

# Jasper County Sheriffs Office

## Incident Report Form

JC-17-03952

11/29/2017

### DEATH INVESTIGATION

Primary Officer: JASON HUTCHINS - JHUTCH

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Involved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investigation	<input type="checkbox"/> Video Available	<input type="checkbox"/> Gang Related	<input type="checkbox"/> Paperless
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Related	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspects	<input type="checkbox"/> Bias Crime	<input type="checkbox"/> Accident	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative
<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Involved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrests Made	<input type="checkbox"/> Drugs Involved	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready for DA / Prosecutor	<input type="checkbox"/> Alarm Activated

Log Number <b>JC-17-03952</b>	Incident Number	File Number	Case Number	UCR 01A4 <b>MURDER-HANDS,FISTS,FEET</b>		
Incident Type <b>DEATH INVESTIGATION</b>			Dispatcher	Source <b>OTH</b>	District <b>NW</b>	Status <b>OPEN</b>

Incident Date / Times						Incident Occurred At or Between					
Date Received <b>11/29/2017</b>	Day Rec'd <b>Wednesday</b>	Rcvd <b>0608</b>	Disp <b>0608</b>	Arrv <b>0608</b>	Clrd <b>0608</b>	Earliest Date and Time <b>11/28/2017 1715 (Tuesday)</b>			Latest Date and Time <b>11/28/2017 2107 (Tuesday)</b>		

Disposition <b>INV INVESTIGATION NEEDED</b>				Cleared by Exception				<input type="checkbox"/> Suspended			
UCR Clearance <b>ARREST</b>				UCR Occur Date <b>11/29/2017</b>		UCR Clear Date <b>12/6/2017</b>		UCR Count <b>1</b>		UCR Human Traffic Code <b>0</b>	

Location <b>405 MEADOWLAKE DR CARL JUNCTION MO 64834</b>						<input type="checkbox"/> Intersection					
Municipality: <b>CARL JUNCTION</b>						Cross Street					
						GPS Loc X			GPS Loc Y		

Business Name				Premise Code <b>RES RESIDENCE/DWELLING/HOUSE</b>				Arson Value			
Gang				Weather <b>CLEAR</b>							

Modus Operandi Coding				Victim: <b>INDIVIDUAL(S)- JUVENILE</b> IND2			
Entry:				Property: <b>PROPERTY TARGET CODES</b> 0			
Exit:				Area: <b>URBAN AREA</b> URBAN			
Method:				Time of Day: <b>NIGHT</b> NIGHT			

**WEAPON USED:**

Caller / Complainant Type	<b>Normal</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Anonymous</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Hangup</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Refused</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Incident Allegations/Offenses					
Sequence	Offense Date	Charge Code	Charge Section	Charge Sub-Section	Description
1	12/06/17	568.060-001Y201338.01.0 568.060		001Y201338.01	ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD - RESULTING IN DEATH UNDER SEC.

**INVOLVED PERSONS**

<b>ARRESTED</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>ARR</b>
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#### INVOLVED PERSONS

##### ARRESTED

CODE: ARR

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address

VADEN, JALEN DASHAWN

Juvenile ☐

Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
3/19/1995	22	B	M	N	[REDACTED]
Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
				(816) 392-7188	
Driver License Number			State	Class	Expiration Date
ID Provided			ID Detail		

Link Comments

##### COMPLAINANT

CODE: COMPL

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address

KYLE, JAYDA  
405 MEADOWLAKE DR  
CARL JUNCTION MO 64834Juvenile ☐

Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
[REDACTED]	3	[REDACTED]	F	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
				[REDACTED]	
Driver License Number			State	Class	Expiration Date
			MO		
ID Provided			ID Detail		

Link Comments

VICTIM

##### IN CUSTODY

CODE: INCUST

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address

VADEN, JALEN DASHAWN

Juvenile ☐

Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
3/19/1995	22	B	M	N	[REDACTED]
Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
				(816) 392-7188	
Driver License Number			State	Class	Expiration Date
ID Provided			ID Detail		

Link Comments

##### OTHER PERSON

CODE: OTHER

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address

KING, DENISE ANN  
105 S WINDWOOD DR  
CARL JUNCTION MO 64834Juvenile ☐

Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
[REDACTED]	55	[REDACTED]	F	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
				[REDACTED]	
Driver License Number			State	Class	Expiration Date
			MO		
ID Provided			ID Detail		

Link Comments

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address

MCPHERSON, CARMEN  
126 N WINWOOD CT  
CARL JUNCTION MO 64834Juvenile ☐

Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
[REDACTED]	46	[REDACTED]	F	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
				[REDACTED]	
Driver License Number			State	Class	Expiration Date
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Link Comments

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address

KING, GLEN WAYNE  
105 S WINDWOOD DR  
CARL JUNCTION MO 64834Juvenile ☐

Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
[REDACTED]	55	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
				[REDACTED]	
Driver License Number			State	Class	Expiration Date
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##### OTHER PERSON

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address

KYLE, DEVYN ASHLEY  
504 MEADOWLAKE DR  
CARL JUNCTION MO 64834

Juvenile  
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Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
	26		F		
Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
Driver License Number	State	Class	Expiration Date		
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##### Link Comments

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address

KYLE, MACKENZIE ADAM  
316 E 33RD ST  
JOPLIN MO 64801

Juvenile  
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Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
	26		M		
Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
Driver License Number	State	Class	Expiration Date		
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##### Link Comments

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address

KYLE, QUENCY  
405 MEADOWLAKE DR  
CARL JUNCTION MO 64834

Juvenile  
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Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
			M		
Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
Driver License Number	State	Class	Expiration Date		
	MO				
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##### Link Comments

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address

MCPHERSON, JUDDSON HUNTER  
126 N WINDWOOD DR  
CARL JUNCTION MO 64834

Juvenile  
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Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
	48		M		
Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
Driver License Number	State	Class	Expiration Date		
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#### ARREST INFORMATION

Arrest Date	Person Arrested (Last Name, First Middle)	JALEN	DASHAWN	Juvenile	N
12/06/2017	VADEN				
Primary Charge	Primary Charge Description	Charge Type	Charge Class	Count(s)	
568.060-001Y201338.01.0	ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD - RESULTING IN DEATH UNDER SEC.			1	
Arrest Disposition	Bail	UCR Code	Arrestment Date	Miranda by ID	Docket Number
NOBOND		01A4			
Arresting Officer 1	Arresting Officer 2		Blood / Alcohol	Arrest	Summons
JHUTCH	JASON HUTCHINS			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Charge	Description	Charge Type	Charge Class	Count(s)
	Secondary Charge(s)			

#### RESPONDING / INVOLVED UNITS, OFFICERS, TIMES

Division	Supervisor / ID	KMITCH
Unit Number	Officer / ID (Ofcr1 / Ofcr2)	Officer / ID (Ofcr3 / Ofcr4)
	JASON HUTCHINS	JHUTCH

#### COMMENTS / NARRATIVES

Title	Search Warrant	
Narrative Created By / Creation Date	12/11/2017	Narrative Updated By / Update On
		01/09/2018

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On 12/06/2017 after speaking with Jalen Vaden, I, Detective Jason Hutchins #247 requested Officer S. Castlebury obtain a search warrant for 405 Meadow Lake Drive. I requested the search warrant to seize pajamas and the bed which belonged to Jayda Kyle.

