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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): K.B. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 5/13/17 **County of Residence:** Out of State
7 yrs.

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 5/13/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 5/14/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 5/13/17, K.B. was at a hotel pool party with his aunt (B.J.), other relatives, and friends. B.J. permitted him and the other minor children in her care to swim in the pool without supervision. K.B. was found at the bottom of the pool. An unknown person pulled him out of the pool and provided CPR. 911 was called and K.B. was transported to the hospital. K.B. was later transferred to the Child Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Once he was assessed, K.B. was sedated and placed on the trauma unit. Efforts to revive him were unsuccessful and K.B. passed away on 5/18/17 @ 1:21. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated B.J. with 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 3, Home

Historical Information:

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

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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:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): C.C. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 3/8/17 **County of Residence:** Hudson
3 wks

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 4/3/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 4/3/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 4/3/17, while caring for his son., C.C.'s father, E.C., fell asleep. C.C.'s father was holding him between his arm and his chest. When C.C.'s mother, C. G., went to check on him, she noticed that he was purplish in color and unresponsive. In addition, there was blood on his nose. 911 was called and both of C.C.'s parents provided CPR. When the responding officers arrived, they continued emergency services and transported C.C. to the hospital; however, he was pronounced upon arrival at 3:48 a.m. During CP&P's investigation, it was learned that E.C. had been drinking alcohol and he as well as C.G. described him as being "buzzed" prior to taking over primary caretaking responsibilities. CP&P has completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated both of C.C.'s parents for neglect/child death. In addition, E.C. has been substantiated for Substance Abuse by Caregiver Threatens Child.

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

Historical Information:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): J.C. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 12/3/16 **County of Residence:** Union
6 mths

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 6/9/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 6/9/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 6/9/17, J.C. was found cold to the touch, bluish in color, and unresponsive. His mother, C.C., attempted CPR and 911 was called. J.C. was transported to the hospital and placed on a ventilator. Medical assessments revealed bleeding in his brain and swelling due to excessive fluids. Additional assessments obtained from the medical examiner revealed that J.C.'s injuries were a result of physical harm. CP&P has completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated J.C.'s mother's boyfriend, Fateem Bailey, with 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:

- Open (Date Opened: 1/12/14) 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.

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): J.C. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 10/6/06 **County of Residence:** OutOfState
10 yrs.

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 3/17/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 3/18/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 3/17/17, J.C. was visiting his father and playing with another child. While looking for a different AV cord in the closet, the other child moved the base of a child's car seat to the side. At that time, a gun fell off the shelf, hit the child on his hand, discharged, and wounded J.C. He was transported to the hospital; however, J.C. did not survive his injuries. During interviews with law enforcement, J.C.'s father, William Lowther, admitted that he had a gun in the home but claimed that he disposed of it. He would not provide any information regarding its location or how he disposed of the firearm. CP&P has completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated J.C.'s father 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): Child resided out of state

Historical Information:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): C.D. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 12/11/13 **County of Residence:**Camden
3 yrs.

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 3/13/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**3/13/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 3/13/17, C.D. was unresponsive and had to be transported to the hospital. Medical assessments revealed new and multiple healing physical injuries. C.D. 's step-father (T.G.) indicated that she was tantruming and threw herself backwards down the steps. In addition, he reported that C.D. took a nap after this incident. C.D.'s medical doctor as well as a NJ forensic child abuse expert reported that C.D.'s injuries were not a result of a fall but physical abuse. On 7/18/18, T.G. admitted that he back handed C.D., which caused her to fall down the steps and sustain a fatal brain injury. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated T.G. for physical abuse/child death and neglect/medical. C.D.'s mother, K.G., has been substantiated for neglect/child death also. CP&P maintains that K.G. did not make reasonable efforts to protect her child.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Female, age 10 months; Relative Resource

Historical Information:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): H.D. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 12/9/13 **County of Residence:**Sussex
3 yrs.

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 3/5/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**3/5/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 3/5/17, H.D.'s parents reported that they found her unresponsive. 911 was called and she was transported to the hospital. Medical staff was not able to revive her and she passed away on this date. During the investigation by CP&P, it was discovered that H.D. had been sick for well over several weeks and her parents did not seek medical assistance. They had no insurance. H.D.'s autopsy report revealed that she had "sepsis." In addition, she tested positive for Group A Strep, her lungs and heart was filled with fluid, her brain was swollen and her liver was enlarged. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated both of H.D.'s parents, (G.D., & T.D) for neglect/medical and 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 6, in 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): K.F. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 6/27/15 **County of Residence:**Salem
2 yrs.

