## Florida Department of Children and Families Child Fatality Summary C-19

Child's Name: Brodyn McGill County: Okeechobee

**Date of Birth:** 11/27/2021 **Date of Death:** 06/06/2022

Family Composition Chart Report Number: 2022-174137

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Brodyn McGill	6 months	Decedent
Danielle Harmon	37 years	Mother
Thomas McGill	41 years	Father

## **Circumstances Surrounding Death**

On 06/06/2022, the Department received a report stating that a 6-month-infant was found unresponsive by the mother. 911 was contacted and resuscitative efforts were attempted without success. The infant was pronounced deceased at Raulerson Medical Center at 10:51 am.

In the hours leading up to the incident, the mother reported that she placed the infant to sleep on a futon around 2 a.m., that the mother and infant shared. The family was temporarily staying in a barn on a property that consisted of this barn and a single mobile home. The individuals who lived on the property were reported to be known methamphetamine users. The mother stated that she woke up at approximately 9:30 a.m. to find the infant with his head hanging off the side of the futon and he was unresponsive.

Next, 911 was contacted and one of the other adults on the property began performing CPR on the infant. The infant was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The mother reported that the infant had been chewing on a piece of deer meat the evening prior to the incident. The mother reported that the infant didn't have any known medical conditions. The futon was observed to have multiple pillows and blankets. There were no safe sleep options observed in the family's quarters.

The Medical Examiner's Office-District 19 completed an autopsy. The cause of death was determined to be "Acute Methamphetamine Intoxication in Setting of Co-Sleeping with Adult in Adult Bed" and the manner as "Homicide." The report states that there was no evidence of trauma. The pathologist states, "It is not clear how methamphetamine made it's way to the body, but regardless of whether it was neglect or intentional exposure, the manner of death is best classified as homicide."

The Child Protection Team of Circuit 19 completed a medical consultation. There were positive findings for neglect secondary to maternal drug abuse.

The Okeechobee Police Department has jurisdiction over this case. There are no arrests showing at this time for either parent as it relates to the death of the infant.

Based on the information indicated above, the report was closed with "verified" findings for the death, environmental hazards, substance misuse-illicit drugs and inadequate supervision maltreatments. The mother was named as the identified caregiver responsible for the death, and both parents were the identified caregivers responsible for the remainder of the maltreatments.

## Other Children in the Family

At the time of the incident there were no other children in the home.
Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family
There are no prior reports involving the decedent

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