I arrived at 405 Meadow Lake Drive where I made contact with Officers Castlebury and Conway of the Carl Junction Police Department. We entered the residence and seized the following items:

- 1- Bed Frame with Mattress
- 2- Blue Children's Shirts/Pajama Tops
- 1- Blue Children's Pants/Pajama Bottoms
- 1- Light Blue Children's Shirt/Pajama Top
- 1- Light Blue Children's Pants/Pajama Bottoms

I obtained measurements of the windowsill located on the east wall of Jayda's bedroom. The windowsill protruded approximately 6 cm from the wall and was approximately 1 1/2 cm wide.

Photographs of the windowsill were obtained using a scale.

All evidence seized was turned over to Officer S. Castlebury with the Carl Junction Police Department.

A copy of the search warrant and a list of items seized was left at the residence.

It should be noted I was later contacted by Officer Castlebury in reference to several red stains which were located on the bed frame after it arrived at the police department to be stored as evidence. I went to the Carl Junction Police Department to view the stains. There were several dry reddish colored stains to the outside portion of the bed frame which would have been near the east wall as it was assembled in Jayda's bedroom. The stains were photographed and will be attached to this report.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

End of report.

### COMMENTS / NARRATIVES

Title

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Narrative Created By / Creation Date

12/01/2017

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12/13/2017

JASON HUTCHINS

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Narrative Approved By / Approved Date

On 11/29/2017 at approximately 0608 hours, I, Detective Jason Hutchins #247 received a telephone call from Detective Lieutenant R. Teed #111 regarding a request for assistance made by the Carl Junction Police Department. Detective Lieutenant Teed advised officers with the Carl Junction Police Department were investigating the circumstances surrounding a three year old child who was found unresponsive and requested I respond to the Carl Junction Police Department to provide investigative support.

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12/01/2017

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**JASON HUTCHINS**

12/13/2017

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At approximately 0733 hours, I arrived at the Carl Junction Police Department and made contact with Chief D. Haas #101 and Officer S. Castlebury #415. I received the following briefing which should not be considered "verbatim":

On 11/28/2017 at approximately 2107 hours officers with the Carl Junction Police Department were dispatched to 405 Meadowlake Drive, Carl Junction, Jasper County, Missouri for a report of a three (3) year old female who was unconscious, not breathing and bleeding from the mouth. Firefighters with the Carl Junction Fire Department and medics with Metro Emergency Transport Service (METS) arrived on scene and initiated life-saving measures to include cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The child, later identified as Jayda Kyle was transported via METS ground ambulance to Mercy Hospital- Joplin. Once at Mercy Hospital, Jayda was transported via air ambulance to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. According to initial reports received from staff at Mercy Hospital- Joplin; there were no visible or outward signs of trauma to Jayda's body at the time she arrived in the emergency department.

A short time after Jayda arrived at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri; the Carl Junction Police Department was contacted by Britnay Kirkland with the Jasper County Children's Division. According to Kirkland she received a report via the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline stating physicians with Children's Mercy Hospital suspected Jayda's condition may be related to child abuse.

After obtaining this information I was informed family and friends to include Jayda's biological mother, Devyn Kyle began gathering at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

Arrangements were made for Officer Castlebury, Child Service Worker Kirkland and I to respond to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City to conduct interviews with family members.

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### Interview- Dr. Liza Murray

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12/01/2017

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JASON HUTCHINS

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On 11/29/2017 at approximately 1235 hours, I, Detective Jason Hutchins #247 accompanied by Officer S. Castlebury #415 and Child Service Worker B. Kirkland arrived at Children's Mercy Hospital located at 2401 Gillham Road- Kansas City, Missouri.

Upon arrival we made contact with Amy Dublinske, a social worker with Children's Mercy Hospital. Dublinske escorted us to a private waiting area of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) where Jayda was currently receiving medical attention.

We were introduced to Dr. Liza Murray, a Child Abuse Pediatrician responsible for evaluating Jayda. The following is an abstract of the conversation with Dr. Murray and should not be considered "verbatim":

Dr. Murray advised the information she was providing is preliminary and she has yet to examine Jayda or speak with family members.

According to Dr. Murray Jayda has a remote history of headaches and joint pain and has been seen by a physician for these ailments. Jayda was reported to be acting "well" on 11/28/2017. Dr. Murray advised at some point on 11/28/2017 while in the care of her biological mother and mother's boyfriend, was found to be unconscious.

According to a head CT obtained at the hospital, Jayda is suffering from diffuse cerebral edema (swelling of the brain), left sided subdural hemorrhage (brain bleed). Dr. Murray advised there is a possibility there is additional bleeding in other areas of Jayda's brain, but due to the amount of swelling she is unable to confirm this. Dr. Murray stated she received preliminary information that Jayda may also be suffering from retinal hemorrhages, but an ophthalmologist has yet to confirm these findings.

Dr. Murray explained that cerebral edema can be caused by several different things to include head trauma, an oxygen limiting event and other medical conditions. Dr. Murray explained that based on a preliminary clinical history, Jayden's condition was not likely caused by a medical condition. According to Dr. Murray, Jayda's initial blood work did not show any signs of bleeding disorders or infection, but this would need to be confirmed through autopsy.

I asked Dr. Murray if Jayda's condition could be cause from a "ground-level fall". Dr. Murray explained that the physical findings were not consistent with something that would be seen in "short-distance" falls. Dr. Murray advised based on preliminary information she believes that Jayda would have been immediately symptomatic following the event which may have caused her condition. I informed Dr. Murray that based on initial reports Jayda was described to have been "seizing" upon discovery. Dr. Murray advised seizures could complicate matters, but Jayda's condition was most likely not caused by a seizure and that a seizure could be a result of some sort of traumatic event.

I asked Dr. Murray if she was diagnosing Jayda with "abusive head trauma". Dr. Murray advised she was not ready to make that determination just yet, but she would be consulting with an ophthalmologist for additional information.

It should be noted, shortly after speaking with Dr. Murray she advised the ophthalmologist was able to diagnose Jayda with retino schesis which is a condition often associated with substantial trauma. Dr. Murray

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advised she would be changing her official diagnosis to "abusive head trauma".

An audio copy of the interview was seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

End of supplement.

### COMMENTS / NARRATIVES

Title

**Interview- Carmen McPherson**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**JASON HUTCHINS**

12/01/2017

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**KEVIN MITCHELL**

01/12/2018

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After speaking with Dr. Murray I arranged to interview family members who were reported to be with Jayda within the last 24 hours.

