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Rockledge, Florida



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Decedent: Gregory Edwards Jr.

Case Agent: Agent Wayne Simock

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Location of Incident: 4029 Gardenwood Circle
Grant, FL

Decedent: Gregory Lloyd Lorenzo Edwards Jr.
Male
DOB: December 19, 2018

Involved: Kathleen Edwards
Margarita Bonilla

BCSO Investigators: Lieutenant Robert Vitaliano
Sergeant Troy Deavers
Agent Wayne Simock – Case Agent
Agent Wendy Wheeler
Agent Philipp Urbanetz

BCSO Crime Scene Unit: Sergeant Terry Laufenberg
CSI Mercedys Kroom
CSI Stephanie Haas

Investigative Overview

On June 27, 2020, at approximately 9:49 a.m., the Brevard County Sheriff's Office received a 911 emergency call from a female, identified as [REDACTED], who resided at 4029 Gardenwood Circle, Grant. The emergency 911 telephone call was transferred to Brevard County Fire Rescue (BCFR) Dispatch. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] later identified as Gregory Edwards Jr. (Gregory Jr.), had fallen into the pool and he was not breathing. [REDACTED] stated that Gregory Jr. was pulled out of the pool and [REDACTED] later identified as Margarita Bonilla, was attempting to revive Gregory Jr.

[REDACTED] was provided specific instructions by the BCFR emergency 911 dispatcher on how to perform CPR, while the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and Brevard County Fire Rescue were being dispatched to the residence. [REDACTED] was instructed by the 911 dispatcher to place Gregory Jr. on his back and tilt his head slightly back. [REDACTED] advised the 911 dispatcher as she did this, water came out of Gregory Jr.'s mouth. The emergency 911 dispatcher then provided instructions on how to perform chest compressions and rescue breaths, which [REDACTED] confirmed she was attempting to perform.

As the 911 dispatcher continued to provide instruction, [REDACTED] was asked if she knew how long Gregory Jr. had been in the water. [REDACTED] stated she did not know because she was "looking all over the house," because she thought Gregory Jr. was inside. [REDACTED] stated, "It took me like a good five, ten minutes to find him." At the conclusion of the emergency 911 telephone call, [REDACTED] confirmed that a deputy had arrived at her residence and she hung up the telephone.

As this emergency 911 telephone call was received, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office dispatched multiple deputies to the residence. Deputy Chad Massolini arrived first at the residence at approximately 9:56 a.m. and met Kathleen outside the residence. Deputy Massolini observed the front door was open and asked Kathleen where the infant was located. Kathleen stated Gregory Jr. had been removed from the water and was in the living room. Kathleen advised Gregory Jr. was not breathing and was not responsive.

Once inside the residence, Deputy Massolini observed an adult female, later identified as Margarita Bonilla, inside the residence. She was with a young female child, later identified as [REDACTED] Edwards [REDACTED]. They were standing outside a bathroom that was adjacent to the living room, then Ms. Bonilla had taken [REDACTED] into the bathroom.

Deputy Massolini maneuvered around a couch that was in the living room to assess the infant, Gregory Jr., who was lying in a supine position on the living room floor. Gregory Jr. was wearing a diaper, which was secured around his waist. Deputy Massolini was unsure if the diaper was wet, but described it as "bloated." Deputy Massolini immediately started performing lifesaving CPR measures on Gregory Jr.

Kathleen informed Deputy Massolini that Gregory Jr. was in the water for approximately 10 minutes before he was found. Kathleen stated she had stopped performing CPR on Gregory Jr. for fear of breaking a rib prior to the deputy arriving.

Deputy Massolini advised that BCFR personnel arrived (approximately 10:00 a.m.) and entered the residence. Once inside the residence, BCFR personnel moved the couch in the living room so they could assume lifesaving measures on Gregory Jr. Deputy Massolini continued CPR measures on Gregory Jr. until relieved by BCFR personnel.

Soon after BCFR arrived at the residence, Deputy Mark Rozecki and Corporal John Jennings arrived on scene. When Deputy Rozecki entered the residence, he observed BCFR personnel performing lifesaving measures on Gregory Jr., who was lying on the living room floor. Kathleen, Ms. Bonilla and [REDACTED] were all observed inside the residence.

Deputy Rozecki stated, prior to BCFR transporting Gregory Jr. to the hospital, Kathleen exited the residence, entered a vehicle and left the area. Ms. Bonilla then took custody of [REDACTED] and walked outside to leave the residence as well. Ms. Bonilla was observed talking to neighbors prior to leaving the area. The neighbors were identified as Mr. Ryan Slingsby and Ms. Jessica Slingsby, who reside at [REDACTED] Grant, FL. The deputy overheard Ms. Bonilla inform the neighbors, "I told her there were too many children here. We got them to leave and then this happens."

FTO Nunez arrived at the residence and observed Corporal Jennings, Deputy Rozecki and Deputy Massolini were already on scene along with BCFR.

As FTO Nunez approached the front door, Corporal Jennings stepped outside the residence and handed FTO Nunez a Florida driver's license for Kathleen Edwards. Corporal Jennings advised FTO Nunez that BCFR personnel were transporting Gregory Jr. to [REDACTED]. FTO Nunez was directed to follow the ambulance to the hospital to maintain a status on Gregory Jr.'s condition.

BCFR personnel then transported Gregory Jr. to the [REDACTED]

After BCFR personnel left the residence, Deputy Massolini walked over to the dining room sliding glass door. The door was closed, but unlocked. He walked outside and observed a picnic-style table on the lanai (screen enclosed back porch area with a pool), where there was a plate of food on the table. The lanai area was cluttered with several items. Deputy Massolini further observed an unsecured blue solar tarp covering a portion of the top of the pool water. Deputy Massolini did not observe any child safety features or precautions surrounding the pool area.

Deputy Rozecki and Corporal Jennings both observed a wet trail on the floor from the sliding glass door to the living room area where Gregory Jr. was first observed by the deputies. Deputy Rozecki also noticed some water spots in the bathroom adjacent to the living room.

Deputy Rozecki and Corporal Jennings conducted a security check of the residence, but did not locate anyone else inside. Deputy Rozecki was unable to lock the dining room sliding glass door.

Deputy Rozecki and Corporal Jennings also observed a blue in color solar tarp placed over a portion of the pool water. There was an area where the solar cover was lifted upward on the west side of the pool. Deputy Rozecki noticed holes in the deck area surrounding the pool for a child safety feature fence to be erected, however, the fence was not in place, nor was it observed in the area.

Deputy Rozecki and Corporal Jennings both advised that they did not have any conversation with Kathleen or Ms. Bonilla.

When FTO Nunez arrived at [REDACTED] he observed Kathleen entering the hospital. FTO Nunez turned on his agency issued audio recorder and met with Kathleen in the waiting room area of the emergency room. FTO Nunez returned Kathleen's driver's license and then engaged in a conversation with her in reference to the active drowning investigation. FTO Nunez advised that the recording captured an accurate depiction of his conversation with Kathleen.

During their conversation, Kathleen stated in summation:

Kathleen and her mother, Ms. Bonilla, were inside the house having a conversation about ensuring the safety of her children among other topics. Kathleen described how her mother was specifically instructing her on having the safety fence up around the pool so her children do not drown. Kathleen stated that she is an adult and "I still don't listen to my parents." While conversing with her mother, Kathleen stated she thought [REDACTED] and Gregory Jr. were inside the residence. Kathleen observed the pool door open, but only saw [REDACTED] and not Gregory Jr.

Kathleen then began looking around the residence, but could not find Gregory Jr. until after her estimated time period of 10 minutes, when Gregory Jr. was found floating in the pool (Refer to audio transcript for full details).

Additionally, FTO Nunez briefly spoke with Kathleen's mother, identified as Margarita Bonilla, who had also responded to [REDACTED]. This conversation was also recorded with FTO Nunez's agency issued audio recorder. Ms. Bonilla did not provide any substantial information related to the incident.

FTO Nunez took custody of Gregory Jr.'s wet diaper and black shorts after they were removed during life-saving measures at the hospital. FTO Nunez later transferred custody of the clothing as evidence to CSI Mercedys Kroom.

At approximately 10:26 a.m., I (Agent Wayne Simock) received a telephone call from Lt. Robert Vitaliano, in reference to this drowning investigation and that I was assigned as the lead agent. Lt. Vitaliano advised me to make contact with Agent Wendy Wheeler, who would be assisting with the investigation.

At approximately 10:31 a.m., I made contact with Agent Wheeler by telephone. Agent Wheeler informed me that she was responding to [REDACTED] to meet with family members of the child who was the subject of the drowning investigation. Agent Wheeler advised that patrol deputies (Deputy Massolini, Deputy Rozecki, and Corporal Jennings) were on scene at the residence on Gardenwood Circle and had secured the scene with crime scene tape. Crime Scene personnel had already been contacted and were responding to [REDACTED] and the Edwards' residence.

On June 27, 2020, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Agent Wheeler arrived at [REDACTED]. Upon exiting her vehicle, Agent Wheeler turned on her digital recorder as Kathleen approached her outside of the hospital. Agent Wheeler asked Kathleen if she wished to go inside to speak, at which time Kathleen advised she was wet from jumping in her pool and asked to remain outside in the heat. Kathleen proceeded to tell Agent Wheeler that she did not want any personnel of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office in her house. Agent Wheeler attempted to explain that the Sheriff's Office was conducting an investigation into the drowning incident. Kathleen confirmed [REDACTED] had contacted emergency 911 for assistance, but believed that law enforcement was trying to "criminalize" her. While attempting to speak to Kathleen, hospital staff informed Kathleen the doctor wished to speak to her further.

Kathleen then advised she did not wish to speak to Agent Wheeler and said she (Wheeler) could speak to her lawyer, Mr. Benjamin Crump. Kathleen further stated her life was in danger because BCSO harassed her prior to this incident. Agent Wheeler advised she did not know which incident Kathleen was speaking about. Kathleen continued to state that Sheriff Ivey came to her house, grabbed her, and violated her. Kathleen continued to state that BCSO was currently in her house, which are the same people that were trying to kill her. Agent Wheeler advised Kathleen once again, due to the nature of the circumstances, this incident had to be investigated. Kathleen then stated, "You don't have to come with six (6) cops, trying to kill somebody. Sheriff Ivey did that". Kathleen concluded their conversation and refused any further cooperation with the investigation. Kathleen then entered a different room to speak to a doctor and then was observed leaving [REDACTED]

At approximately 11:31 a.m., I arrived at [REDACTED] and met with Agent Wheeler, FTO Nunez, BCSO Victim's Advocate Peggy Brooks and CSI Mercedys Kroom. Agent Wheeler informed me she had attempted to speak with Kathleen, but she refused to provide a statement in regard to the drowning and referred Agent Wheeler to her attorney. Ms. Bonilla had also stated, at that time, she did not wish to speak with Agent Wheeler as well.

CSI Kroom photographed Gregory Jr. and collected the items of clothing evidence from FTO Nunez. CSI Kroom did not observe any obvious signs of trauma to Gregory Jr.

After being briefed by Agent Wheeler, I entered the waiting room area in an attempt to make contact with Ms. Bonilla. As I entered the waiting room area, I observed several unknown individuals with Ms. Bonilla. One of the individuals, a white female, was video recording Agent Wheeler and I with her cellular telephone.

I was able to make contact with Ms. Bonilla and provided her with a business card. Ms. Bonilla asked me, "What are all these people? This is ridiculous." I asked her if I could speak with her

and she initially responded by saying no. I asked Ms. Bonilla who was Gregory Jr.'s mother and asked where she was located. Ms. Bonilla stated Kathleen had left [REDACTED] and was driving to [REDACTED] where Gregory Jr. was being transported. Several unknown individuals attempted to interject themselves into my conversation with Ms. Bonilla. Ms. Bonilla told these individuals that she wanted to speak with me separately. One of the females stated "lawyer" to Ms. Bonilla several times. Ms. Bonilla told this individual that she understood.

Ms. Bonilla, Agent Wheeler and I went to a separate area of the waiting room and began speaking with each other. I explained to Ms. Bonilla who I was, and briefed her on my role in reference to the drowning investigation. Ms. Bonilla told me that she "didn't know what to believe anymore." Ms. Bonilla told me she wasn't trying to be disrespectful, but what they have been going through was not right.

I asked Ms. Bonilla if she could check with her daughter or her daughter's lawyer, to determine if they would consent to a search of Kathleen's residence. I explained to her that if I did not receive consent from Kathleen, I would have to obtain a search warrant. Ms. Bonilla contacted Kathleen via a cellular telephone in reference to my consent to search request. Within a few minutes, Ms. Bonilla advised Kathleen denied consent and directed the Sheriff's Office to obtain a search warrant.

I asked Ms. Bonilla if she could explain where Gregory Jr. was located in the pool so I knew where to look once a search warrant was obtained. Ms. Bonilla stated that she believed Gregory Jr. was with [REDACTED] in the backyard by the playground because Gregory Jr. was able to walk. Ms. Bonilla advised "they" (referring to herself and Kathleen) were looking for Gregory Jr. throughout the house. She saw the "cover" was on the pool and assumed Gregory Jr. was not in the water. She stated Gregory Jr. was eventually found underneath the cover in the pool.

As I was speaking with Ms. Bonilla, a nurse came out of the emergency room and advised that Gregory Jr. was being transported to [REDACTED]. Ms. Bonilla no longer wanted to speak with me, stating she wanted to assist Kathleen. Ms. Bonilla provided no further details of what occurred.

A family friend, Jessenia Nieves, offered to take temporary custody of [REDACTED] from Ms. Bonilla so she could go to [REDACTED]. Ms. Bonilla requested to retrieve several personal items from Kathleen's residence. Ms. Bonilla was advised I would meet her at the residence and help her to obtain the items. Ms. Bonilla requested when the search warrant was obtained and the search was completed, that I contact Ms. Nieves in order to secure the residence. I obtained Ms. Nieves' cellular telephone number [REDACTED] so I could contact her.

I notified Sergeant Troy Deavers in reference to the direction by Kathleen specifically notifying the Sheriff's Office the need to obtain a search warrant. Sergeant Deavers contacted Agent Philipp Urbanetz and requested he assist and author a search warrant for the residence located 4029 Gardenwood Circle, Grant.

At 12:31 p.m., I arrived at 4029 Gardenwood Circle and met with Corporal Jennings (who was standing in front of the residence). Crime scene tape surrounded the residence and pool area.

A short time after I arrived, I met with Ms. Bonilla who had returned to the residence. I escorted her into the residence so she could retrieve personal items from her bedroom. She collected her purse, clothing and work related items. Ms. Bonilla and I then exited the residence.

While waiting on the search warrant to be signed, I escorted several individuals in and out of the residence to retrieve personal items for [REDACTED], to let the dog out and to provide water for the dog. These individuals were identified as Jessenia Nieves, Lloyd Dabbs and Robert Burns. These individuals were not associated with the investigation and had no firsthand knowledge of what had occurred. They had all been contacted by Kathleen to allegedly assist with gathering personal items for [REDACTED] and care for their dog.

Agent Wheeler made contact with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) hotline to report the drowning investigation. At approximately 3:45 p.m., I met with DCF Child Protective Investigator (CPI) Nicole Steinle, who responded to the Edwards residence. I briefed CPI Steinle on the investigation, who advised she would be the lead DCF investigator for this investigation.

Agent Urbanetz completed the search warrant, which was reviewed and approved by the State Attorney's Office. The Honorable Circuit Court Judge Charles Crawford of the 18th Judicial Circuit was then contacted who reviewed and authorized the search warrant. Agent Wheeler delivered the signed search warrant to the residence, where it was executed at approximately 4:18 p.m.

CSI Stephanie Haas and CSI Mercedys Kroom entered the residence to document and process the scene. Digital photographs and measurements were recorded throughout the residence (which is documented in the crime scene section of this report). No physical items of evidence were collected from the residence.

At the conclusion of the search warrant, I conducted a walk-through of the residence along with Kathleen's neighbor (Ryan Slingsby) and friend (Jessenia Nieves). Mr. Slingsby secured the residence after I left. I gave custody of the residence and a copy of the search warrant to Ms. Nieves, as requested by Ms. Bonilla.

On July 2, 2020, at 8:23 p.m., I was notified by DCF CPI Nicole Steinle that Gregory Edwards Jr. had passed away at [REDACTED]. Gregory Edwards Jr. was pronounced deceased at 4:05 p.m. after being removed from life support.

I made contact with District 19 Medical Examiner's Office Investigator Vinny Recco, who confirmed the death. Investigator Recco advised that his office was in the process of bringing the decedent to their facility where an autopsy would be completed.

911 Call Transcription

Dispatcher: 911 where's your emergency?
4029 Gardenwood Circle, Grant, Florida 32949. baby fell in the pool.

Dispatcher: Let me give you over to the ambulance. Stay on the line.
Please.

Dispatcher: Fire Rescue. What is the address of your emergency?
4029 Gardenwood Circle, Grant, Florida. baby fell in the pool. He's not breathing.

Dispatcher: Okay, you said 4029 Grant Circle?
Um, Gardenwood Circle, sorry. It's in Grant, Florida.

Dispatcher: It's 4029, though?
Yes.

Dispatcher: Ok, how old is baby?
She's only one.

