Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Tracy Charles

County: Manatee

Date of Birth: 10/6/2021

Date of Death: 5/9/2026

Report Number: 2026-171104

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Tracy Charles	4 years	Deceased
Rosette Pierrecius	32 years	Mother
Junior Jean-Baptiste	40 years	Nonrelative

Circumstances Surrounding Death

An investigation was received on May 9, 2026, regarding the death of 4-year-old Tracy after she was discovered unresponsive in a swimming pool. The child resided with her mother and the mother's paramour. However, the incident occurred while the family was attending a birthday gathering.

The mother, the child, and the paramour attended a pool party at an apartment complex in Bradenton on the evening of May 9, 2026. At some point during the party the paramour began feeling ill and he went to the parking lot and sat in the vehicle, while the mother and child remained at the gathering. The mother provided inconsistent statements but ultimately advised that she placed Tracy on lounge chair near the pool area and asked two children to keep an eye on her while she (the mother) went to the bathroom. When the mother returned, she reportedly could no longer find the child. However, the incident was captured on video, and it contradicted the mother's statements. Tracy was seen playing in the pool unsupervised and she eventually slipped into a deeper area of the pool where she went underwater. During this time the mother was seen looking at her cell phone while walking around the pool area. After several minutes passed a bystander located Tracy face down at the bottom of the pool. 911 was immediately contacted and bystanders attempted life saving measures. First responders arrived on scene a short time later and provided additional assistance prior to paramedics transporting the child to Manatee Memorial Hospital, where she was pronounced deceased a short time after arrival.

Presumptive drug screens were conducted on the mother and paramour, and their results were both positive for alcohol. The mother reportedly consumed six beers while at the gathering and the paramour consumed one.

Dr. V. Rao with the District 12 (Manatee, Sarasota, and Desoto Counties) Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy on the child. The cause of death was determined as drowning, with the manner of death as an accident.

The Bradenton Police Department conducted a criminal investigation concerning the child's death. Law enforcement observed the mother to be unsteady on her feet, and the odor of alcohol was coming from her breath. A breathalyzer was conducted on the mother during the criminal investigation and her breath alcohol content (BrAC) measured .124. She was subsequently arrested on a charge of child neglect with great bodily harm and later charged with aggravated manslaughter of a child. She remained incarcerated at closure of the child protective investigation and the criminal court case was ongoing.

Based on interviews and evidence gathered, Child Protective Investigations in Manatee County closed their investigation with verified findings for the death, inadequate supervision, and substance misuse - alcohol maltreatments, identifying the mother as the caregiver responsible.

Other Children in the Family

At the time of the incident there were no other children in the mother's nor the paramour's care.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

There is no child welfare history involving the family.

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