The following is an abstract of the conversation with Carmen McPherson and should not be considered "verbatim":

Carmen is the maternal grandmother of Jayda Kyle. On 11/28/2017 at approximately 0830 hours Carmen met Devyn Kyle, Jayda's mother and Jayda at Dr. Wheeler's Office in Joplin, Missouri for a scheduled appointment. According to Carmen the appointment was scheduled because Jayda had not been feeling well intermittently for the last six (6) months; complaining of headaches, joint pain and fever. Dr. Wheeler referred Jayda to a rheumatologist at Children's Mercy, but she has yet to be seen due to her current condition.

After the appointment Carmen took custody of Jayda and the two ran errands most of the day. Between 1700 and 1715 hours, Carmen dropped Jayda off with Devyn at Devyn's place of employment.

I asked Carmen to describe Jayda's behavior throughout the day. Carmen described Jayda as being "normal Jayda". At one point in the day Jayda began crying complaining of a headache. Carmen advised it was "common" behavior for Jayda to cry and say "something hurt" when she became "tired". Jayda cried for approximately three (3) minutes and appeared to be "fine" because she began playing again. Carmen stated Jayda never acted "lethargic", "upset" or anything and again described the child's behavior as "normal Jayda".

I asked Carmen if Jayda had any type of falls while she was in her care on 11/28/2017. Carmen advised Jayda was in the dining room of her home around 1030 or 1100 hours when the family dog came running through. Carmen stated this scared Jayda causing her to back up, tripping backward. Carmen described Jayda falling onto her buttocks and then leaning back, lightly bumping her head on a piece of furniture which was behind her. According to Carmen Jayda cried, but she believed it was due to being frightened by the dog and the cry did not seem to be a hurtful one. I asked Carmen to describe the piece of furniture Jayda "bumped" her head on. Carmen described the furniture to be an antique wooden cabinet. Carmen advised Jayda fell onto her buttocks first and leaned back bumping her head on the cabinet. Carmen denies witnessing any other falls while she had custody of Jayda.

I asked Carmen to tell me what Jayda ate on 11/28/2017. Carmen stated Jayda ate a Sonic cheeseburger, tater tots and a sprite to drink.

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I asked Carmen to describe Jayda's personality. Carmen described Jayda as "outgoing and sassy". I asked Carmen what she thought was going on with Jayda. Carmen stated "I honestly don't know". Carmen advised when Jayda called her in reference to Jayda being found unresponsive, Carmen called a neighbor, Glenn King who is a physician who rushed over. Glen stated the only thing he could think of is that Jayda possibly stood on her bed, had a seizure and fell on the floor. Carmen described the floor of the home to be a "slab foundation" covered by carpet.

Before concluding the conversation, I provided Carmen with my contact information should she have any future questions.

An audio copy of the interview was seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

End of supplement.

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**Interview- Devyn Kyle**

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12/01/2017

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**JASON HUTCHINS**

**JASON HUTCHINS**

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After speaking with Carmen McPherson I spoke with Devyn Kyle, biological mother of Jayda Kyle. The following is an abstract of the conversation and should not be considered "verbatim":

Devyn resides at 405 Meadowlake Drive- Carl Junction with the following:

Jayda Kyle (Three (3) year old, Daughter)      Quincy Kyle (Five (5) year old, son)

Jalen Vaden (Devyn's Boyfriend)      Treighton (Jalen's Two (2) year old, son)

I asked Devyn to tell me about her day on 11/25/2017 beginning in the morning. Devyn advised Jayda had a doctor's appointment in the morning where blood was obtained. After the doctor's appointment Jayda went with Carmen for the afternoon instead of going to school. At approximately 1715 hours Carmen transferred custody of Jayda back to Devyn. During the evening Devyn advised the family went to an event at Jayda's school (Joplin Family Worship Center). Between 1900 and 1915 hours they left the event at school and went home. According to Devyn they arrived home at approximately 1930 hours. After arriving home the children received baths, were put into pajamas and went to bed as per their usual routine. Devyn advised the children usually go to sleep around 1930 hours with everyone usually in bed between approximately 2000 to 2015 hours.

I asked Devyn to tell me who put Jayda to bed. Devyn stated "Jalen did". I asked Devyn to tell me what type of bed Jayda sleeps in, to which she replied "a day bed". Devyn further stated "yeah, he (Jalen) put her to bed, then I went in the second time" Devyn advised Jayda is the only child who sleeps in the room and that she went into the bedroom after Jalen put Jayda to sleep to give her "kisses" and to tell her "good night". I asked Devyn if Jayda was covered up when she went into the room. Devyn replied "yes" and described Jayda's comforter as being "zippered". According to Devyn, Jayda likes to be zipped into the

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blanket. Devyn explained Jayda has to "crawl" out of the blanket to get out of bed. I asked Devyn if Jayda was in the zippered blanket when she saw her, to which Devyn replied "yes".

I asked Devyn to tell me what happened after they children were put to sleep. Devyn stated she and Jalen were doing laundry and picking up things around the house. Devyn advised she was in her bedroom at approximately 2100 hours and Jalen was "in and out" of the couples bedroom and living room, gathering laundry. Devyn described Jalen putting laundry away in their bedroom before going to Jayda's bedroom. Devyn stated Jalen then came running back into their bedroom holding Jayda. I asked Devyn approximately how long Jalen was gone from her bedroom before returning with Jayda. Devyn stated approximately one (1) or two (2) minutes.

I asked Devyn to tell me what was happening when Jalen came into the bedroom with Jayda. Devyn described Jayda as having "blood" around her mouth and being unresponsive. Devyn could not determine whether Jayda was breathing and Jalen called 9-1-1 for help. Devyn advised the dispatcher talked Jalen through performing CPR on Jayda, at which point she started breathing again.

I asked Devyn if Jalen told her how he discovered Jayda. Devyn advised Jalen told her he located Jayda "face down on the floor, next to her bed". Devyn stated Jalen thought maybe Jayda rolled out of bed until he rolled her over and found her to be "stiff, yet limp at the same time". Devyn described Jayda's jaw as being "locked shut", her arms "stiff", with the rest of her body "totally limp".

I asked Devyn to tell me what Jayda had to eat for dinner the night of 11/28/2017. Devyn stated Jayda was complaining of stomach pain and ate a few bites from a food truck called "Ghetto Tacos" at the school function. Devyn described Jayda "picking some chicken off of one and that being all she wanted".

I asked Devyn if she could remember Jayda having any type of falls within the last 72 hours. Devyn stated "not any major ones that I know of" and that she could not recall any falls. I asked Devyn if Jayda had been complaining of any type of illness. Devyn stated "she has had a lot of stuff going on". Near the beginning of Summer Jayda began "randomly throwing up" and getting "fevers". According to Devyn, Jayda would vomit and then appear "fine". Devyn recalled Jayda getting bruised easily. Devyn recalls Jayda falling down and waking up the next day with "big bruises". I asked Devyn if Jayda ever seen a physician for these things. Devyn advised she took Jayda to the doctor and she was not diagnosed with anemia or any type clotting disorders. Devyn described Jayda woke up one morning and would not walk, complaining of leg pain. After seeing a physician Jayda was diagnosed with a virus which "settled in her hip". Devyn advised the pain persisted for approximately six (6) weeks before Jayda stopped "limping". Jayda was treated with antibiotics and ibuprofen. Devyn stated Jayda started to get fevers more frequently beginning in the Summer and increasing to one every three or four days when she had the hip pain. Approximately one month ago Jayda began complaining about elbow pain. Jayda again saw a physician who could not determine any type of trauma via an x-ray and advised the pain could be due to inflammation. Devyn stated Jayda's fevers became more frequent in the last month. Devyn described Jayda having a fever almost everyday between 100 to 101 degrees Fahrenheit.

