

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: [REDACTED]

County: Seminole

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Date of Death: 11/03/2018

Report Number: 2018-739917

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
[REDACTED]	3 years old	Child Victim
[REDACTED]	4 years old	Sibling
[REDACTED]	25 years old	Mother
[REDACTED]	25 years old	Paramour
[REDACTED]	55 years old	Paramour's Mother

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On November 3, 2018, the three-year-old child passed away after suffering a drowning incident in the family's pool.

According to the family, the following information was provided.

On November 3, 2018, the mother woke around 4:50 a.m. when the paramour left for work. The children did not wake up until approximately 8:00 a.m. and she dozed until 9:00 a.m. The mother got up and made breakfast, turned on the television, and they "chilled". [REDACTED] was running around, and [REDACTED] was not. The mother let [REDACTED] run around because the paramour's mother, [REDACTED], was home. At one point, [REDACTED] came and told the mother that [REDACTED] was outside. The mother could hear [REDACTED] talking back to [REDACTED] and the mother "whooped" him on the butt with her hand because he should not have gone outside without an adult. The mother fell asleep with the children in the bedroom after [REDACTED] left the home. The mother does not remember what time [REDACTED] left the home or when she (the mother) fell asleep. [REDACTED] was in the bed with her sleeping and [REDACTED] was on the floor watching television. [REDACTED]. The mother did not know how long she was napping for but did not think it could have been too long as the television was still on. The mother did not wake up until after her paramour [REDACTED] arrived home at approximately 3:00 p.m. and found [REDACTED] in the pool.

The paramour arrived home from work and found it very strange that the back door and the garage door were open. The doors are only open when his mother [REDACTED] was home. He put down his belongings and saw that the mother was sleeping so he began to look for his own mother. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] went outside and saw [REDACTED] floating face-up in the pool. She was not making any noises and was not moving. He pulled [REDACTED] out of the pool [REDACTED]. The paramour tried to perform CPR. 911 was called at 3:21 p.m., Emergency Medical Services responded, and [REDACTED] was transported to Florida Hospital Altamonte.

The mother stated her children do not go outside on the patio or by the pool alone. She reported that the door was locked and the screen door surrounding the pool was locked. The mother stated the doors were only open when [REDACTED] was home and [REDACTED] always closed them when she left the home. [REDACTED] had to have gone through the hole in the screen surrounding the pool as the doors were locked. [REDACTED] never gone through the hole in the screen before. The mother reported [REDACTED] has floaties that were on the table outside that were not touched. The only thing in the pool was an orange pool noodle. The paramour also stated the children know they are not supposed to go outside or by the pool alone.

The mother was offered a drug screen and she declined; however, she indicated she would test positive for marijuana. [REDACTED] The paramour [REDACTED] was offered a drug screen and he declined.

On November 3, 2018, [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased at 4:23 p.m.

On August 9, 2019, the investigation was closed with:

- Not Substantiated Death [REDACTED].
- Verified Inadequate Supervision [REDACTED], with [REDACTED] as the caregiver responsible.
- [REDACTED]
- Verified Environmental Hazards [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] as the caregiver's responsible.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED].

The Altamonte Springs Police Department investigated the death [REDACTED] (2018CJ019844). No arrests were made, nor charges filed. The Altamonte Springs Police Department Investigator created an information only report. The investigator spoke with the State Attorney who provided a letter stating their decision not to proceed with criminal charges in this case due to being unable to prove culpable negligence against the mother.

On November 4, 2018, District Twenty-Four Medical Examiner Wendy A. Lavezzi, M.D., completed an autopsy [REDACTED], ME# 18-24-01659.

Cause of Death: Drowning

Manner of Death: Accident

Autopsy Findings:

1. Pulmonary congestion (right lung – 170 grams, left lung – 120 grams)
2. Cerebral edema (1220 grams)

Other Children in the Family:

[REDACTED]

Summary of Current Agency Involvement with Family

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Note Mother's Past DCF reports

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

[REDACTED]

The mother has 12 prior abuse reports from 2009 to 2017 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In November 2009

[REDACTED]

A 2010 special conditions report

The next report was received in November 2011

In April 2012 a report was received [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The next report in July 2012

[REDACTED]

The October 2013 report involved the mother [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The February 2014 report involved the mother [REDACTED]

The May 2014 report involved the mother [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The March 2015 report [REDACTED]

alleged [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The July 2015 involved the mother [REDACTED]

The August 2017 report involved [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The October 2017 report again involved [REDACTED]


[REDACTED]

Services were involved with the mother and children from September 21, 2017 through April 28, 2018.



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