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## **REPORT ON THE FATALITY OF**

**Jacqueline Amber Barrise**

**BORN: May 28, 2011**  
**DATE OF FATALITY: May 28, 2011**

**FAMILY WAS KNOWN TO: Wayne County Children and Youth Services**  
**DRAFT DATED: October 2, 2012**

This report is confidential under the provisions of the Child Protective Services Law and cannot be released.

(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

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(23 Pa. C.S. 6349 (b))

**Reason for Review**

Senate Bill No. 1147, Printer's Number 2159 was signed into law on July 3, 2008 by [REDACTED]. The bill became effective on December 30, 2008 and is known as Act 33 of 2008; Department of Public Welfare must conduct a review and provide a written report of all cases of suspected child abuse that result in a child fatality or near fatality. This written report must be completed as soon as possible but no later than six months after the date the report was registered with Childline for investigation.

Act 33 of 2008 also requires that county children and youth agencies convene a review when a report of child abuse involving a child fatality or near fatality is indicated or when a status determination has not been made regarding the report within 30 days of the oral report to Childline. Wayne County did not conduct an internal review although they were required to because the report was [REDACTED], and the [REDACTED] was not completed within 30 days.

**Family Constellation:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Jacqueline Barrise	Victim Child (VC)	05/28/2011
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED]/1982
[REDACTED]	Father	[REDACTED]/1990
[REDACTED]	Sibling of victim child	[REDACTED] 2010
[REDACTED]	Half- sibling of victim child	[REDACTED] 2008
[REDACTED]	Half-sibling of victim child	[REDACTED] 2006
[REDACTED]	Half-sibling of victim child	[REDACTED] 2007
[REDACTED]	Paternal Grandmother to victim child and [REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	Paternal Grandfather to victim child and [REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	Paternal Grandmother of [REDACTED]	

**Notification of Near Fatality:**

On June 10, 2011, Childline and Wayne County Children and Youth Services (WCYS) received a referral from [REDACTED]. The allegation was that VC's mother delivered the VC in the family vehicle. The mother and father's plan was to take the VC to [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Hospital. However, the father killed the VC and buried her in the woods. This information surfaced because on June 9, 2011 the [REDACTED] Police went to the [REDACTED] home. They were looking for the VC's mother; there was a warrant out for her arrest due to [REDACTED] on two older half siblings of the VC. The older half siblings resided with their [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. The two older children have a different father than the VC. While the [REDACTED] were at the [REDACTED] home of the victim child, the [REDACTED] expressed concern about the VC. They stated that VC's mother had a baby recently and father stated he took the baby to [REDACTED] through a local hospital. The [REDACTED] called all the local hospitals and could not locate the VC. This launched the investigation. [REDACTED] called the [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] located the family and the VC's father admitted to killing the VC. The father was listed as the [REDACTED]. At this time it was not clear if mother had any knowledge of what the father had done with the VC. The report was [REDACTED] for serious bodily injury. The Northeast Regional Office of Children, Youth and Families received the report of the fatality.

**Summary of DPW Child Fatality Review Activities:**

The Northeast Regional Office of Children and Youth Human Service Program Representative met with the Child Protective Services Supervisor, Caseworker, Assistant Director and Director to discuss this case. The Program Representative had obtained and reviewed the entire file regarding this family.

**Summary of Services to the Family:**

No Services were being provided to the family by WCCYS or any other agencies in Wayne County or [REDACTED].