Dispatcher: Okay, is she out of the pool?
Yes, my mom's trying to pump his chest.

Dispatcher: Okay, does she know how to do CPR?
I don't think so. (Unintelligible) I used to, but I can't remember. Like I'm so (unintelligible) I'm freaking out.

Dispatcher: Okay (unintelligible) You have help that's on the way. So a little boy or a little girl?
It's a boy.

Dispatcher: Okay, is he awake now?
No, no he's like cold and (unintelligible). No.

Dispatcher: Okay, listen I'm gonna tell you how to do CPR okay. He's out of the water?
He's on the floor.

Dispatcher: Okay, is he flat on his back?
Yes.

Dispatcher: Do you have a defibrillator or AED available?
No.

Dispatcher: No, okay. Hold on just a second for me.
Come on bubba!

Dispatcher: Okay, what I need you to do, is put your, tilt his head back slightly. Do you see or feel anything in his mouth?
Yeah. Water is coming out of his mouth.

Dispatcher: Okay, keep doing what you're doing.
Keep doing what you're doing.

Dispatcher: Okay, are you doing the chest compressions?
No. So do the chest compressions?

Dispatcher: Okay, I need you to push down on his chest, about two inches only with the heel of one hand touching the chest. (Unintelligible) about thirty times at least twice per second. Make sure that chest comes all the way up between the thumbs. Okay, tell me when you're done with that.

██████████ One, two, three. Okay.
Dispatcher: You done with that?
██████████ Yeah.
Dispatcher: Okay.
██████████ (unintelligible)
Dispatcher: Okay, now with your hand underneath his neck, pinch his nose closed and carefully lift and tilt his head back again. You're going to give two breaths of air and then pump the chest thirty more times again. Okay, so that the heel of your hand on the breast bone center of his chest. Right between the nipples.
██████████ Thirty, okay I did it.
Dispatcher: Okay, go back and give him two breaths of air. And then thirty pumps. You're going to do that (unintelligible) rotations.
██████████ (unintelligible)
Dispatcher: Yeah, keep going. (Unintelligible) air. Not a full mouthful.
██████████ Sorry. Is anyone coming?
Dispatcher: Yes ma'am. They're already on the way. Keep going. How long has he been in the water?
██████████ I don't know. (Unintelligible) I don't know.
Dispatcher: Okay. What is your name?
██████████
Dispatcher: Alright ██████████ you're doing a great job. Keep going.
██████████ Two puffs. Not a lot of air. Two puffs.
Dispatcher: Two puffs and then thirty compressions.
Kathleen: Oh God. He's not moving or anything. I don't know if he's breathing.
Dispatcher: Okay, with him flat on his back, what I need you to do is to put your ear next to his mouth to see if you can hear air going in or out.
██████████ (Unintelligible) don't move him, don't do anything. Can you hear him? I don't hear nothing coming in or out.
Dispatcher: Okay, then continue to do the CPR. Okay, the two puffs of air and then thirty compressions.
██████████ And it's in between his chest right? Like in between his nipples.
Dispatcher: Yes ma'am, right between, in the center of his chest.
██████████ Okay, so one, two, three (unintelligible) Okay. Oh God (unintelligible)
Dispatcher: Keep going. Do you have any idea how long he was in the water?
██████████ No sir. It took me like, cause I was looking all over the house. Cause I thought he was inside the house. And it took me like a good five, ten minutes to find him.
Dispatcher: Okay. Keep going you're doing a great job.
██████████ Okay, here you go mom.
Dispatcher: Great job, keep going.
██████████ I hear some ambulance.
Dispatcher: Okay, keep going till they get there.
██████████ Okay.
Dispatcher: Do the compressions.
██████████ (Unintelligible)
Dispatcher: Keep going. Keep going till they take over.
██████████ They're coming. They're here. Thank you.

Dispatcher: Keep going till they let you (unintelligible)
[REDACTED] He's got it. There's an officer here.
Dispatcher: Okay you can hang up.

Interviews

Deputy Chad Massolini

On June 28, 2020, at 10:51 a.m., I met with Deputy Chad Massolini at 2725 Malabar Road, Malabar, FL. I conducted a voluntary, sworn, recorded interview with Deputy Massolini in reference to this investigation.

This is a synopsis of that interview:

On June 27, 2020, Deputy Massolini was working the day shift for the BCSO South Precinct. Deputy Massolini was wearing a BCSO Class B uniform, with agency patches affixed to the sleeves. He was driving a BCSO marked unit, equipped with emergency lights and sirens.

At approximately 9:50 a.m., Deputy Massolini was dispatched to 4029 Gardenwood Circle concerning a "juvenile drowning." The child was not breathing and unresponsive. Deputy Massolini activated his emergency lights and sirens and responded to the identified residence.

At approximately 9:56 a.m., Deputy Chad Massolini arrived at the residence. Deputy Massolini was met outside the residence by Kathleen Edwards. Deputy Massolini observed the front door was open and asked Kathleen where the child (Gregory Jr.) was located. Kathleen stated Gregory Jr. had been removed from the pool and was in the living room. Kathleen advised Gregory Jr. was not breathing and wasn't responsive.

Once inside the residence, Deputy Massolini observed an adult female (later identified as Margarita Bonilla) inside the residence. She was with a small female child, later identified as [REDACTED]. They were standing outside a bathroom that was adjacent to the living room. Ms. Bonilla then took [REDACTED] into the bathroom.

Deputy Massolini moved around a couch that was in the living room and observed Gregory Jr. lying in a supine position on the living room floor. Gregory Jr. was wearing a diaper, which was secured around his waist. Deputy Massolini was unsure if the diaper was wet, but described it as "bloated." Deputy Massolini stated he began performing CPR measures on Gregory Jr.

Deputy Massolini asked Kathleen how long Gregory Jr. had been in the water. Kathleen stated "they" (referring to herself and Ms. Bonilla) were unable to locate him and estimated his time in the water to be approximately 10 minutes. Kathleen told Deputy Massolini she had stopped performing CPR on Gregory Jr. for fear of breaking a rib.

Deputy Massolini described Kathleen's demeanor as "scared" not "frantic," but she was "fidgety" and could not stand still.

Deputy Massolini advised that BCFR personnel arrived (approximately 10:00 a.m.) and entered the residence. Once inside the residence, BCFR personnel moved the couch in the living room so they could assume life-saving measures. Deputy Massolini continued CPR on Gregory Jr. until relieved by BCFR personnel. BCFR personnel then transported Gregory Jr. to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED].

After BCFR personnel left the residence, Deputy Massolini walked over to the dining room sliding glass door. The door was closed, but unlocked. He walked outside and saw a picnic-style table on the lanai, where there was a plate with food on the table. The lanai area was cluttered with some additional items. He observed an unsecured blue cover on top of the pool water. Deputy Massolini did not see any child safety precautions or features surrounding the pool.

I asked Deputy Massolini if Kathleen was wet as if she had been in the water. Deputy Massolini believed Kathleen may have been wet, but could not specifically recall. Deputy Massolini stated he had observed a trail of water on the floor of the residence leading from the sliding glass door into the living room and to the front door area.

Deputy Mark Rozecki

On June 28, 2020, at 11:44 a.m., I met with Deputy Mark Rozecki at 2725 Malabar Road, Malabar, FL. I conducted a voluntary, sworn, recorded interview with Deputy Rozecki in reference to this investigation.

This is a synopsis of that interview:

On June 27, 2020, Deputy Rozecki was working the day shift for the BCSO South Precinct. Deputy Rozecki was wearing a BCSO class B uniform, with agency patches affixed to the sleeves. He was driving a BCSO marked unit, equipped with emergency lights and sirens.

At approximately 9:50 a.m., Deputy Rozecki responded to 4029 Gardenwood Circle for a "drowning." There was a "tone" issued by the Communication Center, advising there was a one-year-old child who had been removed from the water. BCFR dispatch was providing CPR instructions to the 911 caller. Deputy Rozecki activated his emergency lights and sirens and responded to the listed location.

Deputy Rozecki stated he arrived on scene simultaneously with Corporal John Jennings. BCFR personnel were already on scene. When Deputy Rozecki entered the residence, he observed BCFR personnel performing life-saving measures on Gregory Jr. Gregory Jr. was observed lying on the living room floor. Deputy Rozecki stated it appeared as if the couch had been separated. Gregory Jr.'s mother, Kathleen, was inside the residence. Gregory Jr.'s grandmother, Margarita Bonilla, and a female child, [REDACTED], were observed exiting a room adjacent to the living room.

Prior to BCFR transporting Gregory Jr., Kathleen entered her vehicle and left the residence in order to drive to the hospital. Ms. Bonilla took custody of [REDACTED] and walked outside to leave. Ms. Bonilla was observed talking in the direction of neighbors prior to leaving the area. The neighbors were identified as Mr. Ryan Slingsby and Ms. Jessica Slingsby (who resided at

[REDACTED], Grant, FL). Ms. Bonilla stated, "I told her there were too many children here. We got them to leave and then this happens."

Deputy Rozecki described Kathleen's demeanor as "distracted" and stated her clothing appeared to be dry.

Deputy Rozecki noticed a water trail on the floor from the sliding glass door to the living room area where Gregory Jr. was being treated. He also noticed some water spots in the bathroom adjacent to the living room.

Deputy Rozecki and Corporal Jennings conducted a security check through the residence and did not find anyone else inside the house. Deputy Rozecki attempted, but was unable to lock the dining room sliding glass door access to the porch area.

Deputy Rozecki observed a blue solar tarp placed over the pool water. There was an area where the solar cover was lifted upward on the west side of the pool. Deputy Rozecki noticed holes in the deck area surrounding the pool. The holes were there to place a child safety fence around the pool. Deputy Rozecki stated he did not observe a fence.

Deputy Rozecki advised that he never spoke with Kathleen.

Corporal John Jennings

On June 28, 2020, at 12:16 p.m., I met with Corporal John Jennings at 2725 Malabar Road, Malabar, FL. I conducted a voluntary, sworn, recorded interview with Corporal Jennings in reference to this investigation.

This is a synopsis of that interview:

On June 27, 2020, Corporal Jennings was working the day shift for the BCSO South Precinct. Corporal Jennings was wearing a BCSO class B uniform, with agency patches affixed to the sleeves. He was driving a BCSO marked unit, equipped with emergency lights and sirens.

At approximately 9:50 a.m., Corporal Jennings responded to 4029 Gardenwood Circle for a "child drowning call." Corporal Jennings activated his emergency lights and sirens and responded to the listed location.

As Corporal Jennings arrived, he saw that Deputy Massolini and BCFR personnel were already on scene. Corporal Jennings stated he and Deputy Rozecki arrived at the residence simultaneously.

Corporal Jennings stated he entered the residence and observed BCFR personnel performing life-saving measures on Gregory Jr. He additionally observed a water trail, coming from the pool area, through the sliding glass door and into the living room area. There was a couch observed in the living room that had been pulled apart to allow for BCFR personnel to provide medical care to Gregory Jr.

Corporal Jennings asked Deputy Massolini where the mother of the child was located. He pointed toward a back room where a female emerged from. The female, who was later identified as Kathleen Edwards, appeared to be frantic. Corporal Jennings did not speak with Kathleen nor did he hear her make any statements.

Corporal Jennings saw Gregory Jr.'s grandmother, Margarita Bonilla, inside the residence. She was in the company of a female child, [REDACTED]. Neither made any statements nor did Corporal Jennings ask them any questions. Ms. Bonilla and [REDACTED] left together to go to the hospital.

Corporal Jennings observed Kathleen's neighbors (Ryan Slingsby and Jessica Slingsby of [REDACTED], Grant) speaking with Ms. Bonilla as she exited the residence.

Corporal Jennings and Deputy Rozecki checked the Edwards' residence for any other individuals, but no one else was found inside. He stated they secured the residence as best they could (although he was unable to lock the rear sliding glass door leading to the pool area).

Corporal Jennings stated he observed a solar cover on top of the pool water and said it wasn't lying flat (there were sections where the cover was pulled back from the sides). He stated there was a flotation device on the west side of the pool next to the edge. The solar cover was pulled back and disturbed in that area. He observed a water trail from that area leading to the sliding glass door. I showed Corporal Jennings a photograph of the pool that I took on June 27, 2020, during the execution of the search warrant. Corporal Jennings identified the orange flotation device next to a step rail on the west side of the pool. The solar cover was pulled back slightly, exposing the steps into the pool. Corporal Jennings stated that this was the area where he had observed the water trail. This appeared to be the possible location where Gregory Jr. was removed from the pool.

Corporal Jennings did not observe any "childproof netting" surrounding the pool, which would have prevented a child from entering the water.

Corporal Jennings stated that Gregory Jr. was wet, but he could not recall Kathleen or Ms. Bonilla being wet. Corporal Jennings recalled Gregory Jr. may have been wearing a diaper.

FTO Andres Nunez

On June 30, 2020, at 9:53 a.m., I met with FTO Andres Nunez in Rockledge, FL. I conducted a voluntary, sworn, recorded interview with FTO Nunez, in reference to this investigation.

This is a synopsis of that interview:

On June 27, 2020, FTO Nunez was working dayshift for the BCSO South Precinct. He was wearing a BCSO class B uniform with BCSO patches affixed to the sleeves. FTO Nunez was driving a marked BCSO patrol vehicle, equipped with emergency lights and sirens.

While on patrol, FTO Nunez heard a service call being dispatched for a child who fell into a pool. Since multiple patrol units were responding in an emergency response mode, FTO Nunez

responded in a "routine" (no lights or sirens) response. Upon arrival, FTO Nunez saw that Corporal Jennings, Deputy Rozecki, Deputy Massolini and BCFR personnel were already on scene.

As FTO Nunez approached the front door, Corporal Jennings stepped outside the residence and handed him a Florida driver's license belonging to Kathleen Edwards. Corporal Jennings advised him that BCFR personnel were transporting the child (Gregory Jr.) to [REDACTED]. He was then directed to follow the ambulance to the hospital and monitor Gregory Jr.'s condition.

When FTO Nunez arrived at [REDACTED] he observed Kathleen entering the hospital. FTO Nunez activated his agency issued audio recorder and met with Kathleen in the waiting room area of the emergency room. FTO Nunez returned Kathleen's driver's license and then engaged in a conversation with her in reference to the drowning investigation. FTO Nunez advised that the recording captured an accurate depiction of his conversation with Kathleen. (Please refer to the transcript of the recording for details of their conversation.)

Additionally, FTO Nunez briefly spoke with Kathleen's mother, Margarita Bonilla, who had responded to [REDACTED]. This conversation was also recorded with FTO Nunez's agency issued audio recorder. Ms. Bonilla did not provide any substantial information related to the incident.

FTO Nunez advised during these conversations, he activated his agency issued voice recorder several times. He stated that his recorder went to a "playback mode" on two occasions, causing him to restart the recorder. FTO Nunez also turned his recorder off when he went into the emergency room area to speak with medical personnel.

FTO Nunez advised he took custody of Gregory Jr.'s wet diaper and black shorts after they were removed during life-saving measures at the hospital. He later gave the items of clothing to CSI Kroom at [REDACTED].

FTO Nunez later returned to the scene to assist with the crime scene security of the residence.

Kathleen Edwards

The following is a transcription of FTO Nunez's conversation with Kathleen Edwards at Sebastian River Medical Center:

FTO Nunez: Hi, are you mom?
Kathleen: Yeah.
FTO Nunez: Hi. Deputy Nunez. They're, they're working on baby and getting him in.
Okay?
Kathleen: Uh, huh.
FTO Nunez: Do you need, do you need me to help you with any information?
Kathleen: (unintelligible) they're going to try to stabilize him?
FTO Nunez: Okay.
Kathleen: But one of the deputies has my driver's license.
FTO Nunez: I have it.
Kathleen: (unintelligible) (laughing) I was like, I don't want to be

FTO Nunez: No worries. That's the least of your worries right now.
Kathleen: But we have um, we were looking for him in the house
FTO Nunez: Uh huh.
Kathleen: Because we didn't know he was outside.
FTO Nunez: Okay.
Kathleen: It's, I don't know how long he was in the water.
FTO Nunez: Okay. How old is he?
Kathleen: He's one.
FTO Nunez: Okay. Do you want to take a seat for a second?
Kathleen: Yeah.
FTO Nunez: Till we
Kathleen: Yes. I'm going to sit and wait
FTO Nunez: Got it. What's baby's name?
Kathleen: Gregory. His last name's Edwards.
FTO Nunez: And he has a middle name?
Kathleen: Uh, Lloyd Lorenzo. Its two L's (laughing)
FTO Nunez: Lloyd Lorenzo, no problem. And ZO?
Kathleen: Yeah.
FTO Nunez: And then what's his date of birth?
Kathleen: December 19, 2018.
FTO Nunez: 2019?
Kathleen: 18.
FTO Nunez: 18, okay
Kathleen: He's over, he's one and a half.
FTO Nunez: Okay. Um, so when's the last time you saw him, before he got into the pool?
Kathleen: Uh, we were all in the house...
FTO Nunez: Uh, huh.
Kathleen: And my daughter was in the. I thought they were, all the kids were in the house.
FTO Nunez: Okay.
Kathleen: But me and my mom were having a conversation
FTO Nunez: Okay.
Kathleen: And then, the next thing you know, I see the pool door open so I look outside and I don't see my son.
FTO Nunez: Um, huh.
Kathleen: I see my daughter outside. So I look in the house. Me and my mom look all over the house.
FTO Nunez: Um, huh.
Kathleen: Looking for my baby. And then I thought, let me check the pool.
FTO Nunez: Alright.
Kathleen: And he was in there, like I don't know how long.
FTO Nunez: Okay. It was in his...how did you find him? Was he on his?
Kathleen: He was floating on his, yeah
FTO Nunez: On his front? So he was face down on the pool?
Kathleen: Yeah.
FTO Nunez: So approximately 10 minutes you're saying?
Kathleen: Yeah.

