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

Intake

Intake ID: [redacted]

Intake Taken By: Web Service

Intake Date/Time: 03/13/2023 12:45 PM [redacted]

Track Assigned: Investigation

Priority Assigned: 1

Screened By: [redacted]

Date Screened: 03/28/2023

Investigation

Investigation ID: [redacted]

First County/Region Assigned: [redacted]

Date/Time Assigned : 03/28/2023 03:06 PM

First Team Leader Assigned: [redacted]

Date/Time Assigned : 03/28/2023 12:00 AM

First Case Manager Assigned: [redacted]

Date/Time Assigned : 03/28/2023 12:00 AM

Allegations

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ? / CSEM ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[redacted]		Abuse Death	Yes	[redacted]	Other Non-relative

Referent(s)

Referent Name: [redacted]

Role to Alleged Victim(s): [redacted]

Referent Address: [redacted]

Referent Phone Number: [redacted]

Type of Contact: Web Referral

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: DCS Full Guardianship / [redacted] / [redacted] / 2015-09-25 2017-12-15

Pending: No
Awaiting Screening: No
Submitted: No

Open CPS: No

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Substantiated: INV [redacted] / PHA / AP: [redacted], [redacted], Unknown / ASPS (AP: [redacted], [redacted]); AUPU (AP: Unknown) / 2015-03-07
Death: No
Screen Outs: [redacted]

History (not listed above): INV [redacted] / DEI / AUPU / 2015-08-22

County of Jurisdiction: Putnam
School/ Daycare: Unknown
Active Military Status: Unknown

Reporter's name/relationship: [redacted]

WEB REFERRAL VERBATIM

Referent:
Interpreter needed: No
Type of Interpreter:

Victim:
Interpreter needed: No
Type of Interpreter:
First Name: [redacted]
Last Name: [redacted]
Deceased: Yes
Date of Death: none
Describe the Victim:
Native American Descent: No
Contact:
Contact Address:
Directions:
School Name:
School Grade:
School Address:
School Contact:
Day Care Name:
Day Care Address:
Day Care Contact:

Perpetrator:
Interpreter needed: No
Type of Interpreter:
First Name: [redacted]
Middle Name: [redacted]
Last Name: [redacted]
Deceased: No
Date of Death: none
Describe the Perpetrator:
Native American Descent: No
Does the alleged perpetrator currently have access to the victims(s)?: No
Does the alleged perpetrator have a criminal record?: Yes
Does the alleged perpetrator have prior involvement with DCS?: Yes
Contact:
Contact Address [redacted] TN, [redacted]
Directions: State Prison
Employer Name:
Employer Address:
Employer Contact:

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Incident County: [redacted]
Describe in detail what has happened to the child. What is the abuse or neglect?:
Child was assaulted by [redacted] in 2014. He was sentenced to prison for 20 years in 2015. Child passed away in 2023. DA [redacted] ([redacted] District) requested I send in a referral for he is looking into the death as caused by her injuries in 2014.

When did the abuse or neglect occur?:
2014

Does the child have any injuries from the abuse or neglect? If yes, please describe the injuries to the child.:
Yes

Does the child need medical care? Has the child received medical care? If so, where?:
N/A

Describe in detail how the child has been affected or harmed by the abuse or neglect.:
Death

Are there any concerns for Domestic Violence in the home that pose a danger to the child¿s safety? If yes, please describe your concerns.:
N/A

Has the child made a disclosure of the abuse or neglect? If yes, what did the child disclose? Who did the child tell?:
N/A

What do the child¿s parents/caregivers say about the abuse/neglect?:
N/A

Is anyone in the home protective of this child? If yes, who?:
N/A

When will the alleged perpetrator have access to the child again? Is the child currently safe for the next 24 hours to 3 business days?:
no

Does the child have any special needs or disabilities? Please describe.:
N/A

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

END OF WEB REFERRAL

CM Notation: No
Screener Notation: No

Emailed/Paged CPSI On Call: No

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

Per SDM: Investigation, P1. Intake is being submitted per Office of Child Safety Executive Leadership. [redacted], TL on 3-28-23 @ 3:00 pm

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Participant(s)

Name: [redacted]

Gender: Female
Date of Birth:
Partipant ID: [redacted]
SSN:
Race: White
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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Name: [redacted]

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

SSN: | Race: White | Age: 29 Yrs

Address: [redacted] Tennessee [redacted]

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:	2025-02-25 07:05:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	07:05 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	02/25/2025
Completed date:	02/25/2025	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: 02/25/2025 07:06 AM Entered By: [redacted]

Administrative review for case closure. The ACV is [redacted] (AKA [redacted]). The AP is [redacted]. The case is classified as Allegation Substantiated, Perpetrator Substantiated. The notification of case classification and closure was sent to the Juvenile Court and District Attorney office per local protocol.

