Tennessee Department of Children's Services
Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline Summary

Intake

Intake ID: [redacted]

Intake Taken By: [redacted]

Intake Date/Time: 07/19/2023 12:32 PM [redacted]

Track Assigned: Investigation

Priority Assigned: 1

Screened By: [redacted]

Date Screened: 07/19/2023

Investigation

Investigation ID: [redacted]

First County/Region Assigned: [redacted] Northeast

Date/Time Assigned : 07/19/2023 02:23 PM

First Team Leader Assigned: [redacted] [redacted]

Date/Time Assigned : 07/19/2023 12:00 AM

First Case Manager Assigned: [redacted] [redacted]

Date/Time Assigned : 07/19/2023 12:00 AM

Allegations

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ? / CSEM ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[redacted] [redacted]	Deceased	Abuse Death	Yes	[redacted] [redacted]	

Referent(s)

Referent Name: [redacted] [redacted]

Role to Alleged Victim(s): [redacted]

Referent Address:

Referent Phone Number: [redacted]

Type of Contact: I-3 Phone

Notification: E-mail

Narrative: NON-CUSTODIAL CHILD DEATH

Family Case IDs: [redacted]
Associated Case IDs: No

Family Case ID Detailed History:
Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP: No
Closed Court Custody: No

Pending: No
Awaiting Screening: No
Submitted: No

Open CPS: ASMT [redacted] / DEC / 2023-04-10 / no classification / CM [redacted] [redacted] Supe. [redacted]

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[redacted]
Substantiated: No
Death: No
Screen Outs: [redacted]

History (not listed above): No

County of Jurisdiction: [redacted]
School/ Daycare: [redacted] Elementary
Active Military Status: No

Reporter's name/relationship: [redacted]

-Child/Family Identification and Relationship Introduction Paragraph:
[redacted] (10) lives with his mother, [redacted] (42), in [redacted] County. [redacted] does not have any other children. His paternal aunt is [redacted]

-Are you requesting immediate assistance from DCS to your location, or only an immediate phone call?
No, Immediate Assistance is not being requested.

-Please provide a brief summary of the concerns and why DCS is needed to respond immediately.
In April 2023, DCS became involved with the family; on 6/6/2023, the case was transferred to [redacted] On 4/7/2023, [redacted] received a DUI in North Carolina while [redacted] was with her. On 4/24/2023, there was a screened out intake that talked about how on 4/21/2023 [redacted] had been pulled over for possibly drinking while [redacted] was with her; [redacted] then failed a field sobriety test.

On 7/19/2023, [redacted] was spoken with; during that conversation it was learned that back in May of 2023 [redacted] had passed away due to a wreck. [redacted] reported that she thinks [redacted] may have been under the influence of cocaine when the wreck happened. [redacted] reported that she has already spoken with Law Enforcement. [redacted] has already received funeral services. Regarding the DCS case, it was unknown that [redacted] had passed away.

The car accident happened on Friday, 5/5/2023, off [redacted] in [redacted] County. [redacted] had been driving while [redacted] was a passenger. [redacted] was not wearing a seatbelt and was found lying headfirst in the front seat; it is unknown why he was positioned like that. [redacted] was pronounced dead at the scene; the cause of death was trauma from the car accident. [redacted] had broken both arms and a leg and possible broke a bone in her back or neck; she is currently recovering at an unknown nursing home in [redacted]

At the time of the accident, the TN Highway Patrol had become involved and had made a report. Upon going to the hospital, [redacted] had been given a blood test which resulted in a positive screening; however, it is unknown what she was positive for. [redacted] had three white unknown pills on her person. [redacted] has not yet been spoken with about [redacted] death.

-Are there any concerns for the safety of a Department of Children's Services Case Manager responding to the child's home?
No

-Anything additional to add to this initial report for the responding worker to know prior to response?
No

CM Notation: No
Screener Notation: No

Emailed/Paged CPSI On Call: [redacted] Region/[redacted] County was emailed notification of this report on 7-19-23 @ 2:06 pm, [redacted]. [redacted] received the notification at 2:07 pm, [redacted].