FTO Nunez: Can I get you some water or something? Or anything?
Kathleen: I'm just so worried. (Laughing)
FTO Nunez: I hear you.
Kathleen: Like, cause I have, I have a pool thing. I just didn't put it. I didn't have it up.
(Crying)
FTO Nunez: Okay. Is it one of those little fences that wrap around?
Kathleen: Yeah, I have one. (Crying)
FTO Nunez: Okay.
Kathleen: I never. Cause I usually have my neighbor's kids come and swim.
FTO Nunez: Right.
Kathleen: And usually I have them put it up. But I told them not to yesterday. Because they always come
FTO Nunez: Okay.
Kathleen: And it was the weekend (crying)
FTO Nunez: Right.
Kathleen: And I'm so mad, because of...that's why it happened (crying)
FTO Nunez: Right. Well you never, you never plan for these things. And obviously, you know it's an oversight, but
Kathleen: Oh
FTO Nunez: Fast intervention is all that we can pray with right now that...to make sure that he wasn't in there too long. And experts are working on him so
Kathleen: Can you tell, I mean like when can you tell if you drowned, could it take a while for them to die or something?
FTO Nunez: Cases are different. You know, kids for some reason, they seem to be a little bit more resilient than adults, so. They have more tolerance, even though they are little people. So.
Kathleen: (laughing)
FTO Nunez: They're made out of rubber.
Kathleen: (unintelligible) small.
FTO Nunez: Yeah. They deal with injuries better than adults do, believe it or not. Maybe cause their bones are still kind of, you know their still growing and they're a little bit more elastic than our rigid bones.
Kathleen: (Crying) Yeah.
FTO Nunez: And we crack and break. And break bones all the time.
Kathleen: (Crying) I just, I feel like I failed him like (crying)
FTO Nunez: Mom, these are, these are, they're accidents. These are things that happen. Can't, can't blame yourself.
Kathleen: (unintelligible) And the funny thing, like that's what me and my mom were talking about...Watch the kids (unintelligible) like
FTO Nunez: Right. Mom's never gonna stop giving us advice.
Kathleen: (Laughing) Yeah. It's just
FTO Nunez: My kids are grown. And they're still, mine are still getting advice from my parents.
Kathleen: But that was my, my parents...you need to keep the pool thing on, or your kids will drown or something and it happened (crying)
FTO Nunez: I know.

Kathleen: And this is like, something that my parents told me all the time (crying)
FTO Nunez: Uh huh.
Kathleen: And I'm still, I'm an adult and I still don't listen to my parents. (Laughing) Oh God.
FTO Nunez: Who's at the house with the other kids?
Kathleen: My mom. But she's coming here. She was just getting them to me.
FTO Nunez: Okay, so she was gonna bring them. I thought you were in the ambulance. If now I would have just brought you down here. That way you didn't have to be driving around.
Kathleen: (unintelligible) Oh dear no.
FTO Nunez: I'm sorry (unintelligible)
Kathleen: They just happened. I left, I left before the ambulance.
FTO Nunez: Okay.
Kathleen: I was ahead of you guys.
FTO Nunez: Hi, how are you?
Unknown male hospital worker: How you doing? Are you looking to go in?
Kathleen: That's what (unintelligible) my son is in there.
FTO Nunez: The baby's being taken care of inside, triaged in there.
Unknown male hospital worker: Oh, okay.
FTO Nunez: We just came by ambulance.
Unknown male hospital worker: Oh, I know. I understand that.
FTO Nunez: Appreciate it. Yeah, that's what I was going to ask you. Do you need me to call anyone for you?
Kathleen: No.
FTO Nunez: You got mom coming?
Kathleen: Yeah.
FTO Nunez: Okay.
Kathleen: I didn't know what to do. Oh. Thank you.
FTO Nunez: At least you know, the hospital is very close. Instead of them going all the way to Melbourne
Kathleen: Palm Bay, yeah the closer one
FTO Nunez: Palm Bay.
Kathleen: I mean the other one would have been Palm Bay or this.
FTO Nunez: Yeah.
Kathleen: I was just glad that had kids down here.
FTO Nunez: Um huh.
Kathleen: Yeah, Grant is away from everything.
FTO Nunez: That's not a bad thing sometimes.
Kathleen: Where that's where I
FTO Nunez: Yeah.
Kathleen: That's why I choose to live there. Once I got out of the military, I said, I'm not doing no more city life. I used to live in Harlem.
FTO Nunez: Okay.
Kathleen: Whenever
FTO Nunez: When, did you retire from the military?
Kathleen: I'm disabled.

FTO Nunez: Okay. Same thing.
Kathleen: I was, yeah.
FTO Nunez: You did your service. Appreciate it.
Kathleen: Yeah, so
FTO Nunez: What branch?
Kathleen: Air Force.
FTO Nunez: Okay. Nice.
Kathleen: So I did support. And then when I deployed of course they put me with Joint, an Army Unit.
FTO Nunez: Okay.
Kathleen: So I had to do the real military. Every, cause they make fun of us. Were you military?
FTO Nunez: Yeah.
Kathleen: You know they make fun of the chair force (laughing)
FTO Nunez: (laughing) The chair force.
Kathleen: So when I went to the, when I deployed to Iraq, when I was with the Army, I used to hate it. We had to do PT. I was like, we have to do PT! But we're deployed. They said (laughing) It was, I mean, it was a good deployment. It was just
FTO Nunez: We used to get yelled at from the Air Force. I was in Gulfport, MS during the training. So we're doing out PT training like at six and the Air Force is yelling at us. By the time we're done, it's like nine already and we're like, and they're like hey you're waking us up. It's like nine o'clock, are you kidding me.
Kathleen: God, yeah
FTO Nunez: It takes bigger brains to get into the Air Force though.
Kathleen: It does the Air Force. That's how I was. I didn't like getting up every. And then deployments are like 12 hour shifts
FTO Nunez: Right.
Kathleen: You got to do PT too.
FTO Nunez: Yeah I know.
Kathleen: Like at four in the morning. I'm like come on.
FTO Nunez: That's additional to your other shift.
Kathleen: Yeah, yeah it's like the extra.
FTO Nunez: Uh huh.
Kathleen: Every time somebody opens the door, is that my baby?
FTO Nunez: Now, you say you're from Harlem?
Kathleen: Yeah.
FTO Nunez: I'm from Brooklyn originally, but
Kathleen: Yeah, never
FTO Nunez: Many moons ago.
Kathleen: I joined the Air Force
FTO Nunez: To get out?
Kathleen: Yeah! (Laughing) So I could have a normal life.
FTO Nunez: Yeah.
Kathleen: (laughing)

The following is a transcription of Agent Wheeler's conversation with Kathleen Edwards at Sebastian River Medical Center:

Kathleen: If they did like last time
Agent Wheeler: Ok
Kathleen: They shouldn't be in my house
Agent Wheeler: Ok well unfortunately
Kathleen: and like I'm here with my kid, and I don't appreciate it
Agent Wheeler: I understand, do you want to go inside and talk
Kathleen: no, I jumped in the rain, uh in the pool, to save my son,
Agent Wheeler: Oh ok, um, so
Kathleen: We can do in the shade though,
Agent Wheeler: Yeah it's kind of hot out here
Kathleen: I'm not hot, it's cause I'm cold.
Agent Wheeler: No, no, I understand that. Yes ma'am, I am Agent Wheeler. But um, so, unfortunately with the incident that's happened today, I heard good news that that your son looks like, from what I've heard, it looks like he's doing ok.
Kathleen: Ok, cause they don't tell me anything.
Agent Wheeler: Ok, I'll tell you. I got a phone call and said it looks like he's doing ok. Ok, alright so they are going to do everything they can right now. I can tell you that much ok. Um, but unfortunately with what we have here it is an active investigation so legally we they are allowed to be at the house.
Kathleen: so I call the police to help me and they are trying to criminalize me.

At this time a nurse exited the hospital looking for Kathleen to speak to the Emergency room doctor.

Agent Wheeler: Yeah yeah, the doctor

Kathleen and Agent Wheeler are walking towards the emergency room entrance.

Kathleen: (unintelligible)
Agent Wheeler: OK
Kathleen: (unintelligible) I know, but I am just going to have to talk. I don't want to talk to nobody until my lawyer,
Agent Wheeler: Ok
Kathleen: You guys talk to my lawyer. This is like, I'm the parent, I lost. My son's life is in danger.
Agent Wheeler: I understand
Kathleen: You guys already harassed me last week.
Agent Wheeler: What's your attorneys name, do you have it?
Kathleen: Benjamin Crump, Benjamin Crump.
Unknown Female: You got to be kidding me.

Kathleen: Yeah, they are doing an investigation on mother that's. My kid, is drowned and worried

Agent Wheeler: Do you have his phone number handy, please?

Kathleen: All I have is a 1-800 number

Agent Wheeler: Oh, ok, is the doctor coming out for you

Kathleen: yeah, let me just make sure I give you the right number.

Agent Wheeler: Ok, yes ma'am

Kathleen: its 1-800-

Agent Wheeler: Uh huh

Kathleen: 859-

Agent Wheeler: Ok

Kathleen: 9999

Agent Wheeler: Ok, alright, I'll give him a phone call.

Kathleen: It's not fair, like I'm concerned about my baby, I don't need this drama

Agent Wheeler: Yes ma'am, rightfully so, I understand.

Kathleen: Just like when Ivey came, Ivey came to my house, your sheriff came to my house, and violated me, and grabbed me, and I have PTSD, I don't need any more of this drama. You guys are trying to kill me.

Unknown Female: It's the same people?

Kathleen: Yes, it's the same people.

Unknown Female: (unintelligible)

Kathleen: Under Sheriff Ivey and they're in my house, they're in my house. They're in my house, the people that tried to kill me. They're in my house.

Unknown Female: You people just don't stop.

Agent Wheeler: Well unfortunately we get called and we have to investigate it.

Kathleen: Ya'll don't have to come with six (6) cops, trying to kill somebody.

Agent Wheeler: I don't know, I don't know.

Kathleen: Sheriff Ivey did that

Agent Wheeler: I wasn't there that night Kathleen, I wasn't there that night, so I can't explain anything, I was just called

Unknown female: She came to your house? (*Asking Edwards about if Agent Wheeler had previously been at her residence?*)

Kathleen: No she didn't.

Agent Wheeler: No ma'am

Doctor came out to talk to Kathleen

Agent Wheeler: That's her (*Agent Wheeler directed the doctor to Kathleen*)

Kathleen: This is more important than getting criminalized for being a good parent.

Agent Wheeler: Yes Ma'am

The audio recording was concluded due to Kathleen entering a private room to speak to the Emergency Room Doctor.

Ryan Slingsby and Jessica Slingsby

On June 29, 2020, at 7:12 p.m., I met with Ryan Slingsby and Jessica Slingsby at their residence, [REDACTED]. I conducted a voluntary, sworn, audio recorded interview with Mr. and Ms. Slingsby, in reference to this investigation.

This is a synopsis of that interview:

Mr. and Ms. Slingsby have resided at this location for a little over four (4) years. Gregory Sr. and Kathleen were already living next door when they moved in. At that time the Edwards' had one daughter, who was identified as [REDACTED]. Gregory Jr. was born after Gregory Sr.'s death in December, 2018.

The Slingsbys and Edwards were mostly on a "Hi and Bye" relationship. Mr. Slingsby was closer with Gregory Sr., but the families would talk occasionally while doing yard work. Mr. Slingsby recalled going on a fishing trip with Gregory Sr. on one occasion.

The Slingsbys stated since Gregory Sr. died in December 2018, they have noticed a change in Kathleen. The changes were understandable, since Kathleen was now a single mother with 2 children as well as dealing with the death of her husband. Kathleen stated she suffered from PTSD and was a military veteran. Due to her PTSD, Kathleen is disabled and does not have a job.

[REDACTED] and Gregory Jr. were both active with their activities. Mr. Slingsby advised that he had concerns at times, due to Kathleen's failure to supervise the children. Mr. Slingsby has witnessed [REDACTED] and Gregory Jr. wander into and across the street in front of their house, while not being supervised. Kathleen, at times, would be doing yard work, and wasn't paying attention to where the children were. Mr. Slingsby would have to retrieve the children and return them to Kathleen.

Mr. Slingsby has also witnessed [REDACTED] and Gregory Jr. hanging on the outdoor playset equipment in the back yard without any supervision. Gregory Jr. would stand on top of the monkey bars and outdoor playset, which is approximately 8 feet off the ground. Mr. Slingsby was concerned for Gregory Jr.'s safety because he could fall and hurt himself.

During the year of 2019, Mr. and Ms. Slingsby observed a Hispanic male, described as a boyfriend, who frequented the residence with Kathleen. Mr. and Ms. Slingsby did not meet this male and had no further description, other than he drove a Jeep type vehicle. The boyfriend left around November 2019.

Mr. Slingsby recalled the Sheriff coming to Kathleen's house on June 14, 2020, in reference to an incident involving Kathleen's mental health. Shortly after that visit, unknown individuals started staying at Kathleen's residence. The individuals would stay for a short time, then leave. Mr. Slingsby believed the individuals were related to a veterans group. The last day Mr. Slingsby recalled any of those individuals at Kathleen's house was on June 26, 2020.

Mr. Slingsby explained the day that Gregory Jr. drowned, he was getting into his vehicle that was parked in his driveway. Mr. Slingsby observed a BCSO vehicle respond to Kathleen's house with lights and sirens activated. The deputy exited his vehicle and ran inside the house. Mr. Slingsby did not know what was going on at that time.

A short time later Kathleen called Ms. Slingsby. Kathleen sounded frantic and was crying when she called. Kathleen told Ms. Slingsby that Gregory Jr. drowned in the pool and her dog got out during the incident. Kathleen asked Ms. Slingsby to retrieve the dog and secure her residence because she was driving to the hospital. During the telephone call, Kathleen told Ms. Slingsby that earlier in the day she had come to the Slingsby's residence and rang the doorbell while looking for Gregory Jr. Ms. Slingsby found this odd, because she never heard the doorbell and her dogs didn't bark. Kathleen and Ms. Slingsby had no further conversation at that time.

After the deputies processed the Edwards' residence, Mr. Slingsby entered the residence to conduct a walk through. As he walked through the house, he noted that there were no child safety precautions in place surrounding the pool, which would prevent a child from entering the pool. Mr. Slingsby was able to lock the sliding glass door in the dining room area only after slamming it shut.

Mr. Slingsby and Ms. Slingsby had no suspicion that Kathleen was using illegal drugs or had issues with alcohol. They were aware that Kathleen had a prescription for marijuana.

Peter Douglas and Cleda Edwards

On July 4, 2020, at 9:44 a.m., Lt. Robert Vitaliano and I met with Peter Douglas and Cleda Edwards at their residence, located at [REDACTED]. This meeting was prescheduled in reference to an interview with Mr. Douglas and Ms. Edwards, relating to this investigation. The interview was voluntary, sworn and recorded.

This is a synopsis of that interview:

Mr. Douglas is the brother of Gregory Sr., brother-in-law of Kathleen and the uncle of Gregory Jr.

Ms. Cleda Edwards (Cleda) is the mother of Gregory Sr., mother-in-law of Kathleen and the grandmother of Gregory Jr.

I asked Mr. Douglas and Cleda how they found out about the drowning incident at Kathleen's house. Mr. Douglas advised that a friend had sent him a news article in reference to the drowning. The friend asked Mr. Douglas if the drowning victim was Gregory Sr.'s son and if the article was accurate. The article stated that Gregory Jr. was on life-support in a hospital.

After receiving the news about Gregory Jr.'s drowning, Mr. Douglas and Cleda drove to the hospital ([REDACTED]) where Gregory Jr. was being treated. When they arrived, Mr. Douglas met with hospital personnel and requested to see Gregory Jr. Hospital personnel informed Mr. Douglas that Gregory Jr.'s grandfather was currently with Gregory Jr. in his room. He requested to see Gregory Jr., but was told that only family members were

allowed to see him. Mr. Douglas told hospital personnel that he was family and that Clede was the child's grandmother. Hospital personnel apologized to Mr. Douglas, but told him they were not permitted to see Gregory Jr.

Mr. Douglas and Clede decided to wait in the waiting room area, in hopes of seeing Kathleen so they could find out more about Gregory Jr.'s condition. Approximately 20 minutes later, hospital personnel approached Mr. Douglas and Clede. Hospital personnel told them the mother (Kathleen) would be down shortly to speak with them. This confused Mr. Douglas, who was told only the grandfather was in the room.

