

Office of Juvenile System Oversight

REVIEW OF THE DEATH OF LOCKLYNN MCGUIRE OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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OVERVIEW

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request to conduct a case review concerning the death of two-year-old Locklynn McGuire.

On December 8, 2025, the biological mother, Darci Marie Lambert and biological father, Jordan Nathaniel McGuire received a felony charge of murder in the first degree by the Oklahoma County District Attorney. The preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 7, 2026.

IDENTIFIERS

Child's Name:	Date of Birth:	Date of Death:
Locklynn McGuire	December 12, 2022	November 18, 2025
Person Responsible for Child (PRFC):	Additional Identifiers:	
Darci Marie Lambert Jordan Nathaniel McGuire	Sibling One: Seven years Sibling Two: Deceased	

ACTIONS

The release of the following summary of the actions taken by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) and the proceedings in the district court is authorized by 10A O.S. § 1-6-105(H).

The OJSO did not become aware of this case until after the death incident of Locklynn McGuire.

DEATH INCIDENT

On November 19, 2025, the death report was received by the OKDHS office in Oklahoma County. The Oklahoma City Police Department and Child Welfare conducted a joint response investigation regarding Locklynn McGuire being found dead by the mother. It was reported that the family's dog attacked and killed Locklynn. Locklynn was pronounced dead at the scene.

- OKDHS accepted the report as a Priority I Investigation.

INVESTIGATION

The persons interviewed during the investigation included the biological mother, Darci Marie Lambert, biological father, Jordan Nathaniel McGuire, Sibling One and various third parties.

Child Welfare responded to the family's home after receiving a child death report. Child Welfare arrived at the home and observed Locklynn McGuire to be deceased in her bedroom with multiple visible injuries to different parts of her body. Ms. Lambert reported she arrived home from work and could hear breathing coming from Locklynn's room but did not check on Locklynn immediately after getting home. Ms. Lambert reported she heard noises from the bedroom and when she opened the bedroom door, she saw Locklynn on the floor and the family's dog standing over Locklynn. Ms. Lambert denied the dog having a history of being aggressive towards humans and reported the dog had been sleeping in the room with Locklynn since she was six months old. Ms. Lambert reported Locklynn had been seen at Children's Hospital a few weeks prior due to injuries to her ears and stated she initially believed the dog had caused the injuries. Ms. Lambert reported she was told by the doctor that the lacerations in Locklynn's ears did not appear to be caused by the family dog, but more than likely caused by the bed springs. Ms. Lambert reported she allowed the dog to be in the room with Locklynn after that incident.

Mr. McGuire reported he put Locklynn to bed around 8:30 p.m. and shortly after, he also went to bed. He stated he woke up to Ms. Lambert telling him Locklynn had been killed by the dog. Mr. McGuire reported the dog was protective of Locklynn and denied the dog being violent towards Locklynn. He reported a few weeks prior, Locklynn had injuries to the ears that the doctor's believed were caused by the bed springs.

The evening of Locklynn's death, Sibling One was found safe in the care of the legal guardians. However, Sibling One visits her mother's home on occasion. During the investigation, Sibling One reported witnessing Locklynn getting her ears hurt by the dog. Sibling One also reported Locklynn was hurt by the dog after Locklynn hit the dog on the head, but Sibling One was unable to provide any more details. The Report of Investigation by Medical Examiner listed the manner of death as Accident. The Report indicated Locklynn had multiple injuries of head and neck which included lacerations, abrasions, and contusions.

- OKDHS made a Substantiated finding of Neglect/Failure to Protect by Ms. Lambert and Mr. McGuire to Locklynn McGuire.
- OKDHS made an Unsubstantiated finding of Abuse/Confinement by Ms. Lambert and Mr. McGuire to Locklynn McGuire.
- OKDHS made a Substantiated finding of Neglect/Threat of Harm by Ms. Lambert and Mr. McGuire to Locklynn McGuire and Sibling One.
- OKDHS made a Substantiated finding of Neglect/Death by Ms. Lambert and Mr. McGuire to Locklynn McGuire.
- OKDHS made an Unsubstantiated finding of Neglect/Failure to Protect by Legal Guardians to Sibling One.

PRIOR INVOLVEMENT OF THE PRFC WITH OKLAHOMA DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES

There were four pertinent reports prior to the death incident of two-year-old Locklynn McGuire.

Pertinent Report 1

On April 13, 2020, the first pertinent report was received by the OKDHS office in Grady County. It was reported there were concerns for the newborn, Sibling Two, as the parents had an open deprived case involving their other child. It was reported the child in custody was receiving unsupervised contact, overnight visits, and the case was pending pretrial reunification.

- OKDHS accepted the report as a Priority I Investigation.

Investigation

During the investigation, it was determined that Ms. Lambert and the Father to Sibling Two had successfully completed the court ordered services from the deprived case and had been actively participating in the case.

During the investigation, it was reported the newborn had lost weight after birth. Ms. Lambert reported she was following the doctor's recommendations. It was confirmed with medical collaterals that the child's weight was no longer an issue prior to closure. The Permanency Planning Specialist reported the parents had been cooperative and had been actively participating in the case and reported no safety concerns with the newborn going home. Sibling Two was found to be safe in the care of both parents and a deprived petition was not requested.

- OKDHS made an Unsubstantiated finding of Neglect/Threat of Harm by Ms. Lambert to Sibling Two.
- OKDHS made an Unsubstantiated finding of Neglect/Failure to Provide Adequate Nutrition by Ms. Lambert to Sibling Two.

