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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):** F.C.                      **Gender:**Female  
**Date of Birth/Age:** 10/25/2019              **County of Residence:**Monmouth

**Incident Information:**

**Date of Incident:** 05/08/2020              **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**05/08/2020

**Allegation Type:**       Abuse                       Neglect

**Disposition:**               Substantiated               Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident:** F.C., who was diagnosed with Down Syndrome, was found unresponsive in a crib she shared with her twin brother by a family friend. When F.C. became unresponsive, she was in the care of her mother, K.M. who was intoxicated. EMS and the police responded to the home and initiated CPR. F.C. was transported to Hackensack Meridian Jersey Shore University Medical Center where she was pronounced deceased. F.C. was described as cold as ice and she appeared emaciated. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was failure to thrive and malnutrition in a premature child with Down Syndrome. K.M. was charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Child Endangerment and was substantiated for neglect.

**Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):**M.C. (7-year-11-month old male), L.C. (7-year old male), K.C. 2-year old male) and F.C. (7-month old male twin sibling to F.C.) were at home when the incident occurred and were unharmed. The oldest child, N.J. (11-year old male) was not at home when the incident occurred. On 05/08/2020 the surviving children were subsequently placed in the care, custody and supervision of the Division and placed in a relative kin 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:03/19/2020 )               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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On 08/31/2016 a concern was received that K.M. tested positive for alcohol. The allegations of neglect were not established.

On 03/26/2019 a concern was received that K.M. was not following up on appropriate dental care for her children. The allegations of neglect were not established.

**Types of Service Provided:** Substance Abuse Evaluation, Urine Screens

**Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:** 02/28/2020 in home visitation with F.C.

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**Child Fatality**       **Child Near Fatality**

**Victim Information:**

**Identifier (Initials):** H.R                      **Gender:**Female  
**Date of Birth/Age:** 08/20/2020              **County of Residence:**Monmouth

**Incident Information:**

**Date of Incident:** 02/18/2021              **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**02/18/2021

**Allegation Type:**       Abuse                       Neglect

**Disposition:**               Substantiated               Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident:** The child H.R. was found unresponsive while co-sleeping with her 2-year old sibling. The previous night, the mother, J.R., had placed H.R. in a boppy pillow on bed with the 2-year old sibling. The following morning when she checked on H.R., she found H.R. face down and unresponsive on a pile of laundry and blankets that were on the floor next to the mattress and the boppy pillow was on top of H.R. The police and EMTs performed CPS and she was transported to Hackensack Meridian Jersey Shore Medical Center where she was pronounced deceased. The family had previously been counseled on safe sleep practices and the family had been provided with a pack and play for H.R. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was asphyxia due to unsafe sleep environment. J.R. was substantiated for neglect.

**Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):**LB (2-year old female). LB was at home when the incident occurred and was unharmed.

**Historical Information:**

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

Open (Date Opened:12/12/2020)       Closed (Date Closed:              )       Not Previously Known

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**Types of Service Provided:**N/A

**Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:**01/27/2021  
MVR

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**Child Fatality**       **Child Near Fatality**

**Victim Information:**

**Identifier (Initials):** K.M.                      **Gender:** Male  
**Date of Birth/Age:** 09/08/19              **County of Residence:** Bergen

**Incident Information:**

**Date of Incident:** 10/23/19              **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 10/23/19

**Allegation Type:**       Abuse               Neglect

**Disposition:**               Substantiated               Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident:** Child K.M. was transported to the hospital by his parents, mother R.C. and father J.M., because he had difficulty breathing and appeared to be having spasms. A CT scan revealed old and new brain bleeding and chronic bruising of the head and brain. A skeletal survey revealed multiple healing rib fractures, acute rib fracture, healing clavicular fracture and multiple metaphyseal fractures. On October 31, 2019, K.M. succumbed to his injuries. The father, J.M., was arrested and charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree endangering/abuse/neglect of a child and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree aggravated assault.

**Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):** 1-month old twin sister (H.M.) was critically injured as a result of the physical abuse. DCP&P was granted, care, custody of H.M. and after she was discharged from the hospital, she was placed in a resource home.

**Historical Information:**

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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:** NA

**Types of Service Provided:** NA

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

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**Child Fatality**       **Child Near Fatality**

**Victim Information:**

**Identifier (Initials):** L.M.R.                      **Gender:**Female  
**Date of Birth/Age:** 04/01/17                      **County of Residence:**Mercer

**Incident Information:**

**Date of Incident:** 08/21/19                      **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**08/22/19

**Allegation Type:**       Abuse                       Neglect

**Disposition:**                       Substantiated                       Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident:** The child L.M.R. was left in the care of her mother's (B.K.) paramour (M.T.) when B.K. went to work. M.T. called B.K. and said L.M.R fell. B.K. contacted a family member and upon their arrival to the home, L.M.R. was discovered unresponsive and 911 was contacted. L.M.R. was transported to the hospital where L.M.R. was pronounced deceased. M.T. admitted to burning L.M.R. with bath water, beating and suffocating L.M.R. M.T. also sexually assaulted L.M.R. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was asphyxia (suffocation). M.T. was charged with Murder, Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the 1st degree and Sexual Assault and is currently incarcerated.