When Kathleen arrived in the waiting room, she told Mr. Douglas and Clede that she was praying in reference to allowing them to see Gregory Jr. After praying, Kathleen decided to let them see Gregory Jr. Kathleen told Clede she could visit Gregory Jr. first. When she was done, Mr. Douglas could visit Gregory Jr.

Clede advised when she entered Gregory Jr.'s room, she observed Kathleen's father seated in a chair. The father told Clede it had been a long time since he and his wife had seen her. He told Clede he wanted to make amends with her. At that time, Kathleen's mother (Ms. Bonilla) shoved her arm back at him, as if to say "no." The father then sat back down in the chair and said nothing further.

Clede began to pray "privately" over Gregory Jr. and then she prayed out loud. Her prayer was summarized as follows, "Lord, I pray for his soul to be at rest and asked God, if You want to take him Lord...If he's not coming back and be a (unintelligible) young one, please call him and then I said, whether he lives or whether he dies...If he dies, let him be with You. If he lives, let him live for you."

At the conclusion of Clede's prayer, Kathleen became angry with her. She told Clede that she was praying for Gregory Jr. to die. Clede tried to tell Kathleen that she misunderstood her prayer.

Clede then asked Kathleen what happened to Gregory Jr. Kathleen told her that she thought her daughter [REDACTED] opened the sliding glass door and let Gregory Jr. outside. She advised Clede that she looked everywhere around the house. Kathleen stated that she ran to the neighbor's house to see if Gregory Jr. was there. Clede became confused as to why Kathleen didn't check the pool first. She told Kathleen because she didn't check the pool first, he was in the water too long which was the reason he was dying. At this point, Kathleen started arguing with Clede and told her to leave. She told Clede she wouldn't answer anymore of her questions.

When Clede and Kathleen arrived in the waiting room area, Kathleen told Mr. Douglas that he wasn't allowed to see Gregory Jr. They believed this was punishment for Clede failing to apologize to Kathleen. Kathleen then started saying things to Mr. Douglas that didn't make sense. She told Mr. Douglas that her husband, Gregory Sr., had told her that if anything were to happen to him, Clede would take care of her. Mr. Douglas was unaware of this and told her he could not comment on that.

Mr. Douglas and Clede then left the hospital and have had no further contact with Kathleen.

Mr. Douglas later received a telephone call from his cousin, Nicole Treasure, hereinafter referred to as "Nicole." Nicole told Mr. Douglas that medical staff was going to perform some type of test on Gregory Jr. to determine if he would be taken off life-support. Nicole found this out from a friend of Kathleen through social media. As soon as Mr. Douglas was informed, he contacted me to provide an interview.

Since Gregory Sr.'s death, Mr. Douglas stated he has reached out to Kathleen multiple times in an attempt to help her and to see her children. He has made telephone calls, left voice messages, sent text messages and even sent letters through the mail. He stated Kathleen has never replied. The last time Mr. Douglas and Cleda saw Gregory Jr. was after the funeral for Gregory Sr.

The last time Mr. Douglas and Cleda were at Kathleen's house was after the funeral for Gregory Sr. in December 2018. They stated they did not see any child safety precautions around the pool. There was no mesh fencing surrounding the pool and they never saw any solar covering on top of the pool water. There was a baby gate somewhere inside the residence, which kept ██████████ in a certain area of the residence. Gregory Jr. was just a newborn at that time. Mr. Douglas and Cleda were unaware if Gregory Jr. was mobile or not since they had not seen him since he was an infant.

Mr. Douglas and Cleda were unaware of any relationship Kathleen may have been in after Gregory Sr. passed away. They were aware that individuals through various veterans organizations assisted Kathleen with meals.

Mr. Douglas was aware that Kathleen had a medical marijuana card, but has never seen her under the influence of marijuana. Mr. Douglas was never told by anyone else that Kathleen was impaired while watching the children.

When Gregory Sr. was alive, he confided in Mr. Douglas about Kathleen's lack of ability to supervise ██████████. He had concerns about Kathleen caring for ██████████, due to her PTSD and it had been rumored that Kathleen used to be a "cutter."

Prior to Gregory Jr.'s death, Mr. Douglas and Cleda were trying to get visitation rights to see ██████████ and Gregory Jr., but their efforts became more difficult when the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

Mr. Douglas found out about Gregory Jr. passing after receiving a text message from a friend. Kathleen never called Mr. Douglas or Cleda about Gregory Jr.'s death.

Cleda mentioned a life insurance policy that Gregory Sr. had. When Gregory Sr. died, Kathleen found out that she (Cleda) was the beneficiary for the policy and received the benefits. This angered Kathleen and she told Cleda to give her the money. Cleda stated she had a conversation with Gregory Sr. before he died, where Gregory Sr. told Cleda that Kathleen wasn't good with money. Cleda told Kathleen she would give her some of the money, a little at a time. Kathleen told Cleda she wanted all of the money or none of it. Mr. Douglas and Cleda stated that Kathleen is all about money.

Mr. Douglas denied filing complaints with DCF on Kathleen. Neither Mr. Douglas nor Clede had any additional information to provide.

Shushana Treasure/Nicole Treasure/Angella Atkinson

On July 4, 2020, at 2:14 p.m., I spoke with Nicole Treasure (Nicole), via telephone, in reference to this investigation. I conducted a brief voluntary, sworn, audio recorded interview with Nicole. During the interview, Nicole provided historical/background information pertaining to Gregory Sr. and Kathleen.

On July 5, 2020, at 2:28 p.m., I spoke with Angella Atkinson, via telephone, in reference to this investigation. I conducted a brief voluntary, sworn, audio recorded interview with Ms. Atkinson. During the interview, Ms. Atkinson provided historical/background information pertaining to Gregory Sr. and Kathleen. She also provided first-hand information relating to a visit she had at the Edwards residence in April 2019.

On July 9, 2020, Lieutenant Vitaliano and I travelled to New Jersey in order to obtain sworn statements from Nicole Treasure, Angella Atkinson, Shushana Treasure, Garriel Elgin, and Marvin Vickers.

On July 9, 2020, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Lieutenant Robert Vitaliano and I met with Shushana Treasure (Shushana), Nicole Treasure (Nicole) and Angella Atkinson at [REDACTED], NJ, where voluntary, sworn, audio recorded statements were obtained.

This is a synopsis of that interview:

Shushana, Nicole and Ms. Atkinson each identified themselves as first cousins to Gregory Sr.

Shushana, Nicole and Ms. Atkinson knew Gregory Sr.'s wife (Kathleen), but have had minimal contact with her. They were aware that Gregory Sr. and Kathleen were married and lived in Grant, FL. Gregory Sr. and Kathleen were married for approximately six years and they lived in Grant, FL for approximately 4 years.

Shushana, Nicole and Ms. Atkinson were aware that both Gregory Sr. and Kathleen suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and both served in the military. It was believed that Gregory Sr. and Kathleen met through some type of VA (Veterans Affairs) clinic or hospital.

Gregory Sr. and Kathleen had two children. The oldest child was [REDACTED], who is 3-years-old. Their youngest child is Gregory Jr, was approximately 18-months at the time of his death.

Shushana advised that she visited Kathleen on one occasion since Gregory Sr.'s death. The visit was approximately one month after Gregory Sr.'s death, believing the visit was around the end of January or beginning of February 2019. Shushana advised Gregory Jr. was about a month old at the time of the visit.

Shushana went alone for the visit. The reason for the visit was to show support to Kathleen who was living at her residence without her husband and raising two children, one of which was a

newborn baby. Shushana had told Kathleen during Gregory Sr.'s funeral that she would come down to visit with her and give her a break by watching the children for a weekend.

Shushana advised that during the visit, Kathleen acted as anyone would act if they had just lost their spouse. Kathleen was somewhat all-over the place during the visit. Shushana stated Kathleen "wanted to do this and wanted to do that. She could not sit down." Shushana did not notice "anything out of the ordinary" while she was staying with Kathleen. I asked Shushana about Kathleen's interactions with her children. Shushana advised that Kathleen had minimal interaction with her children while she was there. Shushana took over the supervision of the children, so Kathleen could take a break.

Shushana was aware that there was a pool at Kathleen's residence. The pool was in the rear porch area. She never went outside to the pool area, so she could not say if there were safety measures in place to prevent a child from entering the pool. Shushana has seen multiple photographs of the pool area in the past. In those photographs, Shushana has never seen any fencing or any other child safety measures around the pool.

Ms. Atkinson advised that she visited Kathleen in April 2019. It was a day before [REDACTED] birthday. Ms. Atkinson's parents accompanied her during the visit. Her Aunt Clede wanted to visit as well, but Kathleen would not allow her to come to the residence. As a result, Ms. Atkinson had to drop Clede off at a shopping center to wait for her.

Kathleen appeared to be relieved that Ms. Atkinson was there, so she could help watch the children, while she got the house ready for the birthday party. The visit lasted approximately 3 hours.

While at Kathleen's residence, Ms. Atkinson did not observe any child safety precautions surrounding the pool, which would prevent a child from entering the pool. She never saw any fencing around the pool, nor did she see any covering on top of the water. Ms. Atkinson recalled that the sliding glass door going out to the pool area was difficult to open. She stated she did not think [REDACTED] could have opened the door on her own.

Ms. Atkinson advised that she had visited the Edwards' residence multiple times prior to Gregory Edwards Sr.'s death. During those visits, Ms. Atkinson never saw any child safety precautions around the pool.

Ms. Atkinson described the residence as having a "lived in" appearance.

Ms. Atkinson wanted to speak with Kathleen during her visit, but was unable to do so. This was due to the unwelcoming feeling she felt from Kathleen. If she had the opportunity to speak with Kathleen, she would have told her she was concerned about her. She did not think Kathleen was in the right mental state. Ms. Atkinson felt as if she was under appreciated by Kathleen.

Nicole advised that she was not fond of Kathleen from the beginning of her relationship with Gregory Sr. Kathleen among other things, was always rushing him during family gatherings.

In December 2018, Nicole was traveling in a vehicle with Kathleen after Gregory Sr. was taken off of life-support. While driving from the hospital to Kathleen's residence, Nicole and Kathleen spoke about a lot of things. During their conversation, Kathleen told Nicole, "I didn't want these kids. Greg wanted them. Now I'm stuck here with these kids by myself." Nicole told Kathleen that she didn't have to worry because they were family and she had her back.

The last time Nicole was at the Edwards' residence was at the time of Gregory Edwards Sr.'s death.

Shushana, Nicole and Ms. Atkinson did not believe Kathleen had drug or alcohol issues. They never witnessed her impaired due to drugs or alcohol.

Shushana, Nicole and Ms. Atkinson all denied notifying DCF in reference to Kathleen's inability to supervise her children.

Shushana, Nicole and Ms. Atkinson found out about Gregory Edwards Jr.'s death through social media because Kathleen refused to have any contact with them.

Shushana, Nicole and Ms. Atkinson each have attempted to contact Kathleen, but she has refused to respond.

Garriel Elgin

On July 6, 2020, at 2:56 p.m., I obtained a voluntary, sworn, audio recorded telephone interview with Garriel Elgin, in reference to this investigation.

This is a synopsis of that interview:

I asked Mr. Elgin how he knew Gregory Sr., which he stated "I grew up with him." Mr. Elgin advised he was aware that Gregory Sr. was in the military. He was close with Gregory Sr. even while he was in the army. Mr. Elgin met Kathleen through Gregory Sr.

I asked Mr. Elgin if he ever had the opportunity to visit Kathleen and Gregory Sr. in Florida. He stated that he was only able to meet once with Kathleen at their residence in Grant, which was after Gregory Sr. died. The visit was on Memorial Day Weekend 2019. Mr. Elgin was accompanied by his wife and children.

Mr. Elgin stated Kathleen's residence appeared to be clean during the visit. Mr. Elgin helped Kathleen with yard work during the visit.

Mr. Elgin advised he was in the pool area during the visit. While in the pool area, Mr. Elgin did not observe any child safety precautions surrounding the pool. He never observed any fencing around the pool. Mr. Elgin advised that there was a blue soft solar cover on top of the water. He would have to remove the cover every time he wanted to use the pool. After swimming, Mr. Elgin would place the solar cover back over the pool.

Mr. Elgin stated the sliding glass doors that led to the pool area were always closed. If there were no adults outside, the sliding glass doors were locked. Mr. Elgin recalled seeing a safety lock on a bathroom door that led to the pool area. He remembered the safety lock, because it gave him a hard time when he went to open it.

Mr. Elgin thought Kathleen was attentive toward the children. Gregory Jr. was still in a walker at the time of the visit.

Mr. Elgin never witnessed Kathleen under the influence of drugs or alcohol. He never had concerns that Kathleen was impaired.

Mr. Elgin was never told by anyone else that there were concerns about Kathleen's inability to supervise her children.

I asked Mr. Elgin if he was still close with Kathleen. He advised that his relationship was more with Gregory Sr., but he still communicated with Kathleen through social media and text messages.

Mr. Elgin was unaware of anyone else staying with Kathleen at her residence. He also stated that he was unaware of Kathleen being involved in any relationship with another person after Gregory Sr. died.

I asked Mr. Elgin if he ever contacted DCF in reference to Kathleen's inability to supervise her children. He stated that had not contacted DCF.

I asked Mr. Elgin if he had any conversations with Kathleen since Gregory Jr.'s death. He confirmed that he has spoken to Kathleen. I asked Mr. Elgin if Kathleen ever told him what happened to Gregory Jr., which he replied that she did. Mr. Elgin provided the following statement as to what Kathleen told him:

"The kids were getting ready to go out to the little playground area that they have in the back. When they went out they, I guess though, she was telling me about gate that was around the pool. So when I went down there, they had recently purchased the house so I don't know if she did any upgrades to it to get that gate around the pool. But she was saying that [REDACTED] must have figured out how to open up the gate to the pool. And so, the story I got was that they had opened up the sliding door to let them go out. [REDACTED] had opened up the fence to the pool and kept going. And then little Greg must have gone into the pool."

I asked Mr. Elgin if Kathleen told him how long Gregory Jr. was in the water. Mr. Elgin provided the following statement as to what Kathleen had told him:

"She (Kathleen) said she went into the pool area. Didn't see him there initially. Went into the back yard, thinking that he might have been there. Didn't see him there. And then went to a neighbor's to see if he was there. Didn't see him there. Came back and when she came back, that's when she saw him in the pool. So we never got into how long that took, how long that might have been. But that was kind of like the course of action."

Mr. Elgin advised that he was aware that Kathleen's mother was staying with her at the time of the incident.

On July 10, 2020, I left a voice message on Mr. Elgin's cellular telephone, requesting that he contact me in reference to meeting with him for an in person interview.

On July 10, 2020, at 4:42 p.m., I received the following text message from Mr. Elgin's cell phone:

"Good afternoon agent Simock, sorry I missed your call. I am actually stuck working late today. The last time I spoke I thought you were going to reach back out to confirm before coming. I was waiting for that call because I was going to advise that I no longer wish to meet. I've given all the information that I have."

On July 10, 2020, at 5:52 p.m., I spoke with Mr. Elgin, via telephone. I told Mr. Elgin that I received his text message and understood that he no longer wished to meet with me. I did request for him to meet with me for a brief interview, so I could see him in person and have him swear or affirm to the telephone statement he gave to me on July 6, 2020. Mr. Elgin agreed to do this on July 11, 2020.

On July 11, 2020, at 10:40 a.m., Lieutenant Vitaliano and I met with Garriel Elgin in the parking lot of the [REDACTED], NJ. We conducted a brief sworn, audio recorded interview with Mr. Elgin in reference to this investigation.

During the interview, Mr. Elgin confirmed that I had called him on July 6, 2020 and left a message on his cellular telephone. Mr. Elgin returned my telephone call on July 6, 2020, in which he spoke with me about this investigation. Mr. Elgin advised that his statement on the July 6, 2020, telephone interview was true and correct. He had nothing additional to add to his statement.

Marvin Vickers

On July 6, 2020, at 4:50 p.m., I spoke with Marvin Vickers via telephone call, in reference to this investigation. I conducted a brief recorded interview with Mr. Vickers.

This is a synopsis of that interview:

Mr. Vickers knew Gregory Sr. for 25 to 30 years because they grew up together in New Jersey.

Mr. Vickers has had no contact or communication with Kathleen since the death of Gregory Sr. Anything he knows about the death of Gregory Sr. and Gregory Jr. would be second or third hand information.

Mr. Vickers was made aware of the death of Gregory Edwards Jr. through mutual friends.

Mr. Vickers had no further information.

Jonathan Pruden

On July 21, 2020, at 4:18 p.m., Agent Wheeler and I met with Jonathan Pruden at his residence, [REDACTED]. We conducted a voluntary, sworn, audio recorded interview with Mr. Pruden in reference to this investigation.

This is a synopsis of that interview:

Mr. Pruden advised that he met Kathleen and Gregory Sr. through The Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). They are both alumni of WWP. Mr. Pruden was wounded in combat in 2003 while serving in Iraq. He has been with WWP for many years and currently serves on a national level with the organization. Mr. Pruden's title is Senior Warrior Relations Specialist.