Notified Child Death/Preliminary Near-Death Notification Group via Email:
[redacted]
Region RA [redacted]

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Per SDM: Investigation, P1. Approval for submission provided by CAH Director [redacted]. [redacted], TL on 7-19-23 @ 2:06 pm

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Participant(s)

Name: [redacted] [redacted]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Partipant ID: [redacted]

SSN:

Race:

Age: 43 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: Yes

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact:

Contact Type:

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

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Name: [redacted]

Gender: Male | Date of Birth: [redacted] | Partipant ID: [redacted]

SSN: | Race: White | Age: Deceased

Address: [redacted], [redacted] Tennessee [redacted]

Deceased Date: 05/05/2023

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact: [redacted]

Contact Type: HOME

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

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Name: [redacted]

Gender: Male | Date of Birth: [redacted] | Partipant ID: [redacted]

SSN: | Race: Black/African | Age: Deceased

Address: [redacted], [redacted] Tennessee [redacted]

Deceased Date: 05/05/2023

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact: [redacted]

Contact Type: HOME

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

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Name: [redacted]

Gender: Female | Date of Birth: | Partipant ID: [redacted]

SSN: | Race: | Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

Contact:

Contact Type:

Contact Comments:

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

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Case Id:	[redacted]	Case Name:	[redacted]
Case Status:	Close	Organization:	Northeast Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2024-05-20 16:45:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	04:45 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	05/20/2024
Completed date:	05/20/2024	Completed By:	[redacted]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Administrative Review

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/20/2024 03:48 PM Entered By: [redacted]

Case Closure Admin Review
Date: 5/20/24
Purpose: TL [redacted] reviewed this case for closure. The following tasks were completed and documented by TL as directed by the CPS Corrective Action Plan.
Date of Referral: 7/19/23
Priority Response: P1
Notification to Juvenile Court: 8/1/23
Opening FAST: 7/25/23
Closing FAST: 5/20/24
Sex Offender Registry: 5/20/24
Allegations: Abuse Death
Classifications: ASPS - The mother was charged with 2 counts of vehicular manslaughter due to being impaired at the time of the accident that killed her child.
CM [redacted] consulted with CPIT members and received agreement to classify the severe abuse allegation as ASPS on 9/28/24. This case rolled overdue waiting for the autopsy, waiting for LE activities, and waiting to be presented at CPIT. The case was moved to [redacted] tree in August 2023 while the case was waiting to be finalized, and administrative reviews were not required during this time. The death summary was submitted in November 2023, and approval was received on 5/17/24.
740s are forwarded to the Juvenile Court Judge and the District Attorney based on policy and the protocol with the local juvenile court.
Case reviewed by TL [redacted] who has an advanced degree (Masters in Social Work) and approved for case closure.

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Case Id:	[redacted]	Case Name:	[redacted]
Case Status:	Close	Organization:	Northeast Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2024-05-20 10:46:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	10:46 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	05/20/2024
Completed date:	05/20/2024	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being		
Contact Type(s):	Case Summary		
Contact Sub Type:	Closing		

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/20/2024 09:47 AM Entered By: [redacted]

On July 19, 2023, The Department of Childrens Services (DCS) received a referral for an allegation of Abuse Death on [redacted] (10 years old). The alleged perpetrator was identified as [redacted] The investigation was assigned to Child Protective Services Case Manager (CM) [redacted] by Team Leader (TL) [redacted] This case was worked in conjunction with Tennessee State Trooper, [redacted].
[redacted] was in the custody of [redacted] his mother, and they resided in the home of his maternal grandmother, [redacted]
On May 5, 2023, at approximately 1:13pm, law enforcement and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were dispatched to [redacted] in [redacted] Tennessee due to a motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival to the scene, EMS pronounced the child deceased and transported the mother to the hospital via EMS air.
The mother was not interviewed at the time due to being impaired and having significant injuries from the accident. On September 8, 2023, the mother was arrested and charged with two counts of Vehicular Manslaughter. The toxicology report revealed the mother to be under the influence of several substances at the time of the accident.
On May 8, 2023, an autopsy was completed on [redacted] by [redacted], D.O., [redacted] Forensic Center, [redacted], TN. The cause of death is stated as blunt force injuries of head and neck. Manner of death is labeled as accident.
On September 28, 2023, CM [redacted] presented the case to the [redacted] County Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT). Present for this meeting was Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center for the [redacted] Judicial District, [redacted], [redacted] County Sheriffs Captain [redacted], [redacted] Police Detective [redacted], Assistant District Attorney [redacted], [redacted] Neta Gross, Department of Children's Services Team Leader [redacted] and [redacted] Family Advocates for the Child Advocacy Center. The team was in agreement to classify the allegation of Abuse Death as Allegation Substantiated, Perpetrator Substantiated against AP [redacted] based on the mother being charged due to impairment resulting in the car accident.
Work Aid One defines Abuse Child Death as:
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b) Any unexplained death of a child when the cause of death is unknown or pending an autopsy report.
c) Any child death caused by abuse or neglect resulting from the parent or legal custodian/caretaker failure to stop another

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Case Status:	Close	Organization:	Northeast Region

persons direct action that resulted in the death of the child. Child deaths are always treated as severe abuse.
2. A near death, per Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) 37-5-107(c)(4) is defined as a serious or critical medical condition resulting from abuse, neglect or child sexual abuse, as reported by a physician who has examined the child subsequent to the abuse or neglect.
NOTE: When an initial referral or a referral on an open case contains information that suggests the child is in a serious or critical medical condition as a result of the allegation(s) or has been determined to meet the criteria for an allegation of near death as defined above, the Child Abuse Hotline selects Preliminary Near Death (PND) Indicator in TFACTS on the participants tab on a new intake or the investigative persons tab on an active case. The information does not have to come from a physician.
NOTE: Preliminary near deaths are always treated as severe child abuse.

