

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

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Review of the Death of Andrew Prior

of Tulsa County, Oklahoma

General Information

On September 5, 2014, the Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request for a public report regarding the death of three-year-old Andrew Prior. A Felony Child Abuse Murder charge was filed in Tulsa County District Court on September 2, 2014, against Mallory Krajian, the child's foster mother.

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 DHS; 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:	Andrew Prior
Age at time of Incident:	Three-years-of-age
Date of Death:	August 31, 2014
Person Responsible for the Child:	Mallory Krajian Peter Krajian

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) did not have a prior report that was pertinent to this incident.

Death Incident

The Death Report was received by the Tulsa County OKDHS on August 27, 2014. Reportedly, three-year-old Andrew Prior was in a hospital due to falling off the arm of a couch, hitting his head, and having a seizure. Andrew Prior was scheduled to have brain surgery due to bleeding on his brain. Andrew Prior was also alleged to have a large bruise on his right forearm that was reported to have been caused by a closing car door.

The OKDHS accepted this report as a Priority I Investigation. This investigation was ongoing. Reportedly, on August 28, 2014, upon further medical evaluation, he had bilateral retinal hemorrhaging and a subdural hematoma with a midline brain shift. Andrew Prior died on August 31, 2014.

Prior Involvement with the Department of Human Services

Andrew Prior and siblings were known to the OKDHS and had been placed in the OKDHS custody. They were placed into the foster home of Mallory and Peter Krajian in August of 2013.

There had been one prior pertinent report of alleged abuse/neglect regarding Andrew Prior and siblings while in the Krajian Foster Home.

Report to the OKDHS Alleging Abuse/Neglect (October 21, 2013)

The report was received on October 21, 2013, and assigned as a Priority II Investigation with two days to initiate contact with the alleged victim. Reportedly, Andrew and his two siblings resided in the foster home of Mallory and Peter Krajian. Allegedly, the children had been previously sexually abused prior to coming into the OKDHS custody. The children have continued to act out sexually. The foster mother, Mallory Krajian, reported older sibling #2 had sex with older sibling #1 while at a babysitter's home. Allegedly, the older sibling #2 tried to do this with Andrew Prior, too.

The OKDHS made a finding of Unsubstantiated as to the allegations of Neglect-Failure to Protect and Sexual Behavior/Lack of Supervision. A staffing was held by the OKDHS to determine if the older sibling #2 needed a therapeutic foster home. The OKDHS documented smelling marijuana when entering the foster home and older sibling #1 and #2 disclosed they had been spanked by the foster parents. Mallory Krajian denied using marijuana and spanking the children. The OKDHS documented there would be unannounced visits made by the Permanency Planning worker and the Foster Care worker to the foster home.

Judicial proceedings prior to the child's death

Placement into the Krajian Foster Home (August 23, 2013) (Tulsa County)

Andrew Prior and his siblings were placed into Mallory and Peter Krajian's Foster Home on August 23, 2013.

Removal from Krajian Foster Placement (August 26, 2014) (Tulsa County)

Andrew Prior and his siblings were removed from the Krajian Foster Home on August 26, 2014. Older sibling #1 was placed in another OKDHS approved foster home and older sibling #2 was placed in a shelter.

Felony charges filed (September 2, 2014) (Tulsa County) A Felony charge of Child Abuse Murder was filed by the District Attorney's Office as to Mallory Krajian on September 2, 2014.