Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Amani Littles

County: Clay

Date of Birth: January 5, 2023

Date of Death: April 13, 2024

Report Number: 2024-130842

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Amani Littles	15 months	Deceased Child
Arianna Walton	25	Mother

1. Circumstances Surrounding Death

On April 13, 2024, this 15-month-old medically complex toddler died.

On February 25, 2023, the then infant sustained multiple skull fractures and injuries to her throat while under the supervision of the biological mother. It was determined the injuries would be fatal and the infant was placed in hospice care under the supervision of foster parents. In February 2024, the toddler was adopted. On April 12, 2024, the father, the toddler, and the hospice nurse were watching television when the nurse noticed the toddler's breathing had become shallow. Throughout the night, the toddler's breathing continued to decline. After midnight on April 13th, she stopped breathing. Law Enforcement and EMS arrived at the home and pronounced the toddler deceased at 12:21am.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy and determined the cause of death as complications of chronic traumatic encephalopathy with bilateral hemporrhagic bronchopneumonia. Blunt force head trauma. The manner of death was a homicide.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office completed an investigation when the initial injuries were sustained and arrested the biological mother and arrested the mother on February 25, 2023. The mother was charged with second degree murder and aggravated child. The criminal court case is still pending.

Based on the information obtained during the investigation, DCF Clay County Child Protective Investigations closed the investigation on October 23, 2025, with verified findings of death, bone fracture, and physical injury with the mother as the caregiver responsible.

Other Children in the Home

The toddler had no siblings at the time of death.

2. Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The toddler and biological mother were involved in the prior investigation in February 2023 when the fatal injuries were sustained. The investigation was closed with verified findings of bone fracture, failure to protect, medical neglect, physical injury, and inadequate supervision. The mother was the caregiver responsible.



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