

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Kai'el Kincaid

County: Marion

Date of Birth: 01/03/2023

Date of Death: 10/11/2023

Report Number: 2023-319825

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Kai'el Kincaid	9 months old	Child Victim
[REDACTED]	9 months old	Twin-Sibling
[REDACTED]	4 years old	Half-Sibling by mother
[REDACTED]	5 years old	Cousin
Kacy Kincaid	33 years old	Mother
Sylvester Ingram El, Jr.	50 years old	Prospective Father
Donna Kincaid	37 years old	Maternal Aunt

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On October 11, 2023, the 9-month-old infant passed away after being found unresponsive while co-sleeping with the mother.

According to the detective, the maternal aunt, and the prospective father, the following information was provided. The mother was too incoherent to be interviewed.

On October 11, 2023, the Senior Child Protective Investigator (SCPI) and Supervisor (CPIS) met the Detective at the Ocala Police Department (OPD).

On October 10, 2023, the aunt left the home at approximately 6:50 p.m. to go to the store. While she was out the prospective father called her about going to help out a pregnant woman at a hotel who was withdrawing from substances. . The aunt returned home at approximately 11:35 p.m. and only the mother and children were there. The aunt had to climb through a window to get in the home. She found the mother in bed with the infant, the 4-year-old sibling, and her (the aunt's) 5-year-old daughter. The twin infant was awake in his playpen. At approximately 11:40 p.m. the aunt called the father and asked him to come home because the mother was trying to fight her. The children woke up and she put the television on for them. The aunt indicated the mother was intoxicated as she could smell it and there was a bottle of E & J Brandy next to the bed. An argument started between her, the mother, and the father over missing money. After the argument, the aunt went to get the infant to give him to the parents, and she found the infant was stiff but still warm. The father ran in, grabbed the infant, and the mother

started saying, "I'm sorry, I'm sorry" to the father. No one called 911. The mother and father drove the infant to the Emergency Room at Advent Health Ocala.

On October 11, 2023, the infant was pronounced deceased at 2:40 a.m.

On October 11, 2023, the OPD Detective interviewed the maternal aunt and provided the following details to the CPIS: The aunt stated that she and the prospective father went to a motel to see a woman. This woman stated that she was pregnant with the father's child and going through withdrawals. They went to go give her the aunt's medication to help her with her withdrawals. The aunt stated she had paid a friend to watch the children because she could not trust the mother due to her drug and alcohol use. When she got back to the home the mother was under the influence, everything was destroyed, and they started arguing. The aunt called the prospective father to come back to the house. The aunt stated the prospective father is who is supplying everyone with the drugs. The aunt did admit to knowing the mother was not fit to care for children due to her addiction, and that was why she paid the friend to be there while she was gone.

On October 11, 2023, the CPIS observed the OPD Detective's interview with the father, which appears to have been erratic and lacking coherency. The following is a brief summary: The father was at the home prior to the infant's death, but he left the residence with the maternal aunt, to administer her medication to a withdrawing pregnant woman. The pregnant woman alleges the prospective father is also the father of her unborn twins. The aunt met the prospective at the hotel to help the woman and then returned home. She later called the father and told him to come home as the mother was trying to fight her. He came home and there was an argument about missing money and the house being trashed. The aunt was getting ready for bed and walked out with the unresponsive infant. He and the mother drove the infant to the ER at Advent Health.

On October 11, 2023, the mother was observed to be visibly under the influence and nodding off during her interview. The mother was unable to provide all of her children's names and birthdates and could not formulate complete thoughts. She had visible track marks on her arms and picking marks along her inner thighs. When the mother was searched by OPD they found two baggies with a white powdery substance in her bra. The substance was field tested and came back positive for a total of five grams of fentanyl. The SCPI attempted to drug screen the mother, but she displayed strange behaviors as she was attempting to urinate in the cup as she was continuously reaching underneath her and straining. Ultimately, she did not submit to a screen. The mother admitted to drinking alcohol. OPD detained her and began to place her in their patrol car and the mother threw a condom full of urine out of her pocket.

The OPD Detective was able to have the pregnant woman identified and located, and she did validate the prospective father and the aunt came to see her that evening and provided her with the aunt's medication.

The prospective father consented to a drug screen and was positive for Fentanyl.

The aunt consented to a drug screen and tested positive for Cocaine, MDMA, Methamphetamine, Benzodiazepines, and Methadone. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The mother has an extensive history of drug use, dating back to her being a minor child. The mother recently completed an inpatient drug rehabilitation program as part of her probation. Earlier on the day of the incident, the mother visited her Probation Officer (PO), and she was observed to be under the influence at that time. She refused to submit to a urine drug screen with her PO, and she stated the track marks on her arms were actually the result of bed bugs.

The Child Protection Team (CPT) completed interviews with the 4- and 5-year-old children, both of whom described a pattern of domestic violence in the home. CPT had findings of threat indicated for death other child, substance misuse, threatened harm (household violence), and environment hazards.

The Ocala Police Department (OPD) investigated the death of the infant (2023-00149365). On October 11, 2023, the mother was arrested and charged with Trafficking in Fentanyl and S/H VOP Sumter County - Willful Child Abuse (Accessory to Attempt). On January 26, 2024, the mother was arrested and additionally charged with Aggravated Manslaughter of a Child and Trafficking in Illegal Drugs. Potential charges for the father are still actively being investigated by OPD.

The autopsy report was received on November 28, 2023, and indicated District 5 Medical Examiner Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., completed an autopsy of the infant on October 11, 2023. ME# 23-2445.

Cause of Death: Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, and Xylazine Toxicity

Manner of Death: Homicide

On February 29, 2024, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- Verified Findings of Death, Substance Misuse – Illicit Drugs, and Inadequate Supervision as to the infant, with the mother as the caregiver responsible.
- Verified Findings of Substance Misuse – Illicit Drugs as to the two siblings and the aunt's child, with the mother, the father and the aunt as the caregivers responsible.

- Verified Findings of Inadequate Supervision as to the three other children, with the mother as the caregiver responsible.
 - Verified Findings of Threatened Harm, Household Violence Threatens Child, and Environmental Hazards as to the infant and the three other children, with the mother, the prospective father, and maternal aunt as the caregivers responsible.

Other Children in the Family:

The siblings were deemed to be unsafe, they were sheltered on October 11, 2023,

Summary of Current Agency Involvement with Family

The family did not have any open services.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The mother has a lengthy prior abuse report history as a parent/caregiver from 2014 to 2021. [REDACTED]

The paramour does not have any prior abuse report history, but he does have criminal history to support patterns of violence. He was currently on parole for a premeditated murder conviction in 1992. While incarcerated, he was also convicted of assault on a Corrections Officer. He served 25 years in prison and was released in 2018.

As the mother's family had a verified prior abuse report within the 12 months preceding the death incident, a Critical Incident Rapid Response Team (CIRRT) review was completed to assess the department's response to the most recent prior history. That team's report can be found on the department's Child Fatality Prevention website.

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