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Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline Summary

Intake

Intake ID: [redacted]

Intake Taken By: [redacted]

Intake Date/Time: 12/28/2022 08:20 AM [redacted]

Track Assigned: Investigation

Priority Assigned: 1

Screened By: [redacted]

Date Screened: 12/28/2022

Investigation

Investigation ID: [redacted]

First County/Region Assigned: [redacted]

Date/Time Assigned : 12/28/2022 10:42 AM

First Team Leader Assigned: [redacted]

Date/Time Assigned : 12/28/2022 12:00 AM

First Case Manager Assigned: [redacted]

Date/Time Assigned : 12/28/2022 12:00 AM

Allegations

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ? / CSEM ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[redacted]	5 Yrs	Lack of Supervision	Yes	[redacted]	
[redacted]	5 Yrs	Lack of Supervision	Yes	[redacted]	

Preliminary Near Death: [redacted]

Referent(s)

Referent Name: [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 PRELIMINARY NEAR DEATH

Family Case IDs: [redacted]
Associated Case IDs: None

Family Case ID Detailed History:
Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP None
Closed Court Custody [redacted] 6-13-17 to 8-23-17

Pending: None
Awaiting Screening: None
Submitted: None

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Open CPS: None
Substantiated: [redacted]/DEC/[redacted]ASPS/1-22-20
[redacted]/PYA (PHA AUPU)/[redacted]ASPS/11-8-11
[redacted]/SEE/[redacted]ASPS/8-10-17

Death: None
Screen Outs: [redacted]

History (not listed above):
INV[redacted]/DEC/AUPU/4-18-20
ASMT[redacted]/PYA/Services Recommended and Accepted and NSN/8-11-15
ASMT[redacted]/DEC/NSN/4-9-14
ASMT[redacted]/PHA/NSN/6-25-21
ASMT[redacted]/LOS, PHA/NSN/5-26-21
ASMT[redacted]/ENN/NSN/7-13-20
ASMT[redacted]/DEC/NSN7-22-15
ASMT[redacted]/DEC/NSN/3-31-15
ASMT[redacted]/DEC, PYA/SR&A/3-20-14

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

Reporter's name/relationship: [redacted]

-Child/Family Identification and Relationship Introduction Paragraph:
[redacted] (3) and another child (age 11/name unknown/male) live with their mother ([redacted]unknown age) and father ([redacted]42) in [redacted] county. The other child is in KY (unknown details).

-Are you requesting immediate assistance from DCS to your location, or only an immediate phone call? Yes, respond to the scene.

-Please provide a brief summary of the concerns and why DCS is needed to respond immediately.
The police are at the home due to a call placed to the Sheriff's office at 8:15 am today (12-28-22). The 911 call was from the home, but it was a hang-up call. The caller called 911 back ten minutes later, stating that [redacted] had been shot in the chest. It is unknown who called 911 when the gun went off, but it was one of the parents who called. The Sheriff's Department responded to the home, as did EMS. [redacted] was taken to the [redacted] Hospital by EMS. It is unknown what [redacted] current status is, but he was alive as of the last information known. It is unknown if [redacted] was conscious, but CPR was performed in the ambulance by EMS. [redacted] is currently in surgery at [redacted] Hospital. [redacted] might be taken to [redacted] for treatment; a helicopter has been called and is on standby. The parents have not been fully interviewed about what happened and were only briefly spoken with before going to the hospital. According to [redacted] [redacted] was trying to get a pellet rifle. [redacted] reported he was fighting with [redacted] over this gun. The gun may have been at the foot of the bed and it is unknown if that is where the gun is normally stored. The gun was described as not being a BB gun or a "real" gun; the pellets in the involved gun are bigger than a regular BB gun and do more damage. It is unknown why there was a loaded gun within [redacted] reach. The parents are at the hospital with [redacted] It is unknown if the parents have a criminal history. The other child (male age 11) is in KY, and it is unknown why he is there or if he is coming back to TN. It is unknown if DCS has history with the family. There is not a police report number yet.

-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

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CM Notation: None
Screener Notation: Per email from [redacted] at 9:03 am, a worker is headed out now. A second email from [redacted] at 9:07 am stated that the child did go into cardiac arrest, but he was brought back.

Emailed/Paged CPSI On Call: [redacted] County/[redacted] Region was emailed notification of this report at 9:04 am, [redacted]. [redacted] received the notification at 8:50 am.

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

Per SDM: Investigative Track, P1. [redacted], TL on 12-28-22 @ 10:11 am

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Participant(s)

Name: [redacted] [redacted]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Partipant ID: [redacted]

SSN:

Race:

Age: 45 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: 5 Yrs

Address: [redacted], Tennessee [redacted]

Deceased Date:

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] [redacted]

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

SSN:
Race:
Age:

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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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2025-07-23 15:54:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	03:54 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	07/23/2025
Completed date:	07/23/2025	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)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/23/2025 02:57 PM Entered By: [redacted]

This case has been reviewed and approved for closure by Team Coordinator (TC) [redacted] Notice of the classification decision to the [redacted] County Juvenile Court Judge will be provided by TL [redacted] Notification of the classification to the district attorney will be provided by TL per local protocol. Notice of the classification to the DCS Legal Attorney will be provided by TL. All the appropriate paperwork has been reviewed and signed if applicable by TL [redacted] .

The case was reviewed and approved for closure by Executive Director (ED) [redacted] on 6/4/25. The sibling is reported to be in the custody of the aunt in Kentucky. There are no reported children in the home with the parents at the closing of this case.