Mr. Pruden met Gregory Sr. first in WWP's "Track Program." This is a year-long residential program that assists injured veterans in preparing for college/vocational schooling. It is especially helpful to those veterans suffering from traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and mental health issues such as PTSD.

Mr. Pruden advised that he did not have a "relationship" with Kathleen. He met Kathleen when she and Gregory Sr. were on a soldier ride in Washington D.C. around 2012. Mr. Pruden stated that he knew Kathleen "prolifically, but pretty much as Greg's spouse."

After Gregory Sr. left the Track Program, Mr. Pruden didn't see him for years. As far as Mr. Pruden was aware, Gregory Sr. was doing well.

Mr. Pruden identified another alumni of WWP named Brian Torres. Mr. Torres was in the same Track Program that Gregory Sr. was in and they became friends. Mr. Torres moved to Florida and lived a short distance away from the Edwards. Mr. Pruden advised that he wasn't tracking any major issues with Gregory Sr. when he received a call from Mr. Torres. Mr. Torres informed him that there were some concerns for Gregory Sr. It was believed that he was using drugs and specifically that he was "huffing." That was the only time Mr. Pruden was told that Gregory Sr. was having problems.

Mr. Pruden received a telephone call from Mr. Torres in December 2018 informing him of Gregory Sr.'s death. This concerned Mr. Pruden, who was now worried about Kathleen's mental stability and the fact that she was raising two children. As a result, Mr. Pruden called Kathleen to check on her and offer any assistance he could.

Mr. Pruden recalled speaking with a DCF child protective investigator (CPI) in 2019. He could not recall the CPI's name. The CPI conducted a telephone interview with him in reference to Kathleen's ability to supervise her children. Mr. Pruden told the CPI that Kathleen was "not in a good place" in reference to her mental health. Kathleen was upset with how her husband's death investigation was progressing.

Mr. Pruden provided resources to Kathleen after Gregory Sr.'s death. Kathleen was placed in a mental health/substance abuse center called "Retreat" in [REDACTED]. She completed the in-house program while her children stayed with her parents.

Mr. Pruden believed that Kathleen was doing well since going through the Retreat Program. He became concerned for her after the "George Floyd" incident. Mr. Pruden believed individuals would reach out to her and try to capitalize on her situation because Gregory Sr. was black. As a result, Mr. Pruden called Kathleen to see how she was doing. She told him that things were stressful. Mr. Pruden told her she didn't need to do anything she didn't want to do. He also offered her any support she needed from WWP. Mr. Pruden believed that Kathleen was being pressured by "individuals" to talk more about her husband's death. These individuals wanted her incident to become more of the political discourse. Mr. Pruden felt that Kathleen was resistant to this, telling Kathleen if he needed to talk to the people who were pressuring her, he would do that if she asked him.

Mr. Pruden advised that he found out about Gregory Jr.'s drowning three days after the incident occurred. Mr. Torres called him and told him that Gregory Jr. had been found in a pool. As a result of that call, Mr. Pruden called Kathleen and asked if she was okay. She told him that she wasn't okay. Kathleen told Mr. Pruden she was in the hospital, preparing to take Gregory Jr. off of life-support.

Kathleen told Mr. Pruden that she and her mother were at her residence on the day of the drowning. Her daughter was out playing. Kathleen and her mother could not find Gregory Jr. They looked for Gregory Jr., but couldn't find him. Either Kathleen or her mother went over to the neighbor's house looking for Gregory Jr. Kathleen found Gregory Jr. in the pool underneath the cover and removed him from the water. [REDACTED] called 911. Kathleen performed chest compressions on Gregory Edwards Jr. until law enforcement officers and fire rescue personnel arrived. Kathleen alleged the deputy who arrived at her residence initially stood there, without doing anything, and Kathleen had to yell at the deputy so he would help her. The deputy then started doing chest compressions. Kathleen claims she questioned the deputy, telling him he wasn't doing CPR properly. He stated Kathleen did not provide any further details of the incident.

Mr. Pruden has talked to Kathleen several times on the telephone since Gregory Jr. died. The WWP has found a mental health facility for Kathleen. After Gregory Jr.'s funeral, Kathleen will be going to the [REDACTED] is scheduled to stay with relatives in [REDACTED].

Mr. Pruden has never been to the Edwards' residence. The last time he met with Kathleen in person was in 2015 or 2016. Mr. Pruden denied ever calling DCF about child care concerns.

Brian Torres

On August 3, 2020, at 12:06 p.m., I met with Brian Torres at the BCSO Criminal Investigative Services facility. I conducted a voluntary, sworn, recorded interview with Mr. Torres in reference to this investigation.

This is a synopsis of that interview:

Mr. Torres met Gregory Sr. in a PTSD program through the WWP in 2014. The program was held in Jacksonville, FL and lasted for one year. Gregory Sr. was not married at that time and

was dating Kathleen while in the program. Kathleen was in the program as well, but not in the same "cohort" as he was in. Mr. Torres believed Gregory Sr. was living in the Fort Lauderdale area prior to entering the program.

Gregory Sr. and Mr. Torres became good friends as a result of the program they were in. Mr. Torres' wife also became friends with Kathleen and Gregory Sr. and the couples would hang out together. Mr. Torres and his wife have been to the Edwards' residence several times prior to the Edwards having children. Mr. Torres never saw any child safety precautions around the pool when he was at the residence, but advised the Edwards didn't have children at that time.

Since Gregory Sr.'s death, neither Mr. Torres nor his wife have been to the Edwards' residence.

Mr. Torres stayed in touch with Kathleen after Gregory Sr.'s death. The contact he had was only by telephone or social media. He would check on her once or twice a month. If she needed help with anything, Mr. Torres would get someone to stop by her house and help out as needed.

I asked Mr. Torres how Kathleen was doing after Gregory Sr.'s death. He stated that she was a "wreck" and a "mess," as anyone would be. Kathleen was struggling with anxiety and PTSD. Mr. Torres and Jonathan Pruden (from the WWP) got Kathleen into a PTSD program approximately 3-4 months after Gregory Sr. died. Her children stayed with her (Kathleen's) parents in [REDACTED].

Kathleen seemed to be improving after her return from the PTSD program. When the George Floyd incident occurred, it brought back a lot of memories in reference to the death of Gregory Sr. Kathleen started to become involved with Black Lives Matter. She was sending emails and text messages to Mr. Torres and his wife in reference to rallies being held, as well as articles in reference to Gregory Sr.'s death. Kathleen was becoming very active with Black Lives Matter and wanted Mr. Torres and his wife to attend the rallies.

Mr. Pruden contacted Mr. Torres and expressed concerns for Kathleen. The concern was for Kathleen's well-being and mental health status. There were no concerns at that time for Kathleen's ability to supervise her children. Additionally there were no concerns that Kathleen wanted to harm herself.

Mr. Torres had heard that Kathleen might have made some veiled threats to harm herself on a website known as "Formation 22." This resulted in a visit from the Sheriff of Brevard County. Mr. Torres had no further information on that incident.

Mr. Torres advised that he found out about Gregory Jr.'s drowning through a friend who lived in Brevard County. The friend saw something on social media in reference to the drowning. This friend called Mr. Torres to see if this was Gregory Sr.'s son. As a result, Mr. Torres researched the information and found out this was Gregory Jr. who had drowned. In turn, Mr. Torres contacted Mr. Pruden and notified him of the drowning.

Mr. Pruden contacted Kathleen and spoke with her about the drowning incident. Mr. Torres waited several days before calling Kathleen. He advised that he was too upset at first to call her.

A few days later, Kathleen sent a text message to him in reference to funeral arrangements for Gregory Jr. Mr. Torres sent a text message back to Kathleen and then called her, but she didn't answer the call. Within a short period of time, Kathleen called Mr. Torres back. During that telephone conversation, Kathleen told Mr. Torres what occurred to Gregory Jr.

The following is a summary of the story provided to Mr. Torres by Kathleen:

Kathleen believed Gregory Jr. went outside the house with [REDACTED], who was by the swing set. It was unknown how long Gregory Jr. was gone until Kathleen realized he was missing. Kathleen and her mother started looking for Gregory Jr. They were looking for him in the yard. It was believed he might have been playing "hide and seek," which he has done before. Kathleen found Gregory Jr. in the pool, under the solar cover. Kathleen pulled Gregory out of the pool and [REDACTED]. She performed CPR on Gregory Jr. as best she could, since she was not certified. A "police officer" arrived on scene. Kathleen allegedly had to tell the officer to take over CPR, because he was just standing there. An ambulance came and transported Gregory Jr. to the hospital.

Mr. Torres stated, he has never witnessed Kathleen using illegal drugs. He has never witnessed her to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Mr. Torres was aware that Kathleen and Gregory Sr. both used medical marijuana. Mr. Torres denied ever calling DCF in reference to an anonymous call in 2019 concerning the welfare of the children.

Mr. Torres and his wife did not attend the funeral for Gregory Jr. He did attend the wake for Gregory Sr. The last contact he had with Kathleen was a day or so before Gregory Jr.'s funeral.

BCFR Firefighter/EMT Gregory Chilcott

On July 1, 2020, at approximately 6:46 a.m., Agent Wheeler completed a digital, voluntary, sworn audio recorded interview with Firefighter/EMT Gregory Chilcott. FF/EMT Chilcott stated he has been employed by Brevard County Fire Rescue for approximately three years. He was on duty on June 27, 2020, when his station responded to the drowning incident of a 1-year-old. The incident occurred in the Cypress Creek subdivision and he was assigned to the rescue truck that day. FF/EMT job duties consisted of tasks such as providing CPR or intubating the child if needed. FF/EMT Chilcott recalled when he arrived at the residence, the medics were already inside. Located on the floor was a small child who was blue and wet. A deputy sheriff was providing CPR to the child, but when BCFR arrived they assumed the life saving measures. FF/EMT Chilcott recalled there was a female (who he assumed was the mother) on scene. He recalled she was crying hysterically, and he asked for the deputies to relocate her to another room so the paramedics could work. Once the child was stabilized, FF/EMT Chilcott advised the child was placed into the ambulance at which time he drove to the hospital.

FF/EMT Chilcott did not have any further information to provide, therefore Agent Wheeler concluded the interview.

BCFR Firefighter/Paramedic Lieutenant Richard Hill

On July 1, 2020, at approximately 6:51 a.m., Agent Wheeler completed a digital, voluntary, sworn audio recorded interview with Lieutenant Richard Hill. Lieutenant Hill stated he has been employed with Brevard County Fire Rescue for approximately seventeen years. He was on shift June 27, 2020, when his station was dispatched to a 1-year-old child who had drowned. Lieutenant Hill informed Agent Wheeler that his job duties at the scene were to supervise and make sure his crew had everything they needed to provide life saving measures to the child. When he arrived on scene he observed a BCSO deputy sheriff providing life-saving CPR measures to the child on the living room floor. The child appeared to be a black male who was dressed in wet shorts and a t-shirt. Lieutenant Hill was provided a briefing of the incident from the deputies on-scene who stated the child was located in the pool by his mother. Lieutenant Hill then provided oxygen to the child until he was stabilized and transported to the hospital. He did not recall any statements being made on scene by civilians, nor did he observe anything suspicious about the scene.

Lieutenant Hill did not have any further information to provide, therefore Agent Wheeler concluded the interview.

BCFR Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Koehen

On July 1, 2020, at approximately 6:57 a.m., Agent Wheeler completed a digital, voluntary, sworn audio recorded interview with Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Koehen, who stated he has been employed by Brevard County Fire Rescue for sixteen years. Paramedic Koehen recalled responding to a drowning incident which occurred on June 27, 2020. Paramedic Koehen arrived at the residence and assisted with a male child who was not breathing and provided CPR to the child. The child was dressed in shorts, a shirt and a very wet diaper.

Paramedic Koehen did not have any further information to provide, therefore Agent Wheeler concluded the interview.

BCFR Firefight/EMT Cameron Leef

On July 1, 2020, at approximately 7:03 a.m., Agent Wheeler completed a digital, sworn audio recorded interview with Firefighter/EMT Cameron Leef. FF/EMT Leef advised he has been employed by Brevard County Fire Rescue for approximately three years and was on shift on June 27, 2020. FF/EMT Leef was dispatched to a pediatric drowning in the Cypress Creek subdivision. He stated he was on the engine and his only job assignment was to bring medical supplies into the residence. FF/EMT Leef recalled the infant being wet. FF/EMT did not have any hands-on interaction with the child. Once the child was stabilized, he was transported to the hospital.

FF/EMT Leef did not have any further information to provide, therefore Agent Wheeler concluded the interview.

BCFR/Paramedic Michele Beolet

On July 1, 2020, at approximately 7:08 a.m., Agent Wheeler completed a digital, voluntary, sworn audio recorded interview with Paramedic Michele Beolet, who advised she has been employed with Brevard County Fire Rescue as a paramedic for less than a year. On June 27, 2020, she was dispatched to a one year old who had drowned. Upon arriving on scene, she assisted the medics with retrieving equipment for the infant. Paramedic Beolet recalled the child was on the floor in a supine position and observed a deputy providing CPR measures to the child prior to BCFR assuming life saving measures. Paramedic Beolet recalled two females being on scene, but she did not recall any statements being made.

Paramedic Beolet did not have any further information to provide, therefore Agent Wheeler concluded the interview.

Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) Reports

Prior to the drowning investigation, DCF received two previous concerns related to the health and welfare of the Edwards' children. Subsequent to the Gregory Edwards Jr. drowning death investigation, a third report was reported by Agent Wheeler.

DCF Intake number 2017-289493-01

The first complaint was received by DCF from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office on October 3, 2017, at 6:34 a.m.

This is a summary of that report:

On October 2, 2017, Kathleen had an appointment with her physician in Merritt Island. She took her husband, Gregory Edwards Sr., and daughter, [REDACTED], to the doctor's office, because Gregory Sr. was experiencing a "psychosis" event. While Kathleen was meeting with the doctor, Gregory Sr. took [REDACTED] and left the office without telling anyone where he was going. A search for Gregory Sr. and [REDACTED] was met with negative results. As a result, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office was contacted and [REDACTED] was entered as a missing child. Gregory Sr. was entered as a missing endangered person.

Approximately four hours later, Gregory Sr. returned home with [REDACTED]. He advised he took [REDACTED] to another city because he didn't want Kathleen to know where he was located. Gregory Sr. told the deputies that a voice inside his head was telling him to hurt Kathleen. [REDACTED] was unharmed when she returned home, however, her clothing was "disheveled." Gregory Sr. was then transported to [REDACTED] under the Baker Act.

Gregory Sr. was described by Kathleen as a veteran, who suffered from PTSD, psychosis and anxiety. When he was taking his medication, he was fine. However, whenever Gregory Sr. failed to take his medication, he would experience "psychosis" episodes. The episodes consisted

of paranoia, where Gregory Sr. believed the government was listening to his conversations and observing his activities.

Kathleen informed law enforcement that Gregory Sr. had been acting strange the previous week. A few days earlier, he was walking around their residence while carrying a handgun, stating he believed someone was trying to harm him.

Upon receiving the above-mentioned complaint, DCF initiated a 24-hour response to the Edwards' residence located at 4029 Gardenwood Circle, Grant-Valkaria. The report indicated the focus of the investigation was, Kathleen, Gregory Sr., and their daughter [REDACTED].

During the course of DCF's investigation, CPI Toni Gagliardi made contact with Kathleen and [REDACTED] at their residence. Kathleen reported she filed for an injunction against her husband Gregory Sr., and said she planned to leave town. Kathleen advised that both she and Gregory Sr. are veterans and suffered from PTSD. Kathleen reported Gregory Sr. did not take care of his PTSD, and explained he would not go to his counselor or take his prescribed medications, in addition to drinking alcohol. Kathleen stated, "he has had many scary episodes." DCF documented, "Since the baby [REDACTED] has been born she (Kathleen) has been more nervous and on edge trying to monitor his (Gregory Sr.'s) behavior. To manage it in the past, she (Kathleen) would try to soothe him or put sleeping pills in his food." Kathleen indicated to DCF that if Gregory Sr. did not begin to manage his PTSD, she was filing for divorce.

After meeting with Kathleen and the child, CPI Gagliardi attempted to make contact with Gregory Sr. at [REDACTED]. While at the hospital, medical staff advised CPI Gagliardi that Gregory Sr. was still paranoid and they (hospital staff) were having a hard time stabilizing him; therefore, Gregory Sr. could not have visitors.

CPI Gagliardi documented within his report that multiple attempts were made to meet with Gregory Sr.; however, these attempts were all met with negative results. Hospital staff advised DCF that Gregory Sr. was not allowed to have visitors, due to his agitated and violent response when people entered his room.

CPI Gagliardi summarized his investigation findings as the following:

"Findings were inadequate supervision have no indications. The father suffers from severe mental health issues that the mother was attempting to manage by bringing the baby with her to her doctor's appointment. The mother was strong protective capacities for the child which include filing for an injunction. The mother also worked with the hospital and VA to find a place for the father to work on himself before he can return to the home."

A safety analysis summary was listed as follows:

"At this time the child, [REDACTED] Edwards is deemed safe by the department. Although she is vulnerable due to her age, her mother has positive protective capacities that she has demonstrated throughout the investigation. Her father's dismissed protective capacities are being addressed by the VA and he is currently out of the home. The mother has filed an injunction against the

father keeping him away from the home until he has begun to properly manage his PTSD. At this time no further investigation is needed by the department.”

