

## Child Fatality Summary

**Child's Name:** Elijah Delmonico

**County:** Nassau

**Date of Birth:** September 22, 2022

**Date of Death:** June 26, 2023

**Report Number:** 2023-204864

### Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Elijah Delmonico	9 months	Deceased Child
McKailey Delmonico	17	Mother

#### 1. Circumstances Surrounding Death

On June 26, 2023, this 9-month-old infant was found unresponsive by the mother after being placed down for a nap.

On the day of the incident, the mother and infant were staying at a friend's home. The mother reported she and the infant had been exhibiting cold symptoms and she had been giving the infant Tylenol. The mother reported she placed the infant down on his back, propped on a pillow, with a blanket in a Pack 'n Play around 3:30pm. The mother then took a nap. When the mother woke up around 4:15pm, she found the infant with vomit on his face. The mother called 911 and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services arrived and transported the infant to Baptist Health North Hospital. Despite life-saving efforts, the infant was pronounced deceased at 5:31pm.

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office opened a criminal investigation. The Detective was immediately notified by the Medical Examiner that the infant had died from a fentanyl overdose, having 10 times the lethal dose in his system. Upon further investigation, the mother admitted to putting an unknown powder into the infant's bottle. The mother stated that she thought the substance was cocaine and she put it in the bottle because she wanted the infant to sleep so she could take a nap. The contents of the bottle tested positive for fentanyl. The mother was arrested on July 11, 2023 and charged with Manslaughter of a Child and possession of a Schedule 1 substance.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy and determined the cause of death was poisoning by ingestion of fentanyl. The manner of death was homicide.

The First Coast Child Protection Team (CPT) completed a medical records review on December 23, 2023. They had positive findings of fatal physical abuse and neglect, stating "Even her thought that this might have been cocaine, easily could have been fatal. The mother failed to tell medical personnel that she added a substance to the bottle. Unsafe sleep."

Based on the information obtained during the investigation, DCF Nassau County Child Protective Investigations closed their investigation on January 12, 2024, with verified findings of death, physical injury and substance misuse-illicit drugs; and no indicators of inadequate supervision.

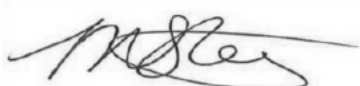
#### Other Children

The infant had no siblings at the time of death.

## 2. Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

There are no prior investigations involving the deceased infant or the teenaged mother as an alleged perpetrator. [REDACTED]

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