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2025-07-23 15:51:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	03:51 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	07/23/2025
Completed date:	07/23/2025	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)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/23/2025 02:54 PM Entered By: [redacted]

On December 28, 2022, the Department of Childrens Services (DCS) received a referral which was screened into [redacted] County as a preliminary near death (PND) with the allegation of Lack of Supervision concerning Alleged Child Victim (ACV) [redacted] (DOB: [redacted] age 3) with the Alleged Perpetrator (AP) listed as the childs birth mother, [redacted] and the childs birth father, [redacted] The investigation was assigned to Case Manager (CM) [redacted] by Team Leader (TL) [redacted] The case was worked in conjunction with the [redacted] County Sherriffs Departments Lieutenant Detective [redacted] The allegation of Abuse Death was later added on 12/28/22 following the childs subsequent death from the injuries related to the incident.

At the time of the incident, ACV [redacted] resided with his parents, [redacted] and [redacted] and a sibling, [redacted] (DOB: [redacted] age 11).

The referral alleged that the police were at the home due to a call placed to the Sherriffs office at 8:15am on 12-28-2022. The call was placed from the home, but it was a hang up call. The caller called 911 back ten minutes later, stating that [redacted] had been shot in the chest. The Sherriffs Department and EMS responded to the home and [redacted] was transported to [redacted] County Hospital. CPR was performed in the ambulance. According to [redacted] was trying to get a pellet rifle. [redacted] reported he was fighting with [redacted] over this gun. The gun was described as not being a BB gun or a "real" gun; the pellets in the involved gun are bigger than a regular BB gun and do more damage. [redacted] was pronounced deceased on 12-28-2022 at 11:04 am at [redacted] Medical Center.

On December 28, 2022, CM [redacted] Lt. [redacted] and Det. [redacted] with the [redacted] Co. Sherriffs office, interviewed [redacted] at the family home.
Mr. [redacted] reported that he, [redacted] mother, [redacted] and [redacted] had all slept in the bedroom the night before. He reported that the pellet gun was on top of the large chest against the wall where it always stays. Mr. [redacted] reported that on this morning, the dog come in from outside and knocked over all the items on the top of the chest including the pellet gun. Mr. [redacted] reported that he was picking up everything that the dog had knocked over, and he laid the pellet gun at the foot of the bed. Mr. [redacted] reported that [redacted] grabbed the gun by the barrel, and as he went to jerk it away from him, the gun went off and shot [redacted] in the chest. Mr. [redacted] reported that 911 was called, and EMS responded to the scene. Mr.

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Case Status: Close Organization: [redacted] Region

[redacted] reported that the child was conscious after the gun went off until EMS arrived. He reported that [redacted] was transported to [redacted] Medical Center, where he was stabilized and then flown to [redacted] Hospital where he was to undergo open heart surgery.
Mr. [redacted] acknowledged that a first 911 call was originally called about 10 minutes prior to the last call, and he reported that [redacted] had accidentally called them and hung up from his mothers phone.

CM [redacted] spoke with Mr. [redacted] about other children in the home. Mr. [redacted] reported that [redacted] and [redacted] both live in the home with him, however [redacted] was reported to be in [redacted] KY with his aunt for Winter Break.
Mr. [redacted] gave law enforcement permission to look through and photograph the home. The home was incredibly cluttered with old food, cans, laundry, boxes, trash, and numerous other items. Law enforcement obtained a pistol and a rifle in the home, which Mr. [redacted] reported were inherited. There were also numerous baggies containing white residue believed to be methamphetamine obtained along with pipes and drug paraphernalia which would have been in reach of the children.

Due to Mr. [redacted] being a felon, he was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm x2. Possession of methamphetamine was later added to his charges. Mr. [redacted] was transported from the home to the [redacted] County Jail.

On December 28 2022, Case Manager (CM) [redacted] observed the interview conducted by Lt. [redacted] and Detective [redacted] with [redacted] at the [redacted] County Justice Center.
Mrs. [redacted] reported that earlier that morning, [redacted] had gone with [redacted] outside to let the dog out. She reported that she was in bed, and she was on her phone looking down. Mrs. [redacted] reported that she heard something go off and saw [redacted] looking at her just saying mom, mom, and he fell into [redacted] arms. Mrs. [redacted] reported that [redacted] was standing close to the bathroom at the foot of the bed. She reported that she did see some blood under his shirt on his chest. Mrs. [redacted] reported that no one else was at the home at the time.

Mrs. [redacted] reported that the gun is usually kept on top of the dresser. Mrs. [redacted] reported that on this morning, [redacted] had gotten the gun down to use it on a rat and had laid it on the bed before he let the dog out. Mrs. [redacted] described the gun as being at the foot of the bed. Mrs. [redacted] reported that she didnt know of any issues with the gun ever malfunctioning or going off on its own, but she was never really around it. Mrs. [redacted] reported that it was their son, [redacted] pellet gun.

When engaged about the 911 call about 10 minutes prior to the call after the incident, Mrs. [redacted] reported that [redacted] had called 911 this morning when she was in the bathroom. Mrs. [redacted] reported that she called them back and told them that he had called when she went to the bathroom.
When asked about substance use, Mrs. [redacted] denied that any drugs had been done today. She reported that she smoked marijuana yesterday or the day before, and she takes Suboxone, but has a prescription for it. Mrs. [redacted] denied that the drugs and drug paraphernalia found in the home were hers and reported that no one had really been staying at the house since she and [redacted] had been separated. Mrs. [redacted] reported that [redacted] had been different since his dad died, when asked why they were separated. When asked about the methamphetamine found in the home, Mrs. [redacted] reported that she could say that she didnt use meth. She reported that the only drugs that would be found in her system today would be THC and suboxone. When leaving the Justice Center, Mrs. [redacted] reported to Detective [redacted] that she would also fail the blood draw for methamphetamine as she had used the previous weekend with [redacted]

On December 28, 2022, CM [redacted] spoke with the maternal great-aunt, [redacted] via phone, regarding [redacted] Ms. [redacted] reported that [redacted] was currently safe and in her care. On 12-29-22, Case Manager (CM) [redacted] received notes from a courtesy interview from DCFS CM [redacted] in Kentucky. [redacted] voiced fear for safety around the father and concern for his mother and sibling. After conducting a walkthrough of [redacted] residence, the home was found to be appropriate with no safety hazards or threats.
On December 28, 2022, an autopsy was completed on ACV [redacted] by Dr. [redacted] Regional Forensic Center, [redacted] TN. The report indicated the cause of death was a pellet gun injury to the chest that perforated the heart.

