# Child Fatality Summary

**Child's Name:** Zabriel Taylor

**County:** Duval

**Date of Birth:** May 31, 2024

**Date of Death:** June 1, 2024

**Report Number:** 2024-193655

## Family Composition Chart

| Name | Age at Time of Incident | Relationship with Deceased Child |
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| Zabriel Taylor | 18 hours | Deceased Child |
| [redacted] | 18 hours | Twin Sibling |
| Teia Broughton | 32 | Mother |
| Tyler Taylor | 35 | Father |

## 1. Circumstances Surrounding Death

On June 1, 2024, this 18-hour-old newborn died due to complications at birth.

On May 31, 2024, the mother gave birth to twins at 33.1 gestation. The newborn and twin sibling suffered complications from the mother's drug use during pregnancy and prematurity and were placed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The mother tested positive for Fentanyl when she was giving birth. Despite life-saving efforts, the newborn was pronounced deceased on June 1, 2024, at 8:40am.

The mother did not receive traditional prenatal care and would go to the ER for concerns during the pregnancy. The mother did not receive prenatal care because the prenatal care options were booked out and she was high risk due to being pregnant with twins. On April 30, 2024, the mother tested positive for amphetamines at Baptist ER. On May 2, 2024, the mother tested positive for amphetamines and methamphetamines at Baptist ER. The mother said she was prescribed amphetamines salts for a tooth ache, but it could not be verified. During that visit, the mother had heroin and vape on her and she said they weren't her items.

The mother reported she found out about her pregnancy at 24 weeks gestation. She admitted she used fentanyl throughout her pregnancy including the day she gave birth to the twins. The mother reported that when she used fentanyl during her pregnancy, she would use every day about two times a day. The mother reported that she has been using fentanyl for three years and only tested positive for methamphetamines because it was in the fentanyl. The mother reported that the father uses fentanyl as well and stated that he uses it every day about two times a day. The mother stated the father tried to get her into the methadone clinic however she did not go.

The mother was drug screened and tested positive for fentanyl, [redacted]

According to the Medical Examiners (ME) report, the newborn's postmortem toxicology tested positive for fentanyl. The report stated, "maternal drug screen during terminal hospitalization positive for fentanyl. A clinical history of prematurity; one of two twins delivered by caesarean section, estimated gestational age 33 weeks, small for gestational age. Respiratory distress syndrome, severe biventricular dysfunction, patent ductus, arteriosus and pulmonary hypertension. The ME determined the cause of death as cardiovascular and pulmonary

complications of prematurity with the contributory cause being acute maternal drug abuse (fentanyl). The manner of death was an accident.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office opened an investigation which remained open at the time of case closure. LE is attempting to pursue criminal charges.

Based on the information obtained during the investigation, DCF Duval County Child Protective Investigations closed the investigation on April 28, 2025, with verified findings of death, substance exposed newborn, and substance misuse-illicit drugs.

**Other Children in the Home**

The newborn had one twin sibling at the time of death who was unsafe in the parents' care. [redacted]

## 2. Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family has not been involved in any prior investigations.

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