There is a preponderance of evidence to support the allegation of Abuse Death. This investigation will be closed and classified as Allegation Substantiated, Perpetrator Substantiated regarding ACV [redacted] against AP [redacted]

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Case Id:	[redacted]	Case Name:	[redacted]
Case Status:	Close	Organization:	Northeast Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-09-28 10:30:00	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	10:30 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	11/02/2023
Completed date:	11/02/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): CPIT (Child Protective Investigative Team)

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/02/2023 09:09 AM Entered By: [redacted]

Child Protective Services Case Manager (CM) [redacted] presented the case to the Child Protective Investigative Team of the [redacted] Judicial District on this date. Members present were: Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center for the [redacted] Judicial District [redacted] (zoom); [redacted] County Sheriffs Captain [redacted], [redacted] Police Detective [redacted], Assistant District Attorney [redacted]; [redacted] oss, and Department of Children's Services Team Leader [redacted] Non-voting members include [redacted] and [redacted] Family Advocates for the Child Advocacy Center. The case being presented is regarding the alleged child victim [redacted] for Abuse Death allegations by [redacted] died immediately as a result of his injuries sustained in the car accident. The toxicology report showed Ms. [redacted] to be positive for Buprenorphine, Norbuprenorphine, Alprazolam, 7-Amino Clonazepam, Midazolam, Methamphetamine.CM has not interviewed the mother as Trooper [redacted] asked CM not to interfere with his criminal investigation. Ms. [redacted] has been charged with 2 counts of Vehicular manslaughter. There was no evidence presented to the team that supported any other classification decision other than Allegation Substantiated Perpetrator Substantiated (ASPS). All voting members present were in agreement to classify the allegations as Allegation Substantiated Perpetrator Substantiated (ASPS).

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Case Status:	Close	Organization:	Northeast Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-09-13 11:04:00	Contact Method:	Correspondence
Contact Time:	11:04 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	11/02/2023
Completed date:	11/02/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): CPIT (Child Protective Investigative Team)

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 11/02/2023 09:07 AM Entered By: [redacted]

Child Protective Services Case Manager (CM) [redacted] received [redacted] toxicology report from Trooper [redacted] Ms. [redacted] was arrested on 9/8/2023 and charged with two counts of vehicular manslaughter. The toxicology report showed Ms. [redacted] to be positive for Buprenorphine, Norbuprenorphine, Alprazolam, 7-Amino Clonazepam, Midazolam, Methamphetamine. The toxicology report has been uploaded to TFACTS.

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Case Recording Summary

Case Id:	[redacted]	Case Name:	[redacted]
Case Status:	Close	Organization:	Northeast Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-07-25 13:51:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	01:51 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	07/25/2023
Completed date:	07/25/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/25/2023 01:16 PM Entered By: [redacted]

Child Protective Services Case Manager (CM) [redacted] received and reviewed the autopsy of [redacted] The cause of death is Blunt force injuries of head and neck. Manner of death is accident. Autopsy uploaded in the documents section.

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Case Recording Summary

Case Id:	[redacted]	Case Name:	[redacted]
Case Status:	Close	Organization:	Northeast Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-07-25 11:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	11:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	07/31/2023
Completed date:	07/31/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Administrative Review

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/31/2023 09:39 PM Entered By: [redacted]

Opening/Initial Staffing AR: 7/25/23
This P1 CPIT referral was received on 7/19/23 with the allegations of Abuse Death against the mother, [redacted] on [redacted] deceased. The aunt is [redacted]
CM [redacted] was working a previous case for DEC in which the mother had been charged with DWI in NC as well as Child Abuse and Neglect. CM [redacted] was continuing her efforts to locate the family in that case when, on 7/19/23, CM [redacted] received phone call from [redacted] paternal aunt. CM was informed that [redacted] passed away in a car accident on May 5, 2023, and his mother is in a nursing home recovering from her injuries. CM [redacted] made a referral to the hotline in reference to the death, resulting in the case.
The FAST indicated moderate need/risk and immediate intervention recommended.
Plan: CM [redacted] will discuss the case with CPIT and law enforcement partners while she awaits the toxicology report from the TBI and THP.
CM will enter case dictation and assessments per DCS policy. CM will assess for safety, risks, and needs to include permanency and well-being throughout the life of the case. CM will staff investigation as needed with TL [redacted] and prepare investigation for closure within 60 days (90 for FPP cases). This Administrative Review has been entered by TL [redacted] who has an Advanced Degree (Masters in Social Work).

