

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: [REDACTED]

County: Brevard

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Date of Death: 07/02/2020

Report Number: 2020-181671

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
[REDACTED]	1 year old	Child Victim
[REDACTED]	3 years old	Sibling
[REDACTED]	34 years old	Mother
[REDACTED]	55 years old	Grandmother

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On July 2, 2020, 2020, the 1-year-old child passed away after suffering a drowning incident on June 27, 2020.

According to the family, the following information was provided.

On June 27, 2020, the mother and grandmother were inside the home arguing and the 1-year-old and 3-year-old children were in the backyard pool area. The mother and grandmother looked up to see the 3-year-old standing next to the pool, they went outside, and told her to get away from the pool. At that time, they did not see the 1-year-old and started looking in the home for him. When they were unable to locate the 1-year-old, the grandmother went back to the pool and located him in the pool under the warming tarp. The 1-year-old was face down in the water at the time that he was pulled out of the pool. The mother brought the 1-year-old into the living room, 911 was called at 9:49 a.m., and the mother began CPR at the direction of dispatch. Emergency Medical Services responded and transported the 1-year-old to Sebastian River Medical Center. He was then transferred to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in Sebastian, FL.

On July 2, 2020, [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased at 4:05 p.m.

The grandmother consented to a drug screen and was negative for all substances.

The mother consented to a drug screen, was positive only for THC, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office found that the back patio sliding door did not lock, the doggie doors on both sides of the enclosure did not have any locking mechanisms and were large enough for the child to climb through. There was no safety gate around the pool and the pool and spa had the warming tarp covering the water surface. The mother's [REDACTED] was within reach of the children in the patio area.

The mother provided several histories about where the children were located prior to the incident; they were inside the home and they were in the playground/playset area in the backyard outside the pool enclosure.

The mother is an Air Force Veteran and [REDACTED]
The child's father has been deceased since approximately a week prior to the child's birth.

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office investigated the death of [REDACTED] (20-215221). No arrests were made, nor charges filed.

On July 3, 2020, District 19 Medical Examiner Raman Baldzizhar, M.D., completed an autopsy of [REDACTED] ME# 20-19-0598.

Cause of Death: Drowning

Manner of Death: Accident

On December 21, 2020, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- Not Substantiated Death and Inadequate Supervision as to [REDACTED]
- Verified Inadequate Supervision as to [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] as the caregiver responsible.

Other Children in the Family:

Grief counseling information was provided to the family.

Summary of Current Agency Involvement with Family

The family did not have any current involvement.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family has two prior abuse reports in 2017 and 2019, both of which involved concerns for inadequate supervision, and were closed with no indicators and no services.



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