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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Department of Children and Families
Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P)
Report on Child Fatality or Near Fatality

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): A.M. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 8/21/13 **County of Residence:** Warren
3 yrs

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 12/11/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 12/11/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 12/11/16, A.M.'s and his family were home. When his mother went upstairs to check on him, she found A.M. drooling, blue in color, and unresponsive. His father tried to revive him, but he was unsuccessful. During the investigation concerning this incident, it was discovered that A.M.'s parents made modifications to his bed, which was determined to have contributed to his death. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and both of A.M.'s parents (M.M. and R.M.) have been substantiated for neglect/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Female, age 12, Home; Female, age 6, Home; Female, age 21 months, Home

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed:) Not Previously Known
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If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:

Types of Service Provided:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): A.S. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 7/15/14 **County of Residence:**Camden
23 mths

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 7/2/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**7/3/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 7/3/15, law enforcement and EMS personnel were dispatched to A.S.' home. She was unresponsive and observed to have bruises throughout her body. A.S. was transported to the hospital. Upon arrival, she was sedated, intubated, and placed on a respirator. Medical assessments revealed "abdominal damage, pulmonary contusions, [and] a brain bleed." In addition, there were injuries indicative of sexual abuse. As a result of her injuries, A.S. passed away. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated A.S.' mother, A.B.'s boyfriend, Michael Disporto, for sexual as well as physical abuse/ child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): None

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): D.P. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 6/22/15 **County of Residence:** Hudson
10 mths

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 5/7/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 5/7/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 5/7/16, D.P.'s maternal grandmother, Silvia Marina Rodriguez, left him and his sibling in the bathtub. When she returned, she found D.P. faced down in the tub. 911 was contacted and D.P. was transported to the hospital. D.P. did not survive his injuries and passed away on 5/13/16. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated Ms. Rodriguez for neglect/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Female, age 2, with a Relative

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): J.B. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 1/3/14 **County of Residence:** Camden
2 yrs

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 8/21/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 8/21/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 8/21/16, J.B.'s mother, T.M., was arguing with her boyfriend, Zachary Tricoche. When Mr. Tricoche pushed J.B.'s mother, J.B. started to cry. Reportedly, Mr. Tricoche punched J.B. which caused him to hit his head against the bedroom wall. As a result of being punched and hitting his head, J.B. became unresponsive. T.M. contacted 911. When EMS personnel arrived, J.B. was intubated and transported to the hospital. J.B. did not survive his injuries and passed away. CP&P has completed a Child Protection Service investigation and substantiated Mr. Tricoche for physical abuse/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Female, age 4, Resource Home; Male, 9 months, Resource Home

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): J.L. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 2/28/12 **County of Residence:**Passaic
3 yrs

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 1/19/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**1/19/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 1/19/16, J.L.'s mother, D.L., reported that she had fallen and appeared to lose consciousness. D.L. and her boyfriend, Jonathan Almodovar, transported J.L. to the hospital. Medical tests revealed that J.L. suffered head and body trauma. In addition, J.L.'s doctor noted that some of her injuries revealed that she had been sexually abused. As a result of her injuries, J.L. passed away. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated D.L. for neglect/child death and inadequate supervision. In addition, Mr. Almodovar was substantiated for sexual and physical abuse/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Male, 12 yrs, Relative Resource; Male, 5 yrs, Relative Resource

Historical Information:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): O.M. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 5/5/15 **County of Residence:**Atlantic
7 mths

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 1/3/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**1/3/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 1/3/16, O.M. was sleeping with her mother, Lisa Scalia. When Ms. Scalia woke up, she found O.M. grey in color and unresponsive. During this time, O.M.'s father came to the house to check on his daughter. He observed that she was unconscious and contacted 911. While at the hospital, O.M. was determined to be in "critical" condition. Medical assessments revealed limited responses to stimuli and a burn mark on her leg. In addition, a toxicology test was completed which noted that O.M. had consumed Methadone. As a result of her injuries, O.M. passed away. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated Ms. Scalia's for neglect/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): None

Historical Information:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): R.H. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 2/20/14 **County of Residence:** Passaic
2 yrs

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 8/22/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 8/22/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 8/22/16, when R.H.'s mother, D.F., was giving him a bath, she left the bathroom to retrieve a towel. When she returned, she found R.H. underwater. D.F. pulled him out, laid him on a bathmat, and dialed 911. When EMS personnel arrived, they transported R.H. and his family to the hospital. Efforts to revive him were unsuccessful and R.H. passed away. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated D.F. for neglect/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Male, age 3, Relative

Historical Information:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): R.J. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 12/12/05 **County of Residence:** Burlington
10 yrs

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 8/8/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 8/10/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 8/8/16, the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office (BCPO) reported that R. J. was a victim of a murder-suicide committed in his home. Reportedly, R.J's father shot him, his mother, and then himself. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and posthumously substantiated R.J.'s father for physical abuse/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): None

Historical Information:

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Types of Service Provided:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): S.R. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 1/15/08 **County of Residence:**Camden
8 yrs