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The manner of death was classified as Accident.

On October 23, 2023, Case Manager (CM) [redacted] presented the allegation of Lack of Supervision, Drug Exposed Child, and Abuse Death against [redacted] and [redacted] concerning Alleged Child Victim [redacted] to the [redacted] County Child Protective Services Investigation Team (CPIT). The team agreed to classify the allegation of Abuse Death as Allegation Substantiated/Alleged Perpetrator Unsubstantiated. The manner of death was ruled as accident as it was reported that the circumstances presented were consistent with accidental firing. The allegations of Drug Exposed Child and Lack of Supervision were classified as Allegation Substantiated, Alleged Perpetrator Substantiated as drug were found in the home, and the gun was left where is was accessible to the child.

Per DCS Policy Work Aid 1 Section E:
Child death is defined as:
a) Any child death caused by abuse or neglect.
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 caretakers failure to stop another persons direct action that resulted in the death of the child. Child deaths are always treated as severe abuse.

Drug Exposed Child
This allegation pertains to a person under the age of eighteen (18) who:
Drug Exposed Child (Severe)
Severe forms of this allegation include, but are not limited to:
♦ The manufacturing of methamphetamine where children are present, or in close proximity;
♦ Infants born with a diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD);
♦ Infants born with a diagnosis of Neo-Natal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) where the diagnosis is not based on the mothers prescribed and appropriately followed Medication-Assisted Treatment;
♦ Knowingly or with gross negligence allowing a child under eight (8) years of age to ingest an illegal substance or a controlled substance that results in the child testing positive on a drug screen, except as legally prescribed to the child; and/or
♦ Knowingly allowing a child to be within a structure where a Schedule I controlled substance under TCA 39-17-406, cocaine, methamphetamine and/or fentanyl are present and accessible by the child.

Lack of Supervision
Failure to provide adequate supervision, by a parent or other legal custodian/caretaker, who is able to do so. A lack of supervision allegation or determination means that:
a) The child has been placed in a situation that requires actions beyond the childs level of maturity, physical ability, and/or mental ability; or
b) Caregiver inadequately supervises a child. The caregiver is with the child, but is unable or unwilling to supervise (e.g., the caregiver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, is depressed, sleeps during the day or has inadequate parenting knowledge or skills).
c) Any registered sex offender residing in the home with unrelated minor children or victim of offender and/or caregiver knowingly resides with and/or allows children to be unsupervised with a registered sex offender.

There is a preponderance of evidence to support the allegations of Severe Lack of Supervision and Drug Exposed Child against the parents, [redacted] and [redacted] regarding Alleged Child Victim (ACV) [redacted] There is a preponderance of evidence to support the allegation of Abuse Death regarding ACV [redacted] and there is not a preponderance of evidence against [redacted] and [redacted]

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2025-06-19 23:32:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	11:32 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	06/19/2025
Completed date:	06/19/2025	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Service Planning		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 06/19/2025 11:32 PM Entered By: [redacted]

The summary has been approved and the case is now ready to be closed.

Next Steps
CM will submit case for closure.

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2025-05-28 11:42:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	11:42 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	05/28/2025
Completed date:	05/28/2025	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Service Planning		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/28/2025 10:43 AM Entered By: [redacted]

CM has reviewed and revised the case summary. It has been forwarded to ED for review and approval.

Next Steps
Prepare case for closure once approved.

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2025-04-11 13:45:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	01:45 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	04/11/2025
Completed date:	04/11/2025	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Service Planning		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/11/2025 12:45 PM Entered By: [redacted]

The Toxicology report, final autopsy, and other records have been received. The toxicology report did have any findings on the child, which indicates a negative result. It was initially reported to CM that the child was positive. The case summary has been completed by the case manager assistant and sent to the assigned case manager for review and revisions. The case has been presented to CPIT.

Next Steps
CM will review and revise case summary by 04/18/25.

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2025-03-31 19:39:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	07:39 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	03/31/2025
Completed date:	03/31/2025	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Service Planning		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/31/2025 06:39 PM Entered By: [redacted]

CM has not received the toxicology report from the detective. CM and TL will begin working on the death summary so that the case can be submitted for closure.

Next Steps
Obtain toxicology report.
Submit case for closure.

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2025-02-28 10:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	10:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	02/28/2025
Completed date:	02/28/2025	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Permanency		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

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Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/28/2025 08:45 AM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] is currently waiting on the toxicology report from the detective. Once this is received, the closing case summary will be complete and submitted for approval.

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2024-12-18 09:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	09:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted] [redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	12/18/2024
Completed date:	12/18/2024	Completed By:	[redacted] [redacted]
Purpose(s):	Permanency		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 12/18/2024 07:39 AM Entered By: [redacted] [redacted]

CM [redacted] will finish the summary on this case and it will be submitted for approval.

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2024-10-08 09:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	09:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	10/08/2024
Completed date:	10/08/2024	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/08/2024 08:19 AM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] will complete the closing case summary on this case and the case will be sent for final approval.

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2024-08-20 11:31:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	11:31 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	08/20/2024
Completed date:	08/20/2024	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 08/20/2024 10:22 AM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] is continuing to work with the detective. THe detective is getting her all reports and pictures and then CM [redacted] will be ready to work on the closing case summary.

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2024-05-15 10:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	10:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted] [redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	05/15/2024
Completed date:	05/15/2024	Completed By:	[redacted] [redacted]
Purpose(s):	Permanency		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/15/2024 09:01 AM Entered By: [redacted] [redacted]

CM [redacted] is waiting on LE to share the last bit of information. Once this is received, the case summary will be done and sent for approval.