According to Devyn the last few weeks have been the "worst" with Jayda complaining of headaches and neck pain often. Devyn stated this past Friday night (11/24/2017) Jayda cried for approximately one and a half (1.5) hours prior to going to bed. Devyn advised she allowed Jayda to sleep in her bed that night and observed her "tossing and turning" most of the night. Devyn denies Jayda ever having a seizure prior to this incident.

I asked Devyn to describe her pregnancy with Jayda and if she had any complications. Devyn stated she became sick during pregnancy and was unable to keep food down. Devyn described at one point being in the

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hospital for four days because of her kidneys and liver "Shutting" down due to being "malnourished". I asked Devyn if she ever received a diagnosis for the issues. Devyn advised it was extreme "morning sickness". Devyn stated Jayda was born approximately two (2) weeks early, but was "fine" and discharged from the hospital on time. Devyn denied any type of maternal substance abuse to include tobacco, alcohol or marijuana while pregnant. According to Devyn she received adequate prenatal care.

Devyn advised when Jayda was approximately ten (10) months old she was diagnosed with apnea. When Jayda was approximately thirteen (13) months old she had her tonsils and adenoids removed by Dr. Walker at Joplin Ear Nose and Throat Center.

I asked Devyn to tell me what she thinks happened to Jayda. Devyn replied "I don't know. I know something has not been right with her head, she would scream in pain because her head hurt so bad". Devyn advised "Friday night was awful. I almost took her emergency room then, because she just does not act like that."

I asked Devyn if Jayda has been lethargic or anything like that. Devyn state the last week Jayda has been "really quiet" and has not wanted to do as much as she usually does, but described Jayda as usually quiet. I asked Devyn if she hear any crying or anything after Jayda had been put to sleep on 11/28/2017. Devyn advised "no". I asked Devyn to tell me what time it was when Jalen went into Jayda's bedroom. Devyn advised it would have been just after 2100 hours. Devyn further stated she would have went into Jayden's bedroom to say "good night" at approximately 2015 hours.

Officer Castlebury asked Devyn if Jayda was still in the zippered cover when Jalen brought her into their bedroom. Devyn advised that she was not and that she could not bring her self to go into the bedroom, even when she and Jalen went home to change clothes. Devyn advised Jalen and a physician who came to the home described the blanket as being "thrown down" it looked like blood was on the bed and onto the floor.

Devyn advised the blood was not cleaned up and nothing in the bedroom had been touched. I informed Devyn that I may want to go to her home and look at the bedroom as part of this investigation. Devyn indicated that would be "fine".

Prior to concluding the conversation I provided Devyn with my contact information should she have any future questions or concerns.

An audio copy of the interview was seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

It should be noted prior to leaving the hospital, Devyn and Jalen signed a completed consent search form authorizing investigators to enter their home located at 405 Meadowlake Drive- Carl Junction, Jasper County, Missouri. The forms were seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

There is nothing to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

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**Interview- Jalen Vaden**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**JASON HUTCHINS**

**12/01/2017**

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**JASON HUTCHINS**

**12/05/2017**

Narrative Approved By / Approved Date

After speaking with Devyn Kyle I spoke with Jalen Vaden, live-in boyfriend of Devyn Kyle. The following is an abstract of the conversation and should not be considered "verbatim":

Jalen has been employed at Ark of the Ozarks since August of 2017. According to Jalen his job has been "very hands-on the last couple of weeks". Jalen spoke of a time recently when a client began choking on a peanut leading resulting in Jalen performing the "Heimlich maneuver". Jalen then described on Monday the client "tired to kill" them while they were inside of a vehicle. Jalen continued to discuss different stressors to include his sister being airlifted due to a complications with pregnancy. I told Jalen that it sounded like he had a lot of things going on. Jalen became emotional and teared up saying "and ten (10) months ago today, one of my best friends got murdered". I told Jalen that I was sorry for his loss. Jalen then described how his cousin was just at Children's Hospital with "double pneumonia". Jalen stated "it has been a rough couple of weeks for me". I asked Jalen if he spoke to anyone about the stressors in his life. Jalen stated he had counselors at work, but has not spoke to them about any of his issues. I told Jalen that some people find it helpful to speak to a counselor when they find themselves dealing with a large amount of stress. Jalen stated he was not trying to divert from what was going on. I advised Jalen I understood and encouraged him to seek professional help.

According to Jalen he and Devyn have been in a relationship for approximately ten (10) or eleven (11) months.

Jalen resides with the following at 405 Meadowlake Drive- Carl Junction:

Devyn Kyle (Jalen's Girlfriend) Quincy (Devyn's Son) Jayda (Devyn's Daughter)

Treighton (Jalen's Son)

Jalen advised Treighton "was another part of the thing" explaining how Treighton has been ill for the last several month with ear infections and respiratory issues.

I told Jalen I would like to talk about yesterday 11/28/2017 and asked him what he was doing in the morning. Jalen advised he "got the kids ready" and he was not scheduled to work. I asked Jalen to tell me about the day leading up to Jayda going to a doctor's appointment. Jalen stated he was taking care of Treighton and did not go to the appointment. Jalen described Devyn and Carmen taking Jayda to the appointment to get blood drawn and "everything being fine from there".

Jalen advised the children had a function at school to include a hay ride. Jalen stated they all went to the function and Jayda "was perfectly fine from there". Jalen stated it is common for Jayda to get "fevers" when she would run around, but she did not feel warm and was acting like her normal self.

Between approximately 1900 to 1930 hours the family returned home from the school function. Jalen explained the children are usually in bed by 1945, but they got into bed a little later on that night. I asked Jalen to tell me what happened once they arrived home. Jalen stated the children got baths, got dressed in the living room, said "good night", gave "loves and kisses" and went to bed. I asked Jalen to tell me how the

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children got to their beds. Jalen stated "they just go to their rooms". Jalen advised he puts Treighton into bed and Quincy and Jayda put themselves into their own beds. I asked Jalen if he put any of the other children into bed besides Treighton, to which he replied "no".

I asked Jalen to tell me what happened next. After the children went to bed at approximately 2000 hours, Jalen went into his and Devyn's bedroom and then began doing laundry. Jalen advised he was walking from the living room to his bedroom doing laundry. Jalen stated he walked from the closet area of his room and walked into "her" bedroom to check on "her". Jalen stated he "just checks on the kids whenever he is up". I asked Jalen whose room he was speaking of, to which he replied "Jayda's". Jalen stated "when I checked on her, I opened the door and she was laying on the floor". Jalen described when he went into the room Jayda was laying on the floor and he observed her "taking a big deep breath" and demonstrated a long inhaled breath. Jalen stated "and that was it, it was completely constricted". Jalen described Jayda lying on the floor in a prone position with her arms down to either side "completely stiff" with her head "cocked to the side". Jalen demonstrated Jayda's position by lying in a prone position on the floor with his arms down to either side. Jalen advised Jayda's head and face were somewhat to her left side in a downward direction. Jalen could not see Jayda's face so he rolled her over with his right hand thinking she was asleep. When Jalen rolled the child over he observed blood and "instantly picked her up".

