O'mara Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Joshua O'mara

County: Okaloosa

Date of Birth: 05/18/2024

Date of Death: 02/05/2025

Report Number: 2025-041884

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Joshua O'mara	8-months-old	Deceased Child
[redacted]	4-years-old	Sibling
[redacted]	6-years-old	Sibling
Labarbara Fountain	27-years-old	Father's Paramour
Trenton O'mara	29-years-old	Father
James McDonald	84-years-old	Paternal Grandfather

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On February 5, 2025, an investigation was received regarding the death of a 9-month-old infant who was pronounced deceased after he was found unresponsive in his pack-n-play by his father. The household consisted of the infant, two older siblings, the father, the father's paramour, and the paternal grandfather.

According to the family, the infant was laid down in a pack-n-play with a bottle between 4-6pm on February 4th. The family denied that the infant was covered with a blanket. The pack-n-play was in the same bedroom that the older siblings slept. The father advised that he woke up around 3am, and the paramour advised that the infant was fine. The father advised that he awoke again at approximately 10am, and he asked the 6-year-old sibling to check on the infant. The sibling advised that the infant was still asleep. The father then checked on the infant, and he found the infant face down tangled in a blanket and unresponsive. Emergency services were contacted and upon arrival, the infant was declared deceased. It was determined that no adult observed or checked on the infant from the time he was placed in the pack-n-play after 6pm until 10am the following morning.

The home was observed in disarray. There were holes in the roof, mold on the ceiling, a roach infestation throughout the home, and trash located floors throughout the home. There was also a broken window located inside the bedroom where all the children sleep. Outlet and light switch plates were missing leaving exposed wires.

The contents of the pack-n-play where the infant slept are as follows, baby bottle with white liquid, a white sheet of paper, a stuffed animal, a dog toy, a dirty white cloth, a small drinking

cup, a wadded-up tissue with a brown substance. Underneath the pack-n-play mattress was additional small toys, spilled white substance, old food, trash, and evidence of insect activity.

A presumptive urinalysis was completed on both caregivers. The father tested positive for THC, and the paramour tested negative for all substances.

The family denied any history of medical conditions or sickness prior to the infant's death. The infant did have marks located on left inner thigh, left and right ankle and the top of the right foot. At autopsy, these marks were determined to be denuded epidermis from postmortem insect activity.

The District One Medical Examiners Office completed the autopsy on the infant. The cause of death was determined to be positional asphyxia. The manner of death was an accident.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff Department conducted the death investigation. The father and his paramour were charged with homicide-negligent manslaughter aggravated of child non-vehicular.

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

Child	Identified Maltreatment	Finding	Caregiver Responsible
Joshua O'mara	Death	Verified	Labarbara Fountain/Trenton O'mara
	Environmental Hazards	Verified	Labarbara Fountain/Trenton O'mara
	Inadequate Supervision	Verified	Labarbara Fountain/Trenton O'mara
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	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Other Children in the Family

The siblings were determined to be unsafe in the home of the father, [redacted].

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family has a significant history with the Department between 2018 and 2024 with a pattern of reports for household violence, environmental hazards, and substance misuse. [redacted]

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There were three reports received on the family in 2024. In May 2024, a report was received after the mother gave birth to the now deceased child who was positive for marijuana. Both the mother and the father also admitted to marijuana use. The family was referred to Healthy Start services. The report was closed with no indicators of substance exposed newborn. In July 2024, a report was received concerning allegations of household violence. This report was closed with no indicators of household violence. In September 2024, another report was received concerning the mother drinking alcohol and assaulting the father. The father filed for an injunction against the mother. During that investigation, the mother was arrested for violating the injunction after she was found with the father and the children. The investigation was closed with verified findings of household violence and substance misuse alcohol with the mother being listed as the alleged perpetrator responsible. The children were deemed unsafe, and Northwest Florida Health were providing case management services to the family at the time of the death of the infant.

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