



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

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**Review of the Death of Amelia Tuell  
Oklahoma County, Oklahoma**

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**General Information**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request for a public report regarding the death of Amelia Tuell. As a result of Amelia's death, one felony count of First Degree Murder was filed against the boyfriend of Amelia's biological mother, Michael Lee Bradley, a Person Responsible for the Child (PRFC). The charge was filed by the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office on July 10, 2018.

**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: Amelia Grace Tuell  
Date of Birth: October 26, 2017  
Date of Death: July 2, 2018  
PRFC: Michael Lee Bradley  
Sibling 1: Three-years-old

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) did not become aware of this family until after the death of Amelia Tuell.

**Criminal Charges**

The Oklahoma State Courts Network (OSCN) system documented that charges were filed against Michel Lee Bradley on July 10, 2018, as Criminal Felony proceedings. The charge of Murder in the First Degree-Child Abuse was filed by the Oklahoma County District Attorney's office.

## **Child Death Incident**

The OKDHS received a report that Amelia Tuell was found unresponsive in the family home by Mr. Bradley on July 1, 2018. According to the documentation, Mr. Bradley claimed he tripped over Amelia then called 911 and reported that Amelia was having a hard time breathing. Upon medical evaluation, Amelia was diagnosed with a brain bleed, six spiral fractures, elevated liver enzymes, liver lacerations, bruising on the neck, forehead, back and an injury to the tongue. At the time of the report, Amelia was in critical condition and had a poor prognosis of survival. Amelia passed away as a result of her injuries on July 2, 2018.

The OKDHS accepted this report as a Priority I Investigation. According to the documentation, law enforcement arrived at the family home and observed the infant inside the door of the home, on her back, arms and limbs spread out. Mr. Bradley and the biological mother were down on the ground attempting to perform CPR. Medical personnel arrived right after law enforcement and began to work on the infant. Amelia was then transported to a medical facility where she was admitted in critical condition. The mother also reported that Sibling 1 was left at home in the care of Mr. Bradley when the incident occurred.

During the course of the OKDHS investigation, Mr. Bradley initially stated he fell asleep after the mother went to the store. Mr. Bradley then said he woke up and checked on Amelia and she was on the carpet, slumped down, belly down, and on the side of her face. Mr. Bradley reported at this time he picked up Amelia. Mr. Bradley then went on to report that he blacks out when he is angry and if he hurt Amelia, he does not remember it. He also reported it was possible that Sibling 1 or an unknown assailant could have injured Amelia.

The OKDHS documented that the mother reported she had walked to the store and was gone for approximately one hour. She reported that when she arrived back home, Mr. Bradley told her he did not know what was wrong with Amelia but she was not breathing. The mother then called 911.

The OKDHS documented that the mother was reportedly aware that Amelia and Sibling 1 had unexplained bruising while left alone in the care of Mr. Bradley and did not intervene on their behalf. The mother also reported that Mr. Bradley was the disciplinarian in the home.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined that the probable cause of Amelia's death was Abusive Head Trauma and the manner of death was Homicide.

The OKDHS made a finding of Substantiated on the investigation and requested emergency custody of Sibling 1 on July 2, 2018. The OKDHS requested a petition for immediate termination of parental rights to the surviving sibling for Heinous and Shocking Abuse.

**Prior Involvement of the PRFC with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services**

There were no prior pertinent reports of involvement with the OKDHS.

**Judicial proceedings prior to the child's death incident**

There were no prior pertinent judicial proceedings prior to the death incident.