



**OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
OFFICE OF JUVENILE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT**

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**Review of the Near-Death of T.B.
Of Tulsa County, Oklahoma**

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request for a public report regarding the near-death of T.B. A charge of Child Neglect was filed in Tulsa County District Court on August 3, 2016, against Monique Bibbs the child's mother, a Person Responsible for the Child (PRFC). On September 6, 2016 this case was approved for a drug court investigation. On September 20, 2016, Monique Bibbs was set for specialty court plea on September 29, 2016. On this date Monique Bibbs waived the jurisdiction of the court, jury or non-jury trial, speedy trial rights and pleaded guilty. The court withheld the finding of guilt for her to participate in the Specialty Court Program. Monique Bibbs was ordered to be under the supervision of the Department of Corrections Division of Probation and Parole. Monique Bibbs participated in the Specialty Court/Drug Court program until May 2, 2019 at which time the court terminated her participation in and rendered a finding of guilty. She was sentenced to three years and six months in the Department of Corrections, receiving credit for time served. The court further ordered that Monique Bibbs be under post imprisonment supervision for nine months after release from custody.

Authorization

The following is a summary of the actions taken by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS); the dates and outcome of investigations and actions taken by the OKDHS; the actions taken by the district attorney; the dates and summary of judicial proceedings; and the rulings of the court, as authorized by 10A O.S. Section 1-6-105.

Identifiers:

Child's Name: T.B.
Age at time of Incident: Three months old
Date of Near Death: July 30, 2016
Alleged PRFC: Monique Bibbs
Sibling One: Five years old
Sibling Two: Seven years old

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) did not become aware of this case until after the near-death of T.B.

Near Death Incident

The mother, Monique Bibbs, brought T.B. to a medical facility where the child was diagnosed with alcohol intoxication with delirium. The mother explained that the child had been left with a sitter while she and a friend went out drinking. She reported that she watched the friend put Vodka in a water bottle so they would not have to pay for drinks while they were out. Monique reported that in the morning when she prepared T.B.'s bottle she grabbed a water bottle on the counter. She later stated the water bottle was on the bedside table. She used the water bottle to mix the formula then fed it to the baby. After just a few ounces the mother stated the child became upset and when she burped the child, she smelled alcohol.

The OKDHS made an overall finding of Substantiated in regard to the allegation of Neglect/Near Death/Poisoning as to the mother. The allegations of Neglect/Threat of Harm/Substance Abuse, Neglect/Failure to Protect and Neglect/Failure to Provide Adequate Nutrition as to the child's father were Ruled Out.

The OKDHS did not request a petition be filed on behalf of the three children in the home and documented that the children were safe with the father.

Prior Involvement of the PRFC with the Department of Human Services

The family does have prior involvement with the OKDHS and of those prior reports five are pertinent to the Near-Death Incident.

The first pertinent report was received On May 27, 2009, and alleged that the parents were smoking PCP in the presence of a ten week old child. It also alleged the mother, Monique, had dropped the child two times; once from a standing position and once from a couch. The OKDHS investigated the allegations and documented that Monique reported that the parents did not use drugs, and there had been no recent incidents of domestic violence. Monique was reported by OKDHS to have stated that the allegations were made by a relative on whom Monique had made a report about their parenting and this report was retaliation. The OKDHS made an overall finding of Services Not Needed.

The second pertinent report was received by the OKDHS on February 21, 2011. The report alleged that the mother had given birth and at the time she tested positive for Benzodiazepines, Opiates and Marijuana. The report documented that the baby's meconium had been sent for testing. The mother reported she had a prescription for Lortabs which accounted for the Opiates in her system. She admitted that she did smoke marijuana and that she took a friend's Xanax. The mother reported she suffered from anxiety, bipolar and developmental delays. The mother denied any prior substance abuse history. The OKDHS made an overall finding of Unsubstantiated-Services Recommended.

The third pertinent report was received by the OKDHS on July 27, 2011, and alleged that the mom was drinking alcohol and doing drugs around the children. It was further alleged

that she spanked Sibling One excessively and when she was angry with the father she would take it out on Sibling One. The OKDHS accepted the report as an Assessment. The OKDHS documented that Sibling One was safe.

The fourth pertinent report was received by the OKDHS on April 15, 2016, which alleged that when T.B. was born Monique tested positive for Marijuana. The meconium had been sent for testing and the medical facility was waiting on the results as to the new child. The child was small at birth and had blood sugar issues but it was reported there were no signs of withdrawal noticed.

The OKDHS screened out the report and documented that “Infants urine negative. No indication other children are not having basic needs meet. Meconium still pending – if it comes back positive and new referral will be entered.”

The fifth pertinent report was received by the OKDHS on April 25, 2016. The report documented that T.B.’s meconium test came back as positive for marijuana. The OKDHS made an overall finding of Unsubstantiated and recommended that the mother follow through with counseling services for herself and her children. It was also documented that OKDHS recommended parenting classes.