Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Paisley Brown

County: Marion

Date of Birth: 02/07/2023

Date of Death: 02/19/2026

Report Number: 2026-063093

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Paisley Brown	3 years old	Child Victim
[redacted]	1 year old	Sibling
[redacted]	4 years old	Sibling
[redacted]	9 years old	Sibling
[redacted]	6 years old	Child - [redacted]
Jennifer Kendrick	26 years old	Mother
Jeroen Coombs	32 years old	Mother's paramour

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On February 19th, the child became unresponsive and passed away at the ER following the mother's paramour hitting her on the chest.

According to departmental and other available agency records, the mother and her paramour had been in a relationship for approximately four months prior to the incident. The paramour and his six-year-old child moved into the mother's home approximately one month before the incident. The paramour was unemployed at the time and, therefore, cared for the children while the mother worked. This included caring for the victim child, who had been diagnosed with autism.

On February 19th, the mother left home at approximately 9:15 a.m. to run errands, leaving the children in her paramour's care. Throughout the morning, the mother sent text messages to the paramour but did not receive a response. At approximately 10:56 a.m., she initiated a FaceTime call. When he answered, he told her that something was wrong with the victim child and that she was unresponsive. He stated that he had attempted CPR but was unsure whether he had performed it correctly. During the FaceTime call, the mother observed the victim child slumped over in her highchair. When the mother asked what had happened, the paramour denied having hurt the victim child. The mother ended the call and, while returning home, contacted her mother, who resides in Georgia.

Approximately 15 minutes after the FaceTime call, the mother arrived home. Upon entering the residence, she instructed her paramour to call 911. While speaking with the

911 dispatcher, the mother and aunt took turns performing CPR under the direction of the dispatcher.

EMS received the call at 11:35 am and arrived at 11:52 am. Per EMS Report, *"Rescue 19 responded echo response to a cardiac arrest. Upon our arrival Engine 2 crew was exiting the residence with an unresponsive 3-year-old female in cardiac arrest. The crew relayed that the patient was found unresponsive on the kitchen floor with an older lady on scene doing CPR. They took over CPR and ventilated the patient with a bag valve mask until our arrival. The patient was carried out to the rescue by Engine 2 crew and handed over to me and CPR and ventilation were continued. The patient had multiuse pads already on and they were attached to our monitor at this time. Hot transport was initiated to Advent Health Ocala. She was wearing a diaper and shorts and no shirt socks or shoes. The patient was assessed and multiple injuries were found. The patient had a laceration to the back of her head. Blood was found in her mouth when OPA was inserted. The patient had unequal pupils and what appeared to be fresh bruises on her face and around her eyes. She had what appeared to be fresh bruises on her chest shoulders also. She also had what appeared to be fresh bruises on her upper legs"*

EMS transported the victim child to Advent Health Ocala Emergency Department. There, attending physician expressed immediate concerns for abuse as the child was observed with various non-accidental injuries.

On February 19, 2026, the victim child was pronounced deceased at 12:32 pm.

While completing interviews at the Child Protection Team (CPT), the 9-year-old sibling advised that during the morning of February 19th, the victim child was heard crying loudly and sounded "possessed", the paramour was cursing and stomping loudly, followed by a loud bang and the victim child immediately stopped crying, adding he hit her in the chest so hard she hit the wall and drowned her in the shower to stop her from crying. Once seated on the highchair, he noticed she was very pale and looked "dead". While on the Facetime call with his mother, the paramour was "freaking out".

The CPT medical Team completed medical evaluations on the siblings and noted the 9-year-old sibling had a large friction abrasion under his right arm and bruises on both wrists consistent with being placed in handcuffs. The 4-year-old had no injuries, while the 1-year-old had a mark on her lip and two red circles on the inside of each knee. A skeletal survey was completed showing the 1-year-old also had a nondisplaced hairline fracture of the left tibial shaft. CPT yielded positive findings for physical injury and bizarre punishment.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office investigated the death of the child (26-004196). While completing an interview, the mother's paramour admitted to striking the victim child several times and binding her hands and legs with painter's tape to stop her from digging into her diaper. He admitted to binding the victim child's hands with the tape, but she would use her feet and kick free, so he began binding her legs together, from calves to thighs, as well as her hands. After striking the victim child several times, he admitted to

having put her in the bathtub to “wake her up”, then put her in the highchair. He also admitted to handcuffing the 9-year-old multiple times. The mother admitted knowing her 9-year-old being restrained in handcuffs and admitted to removing his cuffs once she arrived prior to calling 911. She admitted not protecting her children and disclosed observing her paramour beat the other children as well.

Marion County Sherriff's Detective arrested the mother’s paramour and charged him with first degree murder (26004196). The mother was also arrested and charged with aggravated manslaughter of a child (260047240).

The autopsy report was received on May 15, 2026, and indicated District 5 Medical Examiner Barbara Person, M.D., completed an autopsy of the child on February 20, 2026. ME# 26-05-0388.

The death certificate was received on May 12, 2026, and indicated District 5 Medical Examiner Barbara Person, M.D., signed and certified the death certificate for the child on February 26, 2026. ME# 26-05-0388.

Autopsy Findings:
1. Blunt chest trauma with commotio cordis
2. Extensive acute hemorrhage in pelvic soft tissues
3. Labial abrasions
4. Abrasions consistent with antemortem bindings on lower legs
5. Pulmonary congestion and edema
6. Cerebral edema, nonspecific, mild
7. Dehydration

Cause of Death: Blunt Chest Trauma with Commotio Cordis

Manner of Death: Homicide

On September 14, 2026, the Department of Children and Families’ investigation was closed with:

- Verified findings of Death and Physical Injury as to the child with the mother’s paramour as the caregiver responsible.
- Verified Failure to Protect as to the child with the mother as the caregiver responsible.

Other Children in the Family:

The siblings were deemed unsafe and were sheltered [redacted]

Grief counseling information was provided to the family.

Summary of Current Agency Involvement with Family:

The family is currently involved in out-of-home judicial services.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family:

[redacted]. As caregiver, the mother has prior abuse reports from 2019 to 2025 with a pattern of Environmental Hazards, Illicit Drugs, Inadequate Supervision, Household Violence threatens Child and Failure to Protect. [redacted]

09/17/2026

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Stephanie Pena

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09/16/2026

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