

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Ty'onna Ford

County: Duval

Date of Birth: April 3, 2021

Date of Death: December 20, 2022

Report Number: 2022-388245

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Ty'onna Ford	20 months	Deceased Child
[REDACTED]	4	Half-Sibling
[REDACTED]	7	Half-Sibling
[REDACTED]	7	Half-Sibling
[REDACTED]	10	Half-Sibling
Carlinda Miller	31	Mother
Tyeon Ford	23	Father

1. Circumstances Surrounding Death

On December 20, 2022, this 20-month-old toddler was found unresponsive by her parents. The parents drove the toddler to UF Health Shands. Despite life-saving efforts, she was pronounced deceased at 12:30am.

On the night of the incident, the mother stated the toddler fell asleep in the mother's bed. The mother woke up around 11pm to get ready to go to work. Shortly after waking up, the mother checked on the toddler and discovered the toddler was unresponsive. The mother was drug screened and tested positive for THC. The father declined a drug screen.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office conducted a criminal investigation. During their investigation, they discovered the father had hidden cocaine and a handgun at an uncle's house and the mother had cleaned the house and disposed of drug paraphernalia right after the child was pronounced deceased. After consultation with the Medical Examiner, both parents were arrested for aggravated manslaughter of a child. The mother pled guilty to reduced charges of child neglect on July 21, 2023, and was sentenced to two years of probation. The father pled guilty to manslaughter of a child on October 5, 2023, and was sentenced to 10 years in prison, two years of community supervision and five years of probation.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy and determined the cause of death as acute fentanyl intoxication. The manner of death was an accident.

The First Coast Child Protection Team (CPT) completed a medical records review on June 18, 2024. CPT had positive findings for fatal neglect, stating "Fentanyl overdose. Presumably the drug was left around where she could obtain this. Perhaps from the floor. Deliberate feeding of it to her is less likely.

Based on the information obtained during the investigation, DCF Duval County Child Protective Investigations closed the investigation on September 4, 2024, with verified findings of death due to inadequate supervision and substance misuse-illicit drugs identifying the mother and father as

the caregivers responsible, and not substantiated findings of physical injury [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Other Children in the Family

The toddler had four half-siblings at the time of her death [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

2. Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

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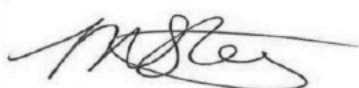
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