#### Children and Youth Involvement Prior to Incident:

On May 4, 2011 [REDACTED], from [REDACTED] called WCCYS and requested a courtesy home visit. [REDACTED] requested this home visit because they wanted to close an intake. [REDACTED] had received a referral on the family on April 21, 2011. At that time the allegations were that the family was living in a hotel room and there were several adults living with them that were allegedly not suitable guests. There was also no food and children, half siblings ages three and one, were not being bathed. The family was staying in the hotel because they were in the process of moving. The family moved into an apartment and [REDACTED] saw the apartment and family and determined that everything was fine at that time. The family then suddenly moved from [REDACTED] to Wayne County Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] was not aware that the VC's mother was pregnant when they called WCCYS to check on the family. The VC's mother has three older children not residing in her care. In 2007, she was [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] on her oldest child who has special needs, this child was placed with a [REDACTED]. The VC's mother had two more children who are in the custody of their [REDACTED], this was a private arrangement between VC's mother and [REDACTED]. The VC's mother's fourth child [REDACTED] and her fifth child [REDACTED] reside with her and the VC's father. The VC's mother's fifth child is a full sibling to the VC. On 5/12/11, WCCYS attempted a home visit to the address they were given. They were denied access by the development security because this family was not registered as residing in this gated community. On 5/24/11, after confirming the address with [REDACTED], WCCYS made another attempt to see the family. This time development security confirmed they were registered and residing in the development. A WCCYS caseworker made an unannounced visit and no one was home, so a card was left in the door instructing the family to contact the caseworker. On 6/2/11 and 6/6/11, WCCYS called [REDACTED] to see if they could close the referral after no contact. [REDACTED] agreed to case closure.

#### Circumstances of Child Fatality and Related Case Activity:

On June 10, 2011, WCCYS received a report of VC's death. The VC was identified as Jacqueline Barrise born on May 28, 2011, it was also determined upon investigation that the VC died on May 28, 2011. [REDACTED] initially received information from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had received concerns from the [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] knew the VC's mother was pregnant and had given birth. They knew this because their [REDACTED] them the VC's mother had given birth in the family vehicle. She stated she was in the vehicle along with her [REDACTED] (victim child's father) and one year old nephew. She stated after the VC's mother gave birth to the baby, the VC's father dropped her, the VC's mother and one year old nephew off at their home [REDACTED]. The VC's father left with the VC. When he returned to the residence he did not have the VC with him. The [REDACTED] of the VC did not know anything else. The VC's mother stated that she was told by the VC's father that he had taken the VC to [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] because they were giving the VC up for adoption. The VC's mother was in agreement with this. The [REDACTED] of the VC called all of the local hospitals and could not locate the VC. The [REDACTED] came to their home looking for the VC's mother; they had a warrant for her arrest for [REDACTED] on two older children residing with their paternal grandmother. [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] of the situation. This is when [REDACTED] called the [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] located the family. The VC's father admitted to killing the VC. He stated he took the VC to his place of employment [REDACTED] and killed the VC with a cinder block. He then buried the VC in the woods under that cinder block. The [REDACTED] found the VC's body and arrested both parents. It was later determined that the VC's mother had knowledge of what the VC's father had done, although she denies this.

#### Current / Most Recent Status of Case:

On June 10, 2011 the VC's siblings were placed informally with kin in [REDACTED]. They were placed in the same home [REDACTED]. On September 28, 2012, the one year old sibling was removed from the kinship home due to conflict between the two children, he was [REDACTED] in New Jersey. The other half sibling of the VC, age 3, continues to reside in the original kinship home. [REDACTED].

The case was [REDACTED]. The VC's father is an [REDACTED] and the VC's mother is an [REDACTED]. The VC's father pled guilty and was sentenced to life in prison.

without parole. The VC's mother pled guilty to third degree murder and is awaiting sentencing which is scheduled for December 6, 2012.

**Statutory and Regulatory Compliance:**

- \*Safety was accessed for all the children in the home.
- \*Kinship homes were located for the children.
- \*The investigation was conducted in a timely manner.
- \*All parties were interviewed and received rights letters.

WCCYS did not have an internal county review in accordance with Act 33 of 2008. The Agency did conduct a Multi-Disciplinary Team meeting which was held on July 26, 2011.

**Findings:**

NERO concurs with the findings of WCCYS. This case is [REDACTED] and parents are both incarcerated. WCCYS immediately assured safety of the other children and sought out appropriate relatives for the children to be placed with.

**Recommendations:**

An internal review should have been conducted in accordance with Act 33 of 2008. This case required an internal review because it was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went over 30 days. The Northeast Regional Office has informed WCCYS of the need for the internal agency review and will meet with the Agency to go over guidelines of Act 33 of 2008.