Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Wreece Sapp

County: Columbia

Date of Birth: December 19, 2024

Date of Death: May 9, 2025

Report Number: 2025-164226

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Wreece Sapp	4 months	Deceased Child
[redacted]	2	Sibling
[redacted]	4	Sibling
[redacted]	9	Sibling
Stacey Sapp	37	Mother
Stephen Saint	46	Household Member

1. Circumstances Surrounding Death

On May 9, 2025, this 4-month-old infant was found unresponsive after co-sleeping with the mother.

On the day of the incident, the mother reported she breastfed the infant and gave the infant some fruit punch around 12:00am. The mother then slept with the infant and two of the infant's siblings. When the mother woke up at 6:15 am, she observed the infant was on his back and his fists were clenched. The mother grabbed the infant's hand and felt it was was limp/loose and that he was not breathing. 911 was called while the household member began CPR. Law Enforcement and EMS arrived and transported the infant to HCA Lake City Hospital. Despite life-saving efforts, the infant was pronounced deceased at 6:51am.

The mother stated that the infant was sleeping in the bed with her and two other children. The mother stated that there were two adult pillows separating them. The mother stated that the infant was not covered; however, there were two blankets on the bed.

Upon commencement, the home was observed to be hazardous. Observations noted clutter and roaches throughout the home, was dirty and in disarray. Dog feces were observed in the backroom. The bathroom did not work. There were numerous blow flies in the home and a dead rat on the front porch. The home presented with a strong foul odor. Weapons such as knives and swords were observed next to the the bed. Medication such as Oxycodone and Gabapentin that was on the counters. The bathroom contained pitchforks and power tools, and the walls were gutted.

The mother was asked to drug screen. The mother agreed but upon a walkthrough of the bathroom, the Child Protection Investigator found a tube of urine. The mother was told to discard the urine. The mother then submitted to the drug screen and tested positive for methamphetamines, amphetamines, MDMA, and ETG (alcohol). The household member refused to drug screen. It should be noted that the mother and household members are known methamphetamine users.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy and determined the cause of death as sudden unexpected infant death (SUID) associated with co-sleeping and unsafe sleep environment with significant contributing factors of methamphetamine exposure. The infant's toxicology results showed he had methamphetamines and amphetamines in his system. The manner of death was an accident.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office completed an investigation, and it is unknown if criminal charges will be pursued.

Based on the information obtained during the investigation, DCF Columbia County Child Protective Investigations closed the investigation on October 1, 2025, with verified findings of death and substance misuse-illicit drugs and not substantiated findings of inadequate supervision and environmental hazards in reference to the infant. The mother is the caregiver responsible.

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Other Children in the Home

The child had three siblings at the time of death who were deemed unsafe in the mother's care. [redacted].

2. Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

There has been multiple screen out reports concerning the mother as an alleged perpetrator. The screens outs showed consistent patterns of allegations of substance misuse and the mother testing positive for methamphetamines during drug screens and while on probation. The most recent screen out was called in April 2025 and alleged the mother was breastfeeding the infant while using methamphetamines. [redacted]

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