Jalen ran Jayda into his room and sat her on Devyn's lap. Jalen described how he dialed 9-1-1 from his phone and "got calmed down from dispatch". Jalen stated he was CPR certified through his employment, but "went completely blank" given the situation. Jalen stated he tilted Jayda's head back and began "mouth-to-mouth" and "thirty (30) chest compressions". According to Jalen he was instructed by the dispatcher to roll Jayda onto her side and attempt to "scoop" the blood out of her mouth. Jalen stated when he attempted to clear Jayda's airway he noticed her jaw to be "locked" and it would not move. According to Jalen emergency responders arrived at the residence within approximately three (3) minutes.

I asked Jalen to tell me the first thing he saw when he entered Jayda's room. Jalen described the positioning of the bed and a table and advised Jalen was lying approximately six (6) to eight (8) inches away from her bed. According to Jalen, Jayda's blanket was drawn back "like she was out of bed". Jalen described seeing "blood splatter" on the bed and sheets. Jalen described the blood saying that it "did not look like drips" classifying it as "salivary blood". Jalen stated it looked like saliva mixed with blood. While talking about the blood Jalen stated the blood on the bed looked "faded" and that there was no blood on one of the sides stating "it would have had to of hit from that side".

I asked Jalen if he examined the bed and the sheets of Jayda's bed. Jalen stated "yes, I examined all that with the two (2) officers that were there". Jalen indicated he told the two officers the same thing.

I asked Jalen if there was a specific reason that made him want to go "check on" Jayda. Jalen advised "no, I just check on the kids whenever I am up. It's just a normal thing that I do". I asked Jalen to tell me who got the children dressed for bed that night. Jalen advised the children dressed themselves.

I asked Jalen if he could remember Jayda having any falls or injuries within the last 72 hours. Jalen replied "not anything that would like be eye popping or anything like that. She is a three (3) year old, so she falls". I asked Jalen if he could remember the last time Jayda had a fall. Jalen replied "she didn't fall.....she slipped into the bathtub But she did not fall, I caught her before she slipped into the bathtub". I asked Jalen if Jayda hit her head, or elbow, or anything. Jalen stated "No, she didn't hit anything". Jalen advised Jayda was climbing into the bathtub behind him because he was standing at the bathtub, turning the water on. As Jalen was turning the water on, Jayda steps into the bathtub and he "bumps into her" and according to Jalen, he "caught her right as she started to fall". Jalen stated "like I said, she was perfectly fine whenever we got into the bath and got dressed and everything".

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I asked Jalen to tell me where he was at when Jayda was getting dressed in the living room. Jalen replied "in the living room". I asked Jalen to tell me what happened after Jayda got dressed because I was trying to understand how everyone got to bed. Jalen stated he usually gets Treighton out of the bathtub first since he is the youngest and puts his pajamas on. Jalen stated the other children's pajamas were already out because he got them out of their bedrooms and brought them into the living room. According to Jalen the other children dressed themselves and went to bed.

I asked Jalen to estimate how much time passes from when he left he and Devyn's bedroom to the time he went into Jayda's bedroom. Jalen replied "probably not even a whole minute. I walked from our room to her room and that is where I found her at, like that".

I asked Jalen to tell me what type of conversation he and Devyn were having prior to going into Jayda's room. Jalen stated they weren't really having any type of conversation that he knew of. Jalen then advised "I think she was upset about something, but we were probably just arguing or something. But, it wasn't major". Jalen stated Devyn was "pissed off" because the hay ride left without her while at the school function. Jalen advised "it was a long day" because Devyn had been "arguing" with his son's mother.

I asked Jalen to tell me what Jayda's muscle tone was like when he picked her up off the floor of the bedroom. Jalen stated Jayda was "stiff as a board" whenever he rolled her over on the floor, but went "limp" when he picked her up. Jalen described Jayda's condition by stating "it was like a dead body".

I asked Jalen to tell me what Jayda was wearing when he discovered her unresponsive, to which he replied "pajamas". I asked Jalen to describe the pajamas. Jalen described the pajamas as "red silky pajamas" with long pants and a short shirt.

I asked Jalen to tell me what Jayda ate for dinner the night of 11/28/2017. Jalen initially stated he did not know, but then advised Devyn informed him Jayda ate part of a taco. Jalen further stated Jayda has not been eating very much and she has lost a lot of weight.

I told Jalen that I would like to see the room where Jayda was discovered unresponsive. Jalen stated that he made sure he did not touch anything and he went through with the Carl Junction Police Officers when they were on scene. I asked Jalen if he observed any injuries on Jayda throughout the day. Jalen stated he did not and that Jayda bruises easily so he if she were injured, he would expect to see bruising.

I asked Jalen to describe what kind of child Jayda is. Jalen described Jayda as a "good kid" who is "quiet" and "smiles all the time". Jalen stated Jayda was ornery with her brothers, but it was because she was the oldest of the three (3).

Prior to concluding the interview I provided Jalen with my contact information should he have any future questions.

An audio recording of the interview was seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

It should be noted prior to leaving the hospital, Devyn and Jalen signed a completed consent search form authorizing investigators to enter their home located at 405 Meadowlake Drive- Carl Junction, Jasper County, Missouri. The forms were seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

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**Interview- Mackenzie Kyle**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

12/01/2017

Narrative Updated By / Update On

12/12/2017

**JASON HUTCHINS****JASON HUTCHINS**

Narrative Approved By / Approved Date

After speaking with Jalen Vaden I spoke with Mackenzie Kyle, biological father of Jayda Kyle. The following is an abstract of the conversation and should not be considered "verbatim":

I told Mackenzie that I was wanting to speak with him in order to help find out what happened to Jayda. Mackenzie replied "yeah, to find out who fucked up my daughter".

In speaking with Mackenzie he expressed concern that Jalen Vaden may be responsible for Jayda's condition. Mackenzie stated he and Jalen have been friends for years, but since Jayda has been hospitalized, Jalen will not make eye contact with Mackenzie. Mackenzie also expressed concern that the investigation would be biased due to Juddson McPherson's position as an attorney. I informed Mackenzie that an unbiased, thorough investigation lead by fact would be conducted into the circumstances surrounding Jayda's condition.

Mackenzie was irritated and made statements that it would not surprise him if Devyn Kyle was not present in the home at the time of the incident. Mackenzie could not provide any information to support his theory, but wanted investigators to look into all aspects of the case.

Prior to concluding the interview with Mackenzie, I provided him with my contact information should he have any additional questions or concerns.

