Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Pablo Golden

County: Duval

Date of Birth: May 8, 2024

Date of Death: January 25, 2025

Report Number: 2025-027310

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Pablo Golden	8 months	Deceased Child
[redacted]	21 months	Sibling
Shamir Whitby	20	Mother
Justin Golden	20	Father

1. Circumstances Surrounding Death

On January 25, 2025, this 8-month-old infant died after the father ran him over in a vehicle.

On January 25, 2025, a witness was waiting behind the parents' car at a light on Lenox Avenue when she saw a female exit the vehicle with nothing in her arms and walk away. She then observed the driver place something next to the vehicle and drove away slowly. Initially the witness thought it was a bag of trash but when the car drove over the item, the witness realized it was a child. Law Enforcement and EMS arrived and transported the infant to Wolfson Children's Hospital. Despite life-saving efforts, the infant was pronounced deceased at 11:20am.

On the day of the incident, the parents and infant went to the store to purchase diapers. While in the vehicle the parents got in an argument about how they would use the remaining money they had after purchasing the diapers. The mother wanted to go to McDonalds and the father wanted to purchase baby wipes. The mother reported that the father was angry, so to avoid escalating the situation, the mother got out of the car while they were stopped at a light. The father reported that he tried to get the mother to take the infant with her because he didn't want her to make accusations of him kidnapping the infant. When the mother did not take the infant, the father placed the infant outside of his door. He stated he expected the mother to get the infant. The father then drove away.

The mother did not witness the incident, but she heard bystanders scream that the father had thrown the infant out of the car. The mother turned and saw the infant laying in the street, ran over to him, and picked him up. The police found the father at a nearby gas station. The father stated that he did not realize he had hit or struck anything until the police informed him that he ran over the infant.

The mother and father reported a history of domestic violence. The father reported the mother had slapped him in the past and the mother reported the father had hit her on several occasions. Collateral contacts expressed concern for domestic violence between the parents and believe the mother got out of the vehicle to prevent a physical altercation.

The mother was drug screened and tested positive for THC and oxycodone. She reported that she and the father smoke marijuana whenever they have the funds, and she reported that she had taken a Percocet the night before due to tooth and foot pain. She denied a current

prescription for the medication, stating it was not her medication. The father declined a drug screen.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy and determined the cause of death as lacerations of brain blunt impact to head with fractures of vault and base of skull. The manner of death was a homicide.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation and arrested the father on January 26, 2025. On September 3, 2025, the father pled guilty to aggravated manslaughter of a child. The father was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Based on the information obtained during the investigation, DCF Duval County Child Protective Investigations closed the investigation on October 6, 2025, with verified findings of death and physical injury with the father as the caregiver responsible, and inadequate supervision with both parents as the caregivers responsible. There were additional verified findings of substance misuse-illicit drugs and intimate partner violence threatens child as to both children with both parents being the caregivers responsible.

Other Children in the Home

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2. Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The parents have not been involved in any prior investigations as adults.

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