Brewer Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Jules Brewer

County: Walton

Date of Birth: 02/18/2024

Date of Death: 07/14/2025

Report Number: 2025-233778

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Jules Brewer	16-months-old	Deceased Child
[redacted]	5-years-old	Sibling
[redacted]	8-years-old	Sibling
Lindsey Brewer	40-years-old	Mother
David Brewer	41-years-old	Father

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On July 10, 2025, an investigation was received regarding the near drowning of a 16-month-old toddler. On July 14, 2025, the toddler was pronounced deceased. At the time of the incident the 16-month-old toddler resided in the home with two older siblings and both of his parents.

On July 10, 2025, at 1:31pm, emergency services were contacted after the mother found the toddler unresponsive in the bathtub. The mother advised that she was at home caring for her three children while the father was at work. She fed them all a snack and then placed the toddler in the bathtub to play. The water was coming out of the faucet, but the drain plug was left open, and no water was collected in the tub. The mother advised that she monitored the toddler while assisting the middle 5-year-old sibling with painting beside the bathroom. She advised that she went upstairs with the oldest, 7-year-old child, to hang some artwork in the child's bedroom. She advised that while she was upstairs, she instructed the oldest child to check on the toddler in the bathtub. The child went downstairs but never returned. She yelled downstairs asking if the child in the tub was okay, and the oldest child had replied that he was. The mother advised that she went downstairs approximately 4-5 minutes later, and found the bathtub filled with water and the toddler face down unresponsive in the water. She advised that drain stopper was down, and the toddler must have kicked the plug. The mother pulled the toddler from the tub called emergency services and attempted CPR until emergency services arrived at home. The toddler was transported to the hospital, and he was resuscitated; however, he was pronounced deceased on July 14, 2025, after multiple tests showed no brain activity.

The toddler had been previously diagnosed with a genetic disorder for deletion of the 3P14-14.1 chromosome. The disorder often results in intellectual and developmental delays. The toddler had also been diagnosed with torticollis. He had limited head and neck movements, malignment of the foot and ankle which affected his balance and mobility, and developmental delay which impaired his motor skills. The toddler was able to sit up, had just started crawling, but he was not able to walk yet. The toddler was receiving physical therapy and speech therapy.

The bathtub where the incident occurred was measured by law enforcement. The walls of the bathtub were 12 to 13 inches high, and knob was 31 inches from the bathtub floor.

A presumptive urinalysis completed on the mother, and she tested negative for all substances.

The Walton County Sheriff's Department completed the criminal investigation into the death of the toddler. No charges have been filed, and there are no pending charges.

The autopsy has not been finalized; however, there was no information found that the cause of death was anything other than a accidental drowning.

Based on the interviews and evidence gathered during the investigation, the Department concluded with verified findings of inadequate supervision and death.

Other Children in the Family

The family declined Child Protection Team Services following the death of the toddler. The siblings were determined to be safe in the care of their parents. The family was offered counseling services, but they declined.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family has no history with the Department.

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