

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Isabella Rondon

County: Polk

Date of Birth: 12/28/2021

Date of Death: 07/05/2023

Report Number: 2023-213355

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Isabella Rondon	1 year old	Child Victim
[REDACTED]	7 years old	Sibling
[REDACTED]	9 years old	Sibling
[REDACTED]	13 years old	Sibling
Jazmine Rondon	33 years old	Mother
Joel Rondon	33 years old	Father

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On July 5, 2023, the 1-year-old child passed away after being left in the family's vehicle overnight.

According to the family, the following information was provided.

On July 4, 2023, the family went to a relative's home for a Fourth of July party at approximately 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. and took the 3 youngest children with them while the oldest stayed home.

On July 5, 2023, the family got home at approximately 3:00 a.m. and there was confusion on who was getting the 1-year-old child out of the car as they were bringing in other items. They gave the child a bottle on the way home and the mother stated she the child is usually quiet in the car they sometimes forget she is there. When they arrived home the older two children went inside, the mother had plates of food in her hands, and asked her husband to get the child out of her car seat. The father went inside to put something in the house and when he came back outside, he saw the car door was closed and assumed the mother had brought the child inside. The father went back in the house and went to bed. The mother helped the other children get some food as they were complaining that they did not get to eat at the party. The kids stayed up to play video games and the mother went to bed.

At approximately 11:00 a.m., the father got up to get ready for work. The father asked the 7-year-old to check on the child and the 7-year-old told the father she was not there. The father found the child in the back of the car at approximately noon. The father took

the whole car seat out of the car and rushed it in the house. The mother attempted CPR. They did not put the child back in the car seat because she was so stiff. They rushed her to a fire station, were unable to get help, and then drove to Lakeland Regional Medical Center arriving at 12:51 p.m.

On July 5, 2023, Isabella Rondon was pronounced deceased at 1:04 p.m.

The child was in the car for approximately 9 hours and the weather throughout that period shows temperatures between 80 and 90 degrees.

Both parents consented to drug screens, the mother was positive for THC and alcohol, and the father was positive for methamphetamines, THC, and alcohol.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office investigated the death of Isabella Rondon (23-27659). On July 6, 2023, the mother and the father were arrested and charged with Aggravated Manslaughter of a Child.

The death certificate was received on July 27, 2023, and indicated District 10 Medical Examiner Vera V. Volnikh, M.D., signed and certified the death certificate for Isabella Rondon on July 17, 2023. ME# 23-FA-10-462.

Cause of Death: Hyperthermia, left in a parked vehicle

Manner of Death: Homicide

On August, 2023, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- Verified Findings of Death, Inadequate Supervision, Environmental Hazards, and Substance Misuse - Illicit Drugs as to Isabella Rondon, with Jazmine Rondon and Joel Rondon as the caregivers responsible.
- Verified Findings of Substance Misuse - Illicit Drugs and Threatened Harm as to [REDACTED] with Jazmine Rondon and Joel Rondon as the caregivers responsible.

Other Children in the Family:

An out of home safety plan was implemented with the 3 surviving siblings [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Summary of Current Agency Involvement with Family

The family did not have any open services.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family does not have any prior abuse report history.



Central Region Child Fatality Prevention Specialist
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9/14/23

Date



Central Region Director of Child Protection
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