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

**Historical Information:**

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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:**NA

**Types of Service Provided:**NA



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

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**Child Fatality**       **Child Near Fatality**

**Victim Information:**

**Identifier (Initials):** N.A.                      **Gender:**Female  
**Date of Birth/Age:** 01/25/19              **County of Residence:**Monmouth

**Incident Information:**

**Date of Incident:** 11/22/19              **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**05/03/19

**Allegation Type:**       Abuse               Neglect

**Disposition:**               Substantiated               Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident:** The child N.A. was in the care of her mother N.C when she was found unresponsive while taking a nap on the attic floor. The family had been residing in an attic of a relative's home and the child did not have proper sleeping arrangements and was sleeping on the floor with a blanket. N.A. was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced dead. The autopsy revealed concerns of malnutrition and failure to thrive for N.A. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was malnutrition and failure to thrive due to weight loss. N.A. parents', N.C. and R.V., were substantiated for Neglect.

**Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):**3 year old brother (R.A.) and 1 year old sister (N.A.) resided in the home and there were no concerns regarding malnutrition/failure to thrive for the surviving siblings. R.A. and N.A. remained in the care of N.C. and R.V.

**Historical Information:**

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

- Open (Date Opened:      )               Closed (Date Closed:08/24/2017 )               Not Previously Known
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On 01/27/2017 a CPS was generated with concerns of environmental neglect. The family was residing in a basement and there were concerns of mold, dust and bed bugs. The investigative finding was Not Established. The family was receiving services from a home visitation program and the children were referred to Early Intervention Services. The case was closed on 08/24/2017.

**Types of Service Provided:**Home Visitation Program

**Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:**The N.C. household case had been closed with DCP&P for 2 years prior to the death. The last contact was a MVR on 08/15/2017.

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**Child Fatality**       **Child Near Fatality**

**Victim Information:**

**Identifier (Initials):** N.B.                      **Gender:**Male  
**Date of Birth/Age:** 06/08/17              **County of Residence:** Mercer

**Incident Information:**

**Date of Incident:** 04/11/20              **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 04/12/20

**Allegation Type:**       Abuse               Neglect

**Disposition:**               Substantiated               Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident:** The child N.B. from Maryland was visiting his father, N.B. Sr., for a week. N.B. Sr. placed N.B. in the bathtub and left the bathroom to complete chores around the home. N.B. Sr. heard N.B. turn on the water and N.B. Sr. told him to turn off the water and he heard the water shut off. N.B. Sr. did not go in to the bathroom to check on N.B. and several minutes later, he called out to N.B. repeatedly and N.B. did not respond. Upon returning to the bathroom, N.B. Sr. found N.B. face down and unresponsive in the bathtub. N.B. Sr. contacted 911 and initiated CPR until the police arrived. The police and EMT took over CPR and N.B. was transported to St. Francis Medical Center. He was later transferred to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital where it was determined that he had no brain activity and he was pronounced deceased on 04/12/20. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was drowning. N.B. Sr. was substantiated for Neglect.

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

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**Types of Service Provided:NA**

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**Child Fatality**       **Child Near Fatality**

**Victim Information:**

**Identifier (Initials):** N.R.                      **Gender:** Male  
**Date of Birth/Age:** 04/23/2014              **County of Residence:** Philadelphia  
incident occurred in Cape May

**Incident Information:**

**Date of Incident:** 07/03/2020              **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 07/03/2020

**Allegation Type:**       Abuse                       Neglect

**Disposition:**               Substantiated               Suspected/Pending

**Description of Incident:** The child N.R. from Philadelphia was on vacation with his mother, 6-month old brother and other extended family members in Cape May NJ. N.R. and other minor family members were left unattended at the motel's pool. N.R. could not swim and was observed by other people at the motel to be at the bottom of the pool unresponsive. N.R. was pulled out of the water and 911 was contacted. The police and EMTs performed CPR and N.R. was transported to Cape Regional Health System where he was pronounced deceased. Earlier in the same day approximately 3 hours prior to the drowning, N.R. had to be pulled out of the pool by a guest due to his inability to swim. According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was drowning and the mother was substantiated for neglect

**Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only):** N.R. (male 6-month old). He was present at the motel with his mother but unharmed.

**Historical Information:**

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**Types of Service Provided:NA**

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