Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Jahrasha Golson

County: Duval

Date of Birth: April 20, 2017

Date of Death: February 18, 2024

Report Number: 2024-002577

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Jahrasha Golson	6	Deceased Child
[redacted]	8	Sibling
Tyrone Golson	60	Father

1. Circumstances Surrounding Death

On February 18, 2024, this 6-year-old child was found unresponsive at home.

On the night of the incident the father reportedly gave the child Benadryl for seasonal allergies. During the night, he found the child unresponsive. Law enforcement and EMS responded to the home and transported the child to Wolfson Children's Hospital. Despite life-saving efforts, the child was pronounced deceased at 11:50pm.

The fatality occurred during an open investigation received on January 3, 2024, after the sibling was observed to have what appeared to be a busted lip and alleged the father would beat the children, used substances, and the home was filthy.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy and determined the cause of death as multiple blunt trauma and diphenhydramine toxicity. The manner of death was homicide.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office investigated the incident and arrested the father on charges of second-degree murder, aggravated manslaughter of a child, and aggravated child abuse.

Based on the information obtained during the investigation, DCF Duval County Child Protective Investigations closed the investigation on January 15, 2025, with verified findings of death due to abuse and verified findings of physical abuse with the father as the caregiver responsible.

Other Children in the Family

The child had one sibling at the time of death who was sheltered. [redacted].

2. Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family has a history with the Department between 2015 and 2024 with a pattern of physical abuse perpetrated by the father. [redacted] A 2023 report was verified for physical abuse of both children with the father as the caregiver responsible.

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A report was received in May 2017, with allegations that the child sustained a clavicle fracture. Both the father and his paramour were unable to explain how the injury occurred and were not following up with medical treatment. Additional concerns revealed the parents were using marijuana and tested positive for the substance during the investigation. Initially, both children were removed. CPT was contacted and determined there was no medical neglect and no physical abuse as the injury was sustained during Jahrasha' s delivery. As a result of CPT's findings, the shelter petition was voluntarily dismissed. The report was closed with no indicators of bone fracture or medical neglect and the family was referred to Strengthening Ties & Empowering Parents. However, the father did not engage in the program.

Two reports were received in 2021, both alleging physical abuse. The first report was received in May, alleging that the father bit the sibling's thumb to keep him from sucking on his thumb. The sibling was observed with a swollen left thumb, which he could barely move. There were inconsistent statements provided by the sibling and the father as to how the injury occurred. The injury was treated at Nemour's Children's Hospital. Collateral contacts did not express concerns for the children or the father's parenting. The report was closed with not substantiated findings of physical injury, and the father was referred to Strengthening Ties and Empowering Parents (STEPS.) The second report was received in November, concerning that the father spanked the sibling causing him to be in pain. In addition, the sibling reported that the father punched him in the eye. Upon investigative onsite, the CPI documented that there were no injuries to the sibling and the dark marks under his eyes appeared to be natural "bags" and darkness and were not swollen. Collateral contacts did not present any concerns regarding the father's care of the children. The report was closed with no indicators of physical injury. The family was referred to Chrysalis and STEPS; however, the father did not engage in the programs.

A report was received in May 2023 after the sibling was observed with a bloodshot, red eye. The sibling and the father reported that he poked himself in the eye causing the redness. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) was contacted due to the nature of the allegations and accompanied the CPI to interview the family. The law enforcement report noted that while the child did have an injury to his eye, the CPI did not determine there was immediate danger and indicated no further assistance from their agency at that time, and they would be following up with CPT. JSO took this as an informational report, and it was closed with no further action. Both children were also evaluated by CPT. CPT observed the sibling with bruising to his right eye with sub-conjunctival hemorrhaging and opined that the injury was not consistent with the statements

provided. Additionally, the sibling was observed with patterned linear marks on his face, neck, back and thighs indicative of physical abuse with an object. CPT observed the child was observed with linear patterns and loop shaped marks covering the entirety of her back, which she reported was from her father after she defecated in her pants. CPT opined that there were positive findings of physical abuse and recommended an out-of-home plan for the children. Although CPI staff implemented a safety plan, the father refused to sign the plan or cooperate. The safety provider reported that she has not observed any physical discipline towards the children, and prior to closure, the sibling was interviewed and reported no concerns. The report was closed with verified findings of physical injury, and the family was referred to STEPS; however, the father did not engage in the program.

A sixth report was received January 3, 2024, after the sibling was allegedly observed with a busted lip. Additional concerns were reported including the father using marijuana and cocaine, concerns for the condition of the home, and the father limiting the children's food. The family was unable to be located initially and when the father was contacted, he refused to cooperate with the CPI staff. As a result, the sibling was not seen until seven days later at school when he was observed free of any injuries. The sibling reported he did not have a busted lip and was not hit by his father but had a blister. He also reportedly disclosed that he could not tell some things because he would get into trouble. Additional attempts were made to engage the father and see the child; however, it was not until January 30, 2024, that the father allowed the child to be seen via Facetime, after which the father refused to allow CPI into the home or to see the child in person. At the time of the fatality incident, the report was open.

Due to there being a verified report within 12 months of the fatality, a Critical Incident Rapid Response Team (CIRRT) review was conducted. See the CIRRT report for more details.



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