

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: [REDACTED]

County: Orange

Date of Birth: 10/13/2021

Date of Death: 7/30/2022

Report Number: 2022-227862

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
[REDACTED]	10 months old	Child Victim
[REDACTED]	2 years old	Sibling
[REDACTED]	3 years old	Sibling
[REDACTED]	4 years old	Sibling
[REDACTED]	5 years old	Sibling
[REDACTED]	27 years old	Father
[REDACTED]	25 years old	Mother
[REDACTED]	24 years old	Paternal Aunt
[REDACTED]	45 years old	Paternal Grandmother
[REDACTED]	52 years old	Paternal Grandfather

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On July 30, 2022, the father found the 10-month-old child unresponsive on the couch they were sharing to sleep.

According to the family, the following information was provided. The family consists of the mother, the father, the deceased, and the four siblings. The family sometimes resides with the paternal grandparents, the paternal aunt and her 1-year-old daughter. The incident occurred at the paternal grandparent's home.

On July 29, 2022, the family kept up their normal routine of going to daycare, the mother going to work, then coming home to play outside before dinner, bathing, and their sleep routine. That night the child fell asleep in the father's arms, and he then placed the child to sleep on the couch on his stomach with his arms spread out so it would be easier for him to sleep. The father slept on the other side of the couch but tucked his feet into the couch so that he would not bother the child.

On July 30, 2022, the father woke up to his brother looking for keys. The other children began waking up, so he put the child on the floor to have more room. The parents know that when they move the child, he will always wake up or move; however, the child was not moving and unresponsive. The father looked at the child closer and felt that there was no life in the child. The father began to panic and scream, which woke up the

mother. He drove the child to the fire department with his sister so that he would not have to wait for Emergency Medical Services.

On July 30, 2022, [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased at 9:28 a.m.

The parents consented to drug screens and were positive for THC. Both parents stated they do not smoke when they have the children in their care. The paternal grandparents and paternal aunt declined drug screens and signed the form to confirm this.

During the investigation it was determined the parents no longer function as one household, as the mother was residing in the coalition for the homeless, and the father resides elsewhere. They have ceased their relationship for the past year. The children primarily reside with the paternal grandparents. Approximately once a week they will stay with the mother. The parents will come by to ensure the children are fed, dressed, and bathed and will take the children to daycare. Neither parent resides in the paternal grandparents' home.

The Orlando Police Department investigated the death of [REDACTED] (2022-00261840). No arrests were made, nor charges filed.

The death certificate was received on October 3, 2022, and indicated District 9 Medical Examiner Marie H. Hansen, M.D., signed and certified the death certificate for [REDACTED] on September 21, 2022. ME# 22-09-01493.

Cause of Death: Unexplained Sudden Death (Extrinsic Factors Identified)

Manner of Death: Undetermined

On December 12, 2022, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- No Indicators of Death as to [REDACTED]
- Not Substantiated Findings of Inadequate Supervision as to [REDACTED].

Other Children in the Family:

The siblings were deemed to be safe and remain in the paternal grandparents' care. Grief counseling information was provided to the family, the investigation was staffed with diversion for two Pack n' Plays and two child cots for the family, and they agreed to work with services due to the concerns for the prior abuse report history. The mother obtained services through Embrace Families for the children as well as they are receiving services through their school.

Summary of Current Agency Involvement with Family

The family did not have any open services.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family has an extensive prior abuse report history with 26 investigations from 2003 through 2022.



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