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2024-04-30 09:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	09:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted] [redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	04/30/2024
Completed date:	04/30/2024	Completed By:	[redacted] [redacted]
Purpose(s):	Permanency		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 04/30/2024 09:19 AM Entered By: [redacted] [redacted]

The case is ready for closure once the summary is completed and reviewed.

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2024-03-31 16:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	04:00 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	03/31/2024
Completed date:	03/31/2024	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Permanency		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/31/2024 06:47 PM Entered By: [redacted]

Still waiting for law enforcement to receive final testing being done.

Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2024-02-26 09:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	09:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	02/26/2024
Completed date:	02/26/2024	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)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 02/26/2024 10:03 AM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] is getting all documents and photos from the detective. She will be working on the closing case summary and this will be submitted when completed.

Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-10-23 13:00:00	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	01:00 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Other Community Site	Created Date:	07/22/2025
Completed date:	07/22/2025	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	CPIT (Child Protective Investigative Team)		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/22/2025 11:29 PM Entered By: [redacted]

On October 23, 2023, Case Manager (CM) [redacted] presented the allegation of Lack of Supervision, Drug Exposed Child, and Abuse Death against [redacted] and [redacted] concerning Alleged Child Victim [redacted] to the [redacted] County Child Protective Services Investigation Team (CPIT).The team agreed to classify the case as Allegation substantiated/Perpetrator Unsubstantiated. The manner of death was ruled as accident as it was reported that the circumstances presented were consistent with accidental firing. However, it is believed that the lack of supervision did contribute to the cause of the death, but no intent was able to be proven. The allegations of Drug Exposed Child and Lack of Supervision were classified as allegation substantiated, perpetrator substantiated as drug were found in the home, and the gun was left where is was accessible to the child.

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-10-05 09:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	09:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	10/05/2023
Completed date:	10/05/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Permanency		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 10/05/2023 08:26 AM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] stated that the other child is still in Kentucky with aunt. There is truancy court coming up on that child in [redacted] County even thought the child is enrolled and attending school in Kentucky. The parents are not going to be charged with the death of the child. The parents will be charged with the drugs in the babys system. This case will be presented to [redacted] County CPIT this month and then closed.

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-07-26 16:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	04:00 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	07/26/2023
Completed date:	07/26/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Permanency		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/26/2023 02:53 PM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] stated that detectives are waiting on more test results to come back from the crime lab. Toxicology on the child is still not back. Once these come back, law enforcement will doing more questioning. CM [redacted] has been in contact with the mother about setting up alcohol and drug treatment. The mother is going to set this up herself through [redacted] The oldest child is still living in the state of Kentucky.

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-07-17 09:00:00	Contact Method:	Phone Call
Contact Time:	09:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	08/01/2023
Completed date:	08/01/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Parent/Caretaker Interview		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 08/01/2023 12:49 PM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] spoke with [redacted] via phone. [redacted] confirmed that she was doing okay, but struggling. She reported that she was clean and wasn't using. CM [redacted] engaged [redacted] about if she had completed any A&D or Mental Health Assessment. [redacted] reported that she was trying to schedule with [redacted] She reported that she thinks she had it under control and she didn't need any assistance at this time. [redacted] did confirm that [redacted] was still living in KY with his aunt, and that she didn't have custody, but she did have a power of attorney. [redacted] reported that [redacted] was sitll doing about the same. [redacted] did not report any additional information.

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-05-25 10:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	10:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	05/25/2023
Completed date:	05/25/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Permanency		
Contact Type(s):	Administrative Review		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 05/25/2023 10:03 AM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] stated that she has talked with Detective [redacted] at CPIT and they are waiting on one more test to come back from the TBI Lab. There was no DNA on the end of the gun to show that the child never had ahold of the end of the gun. This was the reasoning that the father gave as to why the gun went off. The father stated that the child had ahold of the end of the gun and was trying to pull the gun back and the father had the trigger end. These results show that this is not true since there was no fingerprints by the child on the end of the gun. If this is confirmed, this will be treated as a homicide.

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-03-07 10:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	10:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	03/07/2023
Completed date:	03/07/2023	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)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/07/2023 09:24 AM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] stated that the father has still not been interviewed because law enforcement is still waiting on DNA results back from the gun. Tests have confirmed that there was nothing wrong with the gun so the gun did not misfire. Once the DNA results come back, they will bring the father in for his first interview. The other child is in Kentucky and is living with the aunt. She has a power of attorney. the child has not been brought back to TN. A referral was made to Kentucky DCS but they will not file and give the aunt custody because they state that TN has to file. CM [redacted] cannot file on this case because the child is out of state. Once the father is interviewed, an update will be added.

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-02-28 10:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	10:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	08/09/2023
Completed date:	08/09/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Notation		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

[redacted]

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 08/09/2023 07:45 AM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] received the final autopsy report on the alleged child victim (acv) [redacted] The report was dated 2/28/31. The autopsy stated that the main cause of death was a pellet gun injury to the chest . The manner of death was ruled as accident as it was reported that the circumstances presented were consistent with accidental firing. The medical examiner who completed this report was Dr. [redacted].

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-01-06 13:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	01:00 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Other Community Site	Created Date:	01/09/2023
Completed date:	01/09/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Notation		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

[redacted]

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/09/2023 01:23 PM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] spoke with Lt. [redacted] who confirmed that the verbal preliminary on [redacted] Autopsy stated that the cause of death was the wound from the pellet gun. It was reported that it was for sure a pellet gun, and that the gun penetrated that heart and the lung. Lt. [redacted] reported that the pellet gun had been sent off to Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for function testing and DNA testing for [redacted] DNA on the end of the gun. Lt. [redacted] reported that he would keep CM [redacted] updated on the status of the case.