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Case Id:	[redacted]	Case Name:	[redacted]
Case Status:	Close	Organization:	Northeast Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-07-24 09:35:00	Contact Method:	Phone Call
Contact Time:	09:35 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Other Community Site	Created Date:	08/08/2023
Completed date:	08/08/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): CPIT (Child Protective Investigative Team)

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 08/08/2023 02:15 PM Entered By: [redacted]

Child Protective Services Case Manager (CM) [redacted] spoke with State Trooper [redacted]. CM advised of assignment of the death case. Trooper [redacted] advised he does not want DCS to hinder the investigation as he is waiting on the blood work to come back from the TBI to secure warrants against the mother. Trooper [redacted] he spoke with the mother at the hospital but she was obviously intoxicated. Trooper [redacted] advised he hasn't interviewed any other individuals in reference to this case.

Trooper [redacted] advised he would send CM his case file and keep CM in the loop moving forward. CM thanked Trooper [redacted]

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Case Status:	Close	Organization:	Northeast Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-07-19 12:32:00	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	12:32 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	07/25/2023
Completed date:	07/25/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Initial ACV Face To Face

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

[redacted]

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/25/2023 02:25 PM Entered By: [redacted]

This note is to satisfy the requirements of TFACTS for response to be met.

[redacted] dies as the result of a car accident and was pronounced deceased at the scene on 5/5/2023 at 1:08pm per the Tennessee Highway Patrol Crash report.

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Child Protective Service Investigation Summary and Classification Decision of Child Abuse/Neglect Referral

A. Investigation

Case Name: [redacted]

Investigation ID: [redacted]

Referral Date: 07/19/2023

Assignment Date: 08/17/2023

Street Adress: [redacted],

City/State/Zip: [redacted], Tennessee [redacted]

B. Allegation

#	Children's Name	DOB	Specific Allegation for Each	Alleged Perpetrator's Name	DOB	Classification	Severe Abuse / CSEM	Classified By / Classified
1	[redacted]	[redacted]	Abuse Death	[redacted]	[redacted], 12:00 AM	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	[redacted] / 10/10/2023

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments: This case has been assessed and closed as Allegation Substantiated Perpetrator Substantiated for Abuse Death.

D. Case Workers

Case Worker: [redacted]

Date: 10/10/2023

Team Leader: [redacted]

Date: 10/11/2023

E. Investigation Summary

Instruction: Condense the finding rationale for each allegation relative to the child victim(s). Be sure to identify the facts that provided for the classification decision.

Summarize the key points and dates of the child or children's statements and/or the observation of the child or children's physical state or home environment:

On May 5, 2023, at approximately 1:13pm, law enforcement and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were dispatched to [redacted] in [redacted] Tennessee due to a motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival to the scene, EMS pronounced the child deceased

Summarize professional, medical or psychological findings or opinions: What is the collateral's oral or written finding/opinion of the incident(s)/allegation(s)?

On September 28, 2023, CM [redacted] presented the case to the [redacted] County Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT). Present for this meeting was Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center for the [redacted] Judicial District, [redacted], [redacted] County Sheriff's Captain [redacted], [redacted], Police Detective [redacted], Assistant District Attorney [redacted], [redacted], Department of Children's Services Team Leader [redacted] and [redacted] Family Advocates for the Child Advocacy Center. The team was in agreement to classify the allegation of Abuse Death as Allegation Substantiated, Perpetrator Substantiated against AP [redacted] based on the mother being charged due to impairment resulting in the car accident.

Summarize alleged perpetrator's statement or admission: What is the perpetrator's explanation of the incident(s)/allegation(s)?

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Case Name : [redacted] **Investigation ID:** [redacted]

The mother was not interviewed at the time due to being impaired and having significant injuries from the accident. On September 8, 2023, the mother was arrested and charged with two counts of Vehicular Manslaughter. The toxicology report revealed the mother to be under the influence of several substances at the time of the accident.

Summarize witnesses' descriptions of what they saw and what they believe indicates child abuse/neglect:

On May 8, 2023, an autopsy was completed on [redacted] by [redacted], D.O., [redacted] Forensic Center, [redacted], TN. The cause of death is stated as "blunt force injuries of head and neck." Manner of death is labeled as "accident."

Summarize any other evidence or factors that support the investigative finding(s) for the allegation(s) of abuse/neglect:

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