

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Ava Jackson
Ahmad Jackson

County: Seminole

Date of Birth: 06/06/2018

Date of Death: 10/20/2023

Report Number: 2023-331885

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Ava Jackson	5 years old	Child Victim
Ahmad Jackson	5 years old	Child Victim
Catorreia Hutto	31 years old	Mother

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On October 20, 2023, these 5-year-old twins were found deceased in their home when a well-child check was completed by law enforcement after their mother was seen jumping to her death off a bridge.

According to law enforcement, the following information was provided.

On October 20, 2023, the department was contacted by law enforcement regarding an incident with a female individual who was observed jumping off a bridge on SR 417 into Lake Jesup. The individual died upon impact. Following identification of this individual, it was determined that her twin children were not at school so a well-being check was conducted at the mother's home. The twins were discovered in their respective beds; they were initially thought to be sleeping; however, they were determined to be deceased.

On October 20, 2023, Ava and Ahmad Jackson were pronounced deceased on scene at 9:51 a.m.

The home was observed by law enforcement and there was an absence of furniture aside from the children's beds, there was no food in the home, but the utilities were working. Law Enforcement found a pink 9mm handgun in the mother's bedroom as well as bullets strewn about. Collateral contacts spoken to stated that the mother had recently been vocal about her financial hardships and she had been offered financial resources by the children's school. It is unknown if she availed herself of this assistance or not. The mother was further reported to have been struggling with her mental health, although there is no history to suggest the mother was incapable of appropriately caring for her children.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office investigated the death of Ava and Ahmad Jackson (2023-00007067). Their case was closed as a murder/suicide.

The children were observed to have no petechia to indicate suffocation, no marks, bruises, or scars of any kind, were not observed to be apparently malnourished, were not found to have any level of blood on or around their bodies and were not observed to have any ligature marks on the areas of their bodies visible to law enforcement. The autopsies for the children were inconclusive and there was no definitive evidence found as to how the children died.

The autopsy report was received on November 30, 2023, and indicated District 5 & 24 Medical Examiner Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., completed an autopsy of Ava Jackson on October 21, 2023. ME# 23-24-02545.

Cause of Death: Homicide by Unknown Means

Manner of Death: Homicide

The autopsy report was received on November 30, 2023, and indicated District 5 & 24 Medical Examiner Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., completed an autopsy of Ahmad Jackson on October 21, 2023. ME# 23-24-02546.

Cause of Death: Homicide by Unknown Means

Manner of Death: Homicide

The death certificate was received on November 30, 2023, and indicated District 5 & 24 Medical Examiner Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., signed and certified the death certificate for Catorreia Hutto on October 26, 2023. ME# 23-24-02543.

Cause of Death: Drowning

Manner of Death: Suicide

On March 11, 2024, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- Verified Findings of Death and Physical Injury as to Ava and Ahmad Jackson, with Catorreia Hutto as the caregiver responsible.

Other Children in the Family:

Grief counseling information was provided to the extended family.

Summary of Current Agency Involvement with Family

The family did not have any open services.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The mother does not have any prior abuse report history as a caregiver. [REDACTED]
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