

## Child Fatality Summary

**Child's Name:** Naomi Wood

**County:** Polk

**Date of Birth:** 03/05/2003

**Date of Death:** 05/19/2020

**Report Number:** 2020-145076

### Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Naomi Wood	17 years old	Child Victim
Lauren Delfrate	31 years old	Residential Staff Member
Jasmine Smith	28 years old	Residential Staff Member

### Circumstances Surrounding Death

On May 19, 2020, the seventeen-year-old child passed away after being found unresponsive by a staff member at the Lakeland Girls Academy (aka Teen Challenge). The cause and manner of death are pending.

According to the family, the following information was provided.

On February 4, 2020, the child arrived from Vermont and was enrolled by her parents at the Lakeland Girls Academy, which is a faith-based residential boarding school for girls ages 13-17, who are struggling with an assortment of life issues (i.e. poor academic performance, depression or suicidal thoughts, rebellion or parental defiance, self-harm, eating disorders, familial discord, etc.).

The child got physically ill and was vomiting on the evening of May 18, 2020 and continued to be ill throughout the night and following day, May 19, 2020. Staff members made the child get up for meals and fed her soup, as that is their protocol when children are sick. They also prayed for her to get better. Facility staff did not seek any medical attention for the child until she was found in her room unresponsive.

On May 19, 2020, the child was found unresponsive in her room and 911 was called at 6:15 p.m. CPR was performed until Emergency Medical Services arrived. The child passed away while being transported by EMS to Lakeland Regional Medical Center.

On May 19, 2020, Naomi Wood was pronounced deceased at 7:16 p.m.

The child had asked to be seen by a doctor in April for chronic stomach pain but was not taken to the doctor. Since being at the facility the child had received Pepto-Bismol approximately 20 times to address her stomach issues. She was never taken to the



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On May 20, 2020, District 10 Medical Examiner Stephen J. Nelson, M.D., completed an autopsy of Naomi Wood. ME# 20-10-FA-299.

Cause of Death: Seizure Disorder

Manner of Death: Natural

*Opinion: "According to the medical records, the decedent had complained of not feeling well and was found unresponsive by staff at a group home where she lived. Her down time was unknown. She has a history of an isolated seizure in the unknown past. She was a prior LSD and marijuana abuser but has not used either since February 2020. She had been vomiting for 2 days prior to her death and was given Pepto-Bismol (bismuth). She was transported via EMS to Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center and subsequently died as an inpatient there. Post-mortem toxicologic analysis failed to detect any volatiles in her blood or urine, including no ethanol. Comprehensive drug screening, performed on both her blood and her urine, failed to detect any of the common drugs or abuse. No acetyl fentanyl, alfentanil, butyryl, fentanyl, carfentanil, fentanyl, furanylfentanyl, sufentanil, B-hydroxythiofentanyl, or U-47700 were detected in her hurt. It is his opinion that Naomi Massa Wood died as a result of seizure disorder. The manner of death is natural."*

**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 child does not have any prior abuse report history in Florida.

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