

## Child Fatality Summary

**Child's Name:** Edrick Davis

**County:** Brevard

**Date of Birth:** 04/24/2024

**Date of Death:** 06/10/2024

**Report Number:** 2024-203369

### Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Edrick Davis	6 weeks old	Child Victim
Savana Alford	22 years old	Mother
Edrick Davis	25 years old	Father
	7 months old	Maternal Cousin
Sierra Sandy	23 years old	Maternal Aunt/Cousin's Mother
Shawn Sandy	23 years old	Maternal Aunt's Husband/Cousin's Stepfather
Lisa Thomas	52 years old	Maternal Grandmother

### Circumstances Surrounding Death

On June 11, 2024, a report was received indicating this 6-week-old infant was found unresponsive by the parents after they took a shower on June 10, 2024.

According to the family, the following information was provided. Given that the infant and his father both have the same name, the infant will hereafter be referred to by his name, and the father will be referred to as the "father".

On June 10, 2024, Edrick woke up at 4:00 a.m. The mother prepared a bottle, fed him, he fell back asleep, and the mother placed him in his bassinette. At 7:00 a.m. the mother woke up to take an Uber client to work as she did every day during the week. Edrick woke up, the mother prepared another bottle, and the father fed him again. At 7:45 a.m. the mother returned home, spent time with Edrick, and talked on the phone., Edrick had another bottle and then fell asleep while the mother was holding him. The mother called the maternal grandfather as she was planning on taking Edrick over to his home later that day. From 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. the mother took Edrick into the master bedroom and laid him down on the bed, propped up on a pillow with a small blanket on top of him. The mother then watched television with the father in the living room. The mother left the bedroom door open so she could hear Edrick. She and the father normally checked on Edrick every five to 10 minutes. The mother then went into the bathroom to take a shower, and was in the shower for 10 to 20 minutes before the father came into the bathroom as well, indicating the father was alone with Edrick for approximately 10 to 20 minutes before entering the bathroom himself.

The father told the mother that Edrick had starting crying and at one point his head had struck the door frame. After the shower, the parents both came out of the bathroom. At 11:09 a.m. the father told the mother that Edrick had milk coming out of his nose. The mother picked Edrick up and he was limp. The mother stated she knew at that point that he was dead. At 11:11 a.m. the father called 911.

The mother got on the phone and was talking the father through CPR as instructed by dispatch. At 11:15 a.m. Law Enforcement arrived at the home and took over CPR until Emergency Medical Services arrived and transported Edrick to Holmes Regional Medical Center.

On June 10, 2024, Edrick was pronounced deceased at 11:50 a.m.

The maternal grandmother stated that she was not home when Erick was found unresponsive, as she typically leaves the home for work at 5:30 a.m. and returns at 2:00 p.m. She received a text message from the mother at 11:17 a.m. stating that she (the grandmother) needed to call her (the mother) ASAP, which she did. The mother advised her what had happened/was happening and the grandmother immediately went home. Everyone had already left the home by that point, and she then went to the hospital to meet up with the parents.

The maternal aunt stated she was not home when Edrick was found unresponsive. The mother called her and advised her what had happened/was happening and she went to the hospital. She works full time and takes her own child (the 7-month-old cousin) to the maternal grandfather's home to be cared for during the day. She and her husband (who is not her child's father) were just married a few months prior.

The maternal aunt's husband stated he was at home when Edrick was found unresponsive. A little earlier than this, he had gotten into the shower and had his music playing, as he "tries tune everything out" while showering. After his shower and returning to his bedroom, he heard screaming and came out to see a law enforcement officer conducting CPR on Edrick.

The parents each submitted to a random drug screen and were both positive for THC. The grandmother submitted to one as well and was negative for all substances. The aunt's husband declined to complete a screen. There is no information to indicate whether the aunt was requested to screen as well.

District 18 Medical Examiner Matrina J. Schmidt, M.D., completed Edrick's autopsy on June 11, 2024. ME# 24-0446.

Cause of Death: Multiple Blunt Force Injuries

Manner of Death: Homicide

#### Autopsy Findings:

##### I. Multiple blunt force injuries.

###### A. Injuries of the head.

1. Deep scalp, subgaleal, subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhages of the head.
2. Brain edema and brain herniation.
3. Macroscopic and histologic neuropathology findings.
4. Hemorrhage of bilateral optic nerve sheaths.
5. Examination of the eyes
6. Soft tissue contusions, scabbed lesions and abrasions.

###### B. Injuries of the torso.

1. Acute transecting fracture of the right clavicle, visible macroscopically and radiologically.
2. Acute transecting fracture of the right first rib, visible macroscopically and radiologically.
3. Acute fracture of the left fourth and fifth ribs, visible macroscopically, radiologically and histologically.
4. Acute fracture of the left sixth rib, visible macroscopically, radiologically and histologically.
5. Healing fractures of bilateral second through seventh ribs, visible macroscopically and radiologically and the healing fractures of the right fourth and fifth ribs and the left fifth and seventh ribs also visible histologically.
6. Clotted epidural hemorrhage of the spinal cord
7. Soft tissue contusions.

###### C. Injuries of the extremities.

1. Acute transecting fracture of the left tibia, visible macroscopically and radiologically.
2. Soft tissue contusions and scabbed lesions.

##### II. Toxicological examination did not detect ethanol or drugs.

##### III. Procurement of the heart

*Conclusion: Based on these autopsy examination findings and the investigative and historical information available to me, in my opinion, this 1-month-old male died as a result of multiple blunt force injuries. The injuries were inflicted by another person. In addition, the infant had healing rib fractures, consistent with battered baby syndrome.*

The Melbourne Police Department investigated Edrick's death (2024-00115039), and on June 20, 2024, Edrick Davis (the father) was arrested and charged with First-Degree Murder of a Child and Aggravated Child Abuse in the death of his son.

Since the father's arrest, the mother has continued to be in contact with him in jail. The mother may be pregnant. The mother and father are talking about getting married while the father remains incarcerated.

On May 6, 2025, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- Verified Findings of Death, Internal Injuries, Bone Fracture, and Inadequate Supervision as to Edrick, with the father as the caregiver responsible

### **Other Children in the Family:**

There are no other children in the parents' care. There were no allegations contained regarding the infant cousin in the home, and he was noted to be well cared for by his mother, and remains in her care. Grief counseling information was provided to the family.

### **Summary of Current Agency Involvement with Family**

The family did not have any open services.

### **Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family**

The only history that exists for these household members are decades old reports involving the father and the aunt's husband as minors themselves.

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