An audio copy of the interview as seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

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**Scene Processing**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

12/01/2017

Narrative Updated By / Update On

01/09/2018

**JASON HUTCHINS****JASON HUTCHINS**

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On 11/29/2017 at approximately 2039 hours, I, Detective Jason Hutchins #247, accompanied by Officer S. Castlebury with the Carl Junction Police Department arrived at 405 Meadow Lake Drive- Carl Junction to process the scene. Upon arrival we made contact with Chief. D. Haase who provided me with a copy of a search warrant signed by Judge Dean Dankelson authorizing a search of the residence to identify, document and collect any items believed to be associated with the injuries sustained by Jayda Kyle.

405 Meadow Lake Drive, Carl Junction, Jasper County, Missouri is a single family, one level structure

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located in a residential area. The residence is situated north to south on the northeast corner of Meadow Lake Drive and Blackthorn Drive with Black Thorn Drive to the west and Meadow Lake Drive to the south. The main entry/exit is located on the south side of the structure with street access from Meadow Lake Drive. There is an attached garage located on the west side of the structure with street access from Blackthorn Drive.

There was a white, four door, Lincoln, Town Car bearing Missouri license plate SP8-U3L parked in the driveway located on the west side of the residence, adjacent to the overhead garage door. The vehicle was parked facing north on the west side of the driveway. A records check of the license plate revealed the following information:

Registered Owner: Jalen Vaden  
VIN: 1LNHM82WX2Y661851  
Expiration: September, 2018

Access to the residence was gained through an overhead garage door located on the west side of the residence via an electronic garage door opener provided by Chief Haase.

The interior garage door located on the north wall of the garage was unlocked and opens into a wash room area which leads into a kitchen. The kitchen leads into a dining room area to the north and a large living room area to the east. North of the living room is a master bedroom with an adjoining bathroom. Adjacent to the living room on the east side is two small hallways. The northern most hallway has entry/exits to a bedroom to the north which was later identified as Jayda Kyle's bedroom, a bathroom in the middle area and a bedroom to the south which was later identified as Quincy Kyle and Treighton Vaden's bedroom. The southern most hallway had an entry/exit located on the south side which was later determined to be a "play room".

The interior of the residence was comfortably warm and dry. I observed a large amount of clothing and several laundry baskets near the couch in the living room.

The bedroom identified as Jayda Kyle's was carpeted with the entry/exit located near the southwest corner of the room, a window generally centered on the east wall and a closet located near the southeast corner of the room. The room was furnished with a wooden captain's style toddler bed consisting of three wooden "walls" around the mattress and three (3) drawers beneath the mattress. The bed was generally centered on the north wall of the bedroom. On the west wall just north of the entry/exit was a single-stack chest of drawers with a television resting on top. East of the bed and adjacent to the north base corner of the window sill was a pink, circular plush bean-bag. Directly south of the bed was a white, faux animal fur type rug.

Overall photographs of the residence were obtained.

The dimensions of the bedroom from the southeast base corner of the room to the southwest base corner measures approximately 13' 5" with the northeast base corner to the southeast base corner measuring approximately 10' 4".

The dresser located on the west wall is constructed of a wood-type material and measures approximately 5' tall, 1' 8" long and 11" wide. There are circular knobs centered on each drawer. The third knob up from the bottom was partially detached from the drawer.

The bed, generally centered on the north wall was constructed of a wood-type material and measured approximately 6' 6" long, by 3' 4" wide. From the top of the mattress to the carpeted floor directly below

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measured approximately 2' 9". The north side of the bed was against the north wall. From the northwest base corner of the room to the northwest base corner of the bed measured approximately 3' 8". The mattress was covered with a pink mattress cover/comforter. The comforter zipped on both sides of the bed with an opening toward what would be the "head" of the bed to the east. The southeast corner of the comforter was pulled back approximately half way down the mattress toward the northwest corner of the mattress.

There was one (1) standard pillow located on the east side of the mattress which was covered with a pink pillow case. There were two (2) children's size plastic clothes hangers on top of the comforter. I observed one (1) folded blanket draped over the west end of the bed. I observed several small, dry, reddish colored stains on the top and south side of the comforter. On the east side and on the bottom side of the comforter were several reddish colored stains that appeared to be diluted with a clear colored liquid.

Centered approximately 1' 8" south of the bed was a white faux fur rug. The rug measured approximately 4' 10" long by 3' 8" wide. Near the center of the rug was a small dried reddish colored stain with several carpet fibers.

Between the rug and the southeast corner of the bed was a small, dry reddish colored stain. The stain was located approximately 1' 4" south of the southeast corner of the bed. After donning clean nitrile gloves I opened a package of two (2) sterile cotton swabs. I opened a small container of sterile water and moistened the tip of the applicator. I obtained a sample of the red stain and placed the swabs into cardboard containers.

The window centered on the east wall was covered with two (2) white, linen-style curtains. The curtain located on the south side of the window had two (2) circular shaped, dry reddish colored stains to the lower portion. The stains were approximately 7" off the floor. A presumptive blood test of the stains, using Leucomalachite green prepared in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions yielded a positive result for the presence of blood.

After obtaining initial photographs the following placards were placed to identify potential areas of interest:

- Placard 1- Pink Comforter Located on Bed
- Placard 2- Reddish Stain Located on Floor
- Placard 3- White Curtain with Reddish Stain Located on East Wall
- Placard 4- White Rug with Reddish Colored Stain and Carpet Fibers
- Placard 5- Wooden Knob Located on Dresser on West Wall

After obtaining photographs and measurements the following items were seized as evidence:

- 1- Pink Comforter with Red Stains
- 2- Swabs from Reddish Stain from Floor
- 2- White Curtains
- 1- White Rug with Reddish Stains and Carpet Fibers
- 1- Wooden Dresser Knob

After processing Jayda's bedroom, I placed placard #6 near the sink of the bathroom located between the two bedrooms. Inside the sink were several multi-colored cloth rags. The rags appeared to be slightly damp. Inside the sink was a small bright red stain that appeared to be acrylic-type material and not of biological origin. After obtaining photographs, the rags were seized as evidence.

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The master bedroom was located at the north end of the residence. The bedroom was furnished with a bed generally centered on the north wall, a dresser with a television resting on top situated on the south wall and a reclining chair near the southeast corner of the room. There was an entry/exit to a bathroom located on the east wall. Lying on the floor against the east wall and directly north of the entry/exit of the bathroom was a grey colored T-shirt. The T-shirt was marked with placard #7 and photographed. The T-shirt was inside-out and had a dried reddish colored stains near one of the sleeves. After obtaining photographs the shirt was turned where the graphics were now facing outward. The shirt was an adult size large. The front of the t-shirt read "Oklahoma City Thunder", a basketball team. I observed dried reddish colored stains to the right sleeve and shoulder portions of the shirt. The T-shirt was seized as evidence.

Photographs of the residence and items of interest were obtained both with and without scale where appropriate. All evidence seized from the residence was turned over to Officer S. Castlebury with the Carl Junction Police Department.

