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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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## Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials):	A.J.	Gender:Female
Date of Birth/Age:	10/16/11	County of Residence: Atlantic
_	23 months	

**Incident Information:** 

Date of Incident:	9/26/13	Date CP&P Notified of Incident:9/26/13
Allegation Type:	Abuse	Neglect
Disposition:	Substant	iated Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident**: On 9/26/13, A.J.'s mother's boyfriend, Joseph Morales (Santiago) was babysitting while her mother was at work. Just before the noon hour, Mr. Morales reported he noticed that A.J. had vomited and appeared unresponsive. Mr. Morales indicated that he tried to get A.J. to expel what was in her mouth and performed CPR. 911 was called and when emergency personnel arrived, they attempted to revive her, and then transported A.J. to the hospital. Upon arrival, A.J. was noted to be in "cardiac arrest," and she passed away on this date. Medical reports revealed that A.J. had bruises on her forehead, abdomen, and chest. In addition, medical staff noted that A.J. had a stomach injury. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated Mr. Morales 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
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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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## Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials):	A.R.	Gender:Female
Date of Birth/Age:	6/23/2013/ 2.5	County of Residence: Cumberland
-	mths	

**Incident Information:** 

Date of Incident:	9/12/2	2013	Date CP&P Notified of Incident:09/12/201		
Allegation Type:	$\boxtimes$	Abuse		Neglect	
Disposition:	$\boxtimes$	Substantiated		Suspected/Pending	

**Description of Incident**: On 9/12/2013, A.R. was rushed to the hospital. Medical assessments revealed a skull fracture and bruising. A.R. died as a result of her injuries on 9/13/2013. Her father admitted that he abused her and CP&P has substantiated him 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:

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### Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials):	J.H.	Gender:Male
Date of Birth/Age:	8/18/13	County of Residence: Passaic
	2 mths	

#### **Incident Information:**

Date of Incident:	10/31/13	<b>Date CP&amp;P Notified of Incident</b> :10/31/13
Allegation Type:	Abuse	Neglect
Disposition:	Substantia	ated Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident**: On 10/31/13, J.H.'s parents, Jade Hall and Tyreek Saunders, reported that their son was not breathing. 911 was called and J.H. was transported to the hospital. J.H. was noted to be "Dead on Arrival," and he was pronounced at 9:15 a.m. The medical examiner completed an autopsy report and noted multiple fractures to his spine, bleeding in his brain, and a fracture to his rib. J. H.'s death was ruled a homicide. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated both of J.H.'s parents 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, 9, sibling/In home; Female, 16, sibling/In home;

### **Historical Information:**

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

Open (D	ate Opened: )		Closed (Date Closed:	)	Not	Previously Known
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## Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials):	J.R.	Gender:Female
Date of Birth/Age:	7/17/2013/1	County of Residence: Ocean
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**Incident Information:** 

Date of Incident:	8/27/2013	Date CP&P Notified of Incident:8/28/2013
Allegation Type:	Abuse	Neglect
Disposition:	Substar	ntiated Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident**: On 8/27/2013, J.R.'s parents transported her to the hospital. Medical staff observed her to be pale, cold, and her lips and face were blue. She died as a result of her injuries on 8/28/2013. Medical assessments revealed multiple bruises throughout her body and healed fractures. The medical examiner has ruled her death a homicide and CP&P has substantiated J.R.'s parents 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):

### **Historical Information:**

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Open (Date Opened: )Closed (Date Closed: )Not Previously Known

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## Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials):	K.E.	Gender:Female
Date of Birth/Age:	6/1/2012/ 11	County of Residence:Essex
	mths	

**Incident Information:** 

Date of Incident:	5/15/2013	Date CP&P Notified of Incident:5/15/2013
Allegation Type:	Abus	e 🛛 Neglect
Disposition:	Subs	stantiated Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident**: On 5/15/2013, K.E. was placed in an infant tub and the Resource parent left the bathroom. When she returned, K.E.'s face was submerged in the water. K.E. died as a result of this incident. CP&P has completed a Child Protective Service (CPS) investigation and the Resource parent has been substantiated for neglect/inadequate supervison/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 12/placed with another Resource provider; Male, age 14,/placed with another Resource provider.

### **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: Newark Adoption Office. On 6/8/2012, K.E.was placed with the Resource provider.

Types of Service Provided: CPS investigation, Adoption Services

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## Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): Date of Birth/Age:	Q.F. 1/1/2000/13 yrs	Gender:Male County of Residence:Mercer

**Incident Information**:

Date of Incident:	5/10/2013	Date CP&P Notified of Incident:5/10/2013
Allegation Type:	Abuse	Neglect
Disposition:	Substa	antiated Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident**: On 5/10/2013, law enforcement reported that Q.F.'s mother's paramour barricaded himself and held capitve all family members in the home. Once the police entered the home, they discovered that Q.F. had been murdered. CP&P has substantiated Q.F.'s mother's paramour 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 3/ Resource placement; Female, age 16/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: )Not Previously Known

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### Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials):	Z.B.	Gender:Male
Date of Birth/Age:	01/12/2013/3	County of Residence: Union
	mths	

**Incident Information:** 

Date of Incident:	5/11/2013	Date CP&P Notified of Incident:5/11/2013
Allegation Type:	Ab Ab	use 🗌 Neglect
Disposition:	Su Su	bstantiated Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident**: On 5/11/2013, Z.B. was transported to the hospital in respiratory arrest. Multiple assessments revealed skull fractures and bruises throughout his body. Z.B. died on 5/13/2013. It was determined that Z.B.. was in the care of his father when he was injured and CP&P has substantiated him for physical abuse related to his son's 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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Open (Date Opened:Closed (Date Closed:Not Previously Known

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**Types of Service Provided**:

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## Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials):	A.W.	Gender:Female
Date of Birth/Age:	1/5/2005/ 8	County of Residence: Cumberland
	years	

**Incident Information:** 

Date of Incident:	5/17/2013	Date CP&P Notified of Incident:5/17/2013
Allegation Type:	Abuse	Neglect
Disposition:	Substanti	ated Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident**: On 5/17/2013, A.W. was in the community with a family friend and was hit by a car. She died as a result of her injuries. The family friend was determined to be negligent and CP&P has substantiated her 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:**

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

Open (Date Opened: 5/9/2013) 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 5/9/2013 an allegation was made involving a different perpetrator. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was unfounded.