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 8/26/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**8/28/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 8/26/17, K.F.'s mother, D.J., was driving around with her in the back seat, trying to find and purchase drugs. After D.J. obtained the drugs, she drove to a wooded area near her residence, parked, took the drugs, and then passed out. It is unknown how long K.F. and D.J. were sitting in the wooded area, parked in her car. At some point in time, K.F.'s father saw the car lights and inquired about their daughter. K.F. was found in the back seat of the car, unconscious. 911 was called; however, K.F. had passed away. A preliminary finding from the autopsy report noted that the cause of death was asphyxiation. CP&P has completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated D.J. for neglect/child death, inadequate supervision, and substance abuse.

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:

- Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed:2/15/17) 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 9/2/97, a report was made to the State Central Registry (SCR) alleging that D.J. and her boyfriend were abusing illegal drugs and there was no food in the house for

her child. A CPS investigation was completed by the Camden North LO and the finding was unsubstantiated. This case was opened for services.

On 9/20/97, D.J. was arrested for possession of illegal drugs and other criminal behavior. A CPS investigation was completed by the Camden North LO and the finding was unfounded. This case was closed on 10/17/17.

On 7/1/05, there was an allegation made that D.J. was not properly supervising her children and that she did not ensure that they were receiving appropriate medical care. In addition, there was a claim that the home environment was unsafe for the children. A CWS Assessment was completed by the Sussex LO. This case remained opened for services.

On 12/24/05, a referral was generated by SCR which alleged that Kayley's sibling was not engaged when socializing with others and that her father was using drugs in her presence. During the investigation, her sibling's father admitted that he was abusing drugs when she was in his care and that he didn't see her for long periods of time. A CPS investigation was completed by the Burlington East LO and the finding was unfounded. This case remained opened for services.

On 11/14/07, a report was made to SCR alleging that D.J. was abusing prescriptive and illegal drugs. While she slept all day, reportedly, her children were heard screaming and crying. The CPS' investigation finding by the Burlington East LO was unfounded. This case was closed on 8/19/2007.

On 7/18/08, D.J. gave birth to a baby girl and tested positive for illicit drugs. A CPS investigation was completed by the Burlington East LO and the finding was unfounded. This case was opened for services.

On 8/3/08, DJ was found passed out in her car in front of a bank and was transported to the hospital. The police went to her home and found the door unlocked and her minor children alone and unsupervised. The CPS' investigation finding was substantiated by the Burlington East LO. This case remained opened for services.

On 12/26/08, there was a report that one of D.J.'s children had engaged in inappropriate play with another child. A CWS Assessment was completed by the Burlington East LO. This case was closed on 10/25/12

On 1/18/13, D.J. gave birth to a baby boy. Both she and her son tested negative for drugs. The CPS' investigative finding by the Camden East LO was unfounded. This case was closed on 7/8/13.

On 1/4/14, D.J.'s roommate discovered her on the floor, unresponsive with her 11-month old son standing in the tub of running water. The police were called to the residence. The CPS investigative finding was substantiated by the Middlesex Coastal LO. This case was closed on 5/6/15.

On 6/29/15, a report was made to SCR which noted that D.J. gave birth to a baby girl on 6/27/15. The baby was showing signs of withdrawal. The CPS' investigative finding was substantiated for risk of harm due to substance abuse by the Salem LO. This case was closed on 12/15/15.

On 2/1/17, CP&P was court ordered to conduct an assessment of Kayley's sibling's father home for possible placement. A CWS Assessment was completed by the Monmouth North LO. This case was closed on 2/15/17.

Types of Service Provided:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): E.G. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 3/26/15 **County of Residence:** Hudson
1.5 yr.

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 3/4/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 3/10/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 3/4/17, E.G., his mother, and sibling were asleep in the home. E.G.'s father, E.G., and two family friends were up drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, and talking. At some point in time, one of his father's friends went to sleep on the couch. E.G.'s dad decided to set objects on fire and flick them on his sleeping friend. The other friend was noted to participate in this game as well. Once they were finished, they all went into the bathroom to smoke marijuana. It was during this time that they observed black smoke seeping underneath the door. When the door was opened, it was noted that the couch, and the wall behind it, were on fire. Efforts were made by E.G.'s dad to extinguish the fire; however, it soon spread quickly. E.G.'s mother tried to save him but she was unsuccessful and he died from smoke inhalation. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated E.G.'s father 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, 3, Home; Male, 6 months, Home

Historical Information:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): N.G. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 3/12/13 **County of Residence:**Camden
3 yrs.

