

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

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Review of the Near Death of K.B.

of Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request for a public report regarding the near death of K. B. Biological father, Kyle Stevens Blackford, was criminally charged with three felonious counts of Child Abuse by Injury and two counts of Child Neglect. Biological mother to K.B., Jeana Lott, was criminally charged with two felonious counts of Child Abuse by Injury and two counts of Child Neglect. Both parents are the Persons 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 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: K.B.

Age at time of Incident: Two years of age

Sibling: one sibling

Persons Responsible for the Child: Kyle Stevens Blackford and Jeana Lott

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) did not have a prior report that was pertinent to this incident.

Near Death Incident

The near death report was received by the Pittsburg County OKDHS on January 7, 2017. Reportedly, K.B. had been taken to a hospital due to frostbite on his feet. K.B. was found to have lice, a distended stomach, and a possible head bleed. The sibling had redness on the child's lower extremities and the feet were swollen. The OKDHS accepted this

report as a Priority I Investigation. The OKDHS made an overall finding of Substantiated with a request for Immediate Termination of parental rights. K.B. and the sibling were placed into the OKDHS Emergency Custody on January 12, 2017.

Jeana Lott was sentenced to ten years in the Department of Corrections as to one count of Child Abuse by Injury and two years of probation, which will be supervised by Probation and Parole. The other count of Child Abuse by Injury and the two counts of Child Neglect were dismissed on September 1, 2017. On August 31, 2017, Kyle Blackford received two fifteen year sentences as to two counts of Child Abuse by Injury, serving ten years within the Department of Corrections and twenty years out of the Department of Corrections. He also received a fifteen year sentence as to one count of Child Neglect, serving five years in the Department of Corrections and ten out. All sentences are to run concurrently. The third charge of Child Abuse by Injury and the second charge of Child Neglect were dismissed.

Prior Pertinent Involvement with the Department of Human Services

Kyle Blackford and Jeana Lott were known to the OKDHS. K.B. and the sibling were also known to the OKDHS. There were five prior reports of alleged abuse/neglect.

The first report was received on May 29, 2014, and assigned as a Priority II Investigation with two days to initiate contact with the alleged victim. Reportedly, there were allegations of substance abuse and domestic violence with the biological father, Kyle Blackford, and the biological mother of the sibling. During the course of the investigation, the OKDHS generated an allegation of Inadequate or Dangerous Shelter as to the sibling by the biological mother.

The OKDHS Substantiated the allegation of Inadequate or Dangerous Shelter and recommended the family engage in a Family Centered Services (FCS) case and a Comprehensive Home-Based Services (CHBS) case. The mother failed to cooperate with CHBS and FCS. The father successfully completed the FCS case with the OKDHS and obtained legal custody of the sibling.

The second report was received on August 19, 2014, and was Screened Out by the OKDHS. Reportedly, the mother abandoned the sibling. The OKDHS FCS worker was notified of this report and addressed the concern.

The third report was received on February 24, 2015, and was assigned as a Priority Two with two days to initiate contact with the alleged victim. Reportedly, the biological father, Kyle Blackford, did not have any food in the home, there was no running water, and he was abusing substances while caring for the sibling. During the investigation, it was reported that the father's girlfriend, Jeana Lott, allegedly had shaken the sibling.

The OKDHS Unsubstantiated the allegations and recommended Parent Aide Services, however, the OKDHS was not able to make contact with the father thereafter.

The fourth report was received on August 1, 2016, and was assigned as a Priority Two with two days to initiate contact with the alleged victim. Reportedly, Jeana Lott and Kyle Blackford had been using methamphetamines on a regular basis and not adequately caring for K.B. and the sibling.

The OKDHS Unsubstantiated the allegations and recommended Parent Aide Services, Sooner Start, and a substance abuse assessment for Kyle Blackford. There is no record that these services were initiated and/or provided.

The fifth report was received on November 3, 2016, and assigned as a Priority Two with two days to initiate contact with the alleged victim. Reportedly, K.B. and the sibling had bug bites on their bodies, K.B. had a significant diaper rash, and the home was in deplorable condition.

The OKDHS was not able to make a finding as the father, Kyle Blackford, failed to cooperate with the OKDHS.