At the conclusion of DCF’s investigation, there were no findings of inadequate supervision and/or maltreatment. DCF allowed Kathleen to maintain custody of [REDACTED]. DCF closed their case with no further action.

DCF Intake number 2019-345411-01

On October 30, 2019, at 3:41 a.m., DCF received an on-line referral in reference to inadequate supervision of minor children.

This is a summary of that report:

An anonymous person submitted an on-line complaint, advising Kathleen Edwards has left her two minor children, 2-year-old [REDACTED] and 10-month-old Gregory Jr., unsupervised while she was “sick” or under the influence of medical marijuana. The children were said to be left in soiled diapers and clothing. There have been times when Kathleen was under the influence of medical marijuana and she was unaware of the children’s whereabouts. Kathleen was said to frequently drive while under the influence of medical marijuana.

Kathleen made many comments relating to suicide. The anonymous source stated that since her husband’s death, Kathleen has suffered with depression and fits of rage.

The anonymous source continued by saying Kathleen’s children usually wake up around 7:00 a.m. They are taken to daycare where they stay for 8 hours. On the weekends, the children are at home with Kathleen. Kathleen was said to become upset when the children are sick and can’t go to daycare.

With the above-mentioned complaint, DCF initiated a 24-hour response to the Edwards’ residence located at 4029 Gardenwood Circle, Grant-Valkaria, Brevard County, Florida. The report indicated the focus of the investigation was Kathleen, Gregory Jr. and [REDACTED].

During the course of DCF’s investigation, CPI Alysha Rutland made contact with Kathleen, [REDACTED] and Gregory Jr. at their residence. The children were observed to be free from marks or bruises. Kathleen appeared to be upset that DCF was at her residence. At first Kathleen refused to speak with CPI Rutland, claiming she was a “good mother.” Kathleen advised that her husband recently died. Kathleen stated to CPI Rutland that she had a “right” to be sad and depressed. Kathleen advised that she has been diagnosed with PTSD and anxiety. She sends her children to daycare every day so she can work with her therapist and address her mental health issues. Kathleen stated that law enforcement was a “trigger” for her. She didn’t want to speak with CPI Rutland at the moment because she recently viewed a news article in reference to “cops” killing her husband. CPI Rutland noted that while speaking with Kathleen, her lawyer was on a speaker telephone.

After meeting with Kathleen, CPI Rutland met with Play Smart Learning Daycare personnel. Daycare personnel informed CPI Rutland that Kathleen had recently removed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Gregory Edwards Jr. from their facility. Kathleen informed daycare personnel that she was not satisfied with the daycare and the cleanliness of the facility. Daycare personnel could not provide any information as to where Kathleen might be taking the children for child care.

Daycare personnel had no concerns for the children while they were attending the facility. Kathleen never appeared to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The children were always found to be clean and appropriately dressed.

CPI Rutland made contact with "Jonathan" (later identified as Jonathan Pruden) from the Wounded Warrior's Project (WWP).

Mr. Pruden advised he had been working with Kathleen for the past few years through the WWP. He knew Kathleen to be a combat veteran, who was suffering with PTSD and anxiety. Mr. Pruden advised that Kathleen was seeing a therapist. Kathleen had agreed to enter the "RETREAT" program through the WWP. The following week, Kathleen's children would be going to [REDACTED] to stay with family, while Kathleen entered the program. Mr. Pruden advised the future plan was to have Kathleen move from Florida to [REDACTED] to be with her family. Kathleen reportedly had no support system in Florida.

Mr. Pruden expressed concern for Kathleen because she was still in the grief and anger phases after the loss of her husband. Mr. Pruden stated if she could not get past those issues, she might not be able to maintain her mental stability. At that time, Mr. Pruden had no concerns for Kathleen's welfare or the children's well-being.

CPI Rutland summarized her investigation findings as the following:

"The mother is meeting the children's basic and essential needs. The children don't have a serious illness or injury that is indicative of child abuse. The children's physical living condition is known. The mother has not threatened to harm the children and is not acting in a violent or impulsive manner."

A safety analysis summary was listed as follows:

"Based on the information obtained and assessed, the children are determined to be safe at this time and will remain in the care of the mother, Kathleen Edwards. There are concerns for the mother's mental health as she experienced the birth of her child around the same timeframe she lost her husband unexpectedly as the mother gave birth on 12/18/18 and the father passed on 12/10/18 and the mother doesn't have any support in the area. There is no evidence that the mother is leaving the children unattended at any time. At this time there are no danger threats that cross the threshold and impending danger is not identified."

At the conclusion of DCF's investigation, there were no findings of inadequate supervision and/or maltreatment. DCF allowed Kathleen to maintain custody of Gregory Jr. and [REDACTED]. DCF closed their case with no further action.

DCF Intake number 2020-181671-01

On July 1, 2020, at 3:35 p.m., I received an email from DCF CPI Nicole Steinle. Attached to the email was a copy of DCF CPI Melissa Wall's Chronological Notes Report, relating to her interviews with Kathleen Edwards and Margarita Bonilla on June 27, 2020, at [REDACTED]

CPI Steinle advised DCF's policy is not to complete their full report until they receive law enforcement's closed investigative report. As a result, CPI Steinle was only able to provide official notes as to their investigative efforts related to the drowning investigation. I was advised that once our investigative report concerning the death of Gregory Jr. was complete and referred to the State Attorney's Office, CPI Steinle would finalize the DCF investigative report and forward it to the Sheriff's Office and SAO.

CPI Wall made contact with Kathleen and Ms. Bonilla on June 27, 2020, at 4:45 p.m. DCF CPI Deanna Trainor was also present.

This is a summary of CPI Melissa Wall's notes:

There is a sliding glass door inside the Edwards' residence that leads from the dining room into the pool area.

Neighborhood children come over to the Edwards' residence whenever they want to, so they can swim in the pool. Every summer, Kathleen takes down the gate that surrounds the pool so the neighborhood children can swim in the pool.

Due to Kathleen's husband passing away, Kathleen has been having a "hard time." Kathleen stated that Brevard County Sheriff's Office deputies "murdered" her husband "Gregory Edwards."

Kathleen is a combat Air Force veteran who suffers from PTSD. [REDACTED] while in the Air Force. About 2 weeks prior, Kathleen experienced an incident, which "triggered" her PTSD. As a result, she had individuals (never identified) come to her residence and stay with her. Two teenagers have been staying with Kathleen to help her watch the children. The teenagers are Kathleen's friend's children. Their ages are 12 and 13. Kathleen's mother also came to stay with Kathleen.

Approximately 2 weeks prior, law enforcement officers came to Kathleen's residence. Kathleen was told they were doing a "wellness check" on her. Kathleen was confused as to why law enforcement officers were doing the wellness check, stating they are not mental health counselors or DCF employees.

Kathleen stated it was reported that someone saw a post that Kathleen posted online that was concerning. The post was made several days prior to law enforcement showing up at Kathleen's house. The post was made on a private chat line. Kathleen thought if law enforcement was so concerned about her welfare, why they didn't show up right away. This event is what was

alleged to have triggered Kathleen's PTSD. Kathleen advised she is currently seeing a therapist, identified as [REDACTED].

Kathleen would not "shut up" about her husband's "murder." She feels this is why law enforcement keeps coming to her house. Kathleen advised that her husband's "murder" is on the news.

Both of Kathleen's children were born at home. Kathleen reported that [REDACTED] is talking and a very active child. Gregory Jr. was walking and he could say about 5 words.

CPI's Wall and Trainor attempted to interview Kathleen in reference to the drowning incident. Kathleen kept crying hysterically and had difficulty catching her breath. She told CPI Wall that her mother would be able to talk more about the incident.

Ms. Bonilla relayed the following information:

Two teenagers were living at Kathleen's house when Ms. Bonilla arrived for a visit. Ms. Bonilla arrived at the house one week prior to the incident, to help Kathleen. Ms. Bonilla lives in [REDACTED]. Kathleen's sister had been at the house, prior to Ms. Bonilla's arrival, helping to care for Kathleen and the children.

Ms. Bonilla blamed herself for Gregory Jr.'s drowning in the pool. She explained that the teenagers were at the house all week. Ms. Bonilla felt bad because she told the teenagers to leave the residence on the morning of June 27, 2020. She felt as if the teenagers' family was taking advantage of Kathleen. Ms. Bonilla did not have a "good feeling" about them. The parents of the teenagers would come in and out of Kathleen's house. The teenagers acted as if they lived there. When Ms. Bonilla arrived, the one female teenager told Ms. Bonilla where she could sleep. Ms. Bonilla did not like how the teenagers were treating [REDACTED] and Gregory Jr. They were possessive with Gregory Jr. and "mean" to [REDACTED]. The teenagers left in the morning, prior to the drowning.

Ms. Bonilla and Kathleen were discussing the "case" regarding Gregory Sr. inside the kitchen area of the residence. They were talking about the possibility of getting a new attorney. Ms. Bonilla saw [REDACTED] and Gregory Jr. go into the back yard area. She clarified by saying the children were in the grassy area of the yard, not in the pool area, but near the play set. They had opened the back screen door and walked into the yard. At one point, Ms. Bonilla looked up and only saw [REDACTED] in the back yard.

Kathleen asked Ms. Bonilla where Gregory Jr. was. They started looking around the yard for Gregory Jr., but only found [REDACTED]. Ms. Bonilla advised the only way Gregory Jr. could have got back inside the screen was to crawl through the dog door (screen enclosure door). Since Gregory Jr. wasn't found outside, they started looking inside the house for him. After searching inside, Ms. Bonilla thought to herself, "I'm not crazy, I saw him outside." As a result, she went outside to look again. She advised, "Something told me to look under the pool tarp." Ms. Bonilla looked under the tarp and saw Gregory Jr. floating in the pool water and he wasn't moving. Gregory Jr. was removed from the pool. (It is unclear who removed Gregory Jr. from the pool.)

Ms. Bonilla placed Gregory Jr. on his back and started doing chest compressions. Gregory Jr.'s eyes opened and he spit water out. Ms. Bonilla and Kathleen were hesitant to call 911 due to their previous interactions with law enforcement, but [REDACTED] ultimately called 911. Law enforcement responded and immediately started life-saving measures.

Kathleen and Ms. Bonilla both submitted voluntarily to on-site drug tests. Ms. Bonilla was negative for all substances. Kathleen was positive for THC. (Kathleen is prescribed medical marijuana.)

Kathleen additionally advised that she is prescribed Seroquel, Duloxetine and Tramadol.

Both Kathleen and Ms. Bonilla refused to provide the identities of the individuals present at the residence just prior to the drowning incident. If further information is obtained as to their identity, agents will attempt to interview them in reference to this investigation.

Baker Act Gregory Lloyd Edwards

On October 2, 2017, at approximately 7:19 p.m., Gregory Lloyd Edwards Sr. was a patient at [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] under a Baker Act. Gregory Sr. was seated in the Baker Act Room being prepared to be moved to the Baker Act Facility when he refused. Gregory Sr. then intentionally and unprovoked punched an Emergency Medical Care provider in the face. Security Officers and the Charge Nurse then tried to separate Gregory Sr. from the victim. Gregory Sr. then bit a Security Officer and struck a second Security Officer in the face several times. Gregory Sr. additionally grabbed the Charge Nurse. Gregory Sr. was charged by Capias with three (3) counts of felony battery 784.07.2.B. Battery of LEO or Firefighter and one (1) count of misdemeanor battery 784.03.A. by the Rockledge Police Department under investigative case number 2017-00036334, Court case number 05-2017-CF-048115-AXXX-XX.

On January 2, 2018, Gregory Sr. was arrested, transported to and detained at the Brevard County Jail on a bond of \$15,500 for the above noted offenses.

On February 1, 2018, Gregory Sr., being represented by Attorney Ernest L. Chang, entered a plea of guilty (3) counts of felony battery 784.07.1.C. Battery on Emergency Medical Care Provider and one (1) count of misdemeanor battery 784.03. Gregory Sr. was placed on twenty-four (24) months felony supervised probation by the Department of Corrections.

Domestic Violence Injunction filed by Kathleen Edwards

As a result of Gregory Sr. being Baker Acted, Kathleen petitioned for an Injunction for Protection against Domestic Violence (05-2017-DR-045851-XXXX-XX,) on October 3, 2017. Within this petition, Kathleen provided a lengthy statement, and outlined several examples regarding violent acts of domestic violence committed on her and her child ([REDACTED]) by Gregory Sr.

Within the handwritten affidavit, Kathleen stated the following:

On Monday, October 2, I Kathleen Edwards had a doctor's appointment. My husband at this point had been acting strange since the hurricane Irma. I believe it triggered his PTSD and then it lead him to drink which makes his psychotic episode worse. At my doctor's appointment Gregory and my daughter came with me because he's threatened to harm my dog before and I did not want to leave him in the home alone. Around 11am on Oct 2nd he rushed out of the office "Did not tell me where he was going" I saw him put the baby in the car seat without buckling her up. Then he sped off. [REDACTED] called 911 he came back around 4:30 pm carrying the baby with No Diaper. She was wrapped in a little blanket that was soaked with pee and poop. My car was trashed there was poop on everything even in her diaper bag. The police noticed my daughter had an emergency room tag on her foot. I was told by the officer that he told them the baby was pepper sprayed and that's why he took her to the ER. My Doc apt was in Merrit Island. He took her to the [REDACTED] then came back to my location. Thankfully I took the baby to [REDACTED] to find out what happened and she is okay. The officer also told me Gregory said he left cause he was fearful for "My wife" because a voice told him to kill me. He was baker acted and sent to [REDACTED]

On Sunday Oct 1st I found him in the baby nursery with his hand gun. He closed the door and locked me out when he saw me walking towards the door to get in. I had to stay calm and convince him to let me in then I sat with him in the nursery while the baby slept until he left the room. He told me later that night that he was protecting her. Then Saturday we were watching T.V as a family. Gregory gets up to put the dog in the garage and 5 mins later comes back into living and accuses me of having a man in the house. He believed that within those 5 mins someone snuck in the house and slept with me. He was carrying off in front of the baby. He was acting very scary. Another incident between now and our last hurricane "Irma" I noticed he was out of reality so after I put the baby to sleep I asked what was going on with him and I told him he needed to get rest and stop smoking cigarettes and drinking cause its not good for the baby and it began an argument that led him to choke me he grabed my shirt to choke me and had his hands crossed to choke me with my shirt and my shirt ripped! He was also baker acted before I had my child and I told him that he could not continue to live like this and be a parent.

He was baker acted in ft. Lauderdale about 6 months ago and that started because of his drinking which in turns triggers his psychosis. I really care for my husband health and security but the 8 years I have known him he has been on this cycle on and off and I fear for my life and our childs life because he doesn't seem to realize what hes doing or whats going on. He is too unstable and too unpredictable. He also threatens to kill my dog. My dog is very protective of the baby & myself and when he goes into these episodes he is always saying how he's going to kill my dog. I feel like its not safe for the baby or the Dogs we have 2 days in our home. He also doesn't recognize he has a problem so he does not keep up with his meds or staying sobor. Usually he gets clean after a Baker Act then goes back to it

On October 4, 2017, the temporary injunction was granted. On October 9, 2017, Kathleen petitioned the courts to dissolve the temporary injunction against Gregory Sr., which was also

granted and dissolved. (Refer to the attached Injunction for Protection against Domestic Violence, and corresponding orders/motions for further details of Kathleen's statements.)

Kathleen Edwards Wellbeing Check Incident (2020-199447)

On June 14, 2020, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office was contacted by a concerned citizen regarding suicidal comments by Kathleen Edwards posted on a Facebook social media site (CR# 2020-199447).

Non-Emergency Call Transcript

Reporting person: **Jay Fondren**

BCSO Williams: Sheriff's Department, Williams, this line is recorded, can I help you?

Jay Fondren: Uh yes, My name is Jay Fondren and I work for uh organization that helps with combat vets with PTSD and uh, we had a uh social media notice that you guys (inaudible) Holly Kathleen Edwards, uh, I believe she lives in y'all's jurisdiction, she posted that she was going to commit suicide on social media, um.

BCSO Williams: Do you know what her address is?

Jay Fondren: I don't. I know that her husband uh Gregory Lloyd Edwards, uh, was, not, not, I guess he died (unintelligible) celiac disease (inaudible) with y'all back on December 9th. (Unintelligible) His records or her records...

BCSO Williams: His last name is Edwards you said?

Jay Fondren: Edwards, yeah...uh

BCSO Williams: First name?

Jay Fondren: Kathleen

BCSO Williams: How about, how about, how about the male that died? We have his records for sure.

Jay Fondren: The male that died, yeah, his was, his was, Gregory Lloyd Edwards.

BCSO Williams: Checking.

Unrelated background talking from other dispatch personnel.

BCSO Williams: Yeah, what is your name?

Jay Fondren: My name is Jay, J A Y, Last name Fondren, F O N D R E N

BCSO Williams: and what's your phone number?

Jay Fondren: [REDACTED]

BCSO Williams: and where you calling from?

Jay Fondren: uh, Houston, Texas

Unrelated background talking from other dispatch personnel.

BCSO Williams: and what social media is this on?

