

## Office of Juvenile System Oversight

# REVIEW OF THE NEAR DEATH OF C.K. OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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## OVERVIEW

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request regarding the near death of eleven-month-old C.K. A felony charge of two counts of Child Neglect was filed by the Ottawa County District Attorney on January 17, 2020, against the biological mother, Kiley Edens. The case was dismissed on October 28, 2021, and will be refiled in a tribal court of appropriate jurisdiction. A felony charge of two counts of Child Neglect was filed by the Ottawa County District Attorney on January 17, 2020, against the biological father, Guthrie Killough. The case was dismissed on November 2, 2021, and will be refiled in a tribal court of appropriate jurisdiction.

## IDENTIFIERS

Child's Name:	Age at Time of Incident:	Date of Near-Death Incident:
C.K.	Eleven Months Old	October 2, 2019
Person Responsible for Child (PRFC):	Additional Identifiers:	
Kiley Edens Guthrie Killough	Sibling One: Four Years Old	

## ACTIONS

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

The OJSO did not become aware of this case until after the near death of C.K.

## NEAR-DEATH INCIDENT

The OKDHS office in Ottawa County received the near-death report on October 2, 2019. Reportedly, eleven-month-old C.K. was admitted to a medical facility in critical condition. C.K. was sweaty and restless, with a heart rate of 187. The mother, Kiley Edens, stated she thought C.K. may have gotten into a bag of methamphetamines.

The OKDHS accepted this report as a Priority I Investigation.

## INVESTIGATION

The persons interviewed during the investigation included the biological mother, Kiley Edens, the biological father, Guthrie Killough, and various third parties.

The OKDHS documented that C.K. tested positive for methamphetamines at a medical facility on October 2, 2019.

The OKDHS documented that Ms. Edens and Mr. Killough denied methamphetamine use when they were first

interviewed on October 2, 2019. Ms. Edens and Mr. Killough admitted to marijuana use but denied ever using marijuana around C.K. or Sibling One. The OKDHS documented that Ms. Edens and Mr. Killough took a drug test on October 2, 2019. Ms. Edens and Mr. Killough both tested positive for methamphetamines.

The OKDHS documented that Ms. Edens and Mr. Killough admitted to methamphetamine use on October 3, 2019, but denied ever using methamphetamine around the children. Ms. Edens and Mr. Killough stated they started smoking methamphetamine about three weeks before October 3 as they were stressed. Ms. Edens stated methamphetamine helped her stay aware and gave her energy.

The OKDHS documented that the third parties denied knowledge of drug use in the home or around the children. The third parties denied any safety issues or concerns in the past, and the children's basic needs were always met.

- The OKDHS made a Substantiated Finding of Neglect/Near Death by Kiley Edens and Guthrie Killough to C.K.
- The OKDHS made a Substantiated Finding as to Neglect/Threat of Harm by Kiley Edens and Guthrie Killough to Sibling One.

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

The OJSO identified one pertinent report of child abuse prior to the near-death incident of one-year-old C.K.

### Pertinent Investigation 1

The OKDHS office in Ottawa County received the report on October 26, 2018. Reportedly, the mother, Kiley Edens, tested positive for marijuana at the birth of C.K. C.K.'s cord blood came back positive for marijuana.

- The OKDHS accepted the report as a Priority II Investigation.

The OKDHS documented Ms. Edens stated she suffered from anxiety and depression, and she used gummy bears with THC and smoked marijuana to help alleviate her anxiety. Ms. Edens denied ever smoking marijuana around Sibling One. The OKDHS documented that C.K. did not present with any side effects. Ms. Edens stated she would not breastfeed.

The OKDHS documented Mr. Killough stated he was aware Ms. Edens smoked marijuana a couple of times towards the end of the pregnancy. Mr. Killough stated Ms. Edens had pain in her lower back, and the marijuana helped her. Mr. Killough denied ever seeing Ms. Edens incapacitated and unable to take care of the children. Mr. Killough admitted to smoking a joint from time to time.

The OKDHS documented that third parties denied knowledge of any drug use by Ms. Edens and Mr. Killough. The third parties denied any concerns for the safety of the children.

- The OKDHS made a Substantiated Finding with Services Recommended as to the allegation of Neglect/Threat of Harm by Kiley Edens to C.K. and Sibling One.

## JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PRIOR TO THE CHILD'S NEAR DEATH

The OJSO identified no relevant judicial proceedings prior to the near-death incident.