Pertinent Report 2

On July 24, 2020, the second pertinent report was received by the OKDHS office in Grady County. It was reported Oklahoma City Police Department responded to the home due to child being found unresponsive by the father upon waking up.

- OKDHS accepted the report as a Priority I Investigation.

Investigation

Both parents reported Biological Father to Sibling Two had been sleeping with Sibling Two on the couch. The parents reported Ms. Lambert woke up the Father to Sibling Two who was sleeping on top of infant prior to the incident and was then moved to the end of the couch. It was reported Ms. Lambert then left the home and Father to Sibling Two was left to care for the children. Father of Sibling Two reported he noticed the infant was not moving and called 911. Detective assigned to the case reported the death of the child appeared to be an accident related to co-sleeping. Sibling One was in OKDHS custody at the time, but in trial reunification with the parents. Permanency planning and service providers reported the parents had been making good progress in completing their services and reported no safety concerns at the time. Personal collaterals reported the parents had been participating in their case and appeared to be making progress. Personal collaterals reported no concerns for parenting or safety.

- OKDHS made an Unsubstantiated finding of Neglect/Death by Ms. Lambert and Father to Sibling Two.
- OKDHS made an Unsubstantiated finding of Neglect/Threat of Harm by Ms. Lambert and Father to Sibling One.

Pertinent Report 3

On September 23, 2025, the third pertinent report was received by the OKDHS office in Oklahoma County. It was reported there were concerns about Locklynn being exposed to marijuana as she tested positive for THC. It was reported she was taken to the hospital by the parents after Locklynn was having a hard time staying awake. It was further reported that the parents reported they know what Locklynn looks like when under the influence of THC which is why they did not believe Locklynn had ingested marijuana. The parents reported Locklynn is in the same room when the parents smoke which causes Locklynn to be under the influence as well.

- OKDHS accepted the report as a Priority I Investigation.

Investigation

Ms. Lambert reported she took Locklynn to the hospital due to Locklynn falling asleep while eating. Ms. Lambert stated she knew something was wrong. Ms. Lambert reported to Child Protective Services that she was not sure how Locklynn got a hold of their THC edibles as they were stored in their bedroom. Ms. Lambert initially reported she and Mr. McGuire smoke in the same room as Locklynn and reported Locklynn had experienced being contact high. Ms. Lambert reported she had spoken to Locklynn's doctors about obtaining a marijuana card for Locklynn. In a later interview, Ms. Lambert denied Locklynn is in the same room when marijuana is being smoked. Mr. McGuire denied smoking marijuana around Locklynn. A lockbox was purchased after the incident to keep the marijuana secure. Personal collaterals did not report safety or parenting concerns. Sibling One was reportedly not having contact with Ms. Lambert at the time and was not interviewed. Medical collaterals were not interviewed. Locklynn

was found to be safe in the care of Ms. Lambert and Mr. McGuire. Referrals for services were made for the family.

- OKDHS made an Unsubstantiated finding of Neglect/Threat of Harm by Ms. Lambert and Mr. McGuire to Locklynn McGuire.

Pertinent Report 4

On November 7, 2025, the fourth pertinent report was received by the OKDHS office in Oklahoma County. It was reported there were concerns of physical abuse of Locklynn after arriving at the hospital with both ears bleeding. It was suspected Locklynn's ears had been pulled. It was reported Ms. Lambert stated she had arrived home from work and heard Locklynn screaming in her room. Ms. Lambert believed the pitbull in the home caused the injuries, but the treating doctor did not believe a dog had caused the injuries. It was further reported that Ms. Lambert reported Mr. McGuire had been sleeping the whole time Locklynn had been screaming.

- OKDHS accepted the report as a Priority I Investigation.

Investigation

Locklynn was observed by Child Protective Services but was not interviewed due to her age. Sibling One initially denied any of the dogs living in the home hurting anyone at the home, but during the forensic interview reported the dog had hurt Locklynn's ears. Mr. McGuire and Ms. Lambert reported Ms. Lambert put Locklynn to sleep and then Ms. Lambert ran to the store. They reported Mr. McGuire took his medication which makes him sleepy, which is why he took it when Locklynn went to bed. Ms. Lambert returned from the store and found Locklynn crying and bleeding. Both parents reported they did not know how Locklynn's ears got hurt and stated they knew the dog had not caused the injuries. Medical records indicate Ms. McGuire reported she found Locklynn screaming in the room with lacerations to the ear. According to the medical records[TP1.1], Ms. Lambert reported the family's dog was in the same room as Locklynn and assumed the dog had caused the injuries. The medical records indicate there were concerns for non-accidental trauma. The lacerations were repaired and the child was recommended to follow up with the SAFE clinic.

Sibling One was found to be safe in the care of the legal guardians. During this investigation, a new referral involving the death of Locklynn was received on November 19, 2025.

- OKDHS made a Substantiated finding of Abuse/Other by Ms. Lambert and Mr. McGuire to Locklynn McGuire.
- OKDHS made a Substantiated finding of Abuse/Threat of Harm by Ms. Lambert and Mr. McGuire to Sibling One.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PRIOR TO THE CHILD'S DEATH

The OJSO identified one judicial proceeding prior to the child death incident. The proceeding involved Sibling One who was removed from the care of Ms. Lambert on December 18, 2017. The child was removed due to Neglect/Threat of Harm allegations. The parents failed to make the behavioral changes necessary for reunification. The case was closed and Sibling One was placed in a guardianship with relatives during September 2021.