



# **REPORT ON THE FATALITY OF:**

**Ky'mani Moore**

**Date of Birth: 05/14/2017**

**Date of Incident: 12/21/2018**

**Date of Death: 12/21/2018**

**Date of Report to ChildLine: 05/06/2019**

**CWIS Referral ID: [REDACTED]**

## **FAMILY KNOWN TO COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY AT TIME OF INCIDENT OR WITHIN THE PRECEDING 16 MONTHS:**

Lycoming County Children and Youth Services

### **REPORT FINALIZED ON:**

12/13/2019

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(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

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

**Reason for Review:**

Pursuant to the Child Protective Services Law, the Department, through OCYF, must conduct a review and provide a written report of all cases of suspected child abuse that result in a 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.

The Child Protective Services Law also requires that county children and youth agencies convene a review when a report of child abuse involving a fatality or near fatality is substantiated or when a status determination has not been made regarding the report within 30 days of the report to ChildLine.

Lycoming County did convene a review team in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law related to this report. The review team was convened on 06/03/2019.

**Family Constellation:**

<u>First and Last Name:</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Ky'mani Moore	Victim Child	05/14/2017
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED] 1998
[REDACTED]	Mother's Paramour	[REDACTED] 1987
[REDACTED]	half sibling	[REDACTED] 2019
[REDACTED]	Father	[REDACTED] 1998

\* Denotes an individual that is not a household member or did not live in the home at the time of the incident, but is relevant to the report.

**Summary of OCYF Child (Near) Fatality Review Activities:**

The Central Region Office of Children, Youth and Families (CROCYF) reviewed case records pertaining to the [REDACTED] family. CROCYF representative engaged Lycoming County Children and Youth Services' [REDACTED] to obtain records, to review the incident, and to review the agency's subsequent findings.

**Summary of circumstances prior to Incident:**

Information from Lycoming County CYF indicated that the family was known to the agency.

Lycoming County CYF received a report on 11/09/2018 that involved the victim child's [REDACTED] in relation to [REDACTED]. The CYF agency indicated that the [REDACTED] was employed at the time, and that [REDACTED]. It was documented that [REDACTED], and services from CYF were deemed not necessary.

**Circumstances of Child Near Fatality and Related Case Activity:**

Lycoming County CYS received the fatality report on 05/06/2019. The report to the CYS agency did not occur until the victim child's full autopsy results were received and at which time the authorities ruled that the victim child's death was due to abuse. It was reported that the victim child did not have any external signs of abuse when he died.

On the date of the incident, 12/21/2018, law enforcement was dispatched to the home due to a report of an unresponsive child. The child was transported to a regional hospital where he subsequently passed away. The autopsy revealed prior fractures of the skull, ribs, and fingers and bleeding in the abdomen. The cause of death was bleeding to the stomach due to acute and chronic blunt force injuries. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] denied hurting the child nor could [REDACTED] explain what caused the child's injuries. Lycoming County CYS reported that the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

During the investigation, the victim child's [REDACTED] At the time of this report, the family is open for services, and the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is currently incarcerated on charges stemming from [REDACTED] unrelated to the fatality. [REDACTED]

**County Strengths, Deficiencies and Recommendations for Change as Identified by the County's Child Fatality Report:**

- Strengths in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families:
  - The Act 33 team assessed that the agency complied with all statutes, regulations and services to children except for the timely notification to the [REDACTED] in this case due to the request by law enforcement. The agency has also cooperated with all law enforcement and other counties Agencies during the course of this investigation.
- Deficiencies in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families:
  - N/A

- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on reducing the likelihood of future child fatalities and near fatalities directly related to abuse:
  - N/A
- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on monitoring and inspection of county agencies:
  - N/A
- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on collaboration of community agencies and service providers to prevent child abuse:
  - N/A

**Department Review of County Internal Report:**

The CROCYF received Lycoming County CYS' Child Fatality Report on 07/24/2019. Upon review of the documentation, the CROCYF assessed that the information efficiently described the incident, the actions taken by the agencies involved, and the status of the case. There were no issues or concerns regarding the content of the report.

**Department of Human Services Findings:**

- County Strengths:
  - At the time of this report, the CROCYF has not identified areas of strength.
- County Weaknesses:
  - At the time of this report, the CROCYF has not identified areas of weakness.
- Statutory and Regulatory Areas of Non-Compliance by the County Agency:
  - At the time of this report, the CROCYF has not identified areas of regulatory non-compliance.

**Department of Human Services Recommendations:**

The CROCYF has no recommendations in regards to this incident and the subsequent investigation by Lycoming County CYS.