

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

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Review of the Near Death of A.G.

of Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request for a public report regarding the near death of four-month-old A.G. A Felonious Child Abuse by Injury charge was filed by the Pottawatomie County District Attorney on April 24, 2015, against Cody Reid Lunsford, the mother's boyfriend.

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:	A.G.
Age at time of Incident:	Four-months-of-age
Date of Near Death:	February 27, 2015
Person Responsible for the Child:	Cody Reid Lunsford
Sibling 1:	4 years old

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

Near Death Incident

The near death report was received by the Pottawatomie County OKDHS on February 27, 2015. Reportedly, A.G. was found hypothermic and critical at admittance to the hospital. A.G. had a small facial abrasion, bruising on the left side and petechial under the left eye along the nasal bridge. Allegedly, A.G. fell off of a bed and possibly hit a table next to the bed. Cody Lunsford, stated the bed was regular size, but he did not

provide any other details. Reportedly, A.G. had been brought to the hospital only in a diaper and a car seat. A.G. was found to be hypothermic and unresponsive to stimuli at admittance. According to Mr. Lunsford, he had attempted to contact the mother unsuccessfully. He was reported to be very upset regarding the child's condition.

The OKDHS accepted this report as a Priority I Investigation. Upon admission to the hospital, A.G. was found to have a skull fracture; a complex subdural hematoma; retinal hemorrhaging on both eyes; bruising on and in the right ear, right eye lid, and neck; petechial on the face; and was hypothermic. Medical personnel advised the injuries were caused by non-accidental trauma. A.G. remained in the hospital for three days. The OKDHS in Pottawatomie County had the hospital release AG to a relative and A.G.'s mother. At the conclusion of the investigation, the OKDHS made an overall finding of Substantiated and A.G. and Sibling 1 were placed into OKDHS custody and a deprived petition was filed by the District Attorney's Office in Pottawatomie County on March 17, 2015.