Jay Fondren: Facebook. On Formation 22, it's uh, a suicide prevention, um, group or page. (Unintelligible)

BCSO Williams: and this is the wife of the decedent?

Jay Fondren: Yeah, the wife, um.

BCSO Williams: and how we know that for sure, she's not pulling your leg?

Jay Fondren: Uh, well, you know, if y'all go make contact with her and get her health and welfare and she's alive, then, that's a win, if...

BCSO Williams: No, I'm just saying, how do you, how do you know it's not somebody that's fooling you, to call us?

Jay Fondren: It's fooling me? No, it's her, it's her page, I mean she's, she's been active in this group for a while. She posted it.

BCSO Williams: Alright, what's her name?

Jay Fondren: Uh, uh, It's Kathleen Edwards, I mean, Holly Kathleen Edwards.

BCSO: Holly Kathleen Edwards. Is she sending you pictures or anything?

Jay Fondren: Uh, no pictures, uh just, uh that uh, basically, you know, uh, she said you know I'll, I'll, I'll rest in peace things, goodbye, um, I can't, I can't support my battle buddies, you know, uh and, and then, she goes on to uh, on and on about how her husband was killed or died and that um, basically fuck this life, that kind of stuff, and then she... after she posted that stuff she hasn't responded to uh anybody else's comment.

BCSO Williams: and you're saying her first name is Holly?

Jay Fondren: Yeah. On, So on, on, on social media, its Holly K. Edwards, but on the audible here about the husband, it's Kathleen Edwards, so either Holly, her middle or both, (unintelligible)

BCSO Williams: Just looking for some information on her. I'm not showing any actually

Jay Fondren: Okay.

Unrelated background talking from other dispatch personnel.

BCSO Williams: Does she have any means or anything like that?

Jay Fondren: Uh, I don't know, she didn't, she didn't say a method or how she was going to do it.

Unrelated background talking from other dispatch personnel.

BCSO Williams: You said her other name is Kathleen?

Jay Fondren: Yes sir.

BCSO Williams: Do you know how old she is?

Jay Fondren: Uh, her husband was 38, so I'm guessing she is probably between 35 and 45.

BCSO Williams: Alright.

BCSO Williams: Alright, I got her name and we know where she lives, I got two units going out there right now. Alright so we'll give you a call.

Jay Fondren: Ok, I appreciate it.

The following is a summary of the investigation:

On June 14, 2020, at approximately 7:17 p.m., Sergeant Greg Smith, Corporal Kevin Sherrill and Deputy Mark Spencer responded to 4029 Gardenwood Circle, Grant in reference to the suicidal comments. The Brevard County Sheriff's Office received a telephone call from Jay Fondren, who stated the following:

Mr. Fondren is the outreach manager for a private Facebook group identified as "Formation 22", which is designed to help victims of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Mr. Fondren advised Kathleen Edwards posted suicidal comments on this private group. Mr. Fondren stated he and several other members of this group had great concern for Kathleen's mental health. Attempts were made to contact Kathleen, but they ended with negative results. Mr. Fondren provided a screenshot of Kathleen's post (which is attached as an enclosure to this report). The following is what Kathleen stated in her post:

"I'll be R.I.P. soon Good bye I cant even get support from my battle buddies on here... My husband was a combat medic in need and they cant even share his story on a platform for veterans that are killing themselves and wonder why we kill ourselves...were is the support! I have been reaching out for help to include other vets and no one is helping me or trying to get answers! What happened to being a team! #fuckthislife #justice4gregory were not just dying from suicide.. we get murdered when we try to get help for ptsd.."

After receiving the telephone call and information from Mr. Fondren, the noted deputies responded to the Edwards' residence and attempted to make contact with Kathleen to check her well-being (based on the call concerning her social media comments), but received no answer at the front door. Corporal Sherrill made contact with the neighbor, identified as Mr. Ryan

Slingsby, who also expressed concerns over Kathleen's mental health. Sergeant Smith was able to make telephone contact with Kathleen, but she still refused to exit the residence. A short time later Kathleen's sister exited the residence. Sergeant Smith explained that the Sheriff's Office had to physically see and talk to Kathleen to confirm her well-being. Sheriff Wayne Ivey arrived on scene to personally check on her wellbeing when Kathleen agreed to exit the residence. Sheriff Ivey, Major Carlos Reyes and Sergeant Greg Smith spoke with Kathleen and determined she did not meet the criteria for a Baker Act. Kathleen had family and friends at the residence and was being monitored for her mental health. This conversation was recorded by Sergeant Smith (a copy of the digital recording is attached as an enclosure to this report). The interaction was additionally recorded by Kathleen's sister, Gabrielle Bonilla, which is attached as an enclosure to this report.

Crime Scene

After obtaining a search warrant, CSI Stephanie Haas and CSI Mercedys Kroom entered the residence of 4029 Gardenwood Circle, Grant, FL and processed the scene. Digital photographs and measurements were recorded throughout the residence.

The following is a description of the residence:

The residence is a two-story home on the east side of Gardenwood Circle, with the main entrance facing west. A wooden privacy fence enclosed the entire backyard. A screened in pool was on the east side of the residence. A security camera was above the front door.

The first floor of the residence consisted of a laundry room, family room, small room with fireplace, kid's bedroom, baby room, master bedroom and bathroom, kitchen, living room, bedroom and two bathrooms. The second floor consisted of a loft area, bedroom and bathroom.

The master bedroom is on the north side of the residence. A sliding glass door was along the east wall of the bedroom. The sliding glass door was closed but in the unlocked position. The sliding glass door locking mechanism was found to be functional. Inside the master bedroom, a Taurus 9mm semi-automatic handgun was observed on the mantel. The firearm was secured inside a soft holster. The firearm had a fully loaded magazine inside the magazine well. The firearm was not collected.

An L-shaped sofa separated the dining area and the living room. The north side of the sofa had been moved and was separated from the west portion of the sofa. A sliding glass door was along the north wall of the dining area. The sliding glass door was in the unlocked position and was open approximately one inch. After manipulating the door mechanism, the sliding glass door was not able to be locked. A prescription bottle of Prednisolone 15mg (steroid used to reduce inflammation) prescribed to Gregory Edwards Jr. and diaper were on the dining table. The diaper appeared to be used.

A bathroom was on the east side (first floor) of the residence. The north side door led to the screened-in pool area (lanai). The door deadbolt was in the locked position. A child safety door handle was around the unlocked door handle.

Inside the bathroom of the residence, I observed two prescription medication bottles that were prescribed to Kathleen. The first was for Quetiapine (prescribed to treat certain mental/mood conditions such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, sudden episodes of mania or depression associated with bipolar disorder) and the second was for Naproxen (prescribed as a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug).

All other rooms within the residence appeared unremarkable.

Within the rear screened-in porch, a table was positioned at the north end just outside the master bedroom. On top of the table was a black tray, which contained a white container. The container had a prescription label attached to it for medical marijuana. The medical marijuana was prescribed to Kathleen Edwards. Inside the container, was a green plant-like matter, consistent with being marijuana. From my law enforcement training and experience I recognized the smell emanating from the green matter to be consistent with marijuana. Due to the marijuana being legally prescribed it was not collected.

BCSO Judicial Technician Michelle Myers ID# 4235 was contacted and verified (through the Florida Health Department's Medical Marijuana Registry) that Kathleen had an "open status" for a medical marijuana card. The order type was listed as "smoking marijuana." The total order allowed was 2.5 ounces. The start date for the card was June 27, 2020. The end date was July 31, 2020.

Also on the table was a red, white and black plate, containing several food items.

A pool was located on the east side of the lanai area. There was a screen door located on the north side and a screen door located on the south side of the screen enclosure. Both screen doors had elevated latches that measured approximately 58 inches in height. Each screen door had a dog/cat door (measured approximately 18 inches by 23 inches) at the bottom that swung in and out designed to allow large pets to enter and exit the screen enclosure. Based upon the size of these pet doors, a child the size of Gregory Jr. could easily fit through, thus giving him access to the pool area without having to open either of the screened doors.

On top of the pool was a blue solar cover that covered most of the pool's surface. There were uncovered areas of the pool on the north, south, east and west sides. There were steps into the pool at the northwest corner of the pool and at the southwest corner of the pool. At the southwest steps, there was a handrail. The solar cover was pulled back slightly at the handrail area. An orange flotation device (inner tube) was lying on the pool deck near the handrail.

Surrounding the pool (in the deck) were a number of holes, intended for the installation of a child safety fence. There were no caps on the holes. Inside some of the holes, there appeared to be water buildup. There was no child safety fencing observed within the screen enclosure of the pool area.

In the back yard, approximately 25 feet to the north side of the screen enclosure, was a storage shed. The two shed doors were partially open. Inside the shed, was a child safety mesh fence (which coincided with the holes in the pool deck) lying on the floor next to the west wall. Lying on top of the fence was a white chair. Leaning on top of the chair was a gas operated grass trimmer. A lawn mower was pushed up against the mesh fence. In and on the fence, I observed dirt and debris indicating the barrier had been there, undisturbed for a period of time.

Scene Measurements:

The following measurements were taken from areas in the pool and the doors/sliding glass doors leading to the pool area:

Kitchen sliding glass door:

- opened 1 inch
- height of mechanism from the inside: 3'1 3/8"
- height of mechanism from the outside: 3'7 1/2"

Master bedroom sliding glass door:

- height of mechanism from the inside: 3'2 5/8"
- height of mechanism from the outside: 3'6 5/8"

Bathroom door:

- height of deadbolt from the outside: 3'10 3/4"
- height of deadbolt from the inside: 3'4 3/8"
- height of door handle from the outside: 3'5 1/2"
- height of door handle from the inside: 2'10 3/4"

Pool steps:

(3 steps on north end)

- 1st step: 5 1/2" below water edge
- 1st step: 9 1/2" below lip of pool
- 2nd step: 15 1/2" below water edge
- 2nd step: 19 1/2" below lip of pool
- 3rd step: 26 1/4" below water edge
- 3rd step: 30" below lip of pool
- bottom of pool by stairs: 35 1/4" below water edge
- bottom of pool by stairs: 40" below lip of pool

(single step on east end)

- 20" below water edge
- 22" below lip of pool

(2 steps on south end by handrail)

- 1st step: 7 3/4" below water edge
- 1st step: 11" below lip of pool
- 2nd step: 18 3/4" below water edge

-2nd step: 22½" below lip of pool

Jacuzzi seat:

-18" below water edge

-23½" below lip of pool

Jacuzzi depth:

-38" below water edge

No physical items of evidence were collected from the Edwards residence.

At the conclusion of the search warrant being executed, I conducted a walk-through of the residence, along with Ryan Slingsby and Jessenia Nieves. Mr. Slingsby secured the residence after I left. I gave custody of the residence and a copy of the search warrant to Ms. Nieves, as instructed by Ms. Bonilla.

CSI Kroom took custody of a plastic bag containing items of evidence from FTO Nunez, while at [REDACTED] CSI Kroom opened the plastic bag and described the following items of evidence:

Item-An1, which is described as a pair of black infant shorts

Item-An2, which is described a wet and soiled diaper

Item-MK1, which is described as a white wipe with fecal matter

These items were documented with photographs and placed into BCSO evidence.

**Child Protection Team of Brevard Staffing Report
(Abuse Report# 2020-181671)**

On August 04, 2020, I received the Child Protection Team of Brevard (CPT) Staffing Report for Abuse Report#: 2020-181671. The report was prepared by Shoshana Amores and reviewed by Jeanie Raciti.

A conclusion made in the report was that Kathleen and Ms. Bonilla both neglected to adequately supervise Gregory Jr. and [REDACTED]. There was also evidence supporting that Kathleen failed to ensure that proper safety features were in place, which might have contributed further into Gregory Jr.'s drowning and death.

On September 9, 2020, I received the CPT Child Maltreatment Assessment Records Review, which was prepared by Doctor Vi Ngo (CPT Pediatrician). Based on the investigative and medical findings, Dr. Ngo documented in her report Gregory Jr.'s death was a result of "Abuse/Neglect" and "Inadequate Supervision." Dr. Ngo additionally stated, "Gregory (Jr) suffered submersion injuries and died as a result of the injuries. His death could have been prevented if he had appropriate supervision around water."

Telephone Records

On July 20, 2020, a subpoena was sent to Verizon for telephone number [REDACTED] (identified as Margarita Bonilla's cellular telephone). The subpoena was in reference to subscriber information and incoming/outgoing calls for June 27, 2020. On July 29, 2020, I received the subpoenaed Verizon information for telephone number: [REDACTED]. The subscriber for the listed telephone number was Raul L. Bonilla (husband of Ms. Bonilla). The address for the account was [REDACTED]. The established date for the account was June 18, 2003.

On July 20, 2020, a subpoena was sent to Sprint PCS Wireless for telephone number 703-357-0648 (identified as Kathleen Edwards' cellular telephone). The subpoena was in reference to subscriber information and incoming/outgoing calls for June 27, 2020. On July 29, 2020, I received the subpoenaed Sprint PCS Wireless information for telephone number: 703-357-0648. The subscriber for the listed telephone number was Kathleen Evans (Kathleen's maiden name). The address for the account was 4029 Gardenwood Cir, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32949. The established date for the account was August 29, 2009.

In viewing Kathleen's telephone records for June 27, 2020, it was discovered that Kathleen made one (1) voice telephone call and sent/received forty four (44) text messages in the morning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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District 19 Medical Examiner's Autopsy Report

On July 3, 2020, Associate Medical Examiner, Dr. Raman Baldzizhar, of the District 19 Medical Examiner's Office, completed a post mortem examination on Gregory Edwards Jr., in order to determine the cause and manner of death. At the conclusion of the post mortem examination, Dr. Baldzizhar did not observe any signs of trauma and labelled the case pending until microscopic examinations could be completed on several organ/tissue samples.

On August 26, 2020, I received a copy of the Medical Examiner's autopsy report, pertaining to the manner and cause of death concerning Gregory Edwards Jr.

Dr. Baldzizhar documented there were no abnormalities observed from the microscopic organ/tissue examinations completed. Dr. Baldzizhar documented that Gregory Jr. had brain edema, which was contributed to the drowning. There were no other significant findings documented in the report

Dr. Baldzizhar determined the cause of death was a “drowning” as a result of Gregory Jr. falling into the pool and ruled the manner of death as an “Accident”.

TikTok Videos

During the course of this investigation, I was able to identify that Kathleen had a social media account with a site identified as TikTok. This social media site is a video-sharing application that allows users to create and share short videos.

Below is the date and brief description of Kathleen’s TikTok videos:

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| June 27, 2020 | Kathleen is observed in a short video lip syncing to song lyrics. This video was posted on the same day her infant son Gregory Jr. drowned in the pool at her residence. |
| August 13, 2020 | Kathleen is observed dancing and lip syncing to song lyrics in eight (8) different short videos. There is an unknown female in several of the videos |
| August 14, 2020 | Kathleen is observed in a short video lip syncing to talking lyrics. |
| August 15, 2020 | Kathleen is observed in a short video lip syncing to song lyrics. |
| August 16, 2020 | Kathleen is observed dancing and lip syncing to song lyrics in two (2) different short videos. |
| August 17, 2020 | Kathleen is observed in a short video dancing and lip syncing to song lyrics with an unknown female. |
| August 18, 2020 | Kathleen is observed in a short video standing in front of a picture of Sheriff Wayne Ivey. Kathleen is observed lip syncing a song, stating that Sheriff Ivey is about to lose his job. Kathleen is observed dancing and lip syncing to song lyrics in three (3) additional short videos. |
| August 20, 2020 | Kathleen is observed dancing and lip syncing to song and talking lyrics in five (5) different short videos. |
| August 21, 2020 | Kathleen is observed in a split screen short video with an unknown male as music is playing in the background. Kathleen is heard repeatedly telling the unknown male to “take it off” and “show the dick”. |
| August 23, 2020 | Kathleen is observed in a split screen short video with an unknown female as she is dancing and lip syncing to song lyrics. |

Investigative Summary

This investigation has revealed that on June 27, 2020, at approximately 9:49 a.m., [REDACTED] used her cellular telephone and called emergency 911, from [REDACTED] 4029 Gardenwood Circle, Grant, to report [REDACTED] Gregory Edwards Jr., had fallen into the pool and was later located unresponsive. [REDACTED] stated to the BCFR emergency 911 dispatcher that Gregory Jr., had been in what she estimated was approximately 10 minutes before being found and removed from the water.

There is an unknown length of delay between Kathleen and Ms. Bonilla locating the child and the emergency 911 telephone call by [REDACTED] to seek lifesaving medical attention. DCF Intake number 2020-181671-01 noted Ms. Bonilla stated they were hesitant to call 911 due to their previous interactions with law enforcement, but [REDACTED] ultimately called 911. The Sheriff's Office responded and immediately started life-saving measures upon arrival until being relieved by Brevard County Fire Rescue personnel.

Kathleen informed Deputy Massolini that Gregory Jr. was in the water for approximately 10 minutes before he was located. Kathleen stated she had stopped performing CPR on Gregory Jr. for fear of breaking a rib prior to the deputy arriving.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] remained on the emergency 911 telephone call for approximately 7 minutes. [REDACTED], which was during the same time period the BCFR 911 dispatcher was providing lifesaving CPR instructions and Kathleen alleged she was performing the lifesaving procedures.