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 7/15/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**7/18/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 7/18/17, N.G. was in the care of her mother, L.G.'s boyfriend, N.R. She was found beaten and unconscious. After a couple of days, L.G. contacted emergency services. When they arrived, they noted that N.G. had no pulse and was lying on the floor. In addition, N.G. had a gash over her right eye, bruises throughout her body and was missing a tooth. N.G. was transported to the hospital, however, it was determined that she had succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced on this date. CP&P has completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated N.R. 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, age 2, Resource Placement; Male, age 1, Resource placement

Historical Information:

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

- Open (Date Opened: 12/28/16) 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 11/20/14, it was alleged that 17-year-old N.R. physically assaulted his former girlfriend and threw a water bottle at her. The bottle inadvertently hit their 1 month old son in his face. It was also noted in this report that N.R. had broken several windows in his girlfriend's

home, and he had a physical altercation with his girlfriend's brother. Reportedly, their child was seen by a doctor and noted to have no injuries. In addition, it was reported that his girlfriend refused to file a restraining order against him. The Camden Central LO completed a CPS investigation and the finding was established. This case was closed on 6/12/15.

On 5/16/16, the State Central Registry (SCR) generated a report noting allegations regarding physical threats and domestic violence. It was reported that N.R. was cursing and physically threatening N.G. and that there was domestic violence between L.G. and N.R.. At this time, L.G. was pregnant and residing in a shelter with two of her children. Additional information noted in the referral claimed that N.G. appeared to be fearful around him and that he accused her of being responsible of having the Division in their lives. When L.G. was questioned regarding this report, she stated that N.R. was never physically or verbally aggressive with her or her children. N.R. denied all allegations as well. A Child Welfare Service (CWS) Assessment was completed by the Camden Central LO. This case was closed at Intake on 6/22/16

On 7/18/16, N.R.s' mother, (PGM) was reported to have custody of his older son (i.e., child noted in 11/20/14 referral) and he was directed not to have any contact with him. However, when L.G. would visit with her children, N.R. would stop by his mother's home as well. Furthermore, it was alleged that there was domestic violence between L.G. and N.R., that he hits her children, and that he abuses drugs. There was one instance where N.R. was said to have pushed L.G. into the baby's crib, which caused it to break into half. She was also reported to have observable scratches to her face. They both denied any physical violence between them. The Camden Central LO completed a CPS investigation and the finding was not established. This case was closed on 9/29/16

On 12/28/16, due to a physical altercation between L.G. and N.R, the police were called to the family residence. Reportedly, N.R. punched L.G. in the face and hit her with a broom stick. Furthermore, N.R. threatened to "kill" L.G. and physically harm (i.e. choke) the children. A CPS investigation was completed by the Camden Central LO and N.R. was substantiated for neglect/family violence. A no-contact order was enacted and N.R. was ordered not to have any contact with L.G. or the children. This case was opened for services by the Camden Central LO.

On 3/20/17, as a result of her "daddy" beating her, N.G. told her teacher that her bottom hurt. She explained that she got a beating because she wouldn't stop sucking her thumb. She also stated that during the last weekend, she was made to "stand in the corner on her tippy toes because she was "bad" and not listening to her parents." N.G.was not able to tell her teacher how long or how many times she was made to stand in the corner for a time-out. It was noted by CP&P that N.G. had physical scratches on her face and healed marks on her hands. Although Division staff believed that N.R. was having contact with L.G and the children, they weren't able to confirm this information. N.R. refused to speak with CP&P regarding this matter. Because of N.G.'s statements and observable marks on her face and hands, CP&P filed with the courts and was granted care and supervision of L.G.'s children on 4/4/17. The Camden Central LO completed a CPS investigation and the finding was not established. This case remained opened for services to date.

Types of Service Provided:CPS investigations, CWS Assessments, Placements, Legal Services, Evaluations, Clothing, Furniture, Baby items, Bedding

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): M.J. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 8/27/15 **County of Residence:** Middlesex
1.5 yrs

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 4/29/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 6/26/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 4/29/17, M.J.'s mother, L.G., reported that he fell asleep near lunch time. When she went to retrieve him later in the day, she noticed that his lips were blue. She screamed and alerted M.J.'s father, T.J.'s and his maternal grandmother, Sharonda Smith. Efforts to revive M.J. were unsuccessful and he passed away on this date. On 6/26/17, departmental staff was contacted by law enforcement and was told that M.J.'s toxicology results revealed that he died of Fentanyl toxicity. A Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation was completed and M.J.'s parents (L.G. & T.J.) and Ms. Smith were 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 10; Male, age 3; Female, 8 months; Relative Care

Historical Information:

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- Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed: 11/21/16) 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: On 12/3/13, an allegation was made that there was inappropriate sexual contact made between M.J.'s sibling and an adult male relative. A Child Welfare Service (CWS) Assessment was completed by the Monmouth South LO. This case was closed on 2/27/14.

