

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

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**Review of the Near Death of C.M.
Of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma**

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request for a public report regarding the near death of C.M. A charge of Child Abuse was filed in Oklahoma County District Court on August 21, 2015, against Jonathan David McKee, 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:	C.M.
Age at time of Incident:	Twenty eight days
Date of Near Death:	August 1, 2015
Person Responsible For the Child:	Jonathan David McKee

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

Near Death Incident

On August 1, 2015, C.M. was taken to an emergency room by ambulance at approximately 6:00 a.m. The child was reported to not be breathing right and had gone limp when Jonathan went to pick the child up. The child had a skull fracture, rib fracture, air trapped in his chest cavity, multiple brain bleeds, and retinal hemorrhaging. It was reported that the child had spent twelve days in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at birth.

Initially the Persons Responsible for the Child reported that they had taken the child with them to a party on July 31, 2015, until 3:30 a.m. They reported there was an argument at the party and they went outside and left C.M. with a relative, anywhere from 15

minutes to an hour. The mother reported she fed C.M. at approximately 3:30 a.m. The parents then reported they went home around 4:00 a.m. and placed C.M. in his bassinette. Jonathan reported hearing C.M. cry and then scream around 5:45 a.m. Jonathan stated that he got out of bed, picked up C.M. and went to make him a bottle. Jonathan then stated that C.M. was breathing weird, like sighing and while he held him, C.M. went limp and his head rolled back. Jonathan reported an attempt to do CPR. It was at that point the parents called 911. It was reported that other than the time the infant spent with the relative, he had been only in the care of his parents.

The OKDHS placed C.M. in custody on August 5, 2015. The OKDHS Substantiated the allegation of Failure to Protect and Abuse: Near Death.

It was documented that a medical professional reported that C.M.'s injuries did not happen while at the party in the care of his relative as his symptoms would have begun minutes after the initial trauma ruling out the relative as a perpetrator. Due to the Heinous and Shocking nature of C.M.'s injuries the OKDHS requested that an immediate termination of parental rights petition be filed on his behalf.

C.M. remained in a medical center for nine days after which time which he was placed in a foster home where he remains.

Prior Involvement of the PRFC that was Pertinent to the Near Death

None

Judicial proceedings prior to the child's near death

There were no juvenile judicial proceedings in regard to this family prior to the near death.