

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

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**Review of the Death of Arrow Hyden
of Tulsa County, Oklahoma**

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request for a public report regarding the death of Arrow Hyden. Charges of Child Neglect, Unlawful Possession of Controlled Drug - Methamphetamine were filed in Tulsa County District Court on January 19, 2016, against Kevin Crawford, a Person Responsible for the Child (PRFC). A charge of Child Neglect was filed in Tulsa County District Court on January 22, 2016 against the mother of the child Anna Hyden a Person Responsible for the Child (PRFC).

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:	Arrow Hyden
Date of Birth	July 19, 2015
Date of Death:	January 16, 2016
PRFC:	Anna Hyden Kevin Crawford

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) did not become aware of this case until after the death of Arrow Hyden.

Death Incident

The OKDHS reported that Arrow Hyden, five-months-old was brought to the hospital at 4:19 p.m. on January 16, 2016. The child was going into cardiac arrest and was in critical condition upon arrival. It was reported to the OKDHS that when tubes were placed into Arrow's throat, a fluid came out which was described as septic indicating

that he had an infection. It was also reported to OKDHS that Arrow suffered a Pneumothorax which indicated the child had a collapsed lung.

It was reported to OKDHS that the mother, Anna Hyden, had allegedly left Arrow in the care of her boyfriend, Kevin Crawford, while she was out running errands. When the mother returned she found Arrow unresponsive. The paramedics were called at that time. When local law enforcement arrived, the PRFC, Kevin Crawford left the scene and at the time of the report his whereabouts were unknown. The mother was reported to have allegedly stated that her boyfriend had disciplined the baby for crying just hours before he died.

It was also reported that the family was allegedly living in a shed that was unheated, uninsulated, and had no water, and no gas. It was reported that the child was allegedly sleeping in the attic in the shed.

The OKDHS Investigation into the death of Arrow is still pending at the time of this public report .

Prior Involvement of the PRFC with the Department of Human Services

There are five prior involvements with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services which are pertinent to the child's death.

A report was received by the OKDHS on July 20, 2015, which reported that Arrow Hyden tested positive for marijuana at Arrow's birth.

According to OKDHS documentation the report had initially been accepted as a Priority II with five days in which to initiate contact with the child victim but was then "inadvertently screen [sic] out in initial disposition"

A second report was received by the OKDHS on July 22, 2015, which alleged that Arrow was still experiencing withdrawal symptoms and that the mother had used illegal drugs while she was pregnant.

The OKDHS documented that the child's drug screen came back negative for substances however the medical records documented that the child's fecal matter tested positive for marijuana. The OKDHS documented that the mother admitted during an interview with OKDHS that she only used marijuana. During a home visit by OKDHS on July 22, 2015, the baby was reported to be sleeping in "a baby bathtub with a blanket for the night." The mother stated she planned to get a crib the next day for the child.

Anna and her boyfriend were interviewed together and they both denied domestic violence.

A report was received on August 3, 2015, and August 28, 2015, by the OKDHS alleging that the mother had used illegal drugs and had failed to follow-up with medical care. Both of these reports were screened out as duplicates to the open July 22, 2015 investigation.

The OKDHS documented that when they went to the family home on August 31, 2015 to check on the family, the worker observed "a random man standing outside on the

porch with bloodshot eyes and obsessed with a cat on the porch.” The worker requested that he go get the parents. When Anna’s boyfriend came to the door, the worker documented that he looked as if he had just woken up and had bloodshot eyes. He was slurring his words and was hard for the worker to understand. He stated that Anna was not there but had gone to court and would not be back until later. The worker asked to see Arrow and do a diaper check. Anna’s boyfriend stated he had just gotten up and had friends over at that time. He then stated just a minute and when he came back to the door he was carrying Arrow who was naked. He refused to allow the worker access to the home. The worker documented no marks or bruises on the child.

On September 1, 2015 the OKDHS documented a home visit where the worker presented the parents with allegations of medical neglect for having missed a doctor’s appointment for the child. Anna stated the only doctor’s appointment she had missed was her own.