A copy of the search warrant accompanied by a list of items seized was left at the residence.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

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**Preliminary Medical Diagnosis**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**JASON HUTCHINS**

12/01/2017

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**JASON HUTCHINS**

12/06/2017

Narrative Approved By / Approved Date

On 11/30/2017, I, Detective Jason Hutchins received the following information from Dr. Liza Murray, a Child Abuse Physician with Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri:

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To Whom It May Concern,

Jayda Kyle is a 3 year old female currently admitted at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City with cerebral edema, left sided subdural hemorrhage and left eye retinal hemorrhages and retinoschisis. She is critically ill and not expected to survive her injuries.

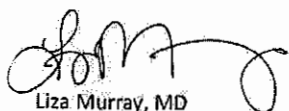
I spoke with Jayda's mother regarding her injuries, reviewed available medical records, images and lab testing at Children's Mercy Hospital and completed an exam of Jayda.

Mom reported that Jayda has a several month history of nonspecific symptoms including headaches, vomiting, fever, weight loss and joint pain. Jayda was evaluated by a physician on Tuesday 11/28/17 for ongoing symptoms and had blood work obtained and was referred to Rheumatology for additional workup. Mom reported that Jayda was generally in her baseline state of health on Tuesday 11/28/17 until the time she went to sleep at 730pm and was found unresponsive 45 minutes later.

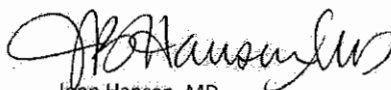
Jayda was subsequently found to have a left sided subdural hemorrhage, left sided retinal hemorrhages with retinoschisis, left sided scalp bruising and diffuse cerebral edema. Her presentation and the totality of her medical findings **are not** consistent with a short distance fall, are not compatible with an underlying medical condition (including but not limited to infection or a bleeding disorder) and are most consistent with a abusive head trauma. Additionally, an underlying disorder of the brain would not lead to retinoschisis which is a finding specific to severe traumatic injury. Given the extent of her brain injury, Jayda would be expected to be immediately symptomatic following the injury to an extent that it would be obvious to any caregiver present.

At this time my diagnoses include the following:

1. Left Subdural Hemorrhage
2. Left Intraretinal Hemorrhages with Retinoschisis
3. Left sided head bruising
4. Cerebral Edema
5. Abusive Head Trauma



Liza Murray, MD  
Child Abuse Fellow  
Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City  
816-234-3850



Jenn Hansen, MD  
Child Abuse Pediatrician  
Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City  
816-234-3850

A copy of the letter provided by Dr. Murray will be seized as evidence and attached to this report.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

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#### Preliminary Autopsy Findings

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On 12/04/2017 a forensic autopsy was performed on the body of Jayda Kyle at Frontier Forensics in Kansas City, Kansas by Dr. Erik Mitchell. The autopsy was attended by Jasper County Coroner Rob Chappel and Carl Junction Police Officers S. Castlebury and A. Ayres.

The following information was obtained from the preliminary report prepared by Dr. Erik Mitchell, Forensic Pathologist:

### PRELIMINARY PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS

Morgue Case Number: L17-12-010 JAS

Female child.

Small, vague, left cheek red mark consistent with bruise of about 1/2 in maximum diameter.

Left parietal scalp bruise 1 1/2 by 1 inch bruise with central circle pallor.

Subdural hematoma and raised intracranial pressure with suture separation leading to loss of subdural blood into sagittal subperiosteal space.

Lower lip buccal reflection has superficial bruise with possible granulation tissue at the frenulum where there is a mucosal tear.

Brain is swollen. No bleeding site source of the subdural hematoma is immediately defined. The tissue is formalin fixed for formal examination.

Intra-operative observation of organs of the trunk detects no antemortem non-medical trauma or disease.

The body is ready for release or cremation.

A copy of the preliminary autopsy findings will be attached to this report.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

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**9-1-1 Call Recording**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**JASON HUTCHINS**

12/07/2017

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**JASON HUTCHINS**

01/10/2018

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A recording of the 9-1-1 call was obtained from Jasper County Emergency Services Dispatch Center.

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According to records the call was placed from telephone number 816-392-7188 at approximately 2106 hours on 11/25/2017.

The following is a synopsis of the audio recording and should not be considered "verbatim":

Dispatcher: County 9-1-1 where is your emergency?

Male: Yes, um. Yes, I am calling. I went into my daughter's room and she was lying on the floor and I thought she was sleeping and I picked her up and she was bleeding from the mouth. And she.....

Dispatcher: Okay, what is your address?

Male: 405 Meadow Lake Drive.

Dispatcher: Okay, repeat the address to make sure I have it correct.

Male: 405 Meadow Lake Drive- Carl Junction, Missouri.

Dispatcher: And what is the phone number you are calling from?

Male: 816-392-7188.

Dispatcher: And what is your name?

Male: Jalen (Unintelligible)

Dispatcher: Okay, take a deep breath. What is your name?

Male: Jalen.

Dispatcher: Okay, Jalen. Are you with her now?

(Female voice in the background "she is not berating!")

Male: Yes she is. She is breathing.

(Female voice in the background "no she is not!")

Dispatcher: Jalen, are you with the child now?

Male: Yes. She is right here. She is lying on the ground.

Dispatcher: Okay, how old is she?

Male: She is three (3) years old. Breath in her mouth. Yes!

Dispatcher: Okay, is she awake?

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Dispatcher: Jalen?

Male: Yes, ma'am.

(Female voice in background "no, she is not breathing!")

Dispatcher: Jalen? Okay, is she awake?

Male: No, she is not breathing and she is not doing anything ma'am.

Dispatcher: Okay.

Male: What do I need to do?

Dispatcher: Where are sending paramedics now. Stay on the line, I will tell you exactly what to do next.

Male: Okay.

Dispatcher: If there is a defibrillator available, send someone to get it now. And tell me when you have it.

Male: There is not. There is nothing. We don't have anything.

Dispatcher: Okay. Listen carefully. Are you right by her now?

Male: Yes, I am lying right next to her.

Dispatcher: Okay. Lay her flat on her back on the floor and remove any pillows.

Male: She is lying on her back.

Dispatcher: Okay. Kneel next to her and look in her mouth. Look in the mouth for food or vomit.

Male: I can't. I can't see anything. There is so much blood. I don't know why she is bleeding. I can't see anything.

Dispatcher: Okay. Place your hand on her forehead. Your other hand under her neck and carefully tilt the head back.

Male: It's tilted back.

Dispatcher: Put your ear next to her mouth. Can you feel or hear any breathing?

Male: She is making small breaths.

Dispatcher: She is making small breaths?

Male: Yes.

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Dispatcher: Okay. I am going to tell you how to give mouth-to-mouth.

Male: Okay.

Dispatcher: Pinch her nose closed and completely cover her mouth with your mouth. Then blow two (2) regular breaths into the lungs, about one (1) second each. Just enough to make the chest rise with each breath.

Dispatcher: Did you feel the air going in-and-out?

Male: Yes, a little bit.

Dispatcher: Okay. Listen carefully and I will tell you how to give chest compressions.

Male: Okay.