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2023-01-03 09:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	09:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	01/13/2023
Completed date:	01/13/2023	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)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/13/2023 10:40 AM Entered By: [redacted]

The Abuse Death investigation regarding Alleged Child Victim (ACV) [redacted] was debriefed with Case Manager (CM) [redacted] and Team Leaders (TL) [redacted] and [redacted]. Also present was Team Coordinator (TC) [redacted], CPS Director (CPSD) [redacted], and Director of Critical Incident Support (DCIS) [redacted].

The CPS investigation was assigned on 12/28/22 initially as a Preliminary Near Death (PND) concerning allegations of Lack of Supervision for ACV [redacted] (3yo). The allegation of Abuse Death was later added on 12/28/22 following the childs subsequent death from the injuries related to the critical incident. It was reported [redacted] resided with his birth mother [redacted] birth father [redacted] and sibling [redacted] 11yo] in [redacted] County.

On the morning of 12/28/22 a 911 call was placed by the parents from the family home stating [redacted] had been shot in the chest with a pellet gun. [redacted] was transported to [redacted] Hospital and underwent surgery and was stabilized, then transferred to [redacted] Hospital where he died during open heart surgery. LE responded and CM responded to the home. Father stated he, [redacted] and the mother were in the parents bedroom. He reported letting the dog out, and when it returned inside it ran through the house, knocking items down from the entertainment center, including the pellet gun, onto the floor. The father stated he placed the pellet gun on the bed and [redacted] picked it up off the bed, at which time he jerked the gun away from the child and it accidentally fired. The mother stated the father had gotten the gun from the entertainment center himself and placed it on the bed to shoot a rat with, and while she was in the bed on her phone, she heard the gun go off and looked up to see [redacted] falling into the fathers arms.

The father was arrested at the home due to being a felon and in being in possession of two firearms aside from the pellet gun, including a pistol and rifle. He was also charged for possession of methamphetamine as meth and heroin were found inside the home. Blood drawls for drug screens were completed on both parents with results pending. The pellet gun was sent off to the TBI for testing of any faulty mechanisms that would result in accidental firing as well as DNA collection. LE is planning a formal interview with the father once results for the above is known.

The 11yo sibling was not present at the home when the incident occurred. He was visiting a maternal aunt in Kentucky. CM completed face to face and home visit with the child and aunt in KY with no immediate concerns. The 11yo voiced fear for

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safety around the father and concern for this mother and sibling. The aunt filed for emergency custody of the sibling in KY and plans to enroll him in school there. CM spoke with the aunt about counseling services for the sibling and completed a courtesy referral for the family with KY CPS. CM has also spoke with the mother about grief counseling services.

Next Steps:
-- CM will request current incident medical records for ACV. Records will be reviewed and uploaded to TFACTS.
-- CM will request all interviews and information/evidence collected by LE within their investigation and review, summarize, and upload what is shared to TFACTS.
-- CM will follow-up with aunt regarding petition for custody and KY CPS around global safety assessment for sibling.
-- CM will document and upload autopsy into TFACTS once received.
-- CM will complete Closing FAST prior to case closure.
-- CM will present findings to the Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) for classification review.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) information and supervisory support was discussed with involved staff.

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2022-12-29 14:30:00	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	02:30 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Other Caretaker Home	Created Date:	01/03/2023
Completed date:	01/03/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Sibling Interview/Observation		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/03/2023 01:44 PM Entered By: [redacted]

On 12/29/22, Case Manager (CM) [redacted] received notes from a courtesy interview from DCFS in Kentucky. Case Manger (CM) [redacted] stated the following:

I conducted an interview with [redacted] in private at 2:30pm:
[redacted] reported his 3-year-old brother [redacted] got ahold of a bb gun and it went off when he was trying to climb onto the bed. He then reported [redacted] was holding the barrel and something caught the trigger and the pellet shot into his heart. He stated the pellet had a sharp end. He then continued to state his mom told him she was sleeping and dad was gone, like usual since he is not home much without explanation. [redacted] stated his dad left the bb gun on their bed and it must have fell, which [redacted] tried to possibly clean up as dad typically gets angry if something does not get picked up. [redacted] continued to state mom then woke up from her sleep to the sound of [redacted] screaming and blood everywhere. He stated moms clothes are still covered in his brothers blood. [redacted] continued o state he was over at [redacted] and [redacted] houses. When asked if he knew what drugs were, [redacted] listed off meth, cocaine, crack, marijuana, and prescribed medications, all which gets you high. He continued to report his dad will rarely drink beer and when he does, it is just a sip and never a whole bottle or can. He stated his dad has openly told him that he has drank cases of beer when younger. [redacted] also stated his dad has changed over the years and has become more mean, especially towards mom. He further stated his dad has told mom, I hate you. I hope you die.. He stated mom and dad argue every day and it includes cussing. He stated mom is doing the best she can but not dad as he doesnt come off as a father figure to him. He then reported that about a month ago, he and his mom had found a spoon with burn marks on the bottom, supposedly used for heroin, in dads red truck. He stated whenever he is at home, mom is sober and provides care. He has never seen any drugs in the home or anyone high.

After conducting a walkthrough of [redacted] residence, the home was found to be appropriate with no safety hazards or threats. [redacted] reported she and her husband would be able and willing to take custody of [redacted] Therefore, an ICPC will need to be completed if placement is desired.