The worker also asked Anna’s boyfriend about his new criminal charges. He reported that he was charged with possession of methamphetamine and that it was his own fault for accepting the methamphetamine as payment for a job he did. He denied having used the methamphetamine and stated he was “caught at the wrong time.”

The worker documented a discussion with Anna and her boyfriend together about developing a safety plan due to her boyfriend’s new charges and Anna’s inconsistency with medical appointments. They told the worker they would think about it and get back with her. The worker documented that after staffing with the supervisor it was determined it would not be beneficial for a safety plan to happen “due to there not being enough evidence for a safety threat.”

The OKDHS documented that on September 15, 2015 in an attempt to contact Anna, her boyfriend responded to a message left for her and reported that she was no longer in his home and was living with a friend. He then told the worker that Anna was at his home at the present time. The worker spoke with Anna who agreed to accept a Parent Aide and a referral for a substance abuse assessment.

The OKDHS documented an overall finding of Unsubstantiated in regards to Neglect-Threat of Harm-Substance Abuse. They did document concerns in regard to the mother and her boyfriend’s history of drug abuse and referred them for services. A Family Service Agreement documented substance abuse treatment and parent assistance services as the recommendations by the OKDHS.

On December 19, 2015, the OKDHS received a report which stated that the mother was homeless and that she and Arrow had nowhere to go. The OKDHS documented that the manager of a metro motel had taken Anna Hyden and Arrow to a local medical facility to be evaluated. Reportedly Anna was sharing a room at the motel with a girlfriend. A disturbance occurred and police responded.

The police reportedly left the child with Anna because she had a diaper bag, blankets and formula.

The OKDHS documented on December 19, 2015, that the mother presented at the Emergency Medical facility where she was evaluated, with red eyes and sniffing constantly. Anna Hyden admitted to OKDHS that she was not stable and had not been for some time. Anna also admitted to using methamphetamine within the last two days and did test positive for amphetamines. Anna stated to OKDHS that she “snorts, shoots or smokes the meth and it doesn’t matter.” Anna stated that she leaves Arrow with a babysitter when she uses for a couple of hours but “sometimes he is with her.” Anna reported to OKDHS that she started using again when she broke up with her previous boyfriend and was sad which had been about six weeks earlier. Anna reported that when Arrow was born he tested positive for marijuana but nothing else. The mother admitted that she drank and used heroin up to her second trimester as she heard it did not affect the baby up to that time. She stated she was not currently using heroin.

That same date December 19, 2015, the OKDHS documented that Anna Hyden and Arrow Hyden attended a Child Safety Meeting (CSM) at the OKDHS office, where a safety plan was developed. The safety plan was that Anna and Arrow Hyden would reside with a friend she had known for six months, until Anna was able to have an intake appointment with a service provider. The CSM documented that the mother did not have a safe or stable home environment and there was concern that Anna had abused substances “as recent as 5 days ago.” The action steps for the CSM were that the mother would follow up with the intake at a service provider and that the OKDHS would check back in sixty days to make sure Anna had followed up with a service provider. It was also documented the worker would staff with the District Director to determine if the case was appropriate for a Family Centered Services case.

The OKDHS documented a Safety Plan on behalf of Arrow Hyden was created during the Child Safety Meeting based on the fact that Anna admitted to methamphetamine use and that she sometimes had the infant with her when she used. The plan to manage the safety threat was that Anna and Arrow would stay with a friend Anna had known for six months. It was noted that the monitoring frequency would be daily. The Safety Plan was dated December 19, 2015.

The OKDHS noted at the bottom of the documentation that Anna and Arrow did not go to the safety monitor’s home.

On December 21, 2015, the OKDHS documented going to the safety monitor’s home to check on Anna and Arrow after the Child Safety Meeting and found she wasn’t there.

This investigation was pending when Arrow died but has since been completed on January 20, 2016. The OKDHS documented that the allegations of Failure to Provide Adequate Nutrition and Inadequate Physical Care were Unsubstantiated while the allegations of Inadequate or Dangerous Shelter and Threat of Harm were Substantiated.

Judicial proceedings prior to the child’s death

There were no prior pertinent Judicial proceedings in regard to Arrow Hyden.