On 9/5/14, a referral was generated by the State Central Registry (SCR) alleging that L.G.'s boyfriend had made homicide threats against another person at one of L.G.'s children's school. A CWS Assessment was completed by the Monmouth South LO. This case was closed on 11/24/14.

On 1/6/15, M.J.'s sibling reported that she engaged in sexual activity with a relative. A CPS investigation was completed by the Middlesex West LO and the finding was not established. This case remained opened for services.

On 6/4/15, L.G. was pregnant and admitted to abusing drugs (Oxycodone) for about a year. Reportedly, during the initial stages of her pregnancy, she also had not been receiving prenatal care. A CPS investigation was completed by the Middlesex West LO and the finding was not established. This case was closed on 3/2/16.

On 8/16/16, it was reported that L.G. had four children, including a newborn (female, DOB, 8/14/16). It was observed by medical staff that her newborn baby was showing signs of withdrawal. L.G. admitted that she had been taking prescribed medication from her mother and abusing Percocet. A CPS investigation was completed by the Middlesex West LO and the finding was not established. This case was closed on 11/21/16.

Types of Service Provided:

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

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): J.R. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 12/22/16 **County of Residence:**Camden
7 mths

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 8/11/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**8/11/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 8/11/17, J.R. was left unattended in the bathtub. She was found submerged underwater and efforts to revive her were unsuccessful. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and J.R.'s mother, N.T., has 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 1 1/2, 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
- 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:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): O.S **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 3/25/10 **County of Residence:** Ocean
7 yrs.

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 8/16/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 8/18/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 8/16/17, O.S. and his parents, Kimberly and Gregg Scott were all victims of a murder-suicide. O.S. and his mother were found deceased in their home. Later, on this same day, his father died in the hospital as a result of a self-inflicted knife wound. It has been determined by law enforcement that Mr. Scott was not only responsible for the death of his wife and son, but he had also taken his own life. CP&P has completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated Mr. Scott in absentia 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:

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
- 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:

Types of Service Provided:

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

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): Q.T. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 1/5/15 **County of Residence:** Mercer
2 yrs

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 10/3/17 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 10/4/17

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 10/3/17, while trying to leave the scene of a crime, Q.T.'s father, Christopher Kuhn, ran to his car and placed him in an unsecured car seat. Mr. Kuhn ran a red light, which caused his car to flip, and Q.T. was ejected from the car and fell onto the ground. Q.T. was rushed to the hospital; however, he did not survive his injuries. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated Mr. Kuhn 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:

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

Open (Date Opened: 5/31/17) 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 9/24/15, an allegation was made regarding a domestic violence incident between Q.T.'s mother and Mr. Kuhn. Q.T. was noted to be present at the time of this incident. The Mercer South LO completed a CPS investigation and the finding was established. This case was closed on 1/15/16.

On 4/15/16, a report was generated by the State Central Registry (SCR) involving an incident of domestic violence as well as alleged terroristic threats made by Mr. Kuhn. Furthermore, it was reported that Q.T.'s mother had visible marks on her body. The Area Office's Impact Unit completed a CPS investigation and the finding was not established. This case was closed on 6/15/16

On 10/17/16, Q.T.'s mother reported that during Mr. Kuhn's visitation with their son, he did not provide appropriate daily care. It was further noted that Q.T. had bite marks on his body. A finding of not established was made by the Mercer South LO. This case was opened for services.

On 10/25/17, Mr. Kuhn reported that Q.T.'s mother had other individuals physically attack him, In addition, he indicated that she was smoking illegal drugs while caring for their son and that she was not properly taking care of him. The Mercer South's investigation finding was not established. This case was closed on 12/6/16.

On 5/31/17, because there was no contact made between their organization and Q.T.'s mother, SCR was contacted and told that they would be closing her case. A Child Welfare Service (CWS) Assessment was completed by the Area Office Impact Unit. This case was opened for services.

On 7/21/17, there was a report claiming that Q.T.'s mother had no food in her house, that she and her boyfriend smoked marijuana around Q.T., and that her home was dirty. The CPS investigation finding by the Area Office Impact Unit was not established

Types of Service Provided:CPS investigations, CWS Assessments, Screenings, Assessments

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:9/28/17/MVR