

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Trenell Dauphin

County: Miami-Dade

Date of Birth: 5/17/2022

Date of Death: 11/30/2022

Report Number: 2022-366162

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Trenell Dauphin	6 months	Decedent
Vanecsha Merisier	19	Mother
Darnell Dauphin	21	Father
Vania St Gilles	54	Maternal Grandmother
Emmanuel Merisier	58	Maternal Grandfather
Shatelle Walkin	41	Paternal Grandmother

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On 11/30/2022, the Department received an abuse report following the passing of the six-month-old. The report alleges the following: "On 11/30/22, the grandmother fed the six-month-old milk and put her to sleep inside of the crib. Ten minutes later the grandmother checked on her and found she was being weird. The grandmothers went to the neighbor's house for help and then called 911. Ems took the six-month-old to Jackson North Medical Center and she was pronounced dead at 9:47 A.M. The hospital advised that the six-month-old had fluid inside of her lungs that looks to be baby food, but it will be further investigated. The grandmother stated that Prenell takes over the counter medication for mucus and that she always has a lot of mucus and boogers in her system."

The abuse report lists maltreatments of death and inadequate supervision with the six-month-old as the alleged victim and the maternal grandmother as the alleged perpetrator.

The six-month-old was born to parents Vanecsha Merisier and Darnell Dauphin at Jackson North Medical Center located in Miami-Dade County.

During the DCF investigation, the Child Protective investigator spoke with the subjects of the report, law enforcement, the staff at the Child Protection Team and collateral contacts. The six-month-old spends the days at the maternal grandmother's home and the nights at the paternal grandmother's home. On 11/30/22 at 8:00am, the maternal grandmother fed the six-month-old a bottle and left him watching a tablet while she went to brush her teeth. When she returned a minute later, she saw mucus coming out of his nose, she called to him, and his eyes opened and closed. The maternal grandmother

went to a neighbor to call 911. He was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The six-month-old was born premature with underdeveloped lungs. He was taken to the pediatrician on 11/5/22 because he was sick, again on 11/27/22 for a flu shot and on 11/12/22 for physical therapy.

The mother tested positive for THC; the father declined a drug test but confirmed that [REDACTED] the paternal aunt was negative for all drugs and the maternal grandmother tested positive for THC.

The Miami Dade Police Department concluded their investigation with no arrests for the death. The criminal investigation continues regarding the methamphetamines.

The Miami-Dade Medical Examiner completed an autopsy. The cause of death is listed as methamphetamine exposure with the manner of death listed as accident.

The Department concluded its investigation with verified findings of death and inadequate supervision.

Other Children in the Family

There are no siblings in the family.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with family

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The father does not have any prior involvement with the Department.

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