Case approved for closure.

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Case Recording Summary

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

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[redacted]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	2025-02-21 10:15:00	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	10:15 AM	Contact Duration:	
Entered By:	[redacted]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	02/21/2025
Completed date:	02/21/2025	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: 02/21/2025 10:13 AM Entered By: [redacted]

On March 13, 2023, the Department of Childrens Services (DCS) received a referral for an allegation of Abuse Death regarding Alleged Child Victim (ACV) [redacted] (DOB: [redacted]). The Alleged Perpetrator (AP) was identified as non-relative, [redacted]. This investigation was assigned to [redacted]. This case was worked in conjunction with the Office of District Attorney General [redacted], [redacted] Judicial District.

On March 13, 2023, it was reported [redacted] (8 years old) had been admitted to [redacted] Childrens Hospital on November 15, 2022 for septic shock due to pneumonia. [redacted] had a documented medical history of multiple, non-accidental traumatic injuries. Her medical condition continued to deteriorate until death was pronounced later the same day on November 15, 2022. An autopsy was ordered due to concern [redacted] previous non-accidental traumatic injuries contributed to her health trajectory and subsequent death.

On September 2, 2014, [redacted] (6 months old) was in the care of the birth mothers ([redacted]) boyfriend ([redacted]) while the mother was at work. At approximately midnight, the boyfriend reported he heard [redacted] scream and went to check on her, finding her eyes glazed over, arms stiff, body limp, and unresponsive with shallow breathing. The boyfriend reported he attempted to contact the mother by phone and could not reach her. When the mother returned home from work at approximately 1:30am the boyfriend informed her of [redacted] condition and 911 was called. [redacted] was initially transported to [redacted] Regional Hospital before being transferred to [redacted] Childrens Hospital in critical condition. [redacted] was diagnosed with bilateral acute chronic subdural hemorrhages, right parietal skull fracture, extensive intraparenchymal hemorrhages and infarctions, bilateral retinal hemorrhages, right retinoschisis, and right ulnar buckle fracture. The medical team reported these injuries appeared trauma related and inflicted by another person. Although Mr. [redacted] initially denied harming [redacted] he was substantiated for Physical Abuse in the associated DCS investigation and charged with aggravated child abuse by law enforcement and the DA, which he pled guilty to in 2016, receiving a 20-year sentence. The mother was also substantiated for Physical Abuse against [redacted] and [redacted] was removed from her custody. [redacted] was adopted in 2015.

On November 16, 2022 an autopsy was completed on [redacted] by [redacted], M.D. at the Center for Forensic

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Case Id:	1505550652	Case Name:	Johnson, Arrayah Ella
Case Status:	Close	Organization:	Upper Cumberland Region

Medicine in [redacted] TN. Autopsy results concluded cause of death as Complications of remote blunt force injuries of the head and manner of death as Homicide as related to [redacted] previous injuries within the 2014 physical abuse case.

On April 9, 2024 this case was presented to the [redacted] County Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT). The team was in agreement that there is a preponderance of evidence to support the substantiation for Abuse Death.

This case is being classified and closed as Allegation Substantiated, Perpetrator Substantiated for the allegation of Abuse Death concerning ACV [redacted] by AP [redacted].

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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: 03/13/2023

Assignment Date: 05/09/2023

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] / 02/21/2025

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Assessed and Closed

Comments: Medical examiner concluded ACV died on 11/15/22 as a result of complications of remote blunt force injuries of the head from previous injuries sustained while in the care of AP in 2014. AP was substantiated for physical abuse (severe) in 2014 and was serving a 20-year sentence in relation to aggravated child abuse charges from that incident. Following ACV's death, in which the manner of death was determined as homicide, AP was indicted by grand jury on first degree murder charges in 2023.

D. Case Workers

Case Worker: [redacted] Date: 02/21/2025

Team Leader: [redacted] Date: 02/25/2025

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:

Medical examiner concluded ACV died on 11/15/22 as a result of complications of remote blunt force injuries of the head from previous injuries sustained while in the care of AP in 2014. AP was substantiated for physical abuse (severe) in 2014 and was serving a 20-year sentence in relation to aggravated child abuse charges from that incident. Following ACV's death, in which the manner of death was determined as homicide, AP was indicted by grand jury on first degree murder charges in 2023.

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

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

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

Medical examiner concluded ACV died on 11/15/22 as a result of complications of remote blunt force injuries of the head from previous injuries sustained while in the care of AP in 2014. AP was substantiated for physical abuse (severe) in 2014 and was serving a 20-year sentence in relation to aggravated child abuse charges from that incident. Following ACV's death, in which the manner of death was determined as homicide, AP was indicted by grand jury on first degree murder charges in 2023.

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

N/A

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

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