

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Kaileia Thompson

County: Hillsborough

Date of Birth: 10/30/2022

Date of Death: 12/9/2022

Report Number: 2022-376181

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Kaileia Thompson	6 weeks	Deceased Child
████████████████████	1 year	Sibling
████████████████████	3 years	Sibling
Kayvona Lewis	25 years	Mother
Cortavius Thompson	25 years	Father

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On December 9, 2022, an investigation was received regarding the hospitalization of 6-week-old Kaileia Thompson, after she was admitted with multiple unexplained injuries; the infant was unable to recover and subsequently passed away. The infant resided with her two older siblings and the parents.

The father stated that he tended to the children on December 9th while the mother was at work. He advised that he fed the older children and made the infant a bottle sometime around 6:00 p.m., then he brought the infant in bed, propped her on a pillow, and used a blanket to hold her bottle. The older children came into the bedroom to play video games and the father went to the bathroom a short time later, leaving all the children on the bed. Within minutes he heard the infant crying and when he returned to the bedroom, it appeared that the infant had slid down the pillow and was lying on her side, so he repositioned her to finish the feeding and held the crying infant prior to swaddling her for a nap. While swaddling his daughter, he noticed that one of her eyes began to swell and assumed one of the older children fell on or dropped something on the infant while he was in the bathroom. Around 7:45 p.m. he woke the infant to bathe her and noticed that her eyes were swollen. The mother returned from work around 8:15 p.m. and noticed the infant making noises and moving her arms in an odd manner while in the bath. Once the infant was removed from the tub, the mother realized that the infant's face appeared swollen and immediately brought her to Brandon Regional Hospital for treatment. Medical professionals observed the infant with multiple injuries, to include facial bruising and swelling, and bruising under her armpit. Due to the severity of her injuries, she was air lifted to Tampa General Hospital for additional medical

attention. She was unable to recover and was subsequently pronounced deceased in the early morning hours of December 9th.

Of note, the father provided varying accounts of the events that occurred in the home, and he had no plausible explanation for the injuries that the infant sustained. However, medical professionals confirmed that the injuries the infant sustained could only have been inflicted and could not have been caused by one of the other children in the home.

Both parents voluntarily submitted a sample for a presumptive drug screen and their results were negative for any substances.

Dr. M. Webb with the Hillsborough County Medical Examiner's Office conducted the autopsy on the infant. The cause of death was determined as craniocerebral and cervical spine trauma due to blunt impacts to the head and neck and the manner of death as a homicide.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office conducted the criminal investigation regarding the infant's death and on December 16, 2022, they arrested the father on charges of murder in the first degree while engaging in aggravated child abuse. A charge of aggravated child abuse (with great bodily harm) was added at a later date. The father remains incarcerated at the time of this report writing.

Based on the interviews and evidence gathered during the investigation, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Child Protective Investigations Division closed their investigation with the following findings:

Child	Identified Maltreatment	Finding	Caregiver Responsible
Kaileia Thompson	Death	Verified	Father
	Internal Injuries	Verified	Father
[REDACTED]	Threatened Harm	Verified	Father
[REDACTED]	Threatened Harm	Verified	Father

Other Children in the Family


The Child Protection Team examined the siblings and there were no findings of abuse or neglect. Due to the severity of the situation, the siblings were removed from the father and a petition was filed in support of the termination of his parental rights. The children were placed in the mother's care and the family will be provided any necessary services through the ongoing judicial case.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

There are no prior investigations involving the decedent. In May 2022 there was one investigation with concerns that the father assaulted the mother during a heated argument regarding finances. The father was arrested in relation to the incident and a

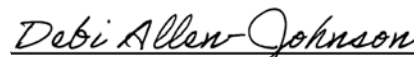
criminal no contact order was issued. At the time of the incident the parents advised that they were living with their respective parents, and they reportedly arranged for a nonrelative to assist with time-sharing of the children. The father declined services and the mother accepted a childcare referral and a referral for domestic violence victim services.

Due to the family's child welfare history and the circumstances surrounding the death incident a Special Review was conducted. Please refer to that report on the department's child fatality prevention website for any additional information.



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