

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Uriel Schock

County: Hardee

Date of Birth: 03/05/2022

Date of Death: 11/01/2022

Report Number: 2022-336148

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Uriel Schock	6 months old	Child Victim
Tracey Nix	65 years old	Grandmother
Kaila Schock	33 years old	Mother
Drew Schock	35 years old	Father

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On November 2, 2022, a report was received indicating the 6-month-old passed away after being forgotten by the grandmother in the back seat of her vehicle on November 1, 2022.

According to law enforcement, the following information was provided. This is the second child death for this family. The child's 16-month-old sibling passed away in December 2021 after suffering a drowning incident, also while in the care of the grandmother.

On November 1, 2022, the mother wanted to get her hair done and she asked the grandmother to watch the baby for a couple of hours. They were allowing the grandmother to watch the baby only because the baby was not mobile. The parents had already told the grandmother that once the baby started crawling that she would not be watching her due to what had happened with the sibling.

On November 1, 2022, the grandmother took the baby and went to lunch with friends. The detective watched the whole video of the grandmother at the restaurant, and she appeared to be attentive to the child and there was nothing concerning. She did not consume any alcohol. The grandmother left the restaurant at 1:45 p.m. and her home is three miles away. She put the baby in the car in the back seat and drove home. The grandmother pulled into her driveway and went inside, forgetting the child was with her in the car. The windows of her car were rolled up. When the grandmother returned home the grandfather was outside doing yard work. He did not know the baby was with the grandmother as this had not been communicated to him.

The grandmother indicated that her other daughter was supposed to be coming by with her 12-year-old grandson at approximately 3:30 p.m. The grandmother got distracted with her dogs when she got home, went inside and practiced piano and did some other things around the home. The grandfather was back out in the yard mowing. At approximately 4:30 p.m. the grandmother got in her car and was waiting on her other adult child/grandson that were approximately an hour late. The grandmother drove around to the barn and was outside her car talking to the grandfather when the thought hit her of what happened to the baby. The grandmother then quickly opened the back door of the car, and the baby was still there in her car seat. The baby was unresponsive, and they attempted CPR. The other adult daughter and grandson pulled up; however, when she realized there was an emergency going on she quickly took her son away from the scene. She did not see what was going on, and called 911 at 5:00 p.m. Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded to the home

On November 1, 2022, Uriel Schock was pronounced deceased on scene by EMS personnel.

After the incident, the mother was Baker Acted at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, and the grandmother was Baker Acted at Bartow Regional Medical Center.

The Hardee County Sheriff's Office investigated the death of Uriel Schock (30-2022-025951). On November 14, 2022, Tracey Nix was arrested and charged with Leaving a Child Unattended or Unsupervised in a Motor Vehicle and Aggravated Manslaughter of a Child.

The death certificate was received on November 15, 2022, and indicated District 10 Medical Examiner Vera V. Volnikh, M.D., signed and certified the death certificate for Uriel Schock on November 7, 2022. ME# 22-10-FA-711.

Cause of Death: Hyperthermia

Manner of Death: Homicide

On December 26, 2022, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- Verified Findings of Death and Inadequate Supervision as to Uriel Schock, with Tracey Nix as the caregiver responsible.

Other Children in the Family:


A 3-year-old sibling was deemed to be safe and remains in the parents' care. 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 deceased child and parents do not have any prior abuse report history. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The grandmother was involved in a drowning incident of her grandson in December 2021. On January 30, 2022, the investigation was closed with no indicators of death and inadequate supervision.



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