Types of Service Provided: CPS investigation

**Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:** 5/9/2013 Investigative Summary

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## Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials):	C.N.	Gender:Female
Date of Birth/Age:	2/11/2012/ 1	County of Residence: Burlington
	year	

**Incident Information:** 

Date of Incident:2/12/2013		Date CP&P Notified of Incident:2/12/2013		
Allegation Type:	Abuse	Neglect		
Disposition:	Substant	iated Suspected/Pending		

**Description of Incident**: On 2/12/2013, C.N. was transported to the hospital due to a report of a serious head injury. She died as a result of her injury. The medical examiner noted the cause of death as "Blunt Force Trauma. C.N. was in the care of her relative caregiver's paramour at the time of this incident and CP&P has substantiated him 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 3/in the home; Female, age 3/in the home

### **Historical Information:**

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

- Open (Date Opened:2/11/2012) 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:2/11/2012. Placement with Relative Care Provider was made via family after C.N.'s birth.

Types of Service Provided: CPS investigation

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## Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials):	I.N.	Gender:Female
Date of Birth/Age:	7/24/2010/ 3	County of Residence: Essex
	years	

**Incident Information:** 

Date of Incident:	te of Incident: 9/20/2013		Date CP&P Notified of Incident:9/20/2013		
Allegation Type:	$\boxtimes$	Abuse		Neglect	
Disposition:	$\boxtimes$	Substantiated	1 [	Suspected/Pending	

**Description of Incident**: On September 20, 2014, I.N. was transported to the hospital due to a report of her not being able to breathe. She died as a result of this incident. The medical examiner noted the cause of death as "Blunt Force Trauma" and the manner of death as a "Homicide." CP&P has completed their investigation and has substantiated I.N.'s mother 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:9/16/2013 )□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:Newark South LO. On September 16, 2013, I.N. was observed to have bruises on her face and a report was made to the child abuse hotline. CP&P completed a CPS investigation and the finding was established.

Newark South LO. On 9/20/2013, a Child Welfare Service (CWS) Assessment was generated and completed due to the report of I.N.'s death. This case was closed on 1/15/2014.

Types of Service Provided: CPS investigation, CWS Assessment, Funeral Costs, Consultation

**Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:**9/17/2013/Investigation Summary

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## Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials):	M.H.	Gender:Male
Date of Birth/Age:	11/11/2012/4	County of Residence: Passaic
	mths	

**Incident Information:** 

Date of Incident:	3/24/2013		Date CP&P Notified of Incident:3/24/2013		
Allegation Type:	$\boxtimes$	Abuse		Neglect	
Disposition:	$\boxtimes$	Substantiated	1 [	Suspected/Pending	

**Description of Incident**: On 3/24/2013, M.H. passed away. During the Child Protective Service (CPS) investigation, his mother admitted to physically abusing him, which ultimately led to his death. M.H.'s mother has been substantiated 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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CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

Open (Date Opened: 11/8/2012) 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:

Passaic North LO. On 10/13/2011, it was reported that M.H.'s mother gave birth, was residing in a home that was in total disarray, and she lacked parenting skills. A Child Welfare Service (CWS) Assessment was completed, and the case remained opened for services.

Passaic North LO. On 10/22/2011, it was alleged that M.H.'s mother was caring for his sibling in cold, dusty places and that his mother lacked parenting skills. A CWS Assessment was completed, and the case remained opened for services.

Passaic North LO. On 11/17/2011, a domestic violence incident was reported between M.H.'s mother and his sibling father and that his mother lacked parenting skills. The LO completed a Child Protective Service (CPS) investigation and the finding was unfounded. The case remained opened for services Passaic North LO. On 1/14/2012, it was reported that M.H.'s mother was violent towards her paramour, and that she did not provide appropriate care to his sibling. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was unfounded. The case remained opened for services. Passaic North LO. On 3/15/2012, it was reported that M.H.'s mother was smoking around his sibling, who had been diagnosed with a serious respiratory medical condition. The LO completed a CPS

investigation and M.H.'s mother was substantiated for neglect. The case was closed on 7/13/2012. Passaic North LO. On 11/8/12, it was alleged that M.H.'s mother was residing in a home with no electricity, heat, or food, and she was refusing any assistance. Reportedly, this home had been recently raided by law enforcement due to illegal drug activity. A CWS Assessment was completed by the LO and this case remained opened for services.

Passaic North LO. On 3/11/2013, it was reported that M.H.'s mother lacked parenting skills. An investigation was completed by the LO and the finding was unfounded.

Passaic North LO. On 3/24/2013, it was reported that M.H. had died. This report was initially coded as a CWS but was later upgraded to a CPS referral on 3/25/2013.

Types of Service Provided: Housing, Psychological/Psychiatric evaluation, CPS investigation