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Case Recording Summary

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

[redacted] contact numbers are H: [redacted] and C: [redacted]

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2022-12-29 14:30:00	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	02:30 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Other Caretaker Home	Created Date:	03/28/2023
Completed date:	03/28/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Sibling Interview/Observation		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 03/28/2023 01:41 PM Entered By: [redacted]

KY DCS Case Manager [redacted] conducted an face to face interview with [redacted]

[redacted] reported his 3-year-old brother [redacted] got ahold of a bb gun and it went off when he was trying to climb onto the bed. He then reported [redacted] was holding the barrel and something caught the trigger and the pellet shot into his heart. He stated the pellet had a sharp end. He then continued to state his mom told him she was sleeping and dad was gone, like usual since he is not home much without explanation. [redacted] stated his dad left the bb gun on their bed and it must have fell, which [redacted] tried to possibly clean up as dad typically gets angry if something does not get picked up. [redacted] continued to state mom then woke up from her sleep to the sound of [redacted] screaming and blood everywhere. He stated moms clothes are still covered in his brothers blood. [redacted] continued o state he was over at [redacted] and [redacted] houses. When asked if he knew what drugs were, [redacted] listed off meth, cocaine, crack, marijuana, and prescribed medications, all which gets you high. He continued to report his dad will rarely drink beer and when he does, it is just a sip and never a whole bottle or can. He stated his dad has openly told him that he has drank cases of beer when younger. [redacted] also stated his dad has changed over the years and has become more mean, especially towards mom. He further stated his dad has told mom, I hate you. I hope you die.. He stated mom and dad argue every day and it includes cussing. He stated mom is doing the best she can but not dad as he doesnt come off as a father figure to him. He then reported that about a month ago, he and his mom had found a spoon with burn marks on the bottom, supposedly used for heroin, in dads red truck. He stated whenever he is at home, mom is sober and provides care. He has never seen any drugs in the home or anyone high.

After conducting a walkthrough of [redacted] residence, the home was found to be appropriate with no safety hazards or threats. [redacted] reported she and her husband would be able and willing to take custody of [redacted] Therefore, an ICPC will need to be completed if placement is desired.

[redacted] contact numbers are H [redacted] and C: [redacted].

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Case Recording Summary

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

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2022-12-28 19:00:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	07:00 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Other Community Site	Created Date:	01/03/2023
Completed date:	01/03/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Notation		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/03/2023 01:46 PM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] made a referral to [redacted] County Kentucky DCS as this is where the child is currently located. The Tracking ID# for this report is: [redacted]

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2022-12-28 17:00:00	Contact Method:	Phone Call
Contact Time:	05:00 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Other Community Site	Created Date:	01/03/2023
Completed date:	01/03/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Notation,Sibling Interview/Observation		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/03/2023 01:26 PM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] spoke with the maternal great-aunt, [redacted] via phone at [redacted], regarding [redacted]. Ms. [redacted] confirmed that she knew why CM [redacted] was calling, and reported that [redacted] was currently safe and in her care. Ms. [redacted] reported that she did not feel comfortable bringing [redacted] across state lines with her to Tennessee, because she was afraid of losing custody of him. Ms. [redacted] reported that she would be willing to give CM [redacted] her address for someone to come out to her home to see [redacted] but she would not be bringing him to Tennessee as he had been through enough today. Ms. [redacted] provided CM [redacted] with her address of [redacted] in [redacted] KY. CM [redacted] told Ms. [redacted] that a worker would be in contact with her.

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2022-12-28 15:00:00	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	03:00 PM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Detention/Jail	Created Date:	01/03/2023
Completed date:	01/03/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Parent/Caretaker Interview		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/03/2023 01:22 PM Entered By: [redacted]

Date: 12-28-22
Beginning Time: 3:00 pm
Interviewer: Case Manager (CM) [redacted] and Lieutenant [redacted] and Detective [redacted] with [redacted] County Sheriffs Office
Contact/ Relationship: [redacted] Birth Mother and Alleged Perpetrator (AP)
Location: [redacted] County Justice Center

Case Manager (CM) [redacted] observed the interview conducted by Lt. [redacted] and Detective [redacted] with [redacted] on this date. Mrs. [redacted] did acknowledge that she knew why she was at the Justice Center on this date.

When asked to give a timeline to the best of her ability on the events leading up to the indecent involving [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] reported that earlier that morning, [redacted] had went with [redacted] outside to let the dog out. She reported that she was in bed, and she was on her phone looking down. Mrs. [redacted] reported that she heard something go off, and saw [redacted] looking at her just saying mom, mom, and he fell into [redacted] arms. Mrs. [redacted] reported that [redacted] was standing close to the bathroom at the foot of the bed. She reported that she did see some blood under his shirt on her chest. Mrs. [redacted] reported that no one else was at the home at the time. She reported that they do have another son, [redacted] who is 11, and he normally lives at the home, but is in [redacted] Kentucky with family right now.

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Detective [redacted] again asked Mrs. [redacted] about if [redacted] told her why he was getting the gun down from the chest. Mrs. [redacted] reported that he told her he was getting it down to shoot a rat. She described [redacted] as been at the foot of the bed on the opposite side of [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] reported that the gun was still on the bed after the heard it go off.

Mrs. [redacted] did not report any further information, and no other questions were asked at this time. Mrs. [redacted] was sent to the Hospital for a toxicology blood draw. When leaving the Justice Center, Mrs. [redacted] reported to Detective [redacted] that she would also fail the blood draw for methamphetamine as she had used the previous weekend with [redacted]

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Case Recording Details

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Contact Date:	2022-12-28 10:30:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	10:30 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Family Home	Created Date:	01/03/2023
Completed date:	01/03/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Notation		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/03/2023 12:54 PM Entered By: [redacted]

While at the family home, the father and law enforcement received calls stating that the alleged child victim (acv), [redacted] had passed away during surgery on this date. CM [redacted] did call her Team Leader(TL) [redacted] to make her aware that this was now a death case. TL [redacted] reported that she would inform the hotline of this change.

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Case Status:	Close	Organization:	[redacted] Region

Case Recording Details

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Contact Date:	2022-12-28 10:00:00	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	10:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Family Home	Created Date:	01/03/2023
Completed date:	01/03/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Alleged Perpetrator Interview,Parent/Caretaker Interview		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[redacted]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/03/2023 12:42 PM Entered By: [redacted]

Date: 12-28-22
Beginning Time: 9:45 am
Interviewer: Case Manager (CM) [redacted] and Lieutenant [redacted] and Detective [redacted] with [redacted] County Sheriffs Office
Contact/ Relationship: [redacted] Birth Father and Alleged Perpetrator (AP)
Location: [redacted], TN [redacted] Family Home

Case Manager (CM) [redacted] arrived at the family home, and was met outside by Lt. [redacted] and Detective [redacted] who reported that no one was at the family home, and that the father, Mr. [redacted] was supposed to be on his way to the home to let them inside.

