

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

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**Review of the Near-Death of F.J.
of Osage County, Oklahoma**

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request for a public report regarding the near-death of F.J. A charge of Child Abuse by Injury was filed by the Osage County District Attorney on February 26, 2015, against Matthew Gilley, the child's paternal uncle and 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:	F.J.
Age at time of Incident:	Eighteen-Months-Old
Date of Near Death:	February 24, 2015
Alleged PRFC:	Matthew Gilley

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

Near Death Incident: F.J. was removed from the biological parents on December 11, 2014, and placed in a Kinship Foster Care placement by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) on that same date. The OKDHS recommended that the children be dismissed from custody and remain in the Out of Home placement with the paternal relatives where the child was placed upon removal. The OKDHS further

recommended that the family receive services through a Family Centered Services (FCS) case. The family agreed that they would comply with the Out of Home placement and FCS case during a meeting with OKDHS on December 22, 2014. The case was not documented to be an FCS case until January 29, 2015. The transfer meeting to make the case an FCS was held January 7, 2015.

On February 24, 2015, F.J. was taken by ambulance to a local Emergency Room at 9:52 a.m. The PRFC, Matthew Gilley, was reported to have stated that the child was fine when the child woke up, that he put the child's hair in a ponytail and the child went to play. He stated the child then suffered a seizure of some kind, fell and hit the child's head on a table. The local medical facility life flighted F.J. to a metropolitan hospital at 10:23 a.m. where the child was admitted in critical condition and immediately had neurosurgery to relieve the brain swelling from a subdural hematoma. The child was also documented to have multiple bruising all over the child's body.

Judicial proceedings prior to the child's near death: F.J. was removed from the parents' custody on December 11, 2014. The Court case was dismissed on December 31, 2014, but the child remained in the out of home placement with the paternal Uncle under an Immediate Protective Action Plan.