

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Kehlani Rosado

County: Brevard

Date of Birth: 05/09/2021

Date of Death: 07/29/2022

Report Number: 2022-227320

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Kehlani Rosado	14 months old	Child Victim
Jose Cuadrado	22 years old	Legal Father / Mother's Paramour
Alexia Marie Faling	20 years old	Mother

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On July 29, 2022, the 14-month-old child was found lying face down in the bathtub after she was left alone in the bathroom by the mother's paramour.

According to the family, the following information was provided. The paramour, though not the child's biological father, is listed on her birth certificate and is therefore the child's legal father.

The mother, father, and child were living at the apartment of a paternal aunt.

On July 29, 2022, the father was giving the child a bath while the mother was taking a nap at approximately 1:00 p.m. The child recently had an ear infection, was still taking medication and was wearing a shower cap that had flaps for covering her ears. The father started the water but did not push the pop-up stopper down. There were multiple toys, approximately five to seven, in the bathtub. The father indicated he heard the front door and thought it was a friend from work who was at the apartment. He walked out of the bathroom to check on the sound and grab a towel for the child. The father indicated he was out of the bathroom for approximately a minute or two. When he returned to the bathroom the child was face down in the bathtub. The shower cap was off and covering the drain. The father indicated it did not stop the water draining completely but there was approximately six inches of water in the bathtub. He started screaming and pulled the child out of the bathtub. The mother woke up and ran outside trying to get someone to help and called her mother. The friend called 911 at 1:10 p.m. Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services responded to the apartment. EMS transported the child to Melbourne Regional Medical Center and then the child was transported to Nemours Children Hospital.

On July 29, 2022, Kehlani Rosado was pronounced deceased at 6:19 p.m.

The mother consented to a drug screen and was negative. The father consented to a drug screen and was positive for THC.

The West Melbourne Police Department (WMPD) completed an investigation as to the death of Kehlani Rosado (WMPD 2022-00026730). WMPD did not find any drugs or paraphernalia on scene. They have staffed the case with the State Attorney's Office (SAO), they filed a charge of Aggravated Manslaughter of a Child as to Jose Cuadrado with the SAO, and the case is pending review.

The death certificate was received on October 19, 2022, and indicated District 9 Medical Examiner Marie H. Hansen, M.D., signed and certified the death certificate for Kehlani Rosado on October 4, 2022. ME# 22-09-01489.

Cause of Death: Drowning

Manner of Death: Accident

Autopsy Findings:

- A. Investigational history of being found face-down in tub
- B. Investigational history of ear and eye covering occluding drain
- C. Clinical history of pulmonary congestion and edema
- D. Focal left occipital subgaleal hematoma (1cm)
- E. No identifiable internal skull fractures or brain lacerations or contusions
- F. Multiple surface discolorations associated with treatment
- G. Clinical history of "being fussy all night before being taken to have a bath" with: 1. Clear CSF; 2. No gross signs of infection; 3. NP viral swab positive for COVID-19 without histologic ARDS; 4. Blood culture positive methicillin sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus* with histologic acute patchy bronchopneumonia and history of extensive two hospital resuscitation

Autopsy Conclusion: In consideration of the circumstances surrounding the death and after examination of the body, and review of available medical records, it is my opinion that the death of Kehlani Rosado, a 1-year-2-month-old (DOB 05/09/2021) white female, is the results of drowning. The manner of death is accident.

*Autopsy Note: Although viral studies are positive for COVID-19, there is no correlating severe histologic lung disease. Postmortem blood cultures are positive for methicillin sensitive *Staph aureus* and correlated with a patchy acute bronchopneumonia seen at autopsy and likely reflect the efforts of prolonged resuscitation.*

On October 30, 2023, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- Verified Findings of Death and Inadequate Supervision as to Kehlani Rosado, with the caregiver responsible as Jose Cuadrado.

Other Children in the Family:

There are no other children in the home. Grief counseling information was provided to the family.

Summary of Current Agency Involvement with Family

The family did not have any open services. [REDACTED]
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The family is from New York; they had moved here, the child was born, they returned to New York due to financial difficulties, and then returned to Florida approximately three months prior to the child's death. A prior history check was completed and had not been received at closure.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family has no prior involvement with the department.



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Date



Central Region Director of Child Protection
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