After approximately one hour, Mr. [redacted] arrived at the home. Mr. [redacted] unlocked the door, and CM [redacted] Lt. [redacted] and Detective [redacted] followed Mr. [redacted] to the bedroom where the incident with [redacted] occurred.

When engaged about the events leading up to the accident, Mr. [redacted] reported that he, [redacted] mother, [redacted] and [redacted] had all slept in the bedroom the night before. He reported that the pellet gun was on top of the large chest against the wall where it always stays. Mr. [redacted] reported that on this morning, the dog come in from outside and knocked over all of the items on the top of the chest including the pellet gun. Mr. [redacted] reported that he was picking up everything that the dog had knocked over, and he laid the pellet gun at the foot of the bed. Mr. [redacted] reported that [redacted] grabbed ahold of the gun by the barrel, and he went to jerk it away from him, the gun went off and shot [redacted] in the chest. Mr. [redacted] reported that 911 was called, and EMS responded to the scene. Mr. [redacted] reported that the child was conscious after the gun went off until EMS arrived. He reported that he was transported to [redacted] Medical Center, and was stabilized then flown to [redacted] Hospital where he is currently in open heart surgery.

Mr. [redacted] did acknowledged that a first 911 call was originally called about 10 minutes prior to the last call, and he reported that [redacted] had accidentally called them and hung up from his mother, [redacted] phone.

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CM [redacted] spoke with Mr. [redacted] about other children in the home. Mr. [redacted] reported that he has a total of 7 children. However, only 3 were minors. He reported that [redacted] and [redacted] both live in the home with him, however [redacted] was reported to currently be in [redacted] KY with his aunt for Winter Break, and would remain there until Winter Break was over. Mr. [redacted] reported that [redacted] lives in [redacted] County with his mother due to criminal charges that he picked up on his brother in another DCS case in 2017.

Mr. [redacted] gave law enforcement permission to look through, and photograph the home. The home was incredibly cluttered with old food, cans, laundry, boxes, trash, and numerous other items. Law enforcement obtained a pistol and a rifle in the home, which Mr. [redacted] reported were inherited. There was also numerous baggies containing white residue believed to be methamphetamine obtained along with pipes and drug paraphernalia which would have been in reach of the children.

Due to Mr. [redacted] being a felon, he was charged and arrested with possession of a firearm x2, and possession of methamphetamine was later added to his charges. Mr. [redacted] was transported from the home to the [redacted] County Jail.

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Case Status:	Close	Organization:	[redacted] Region

Case Recording Details

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Contact Date:	2022-12-28 10:00:00	Contact Method:	Phone Call
Contact Time:	10:00 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Other Community Site	Created Date:	07/22/2025
Completed date:	07/22/2025	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Referent Interview		
Contact Sub Type:			

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Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/22/2025 11:06 PM Entered By: [redacted]

CM [redacted] spoke with the referent via phone. The referent confirmed that all of the information in the referral was correct to their knowledge, and that there was no additional information to include at this time.

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Contact Date:	2022-12-28 09:30:00	Contact Method:	Phone Call
Contact Time:	09:30 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:	DCS Office	Created Date:	01/03/2023
Completed date:	01/03/2023	Completed By:	[redacted]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	CPIT (Child Protective Investigative Team)		
Contact Sub Type:			

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Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/03/2023 12:22 PM Entered By: [redacted]

The Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) was convened on this date via phone. CM [redacted] received a phone call from [redacted] County Sheriffs Office Lieutenant Detective, [redacted] regarding the alleged child victim. Lt. [redacted] reported that a 3 year old child had been shot with a pellet gun, and was currently at [redacted] Hospital and was in and out of consciousness. Lt. [redacted] reported that details of the incident are unknown at the time, and requested that CM [redacted] meet him at the family home where the incident occurred.

A copy of the CPS Intake will be emailed to the District Attorney's Office in [redacted] County, [redacted] County Childrens Advocacy Center, [redacted] County Sheriffs office and [redacted] County Juvenile Court. CM will meet response and continue all other investigative tasks alongside with law enforcement.

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Case Status:	Close	Organization:	[redacted] Region

Case Recording Details

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Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Case Summary		
Contact Sub Type:	Opening		

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 01/03/2023 12:19 PM Entered By: [redacted]

On December 28, 2022, a referral was called into Child Abuse Hotline. The referral was screened into [redacted] County as a Priority 1 case as a preliminary near death with allegations of lack of supervision. The alleged child victim is [redacted] The alleged perpetrator is listed as the birth parents, [redacted] and [redacted] The case is assigned to case manager (CM) [redacted] It is not known if this child is of Native American descent. This information will need to be obtained when response is met.

Juvenile Court and the District Attorneys Office was notified per local protocol on this date.

TFACTS History: The family has had 9 past cases including this one. The cases are listed below.

INV [redacted] /DEC/AUPU/4-18-20/ ACV: [redacted] AP: [redacted]
ASMT [redacted] /PYA/Services Recommended and Accepted and NSN/8-11-15/ ACV: [redacted] AP: [redacted] and [redacted]
Both [redacted] and [redacted] state that [redacted] was the aggressor in the altercation due to [redacted] not taking her medication as prescribed. [redacted] has agreed to make an appointment with either [redacted] or [redacted] for a Mental Health evaluation.
ASMT [redacted] /DEC/NSN/4-9-14/ ACV: [redacted] AP: [redacted] and [redacted]
ASMT [redacted] /PHA/NSN/6-25-21/
ASMT [redacted] /LOS, PHA/NSN/5-26-21
ASMT [redacted] /ENN/NSN/7-13-20
ASMT [redacted] /DEC/NSN7-22-15
ASMT [redacted] /DEC/NSN/3-31-15
ASMT [redacted] /DEC, PYA/SR&A/3-20-14/ ACV: [redacted], and [redacted] AP: [redacted]

On 01/15/14 the Department of Childrens Services received allegations of Drug Exposed Child and Psychological Harm. [redacted] and [redacted] were listed as the ACVs. Their father, [redacted] was listed as the AP. This CM called in a referral regarding the child ([redacted] has with his current wife, [redacted]

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[redacted] denied the allegations and had a history of passing drug tests with his probation officer. [redacted] was later arrested for a parole violation due to a domestic violence charge against his current wife. Only Madison seemed affected by the incident that occurred and is now in counseling, which this CM recommended for her and the boys as needed. The case is being closed: Services Recommended and Accepted.