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 12/31/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**1/1/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 12/31/16, S.R., her mother, and siblings were all at home. S.R.'s mother went upstairs to check on her and she was found lying in a pool of blood with a gunshot wound to her chest. The gun that was used was her father's, who is a police officer. Her father's gun was loaded, accessible, and unsecured and her entire family was aware of this. CP&P completed a CPS investigation and substantiated S.R.'s parents (V.R. and K.R.) for neglect/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Male, 17, Home; Male, 14, Home;

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): V.G. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 12/12/13 **County of Residence:** Camden
2 1/2 yrs

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 11/01/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 11/01/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 11/1/16, V.G. was rushed to the hospital. His babysitter, Teresa Aveyaira-Cabrera reported that she found him lying on the floor and unconscious. Medical assessments completed at the hospital revealed that V.G.'s brain was swollen, he had a severe injury to his lung, and there were signs of intra-abdominal bleeding. On 11/3/16, V.G. was determined to be "brain dead" and pronounced later on on this date at 10:54 pm. When questioned, Ms. Aveyaira-Cabrera was not able to offer a plausible explanation as to how V.G. became injured. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated Ms. Aveyaira-Cabrera for physical abuse/child death and physical impairments/head and internal injuries.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Female, age 7, Resource Home, Male, age 3, Resource Home; Male, age 6 months, Resource Home; (Perpetrator's children)

Historical Information:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): A.B. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 10/7/15 **County of Residence:** Cumberland
11 mths

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 9/7/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 9/7/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 9/7/16, A.B. was placed in the bathtub. Reportedly, he was found by his father, R.B., at some point in time, floating and unresponsive. A.B.'s parents, B.C. and R.B., provided CPR. EMS was called and when they arrived, they took over A.B.'s emergency care. EMS personnel transported him to the hospital and efforts to revive A.B. were unsuccessful. He passed away on this date. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated (B.C. and R.B.) for neglect/child death and inadequate supervision.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Female, age 3, Relative Resource

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed: 8/24/16) Not Previously Known
- The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral: On 1/14/16, during a CPS investigation, R.B.'s former girlfriend reported that he had physically assaulted and threaten her in front of their children. A spin-off referral was generated from this report for A.B.'s family. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was not established. This case was closed on 8/24/16.

Types of Service Provided:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): A.C. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 8/11/13 **County of Residence:**Salem
2 years

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 2/8/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**2/8/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 2/8/16, A.C.'s mother noticed that she was unresponsive and appeared to be limp. 911 was called and she was transported by emergency personnel to the hospital. As a result of her injuries, A.C. passed away. Preliminary autopsy results noted the cause of death as "multiple blunt force" and the manner of death was ruled a "homicide." CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated A.C.'s mother's boyfriend, Leslie Hill, for physical abuse/child death. Mr. Hill admitted that he injured A.C.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):Female, age 8, Relative Resource

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed:10/26/15) Not Previously Known
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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): C.L. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 8/4/11 **County of Residence:** Middlesex
4 yrs

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 6/25/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 6/25/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 6/25/16, while C.L. was in the care and supervision of his mother, I.S, he was shot by his five-year-old brother. C.L. was rushed to the hospital; however, he did not survive his injuries. C.L. passed away on this date at 4:26 pm. Reportedly, an unlicensed firearm was recovered by the police in his mother's purse. I.S. was charged with child endangerment and weapon offenses. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service investigation and substantiated I.S. for neglect/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Male, age 5, Relative placement

Historical Information:

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On 11/19/12, a referral was made to the NJ Abuse hotline regarding I.S. and her children. Reportedly, she left her two young children unattended in the hallway of her residence. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was unfounded. This case was closed on 5/3/13. Newark South LO

On 7/2/14, I.S. was reported to be ill; however, it was not known whether her children were safe. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was not established. Newark South LO

On 8/6/14, I.S' two young children was found outside with no shoes and only dressed in their underwear. She reported that she and the children had laid down for a nap; however, they woke up, managed to unlock the door, and leave the apartment without her knowledge. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was not established. This case was closed on 12/22/14. Newark South LO

Types of Service Provided:CPS investigations, Furniture, Placement, Evaluation/Assessments

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): F.R. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 4/10/12/
3 yrs **County of Residence:** Ocean

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 1/9/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 1/9/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 1/9/16, F.R. was found unresponsive and 911 was called. He was transported to the hospital and pronounced at 8:51 a.m. Law enforcement reported that they found a bottle of rubbing alcohol wedged between his bed and the wall. When questioned, F.R.'s father, P.M., admitted that he had left it on top of the dresser the previous night. An autopsy report was completed which identified the cause of death as "ethanol poisoning." These findings were reviewed by personnel from the Jersey Shore Medical Center. Because there was "no acetone" found in F.R.'s system, it was concluded that his death was likely caused by some of the items, (e.g., beer, wine, or whiskey) found in the home. These items were observed and determined to be easily accessible to the children. In addition, it was learned that during the time that F.R.'s mother, J.R. was supervising him, (i.e., 1/8/16), he was screaming and vomiting. However, neither medical advice nor treatment was obtained. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated J.R. for neglect/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Male, age 2; Female, age 5, Resource placement.

