

**Florida Department of Children and Families
Child Fatality Summary C-17**

Child's Name: Mylia Mombranche

County: Broward

Date of Birth: 08/01/2020

Date of Death: 05/27/2023

Family Composition Chart

Report Number: 2023-175371

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Mylia Mombranche	2 years	Decedent
[REDACTED]	11 months	Sibling
[REDACTED]	17 years	Paternal Cousin
Nathalie Prophete	32 years	Non-Relative Caregiver
Lius Appolon	33 years	Paternal Uncle
Starr West	28 years	Mother
Marckendy Mombranche	28 years	Father

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On 05/27/2023, the department received a report stating that a 2-year-old toddler died after accidentally shooting herself with a gun she found in the home. The toddler was pronounced deceased at Broward Health Medical Center at 2:44 pm.

The toddler and infant sibling had been placed in the custody of a non-relative caregiver in July 2022, and remained in this placement at the time of the death incident.

On 05/27/2023, the infant sibling and non-relative caregiver left the home prior to the incident. The toddler's paternal uncle, a frequent visitor to the home, was left in charge of watching the toddler. In the moments leading up to the incident, the uncle said he left the living room to use the restroom and the toddler remained in the living room. While he was in the restroom, he heard a gunshot. Next, he ran to the living room and saw that the toddler was shot. The uncle called 911. Emergency medical services arrived at the home and transported the toddler to the hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

The uncle had arrived at the home on the evening prior to the incident, on 05/26/2023. He states that he placed his loaded 9mm Smith and Wesson firearm under the cushion of the couch in the living room. While unsupervised in the living room, the toddler found the gun, handled it and accidentally shot herself.

The Broward County Medical Examiner's office completed an autopsy. The cause of death was determined to be "Gunshot Wound of Face and Chest" and the manner of death as "accident." The report states that the circumstances of death per investigative report is that the toddler was a 2-year-old girl who picked up her uncle's handgun when he set it down to use

the restroom and shot herself. She was transported to the hospital where was pronounced dead.

The Broward County Sheriff's Office has jurisdiction over this case. The detective completed a criminal investigation and the uncle was arrested for Homicide-Negligence Manslaughter-Other than by Mother Vehicle. The criminal charges were pending at the time the child abuse investigation was closed.

Based on the information indicated above, the report was closed with "verified" findings of the death, environmental hazards and inadequate supervision maltreatments. The uncle is the identified caregiver responsible.

Other Children in the Family

As a result of the incident, the toddler's younger sibling was moved to a different placement and has been in the care of a relative since 05/31/2023.

Agency Involvement at the Time of the Incident

The toddler and her younger sibling had been placed in the non-relative care of their cousin's mother 10 months prior to the incident. In September of 2022, the non-relative caregiver completed the Level 1 Licensure process and became a licensed foster parent. The Dependency Court was monitoring the family and ChildNet was providing on-going case management services. The children's biological mother was minimally engaged in her case plan and the biological father remained incarcerated during this timeframe. The dependency case plan goal had been changed to adoption just prior to the incident in May of 2023. A petition for Termination of Parental Rights was filed with the court in October 2023.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family has an extensive history with the Department with patterns of substance use and untreated mental health problems [REDACTED]

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In July 2022, the toddler and her younger sibling were involved in a report. This report was closed with verified findings of threatened harm and both children were removed from the mother and father.

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