Moore Fatality Summary

Child's Name: O'Rhyan Moore

County: Leon

Date of Birth: 02/28/2023

Date of Death: 05/13/2025

Report Number: 2025-164322

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
O'Rhyan Moore	2-years-old	Deceased Child
[redacted]	1-year-old	Half Sibling
[redacted]	5-years-old	Half Sibling
Raymona Ford	23-years-old	Mother

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On May 9, 2025, an investigation was received regarding allegations of inadequate supervision after a 2-year-old child was found unresponsive in the bathtub by his mother. On May 13, 2025, the 2-year-old was declared deceased. At the time of the incident, the household consisted of the 2-year-old child, a 1-year-old half sibling, a 5-year-old half sibling, and the mother.

On 05/09/2025 at 3:29pm, emergency services were called to the home due to a near drowning incident. The mother advised that she had placed the child into the bathtub after eating lunch. The mother initially advised that she left the bathroom for "forty-five seconds" to check on another child who was crying and something that she had left on the stove, but she later advised that it could have been 3-5 minutes. When she returned to the bathroom, she found the child floating face up with his head above the water level, and he was unresponsive. Upon removal from the bathtub, the child started having seizures. The child was observed to have had bruising to his forehead and a laceration under left eye. The child was transported to the hospital where he was placed on life support. The child was declared deceased on 5/13/2025.

The tub that the mother placed the child in did not have a working faucet, but the shower head did work. The drain did not have a plunger and empties slowly.

A presumptive urinalysis was completed on the mother, and the mother tested positive for THC.

An autopsy was completed by the District Two Medical Examiner's Office. The cause of death was listed as hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy due to water submersion in a tub due to a probable seizure due to abusive trauma to the head and neck. The manner of death was listed as homicide.

The mother later admitted to striking the child in the head at least 3 times out of anger on 05/09/25 before placing him in the tub. She advised that she struck the child because he made a mess of himself and the residence.

The Tallahassee Police Department completed the death investigation. The mother was arrested and charged with homicide-willful kill murder premediated, cruelty toward child aggravated battery on child, and homicide-negligent manslaughter aggravated of child.

[redacted].

Based on interviews and evidence gathered during the investigation, the Department closed its report the following findings:

Child	Identified Maltreatment	Finding	Caregiver Responsible
O'Rhyan Moore	Death	Verified	Raymona Ford
	Inadequate Supervision	Verified	Raymona Ford
	Internal Injuries	Verified	Ramona Ford
	Physical Injury	Verified	Ramona Ford
	Household Violence Threatens Child	Not Substantiated	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Other Children in the Family

Following the death of the child, the half siblings were sheltered from the mother's care, [redacted]

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family does have a prior history with the Department. The first report concerning the 2-year-old child, the older sibling, and the mother was received in May 2023. This report concerned allegations of household violence when the oldest child's father battered the mother. This report was closed with verified findings with the oldest child's father being listed as the perpetrator responsible. Referrals to the Early Learning Coalition, Boys Town, and Hope Families were completed, and the children were deemed safe. The next report was received in December 2023 concerning allegations of inadequate supervision and physical injury. This report

concerned allegations that the now deceased child nearly drowned in the home after the mother left the child in the bathtub. When she returned, the child was unresponsive. Upon examination and hospitalization, the child was observed to have a contusion on his head, and the mother had no explanation. This report was closed with verified findings of inadequate supervision and not substantiated for physical injury. The children were deemed unsafe, and they were referred for an in-home non-judicial service. The family was receiving case management services through Northwest Florida Health until the non-judicial case was closed in August 2024. The mother was not compliant with services offered to her.

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