

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: [REDACTED]

County: Duval

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Date of Death: April 12, 2018

Report Number: 2018-508085

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
[REDACTED]	7	Deceased Child
[REDACTED]	41	Mother
[REDACTED]	43	Father

1. Circumstances Surrounding Death

April 12, 2018, seven-year-old [REDACTED] became unresponsive while at home after being sick for several days. [REDACTED]. Her diet was very limited [REDACTED]. She began showing signs of illness on April 10th. According to her mother, she ate very little on the 10th but otherwise was acting normally. On April 11th, [REDACTED] seemed lethargic and still had no real appetite. The mother and child prepared to go to a previously scheduled outing to the zoo on this date but before they could leave the home, [REDACTED] vomited. The mother then put her in bed and she and the father watched the child throughout the day. [REDACTED] drank water but continued to refuse to eat. The child and parents went to sleep around 9pm that night and the parents were awoken around 12am on April 12th, when they heard [REDACTED] gagging. The child vomited several more times on the 12th, and the parents took turns staying in her room with her. By 5am on the 12th, [REDACTED] breathing had become labored and she was no longer responding to the parents. The parents decided to drive [REDACTED] to the hospital at Naval Air Station-Jacksonville for medical care. They did not call 911 because they felt it would be quicker for them to take her [REDACTED]. Once at the hospital, despite lifesaving efforts by the staff, [REDACTED] was declared deceased at 7:34 am on April 12th, 2018.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office conducted a criminal investigation into [REDACTED] death. Their investigation found no evidence to suggest abuse or neglect in the home. The law enforcement investigation was closed June 25, 2018, with no criminal action taken.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy which determined the cause of death was due to multi-organism bacterial sepsis and the manner of death was natural.

The First Coast Child Protection Team reviewed the medical files and the Medical Director concluded there was evidence of medical neglect by the parents noting the child was seriously ill on April 11th, 2018, and the parents delayed seeking immediate medical treatment. Additionally, there were concerns of nutritional neglect noting the child's diet was inadequate for proper nutrition.

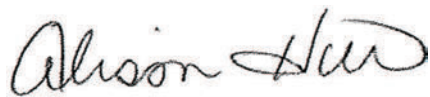
Based on the information obtained during the investigation, the Department of Children and Families, Child Protective Investigations closed the abuse investigation on October 18, 2018, with no indicators of death and not substantiated indicators of medical neglect.

2. Other Children in the Family

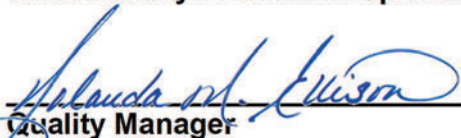
██████████ had no siblings at the time of her death. The parents were offered a referral for grief counseling but declined the service and advised they would seek assistance on their own.

3. Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family does not have any prior abuse report history in the years preceding the child's death.



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