The referral states: The police are at the home due to a call placed to the Sheriffs office at 8:15 am today (12-28-22). The 911 call was from the home, but it was a hang-up call. The caller called 911 back ten minutes later, stating that [redacted] had been shot in the chest. It is unknown who called 911 when the gun went off, but it was one of the parents who called. The Sheriff's Department responded to the home, as did EMS. [redacted] was taken to the [redacted] Hospital by EMS. It is unknown what [redacted] current status is, but he was alive as of the last information known. It is unknown if [redacted] was conscious, but CPR was performed in the ambulance by EMS. [redacted] is currently in surgery at [redacted] Hospital. [redacted] might be taken to [redacted] for treatment; a helicopter has been called and is on standby. The parents have not been fully interviewed about what happened and were only briefly spoken with before going to the hospital. According to [redacted] was trying to get a pellet rifle. [redacted] reported he was fighting with [redacted] over this gun. The gun may have been at the foot of the bed and it is unknown if that is where the gun is normally stored. The gun was described as not being a BB gun or a "real" gun; the pellets in the involved gun are bigger than a regular BB gun and do more damage. It is unknown why there was a loaded gun within [redacted] reach. The parents are at the hospital with [redacted] It is unknown if the parents have a criminal history. The other child (male age 11) is in KY, and it is unknown why he is there or if he is coming back to TN. It is unknown if DCS has history with the family. There is not a police report number yet.

Family Composition:
Alleged child victim: [redacted]
DOB: [redacted]

Birth Father: [redacted]
DOB: [redacted]
Address: [redacted], TN [redacted]

Birth Mother: [redacted]
DOB: [redacted]
Address: [redacted], TN [redacted]

Brother: [redacted]
DOB: [redacted]

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A. Investigation

Case Name: [redacted]

Investigation ID: [redacted]

Referral Date: 12/28/2022

Assignment Date: 12/28/2022

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]	Drug Exposed Child	[redacted]	[redacted], 12:00 AM	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	[redacted]
								07/21/2025
2	[redacted]	[redacted]	Lack of Supervision	[redacted]	[redacted], 12:00 AM	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Substantiated	Yes	[redacted]
								07/21/2025
3	[redacted]	[redacted]	Abuse Death	[redacted]	[redacted], 12:00 AM	Allegation Substantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[redacted]
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								07/23/2025

Preliminary Near Death: [redacted]

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments:

The allegation of Lack of Supervision and Drug Exposed Child will be classified as ASPS. Abuse Death will be classified as ASPU. against [redacted] and [redacted] concerning Alleged Child Victim [redacted] to the [redacted] County Child Protective Services Investigation Team (CPIT). The manner of death was ruled as accident as it was reported that the circumstances presented were consistent with accidental firing. However, it is believed that the lack of supervision did contribute to the cause of the death, but no intent was able to be proven. The allegations of Drug Exposed Child and Lack of Supervision were classified as allegation substantiated, perpetrator substantiated as drug were found in the home, and the gun was left where is was accessible to the child. There was no court action on the case as the other child

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

remains in Kentucky, and [redacted] is deceased.

D. Case Workers

Case Worker: [redacted] Date: 04/02/2023

Team Leader: [redacted] Date: 07/23/2025

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:

The child is 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)?

CM [redacted] received the final autopsy report on the alleged child victim (acv) [redacted] The report was dated 2/28/31. The autopsy stated that the main cause of death was a pellet gun injury to the chest . The manner of death was ruled as accident as it was reported that the circumstances presented were consistent with accidental firing. The medical examiner who completed this report was Dr. [redacted].

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

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

The case come in with allegations of lack of supervision, and later became an abuse death case. There were allegations that the parents negligence led to the child being shot in the chest.

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

[redacted] reported his 3-year-old brother [redacted] got ahold of a bb gun and it went off when he was trying to climb onto the bed. He then reported [redacted] was holding the barrel and something caught the trigger and the pellet shot into his heart. He stated the pellet had a sharp end. He then continued to state his mom told him she was sleeping and dad was gone, like usual since he is not home much without explanation. [redacted] stated his dad left the bb gun on their bed and it must have fell, which [redacted] tried to possibly clean up as dad typically gets angry if something does not get picked up. [redacted] continued to state mom then woke up from her sleep to the sound of [redacted] screaming and blood everywhere. He stated mom's clothes are still covered in his brother's blood. [redacted] continued o state he was over at [redacted] and [redacted] houses. When asked if he knew what drugs were, [redacted] listed off meth, cocaine, crack, marijuana, and prescribed medications, all which gets you high. He continued to report his dad will rarely drink beer and when he does, it is just a sip and never a whole bottle or can. He stated his dad has openly told him that he has drank cases of beer when younger. [redacted] also stated his dad has changed over the years and has become more mean, especially towards mom. He further stated his dad has told mom, "I hate you. I hope you die.". He stated mom and dad argue every day and it includes cussing. He stated mom is doing the best she can but not dad as he doesn't come off as a father figure to him. He then reported that about a month ago, he and his mom had found a spoon with burn marks on the bottom, supposedly used for heroin, in dad's red truck. He stated whenever he is at home, mom is sober and provides care. He has never seen any drugs in the home or anyone high.

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