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed: 10/24/14) Not Previously Known
- The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral: On 3/1/10, J.R. gave birth to a baby girl and tested positive for marijuana. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was unfounded. This case was closed on 4/14/11. Ocean South LO.

On 4/29/11, it was alleged that F.R.'s parents were abusing illegal substances and/or prescription drugs. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was unfounded. Ocean South LO.

On 10/7/11, a report was made to the NJ Abuse hotline noting domestic violence between F.R.'s parents. It was alleged that P.M. physically assaulted J.R. in the presence of their child. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was unfounded. Ocean South LO.

On 4/11/12, J.R. gave birth to a baby boy (i.e., F.R.) and she tested positive for marijuana and opiates. F.R. tested positive for opiates. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was substantiated. Ocean South LO.

On 2/15/13, it was reported by P.M.'s Probation Officer that he tested positive for opiates. A CPS investigation was completed. Since he was not in a caretaking role for his daughter, the finding was unfounded. Ocean South LO.

On 12/16/13, P.M. tested positive for marijuana use. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was unfounded. This case was closed on 10/24/14. Ocean South LO.

Types of Service Provided:Evaluations/Assessments, Furniture, CPS investigations, Respite, Placement, Bedding, Travel Reimbursement

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Department of Children and Families
Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P)
Report on Child Fatality or Near Fatality

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): M.M. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 11/7/07 **County of Residence:** Essex
8 yrs

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 10/2/16 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 10/2/16

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 10/2/16, due to a report of seizure activity, emergency medical service personnel (EMS) were dispatched to M.M.'s home. Upon arrival, it was reported that M.M. was in cardiac arrest. He wasn't breathing and had no pulse. M.M. was transported to the hospital. All efforts to revive him were unsuccessful and he passed away. Information gathered by law enforcement and CP&P investigative staff revealed that prior to his death, M.M.'s mother's boyfriend, C.S., had punched him in the chest and stomach and held his face underwater. Reportedly, while he was being physically abused, M.M.'s mother, K.R., was in the home but did not intervene. CP&P completed a CPS investigation and substantiated both K.R. and C.S. for neglect/child death and C.S. for physical abuse/child death..

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Male, 6, Resource Home; Male, 4, Resource Home; Female, 2, Resource Home; Female, 2 mths, Resource Home

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

Open (Date Opened: 10/16/14) Closed (Date Closed:) Not Previously Known

The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral: On 8/14/12, while caring for her children, it was reported that K.R.

was abusing marijuana. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was unfounded. Newark Center City LO. This case was closed on 12/12/12.

On 12/18/12, staff from M.M.'s school reported that he had a bruise on the side of his face. They stated that it appeared as if his skin had been removed. M.M. told school staff that his mother beat him with a belt. The Newark Center City LO completed a CPS investigation and the finding was unfounded. This case was closed on 3/5/13.

On 1/24/14, it was alleged that M.M.'s sibling had bruises and marks on his body from being hit with a belt by his mother. The referent also stated that his mother had not followed up with some necessary medical services. The Newark Center City LO completed a CPS investigation and the finding was not established. This case was closed on 2/27/14.

On 3/7/14, the State Central Registry (SCR) was contacted regarding K.R. The reporter claimed that K.R. hit her children, drank excessively, and smoked marijuana. In addition, it was noted that she had drug dealers and gang members residing in her home. The Newark Center City LO completed a CPS investigation and the finding was not established. This case was opened for services.

On 5/8/14, staff from M.M.'s school reported that they had attempted to speak to K.R. regarding a school matter, but she was not home. Her live-in boyfriend came outside and appeared to be under the influence of drugs. The Newark Center City LO completed a CPS investigation and the finding was not established.

On 7/7/14, during a visit, M.M.'s father alleged that he observed welt marks on his son's arms. Reportedly, M.M. disclosed that his mother beat him with an extension cord. The Newark Center City LO's CPS investigation yielded a finding of not established. This case was closed on 9/9/14.

On 10/16/14, the vice principal of his M.M.'s school contacted SCR. He shared that M.M. had been suspended and failed to return on the designated date. A Child Welfare Service (CWS) Assessment was completed and the case was opened for services.

On 1/14/15, due to concerns regarding M.M.'s sibling (4 months) with respect to failure to thrive issues, SCR was contacted by University Hospital personnel. It was reported that K.R. had not been cooperative and was not forthcoming about the child's diet. The Newark Center City LO substantiated K.R. for neglect.

On 7/14/16, it was reported that M.M. had a circular mark on his face that appeared to be a "cigarette burn." The Newark Center City LO completed a CPS investigation and the finding was not established. This case remains open.

Types of Service Provided: CPS investigations, CWS Assessment, Placement Services, Legal Services, Furniture, Counseling Services, Evaluations, and Nursing.

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality: 9/8/16/MVR