Evidence demonstrated that only two adults, Margarita Bonilla and Kathleen Edwards were at the residence to maintain supervision, care and protection for the two children, [REDACTED] Edwards and Gregory Edwards Jr., during the time period Gregory Jr. drowned.

During a recorded conversation with FTO Nunez while at the [REDACTED] Kathleen described prior to Gregory Jr. drowning, she was having a conversation with her mother, Ms. Bonilla. The conversation consisted of Ms. Bonilla insisting Kathleen have the pool fence up around the pool to prevent children from falling into the pool and potentially drowning. Kathleen stated to FTO Nunez, "I still don't listen to my parents." Kathleen stated she thought Gregory Jr. and [REDACTED] were inside the house. Kathleen then stated she saw the pool door open and only saw [REDACTED]

and not Gregory Jr. As alleged by Kathleen, approximately 10 minutes later, Gregory Jr. was found unresponsive in the pool. Kathleen then stated that she has a screen fence that goes around the pool and she "usually" has the neighbor kids (never identified) put it up. Kathleen stated she told the unknown neighbor kids not to put it up the day before.

While at [REDACTED] Agent Wheeler recorded a conversation with Kathleen. During this conversation, Kathleen was uncooperative with the drowning investigation of her son Gregory Jr. and made several statements about how Sheriff Wayne Ivey and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office are trying to criminalize her and kill her.

As a result of the lack of cooperation with the investigation by Kathleen or Ms. Bonilla to include the specific notice by Kathleen to obtain a search warrant for her residence, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office authored and presented a search warrant to the State Attorney's Office who approved the warrant and then presented the warrant to the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Charles Crawford of the 18th Judicial Circuit who authorized the search warrant, which was executed at Kathleen Edwards' residence. The warrant consisted of processing the crime scene where photographs and measurements were obtained.

The crime scene reflected that the child safety fence that was possessed and is designed to surround the pool was not being utilized. This screen fence was located in a shed in the backyard of Kathleen Edwards' residence with several items and debris around and on top of it. This is consistent with the numerous statements received from family and friends who all stated they have never seen a safety security fence or safety measures in place around the pool to protect children from drowning. This is in direct contradiction of Kathleen's statement to FTO Nunez about recently taking the fence down so neighborhood kids could swim in the pool.

Neither Kathleen nor Ms. Bonilla provided a full account to the Sheriff's Office of how Gregory Jr. drowned. Due to the lack of cooperation by Kathleen and Ms. Bonilla, interviews were completed in an attempt to identify the factual circumstances relating to the time period prior to and following the drowning, which directly resulted in Gregory Jr.'s death. During these interviews it was discovered that Kathleen provided inconsistent details of the events to several individuals leading up to and following the drowning.

DCF Intake number 2020-181671-01 interviews reflected Ms. Bonilla and Kathleen were inside the kitchen area of the residence. It was noted that Ms. Bonilla saw [REDACTED] and Gregory Jr. go into the back yard area. She clarified by saying the children were in the grassy area of the yard, not in the pool area, but near the outdoor playset. They (children) had opened the back screen door (*Both pool screen doors were observed with elevated door latch that measured approximately 58 inches in height.*) and walked into the yard. At one point, Ms. Bonilla looked up and only observed [REDACTED] in the back yard.

DCF Intake number 2020-181671-01 interviews reflected Kathleen and Ms. Bonilla both submitted voluntarily to on-site drug tests. Ms. Bonilla's drug test was negative for all substances tested. Following the death of Gregory Jr., Kathleen Edwards tested positive for the presence of THC by a DCF administered drug test. (*Kathleen is prescribed medical marijuana.*)

Kathleen told Cledea Edwards that [REDACTED] must have opened the residence slider door and let Gregory Jr. out into the pool area. When Kathleen could not find Gregory Jr., Kathleen ran to the neighbor's residence, Mr. and Ms. Slingsby, and knocked on their residence door. Ms. Slingsby later stated that she was home the entire morning and did not hear any knock on the door nor did her dogs alert to activity at the door.

Kathleen told Garriel Elgin that [REDACTED] must have figured out how to open up the gate to the pool. Mr. Elgin recalled Kathleen saying she had opened the sliding glass door to let Gregory Jr. and [REDACTED] go outside. Kathleen said [REDACTED] had opened up the fence to the pool and that's how Gregory Jr. must have entered the pool. (This is in direct contradiction of her own statement about the safety fence. Kathleen stated to FTO Nunez the safety fence was not up. Additionally, the safety fence was located in a shed in the backyard with items and debris around and on top of the child safety security fencing.)

Kathleen told Jonathan Pruden that she and Ms. Bonilla were inside the residence, while [REDACTED] was outside playing. Mr. Pruden was not able to provide details of where Gregory Jr. was at prior to the drowning. Kathleen and Ms. Bonilla could not find Gregory Jr. inside or outside the residence. He advised that either Kathleen or Ms. Bonilla went to a neighbor's residence, but still could not find Gregory Jr.

Kathleen further informed Mr. Pruden that [REDACTED] called emergency 911 and performed chest compressions on Gregory until Sheriff's Office deputies arrived on scene. Kathleen stated that she had to yell at the first deputy that arrived (Deputy Massolini) in order for him to start doing CPR. Kathleen then stated she questioned Deputy Massolini and told him he was not doing CPR correctly. This directly contradicts the deputy's sworn testimony. *Kathleen informed Deputy Massolini that Gregory Jr. was in the water for approximately 10 minutes before he was found. Kathleen stated she had stopped performing CPR on Gregory Jr. for fear of breaking a rib prior to the deputy arriving.* It should be additionally noted that in the BCFR Emergency 911 Dispatch recording the following statement was made [REDACTED] "Dispatcher: Okay, does she know how to do CPR? (Referring to Ms. Bonilla) [REDACTED] I don't think so. (Unintelligible) I used to, but I can't remember. Like I'm so (unintelligible) I'm freaking out." Deputy Massolini stated in his sworn statement that Kathleen was outside the residence upon his arrival.

Kathleen told Brian Torres that she believed Gregory Jr. and [REDACTED] were playing in the backyard by the playground. At some point that morning, Kathleen could not find Gregory Jr. Kathleen and Ms. Bonilla looked inside and outside the residence, but could not find him. Kathleen stated she found Gregory Jr. in the pool and pulled him out. [REDACTED] then called 911 and began performing CPR.

Ms. Bonilla stated to Agent Wheeler and I that she believed Gregory Jr. was with [REDACTED] in the backyard by the playground because Gregory Jr. was able to walk. According to DCF Intake case noted (2020-181671-01) *Ms. Bonilla advised the only way Gregory Jr. could have got back inside the screen was to crawl through the dog door (screen enclosure door). Since Gregory Jr. wasn't found outside, they started looking inside the house for him. After searching inside, Ms. Bonilla thought to herself, "I'm not crazy, I saw him outside." As a result, she went outside to look again. She advised, "Something told me to look under the pool tarp." Ms. Bonilla looked*

under the tarp and saw Gregory Jr. floating in the pool water and he wasn't moving. Gregory Jr. was removed from the pool. (It is unclear who removed Gregory Jr. from the pool.) Ms. Bonilla placed Gregory Jr. on his back and started doing chest compressions. Gregory Jr.'s eyes opened and he spit water out. Ms. Bonilla and Kathleen were hesitant to call 911 due to their previous interactions with law enforcement, but [REDACTED] ultimately called 911.

Inconsistent statements by Kathleen included the comment made to Agent Wheeler, "Just like when Ivey came, Ivey came to my house, your Sheriff came to my house, and violated me, and grabbed me, and I have PTSD, I don't need any more of this drama. You guys are trying to kill me." This is reference to June 14, 2020, where the Brevard County Sheriff's Office was contacted by a concerned citizen regarding suicidal comments by Kathleen Edwards posted on a Facebook social media site (CR# 2020-199447). The statement is clearly refuted by the concerned citizen who reported his concern of Kathleen's suicidal threat and the audio/video recording of the interaction by her sister, where she knowing and intentionally posted a threat of suicide with no concern stated for her children.

Based upon the interviews and evidence documented during the death investigation of Gregory Jr., an inability to adequately supervise and protect the children was present as related specifically to the day in question of Gregory Jr.'s death and historically over the time period of the DCF investigations, injunctions for protection due to violent tendencies by Gregory Edwards Sr.

Mr. and Ms. Slingsby provided statements that they have on occasions observed [REDACTED] and Gregory Jr. unsupervised while outside of their residence. Mr. Slingsby stated he has had to recover the children from the roadway so they would not get hit by a vehicle. Mr. Slingsby also has observed Gregory Jr. by himself on top of the outdoor playset. Mr. Slingsby stated concerns about Kathleen's ability to properly supervise her children.

Interviews documented other family members expressed similar concerns. In December 2018, Nicole Treasure was traveling in a vehicle with Kathleen after Gregory Sr. was taken off of life-support. While driving from the hospital to Kathleen's residence, Nicole and Kathleen spoke. During their conversation, Kathleen told Nicole, "I didn't want these kids. Greg wanted them. Now I'm stuck here with these kids by myself."

For reference, the Gregory Edwards Sr. death investigation is identified under BCSO (2018-434257), where Gregory Sr. was transported by BCFR on December 9, 2018, at 3:05 p.m., and was pronounced deceased on December 10, at 8:00 p.m. (approximately 29 hours) when Kathleen authorized the removal of life support. The emergency 911 call to the BCSO (2020-215221) regarding the drowning of Gregory Jr. occurred on June 27, 2020, at 9:49 a.m., and was pronounced deceased on July 2, 2020, at 4:05 p.m. (approximately 130 hours) when Kathleen authorized the removal of life support.

The Department of Children and Families advised they have investigated the Edwards family on three occasions.

The first complaint was received by DCF on October 3, 2017, at 6:34 a.m., DCF Intake number 2017-289493-01. Upon receiving the above-mentioned complaint, DCF initiated a 24-hour response to the Edwards' residence located at 4029 Gardenwood Circle, Grant-Valkaria. The report indicated the focus of the investigation was, Kathleen, Gregory Sr., and their daughter [REDACTED]. During the course of DCF's investigation, CPI Toni Gagliardi made contact with Kathleen and [REDACTED] at their residence. Kathleen reported she filed for an injunction against her husband Gregory Sr., and said she planned to leave town. Kathleen advised that both she and Gregory Sr. are veterans and suffered from PTSD. Kathleen reported Gregory Sr. did not take care of his PTSD, and explained he would not go to his counselor or take his prescribed medications, in addition to drinking alcohol. Kathleen stated, "he has had many scary episodes." DCF documented, "Since the baby [REDACTED] has been born she (Kathleen) has been more nervous and on edge trying to monitor his (Gregory Sr.'s) behavior. To manage it in the past, she (Kathleen) would try to soothe him or put sleeping pills in his food." Kathleen indicated to DCF that if Gregory Sr. did not begin to manage his PTSD, she was filing for divorce.

The second complaint, 2019-345411-01 was received on October 30, 2019, at 3:41 a.m., DCF received an on-line referral in reference to inadequate supervision of minor children. This is a summary of that report: An anonymous person submitted an on-line complaint, advising Kathleen Edwards has left her two minor children, 2-year-old, [REDACTED] and 10-month-old Gregory Jr., unsupervised while she was "sick" or under the influence of medical marijuana. The children were said to be left in soiled diapers and clothing. There have been times when Kathleen was under the influence of medical marijuana and she was unaware of the children's whereabouts. Kathleen was said to frequently drive while under the influence of medical marijuana. Kathleen made many comments relating to suicide. The anonymous source continued by saying Kathleen's children usually wake up around 7:00 a.m. and are taken to daycare where they stay for 8 hours. On the weekends, the children are at home with Kathleen. Kathleen was said to become upset when the children are sick and can't go to daycare. DCF initiated a 24-hour response to the Edwards' residence located at 4029 Gardenwood Circle, Grant-Valkaria, Brevard County, Florida. The report indicated the focus of the investigation was Kathleen, Gregory Jr. and [REDACTED].

The Child Protection Team of Brevard (CPT) Staffing Report for Abuse Report#: 2020-181671 was prepared and provided a conclusion that Kathleen and Ms. Bonilla both neglected to adequately supervise Gregory Jr. and [REDACTED]. There was also evidence supporting that Kathleen failed to ensure that proper safety features were in place, which might have contributed further into Gregory Jr.'s drowning and death. The CPT Child Maltreatment Assessment Records Review, was prepared by Doctor Vi Ngo (CPT Pediatrician). Based on the investigative and medical findings, Dr. Ngo documented in her report; Gregory Jr.'s death was a result of "Abuse/Neglect" and "Inadequate Supervision." Dr. Ngo additionally stated, "Gregory (Jr) suffered submersion injuries and died as a result of the injuries. His death could have been prevented if he had appropriate supervision around water."

In conclusion of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office death investigation, Child Protection Team of Brevard findings, and preliminary DCF investigation, Kathleen Edwards and Margarita Bonilla neglected to adequately supervise Gregory Jr. and [REDACTED].

A passive intervention is the use of an effective barrier between children and a hazard such as a pool. It has been found that surrounding private swimming pools with safety barriers could prevent unsupervised children from entering a pool, which significantly reduces their risk of drowning. Although Kathleen and Ms. Bonilla had knowledge of the safety fence, they knowingly and intentionally chose not to use it. Even after being told by her mother, Ms. Bonilla, Kathleen still failed to use the safety device and stated to FTO Nunez, that she does not listen to her parents. Kathleen and Margarita Bonilla knowingly failed to ensure that the appropriate safety features were in place, which combined with the failure to supervise the children, directly contributed to Gregory Jr.'s drowning and death.

F.S.S. 782.07(3) states, "A person who causes the death of any person under the age of 18 by culpable negligence under 827.03(2) (b) commits aggravated manslaughter of a child, felony of the first degree."

Neglect of a child may be based on repeated conduct or on a single incident or omission that results in, or could reasonably be expected to result in, serious physical or mental injury, or substantial risk of death, to a child.

A caregiver's failure or omission to provide a child with the care, supervision, and services necessary to maintain the child's physical and mental health, including, but not limited to, food nutrition, clothing shelter, supervision, medicine, and medical services that a prudent person would consider essential for the well-being of the child.

18th Judicial Circuit Court, State Attorney Review

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office respectfully requests a review of this investigation concerning the death of Gregory Edwards Jr. to determine if Kathleen Edwards and Margarita Bonilla violated F.S.S. 782.07(3) (Aggravated Manslaughter of a child) or any other criminal violation(s) if applicable.

Enclosures

List of Enclosures:

- 1) BCSO Reports/Documents
 - a. Deputy Mark Rozecki initial report
 - b. CSI Stephanie Haas supplement
 - c. CSI Mercedes Kroom supplement
 - d. Copy of search warrant for residence
- 2) [REDACTED] Emergency 911 Audio Recording

- 3) Audio Recorded Interviews:
 - a. Kathleen Edwards recorded conversation with FTO Nunez
 - b. Kathleen Edwards recorded conversation with Agent Wheeler
 - c. Margarita Bonilla's recorded conversation
 - d. Deputy Chad Massolini Interview
 - e. Deputy Mark Rozecki Interview
 - f. Corporal John Jennings Interview
 - g. FTO Andres Nunez Interview
 - h. Ryan Slingsby/Jessica Slingsby Interview
 - i. Peter Douglas Phone Interview
 - j. Peter Douglas/Cleda Edwards Interviews
 - k. Shushana Treasure/Nicole Treasure/Angella Atkinson
 - l. Garriel Elgin Phone Interview
 - m. Garriel Elgin Interview
 - n. Marvin Vickers Phone Interview
 - o. Jonathan Pruden Interview
 - p. Brian Torres Interview
 - q. BCFR Firefighter Gregory Chilcott Interview
 - r. BCFR Lieutenant Richard Hill Interview
 - s. BCFR Firefighter Adam Koehen Interview
 - t. BCFR Firefighter Cameron Leef Interview
 - u. BCFR Paramedic Michele Beolet Interview
- 4) Florida Department of Children and Families Reports
 - a. DCF Intake Report 2017-289493
 - b. DCF Intake Report 2019-345411
 - c. DCF Intake Report 2020-181671 (Notes only)
- 5) BCSO Missing Persons Investigation (CR# 2017-344387)
 - a. Deputy Bridgette Johnson report
- 6) Rockledge Police Department Battery Investigation
 - a. Case report
- 7) Domestic Violence Injunction, filed by Kathleen Edwards (2017)
- 8) Kathleen Edwards Wellbeing Check Incident (CR# 2020-199447)
 - a. Non-Emergency audio recording
 - b. Case reports
 - i. Sergeant Greg Smith report
 - ii. Lieutenant Robert Vitaliano supplements
 - c. Audio recording of interaction with Kathleen Edwards at residence
 - d. Cellular Telephone video recording by Gabrielle Bonilla (recovered from Florida Today article)
- 9) Child Protection Team of Brevard Staffing Report (Abuse Report# 2020-181671)

10) Subpoenas/Subscriber Records:

[REDACTED]

11) Kathleen Edwards TikTok internet recordings

12) District 19 Medical Examiner's Autopsy Report