Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Zamora Foe

County: Duval

Date of Birth: November 15, 2022

Date of Death: September 14, 2024

Report Number: 2024-301807

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Zamora Foe	22 months	Deceased Child
Zayla Goodwin	20	Mother
Nathaniel Davis	22	Mother's Paramour
Melinda Pass	75	Maternal Great-Grandmother
Robert Owens	71	Maternal Great-Grandmother's Paramour

1. Circumstances Surrounding Death

On September 14, 2024, this 22-month-old toddler died from physical abuse and drug toxicity.

On September 10, 2024, the mother found the toddler not breathing. The mother called 911 and the great-grandmother's paramour began CPR. Law Enforcement and EMS arrived and transported the toddler to Wolfson Children's Hospital. While working on the toddler, EMS noted the toddler had multiple bruises and abrasions on her head, face, neck, back, and upper extremities. EMS notes further stated, "Patient has an older looking dirty diaper on only but has appeared to have been showered or bathed recently with her hair still wet and nicely combed back away from her face. Patient has multiple bruises of different colors and sizes over her entire body with what appeared to be blood all around her mouth and lips. While attempting intubation it was noted that there appeared to be trauma to the inside of the patient's mouth with blood in her esophagus." Upon arrival at the Emergency Room (ER), the physician was notified of EMS findings and suspicions of abuse.

While in the ER, it was discovered that the toddler had a brain bleed, a broken left arm, fractures to both legs, vaginal and anal trauma, ligature marks around her neck, and bruising and scratching over the entire body. Medical staff also noted pubic hair in the toddler's diaper as well as blood. The toddler was drug screened and tested positive for THC, methamphetamine, and amphetamine. Despite extensive lifesaving efforts Zamora was pronounced deceased on September 14, 2024, at 8pm.

On the day the toddler was admitted into the hospital, the mother and paramour stated they found the toddler lying face down and unresponsive on her mattress in their bedroom. The paramour stated that the mother and toddler went to bed at 8pm or 9pm but later stated it was 12am or 1am. The paramour stated when he woke up in the morning, he noticed the toddler was unresponsive. The paramour stated he panicked, slapped the toddler in the face aggressively, hit her on the back, and put her face underwater trying to make her respond. He reported that the bruises on the toddler's face and back may have been caused by his efforts of trying to revive the toddler. The great-grandmother was awoken by the commotion and found her paramour completing CPR.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office conducted interviews on all household members. The following information is summarized from their report.

The mother, her paramour and toddler had recently moved into the great grandmother's home on September 5, 2025. The mother stated that the toddler had fallen in the bathtub about one week prior at their previous home causing bruising to her head and arm. The toddler was being bathed by the mother's paramour at the time. The paramour told the mother that the toddler fell backwards, stood up and fell forward. After that incident, the toddler had difficulty walking. The mother also stated that she noticed the toddler's lips were swelling and she was having difficulty eating on September 9, 2024. The mother gave the toddler Ibuprofen because she thought it was an allergic reaction. The mother stated she did not seek medical attention after the report of the fall at the insistence of the paramour. It should be noted the mother did call the pediatrician on September 5, 2024, and made an appointment due to the child having a sore on her mouth, being fussy, and coughing. The mother stated she saw no other injuries other than the ones from the fall and has never noticed any bloody diapers.

The paramour reported that he and the mother have been together for about one year. The paramour stated he helped the toddler will all daily tasks including feeding, changing, and bathing. The paramour reported that one week prior to the incident, the toddler fell backwards in the bathtub after pouring a bucket of water on herself. The paramour stated the toddler had sustained bruising on her body and arm but was still moving her arm, so he did not think it was broken. He reported that the toddler had been throwing up a few days prior to falling in the bathtub. The paramour stated that he and the mother discussed taking the toddler to the hospital, but "the mother did not want DCF in her life".

The great-grandmother stated she noticed bruising on the toddler and asked the mother about it, who told her that the child had fallen in the bathtub causing the injuries. The great-grandmother also noticed the child was not walking anymore but the mother stated it was from the bathtub fall. She also reported noticing the toddler's lips swollen. The great-grandmother's paramour also noticed bruising on the toddler and believed it was from a fall in the bathtub.

All household members were drug screened. The mother was negative for all substances. The paramour was positive for THC, methamphetamines, and amphetamines. He admitted to using methamphetamines consistently over the prior two weeks. The great-grandmother and her paramour were negative for all substances.

During a search of the couple's home, police investigators recovered bloody diapers, bandages, and blankets in the home. Narcotics and drug paraphernalia were also found in the home.

On September 9, 2024, both the mother and paramour were arrested. The mother was arrested for child neglect originally, but the charge was upgraded to aggravated manslaughter of a child on March 20,2025. The paramour was originally charged with child neglect but on March 20, 2025, those charges were upgraded to murder in the first degree, two counts of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence (capital felony). The state has filed an intent to seek the death penalty in the paramour's case. Both the mother's and paramour's criminal cases are pending, and they remain in jail.

The paramour has a criminal history including battery and lewd and lascivious acts.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy and determined the cause of death as complications of blunt head trauma with other significant conditions listed as methamphetamine toxicity. The manner of death was a homicide.

The First Coast Child Protection Team (CPT) completed a medical evaluation on September 10, 2024, and September 13, 2024. CPT had positive findings for fatal physical abuse: abusive head trauma, physical abuse: fractures, physical abuse: bruising, and sexual abuse.

Based on the information obtained during the investigation, DCF Duval County Child Protective Investigations closed the investigation on November 10, 2025, with verified findings of death due to abuse and neglect as a result of bone fracture, physical injury, internal injuries, medical neglect, and asphyxiation by the mother and paramour. The investigation was also closed with verified findings of sexual abuse-sexual battery and substance misuse-illicit drugs with the paramour being the caregiver responsible. In addition, there were verified findings of failure to protect by the great-grandmother and her paramour because they saw the injuries and knew the child was no longer walking and did not report these concerns to the police or DCF and did nothing to protect the child from further injury.

Other Children in the Home

The toddler had no other siblings at the time of death.

2. Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The mother was involved in one prior investigation as an alleged perpetrator in 2023 for environmental hazards with concerns for roaches and lice. The mother was bouncing between houses, but the then one-year-old was found to be sufficiently cared for outside of a diaper rash that was treated. The mother and father were separated, and the toddler was left in the care of the father and his aunt. The family was referred to the Strengthening Ties & Empowering Parents (STEPS) Program but did not accept services.

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