra Robinson	30 years	Mother	
Roger Garris. II	32 years	Mother's Paramour	
Jeanne Garris	62 years	Paramour's Mother	
Kristine Robinson	32 years	Maternal Aunt	
Annieve Watson	50 years	Roommate	
Jeffrey Watson	31 years	Roommate	

Circumstances Surrounding Death

This investigation was received on May 16, 2022, concerning the death of this 5-monthold infant who was found unresponsive in an adult bed. The infant resided with her mother, the mother's paramour, the paramour's mother and two additional roommates. A maternal aunt was visiting from out of town and was staying in a hotel, and the mother also has two older children who were residing primarily with relatives at the time of the incident.

According to the family, the maternal aunt was in town so she could visit with the mother and infant (in the days leading up to the death incident). She brought the infant to her hotel, and they spent time together on the afternoon of May 14, 2022. At some point, she noticed that the infant was fussy and tugging at her ear, so she checked the infant's temperature and discovered that the infant had a fever of 103 degrees. She gave the infant a bath and administered a dose of Infant Ibuprofen in an attempt to bring the temperature down, but later felt it would be a good idea to have the infant evaluated by a physician.

The mother met the aunt at Bayonet Point Hospital in the early morning of May 15th and the infant was evaluated, diagnosed with an ear infection, and discharged with a prescription for antibiotics.

After leaving the hospital, the aunt returned to her hotel and the mother brought the infant home with her, where she and the paramour tended to the infant throughout the day. The paramour filled the infant's prescription on the afternoon of May 15th, and they administered one dose of the antibiotics around 6:30 p.m. Afterwards, they fed the infant a bottle, brought her into their bed, and propped her on a pillow. Then the mother, paramour, and infant spent time together and the infant watched cartoons until she fell asleep in bed.

The mother and paramour provided some conflicting statements surrounding what occurred after the infant's feeding. However, it was reported that the paramour went outside sometime around 9:00 p.m., and he remained outside longer than the mother anticipated, prompting her to text him, asking him to come to bed. Sometime around 1:30 a.m. on May 16th, the mother went outside to speak with the paramour, and she returned inside a short time later, discovering the infant unresponsive in bed. The mother than notified the paramour of the infant's condition, and the pair drove the infant to Bayonet Point Hospital. Despite medical intervention, the infant was unable to recover, and she was pronounced deceased at 2:52 a.m.

The family resided in a single wide trailer. The mother and paramour share a bedroom and the infant's Pack n' Play was observed in the living room, as there was not enough space in the bedroom. Of note, the Pack n' Play contained six plush toys, a pillow, a sheet, and a blanket. In addition to the cluttered Pack n' Play, which was an unsafe sleep environment for the infant, the mother acknowledged a history of co-sleeping.

Presumptive drug screens were conducted on the mother and her paramour. Initially, the mother denied having a history of substance use; however, her presumptive drug screen results were positive for amphetamine and methamphetamine. The paramour's drug screen results were positive for methamphetamine, amphetamine, fentanyl, morphine, and alcohol, and he later admitted that he used methamphetamine in the bedroom that he and the mother share. Additionally, narcotics (aluminum foil with white residue) and drug paraphernalia, to include bongs, lighters, torches, and needles, were also located in their bedroom.

The Child Protection Team (CPT) was consulted concerning the infant and they completed a medical consultation, opining positive findings of neglect and medical neglect. CPT noted the use of unsafe sleep practices, failure to establish a pediatrician or provide routine medical care for the infant, and illegal drug exposure/ingestion leading to death as the basis for their findings.

Dr. N. Aguda with the District Six (Pinellas and Pasco Counties) Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy on the infant. The cause of death is listed as combined drug toxicity and the manner of death is listed as an accident.

The Pasco County Sheriff's Office conducted the criminal investigation concerning the infant's death. At closure of the Child Protective Investigation no arrests had been made nor charges filed, and the criminal case remained open.

Based on the interviews and evidence gathered during the course of the investigation, Child Protections in Pasco County closed their investigation as follows:

Child	Identified Maltreatment	Finding	Caregiver Responsible
Decedent	Death	Verified	Mother/Paramour
	Environmental Hazards	Verified	Mother/Paramour
	Inadequate Supervision	Verified	Mother/Paramour
	Substance Misuse – Illicit Drugs	Verified	Mother/Paramour
	Medical Neglect	Verified	Mother
			N/A

Other Children in the Family

Khaleesi Robinson

Based on the above-mentioned concerns, a safety plan was implemented at the onset of the investigation. The oldest sibling remained with her paternal grandmother (not the decedent's grandmother) where she has resided the majority of her life and the other sibling relocated to the father's (not the decedent's father) home. Additionally, the sibling's father filed for custody through family court. Grief counseling resources were provided to the family.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

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There is no child welfare history involving the infant	
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