Dispatcher: Place the heel of your hand on the breast bone, right between the nipples. Push down about two (2) inches with the heel of one hand touching the chest. Pump chest hard and fast 30 times, at least twice per second. Let the chest come all the back up between pumps.

Dispatcher: I want you to count out loud so that I can keep track with you. Okay?

Male: Okay. She just took one (1) deep breath. Hold on. Sorry, I was doing (Unintelligible).

Dispatcher: Okay. I want you to count out loud with every chest compression you do. Okay?

Male: Okay. One... Two... Three... Four... Five...

Dispatcher: Okay. You are going to have to go quicker than that. Okay?  
One-Two-Three-Four-One-Two-Three-Four.

(Female voice in background "she is not responsive at all!")

Male: Okay. She is breathing now.

Dispatcher: Okay. She is breathing?

Male: She is breathing normal now. Hey! She is breathing normal now. She is breathing normal now. Clam down.

Dispatcher: Okay. Is that the mom in the background?

Male: Yes. She is not.....

Dispatcher: Can you send her out to waive down the paramedics?

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Male: Babe, can you go outside to waive down the paramedics, please? You just have to go outside babe.

Male: Okay. Do you want me to do that again? Mouth-to-mouth?

Dispatcher: Jalen?

Male: Yes Ma'am.

Dispatcher: I want you to look at her very closely. Tell me exactly what you see and hear her doing.

(Doorbell Rings)

Male: She just took one (1) deep breath. Her eyes are kind of rolled back into her head. She has a very faint heartbeat.

Dispatcher: Okay. I want you to.... Jalen, I want you to say "now" every single time she takes a breath in. Starting immediately.

Male: Okay.....Just now.....Just now.....Just now.....Okay she s topped right now.....Okay she took a small.....There is a deeper one.....There is a deeper one.....

Dispatcher: Okay, say "now" every time she takes a breath in. Okay?

Male: I am.

Dispatcher: You are? Okay.

Male: She just took a very faint one.....There is one.

(Doorbell Rings)

Male: There is a deeper one.....There is a deeper one. It was kind of small. You want me to do mouth-to-mouth again? Chest compressions?

(Door Bell Rings)

Dispatcher: Okay. Does she still have a lot of blood in her mouth?

Male: Paramedics are here. Yes ma'am.

Dispatcher: Okay. I want you to turn her on her side and clear out as much of that blood as you can.

Male: Okay. The paramedics are here.

Dispatcher: Okay. Do you have someone right there with you?

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(Door Bell Rings)

Male: Yes, he is right here.

Dispatcher: Okay. You have an officer with you?

Male: (Unintelligible) Very faint.

Dispatcher: Jalen, is that the fire department that is there with you?

Fire Fighter: I'm here right now.

Male: You are on speaker.

Dispatcher: Okay. Alrighty. Good Luck Jalen.

Male: Thank you.

A copy of the audio recording was seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

End of supplement.

### COMMENTS / NARRATIVES

Title

**Interview- Devyn Kyle**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**JASON HUTCHINS**

12/07/2017

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**JASON HUTCHINS**

12/26/2017

Narrative Approved By / Approved Date

On 12/06/2017 at approximately 1130 hours, an interview was conducted with Devyn Kyle at the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. The following is an abstract of the interview and should not be considered "verbatim":

I began the interview with rapport building.

I informed Devyn of her constitutional rights per Miranda warning. Devyn indicated she understood her rights and signed a completed rights warning waiver which was seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

I asked Devyn to tell me everything she could remember from the time she received Jayda from her mother Carmen on the afternoon of 11/27/2017.

Devyn stated her mother Carmen met her at Devyn's place of employment which she identified as [REDACTED] to drop Jayda off. Devyn advised she and Jayda arrived at the children's school (Four State Family Worship Center- 5290 East 7th Street- Joplin) for a Christmas event. According to Devyn Quincy was already at the school and Jalen arrived separately with his son, Treighton.

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The family participated in activities at the school and left between approximately 1900-1915 hours.

The family arrived home, did bath time and got pajamas on with the children getting to bed at approximately 2015 hours. Devyn advised she went to her bedroom and may have went to the kitchen a "couple times". Devyn advised Jalen was doing laundry at that time. Jalen was in the living room and "in and out" of the couple's bedroom putting laundry away. Devyn stated at approximately 2100 hours, Jalen "came running in" with Jayda.

I asked Devyn to clarify what happened during bath time on 11/27/2017 and to tell me who was involved with giving the children baths. Devyn advised she was sitting in the living room where she could see the children playing in the bathtub. Devyn advised Jalen went into the bathroom to get the children out of the bathtub. I asked Devyn if she could remember who drew the bath water that night, to which she replied "Quincy actually starts the bath". I asked Devyn if Quincy started the bath on 11/27/2017. Devyn replied "I think so".

I asked Devyn to tell me who put the children into pajamas. Devyn advised she put Jayda into pajamas, Quincy gets himself dressed and Jalen put Treighton's pajamas on. I asked Devyn to tell me who put the children to bed that night. Devyn replied "I gave everyone kisses and went into our room, so Jalen laid everyone down". Devyn stated Quincy could climb into his own bed, Treighton sleeps in a "pack and play", so he has to be put down and Jayda climbs into her own bed, and gets help covering up. I asked Devyn if Jalen helped Jayda cover up that night, to which she replied "yes". I asked Devyn if she saw Jalen cover Jayda up. Devyn replied "no". I asked Devyn how she knew Jalen covered Jayda up. Devyn advised "I guess I don't, if I didn't see it.

I asked Devyn if there was anyone else at the residence on the night of 11/28/2017, to which she replied "no".

I asked Devyn to recall when she was inside of her bedroom and Jalen was "in and out" doing laundry. I asked Devyn to estimate how much time passed from when Jalen left their bedroom until he returned holding Jayda. Devyn advised approximately one (1) or two (2) minutes had passed. According to Devyn Jalen had been in the couple's closet putting things away prior to leaving the bedroom. Once Jalen left the bedroom he returned "shortly after". I asked Devyn to describe exactly what she seen and heard when Jalen brought Jayda into their bedroom. Devyn stated Jalen came running into their room holding Jayda. It should be noted Devyn became emotional and began to cry. Devyn described Jalen laying Jayda on the ground. Devyn stated it appeared Jayda "bit her lip or something" because her mouth was bleeding. Jayda was unresponsive and Jalen "called 9-1-1 right away". After calling 9-1-1 the dispatcher talked Jalen through performing CPR. Devyn advised the next thing she could remember was "bringing the fire department into the house". Devyn stated she was in front of the residence to "waive" the emergency responders into the home.

I asked Devyn if she had any idea what may have happened to Jayda. Devyn replied "I don't". I mean she has been very sick and I knew something has not been right with her, but no, I don't". I asked Devyn if there was anyone who she felt may be responsible for what happened to Jayda. Devyn shook her head left to right, stating "no".

I asked Devyn to describe she and Jalen's relationship. Devyn described the relationship as "easy", stating her previous relationship with Mackenzie was abusive and hard.

I asked Devyn to tell me about how the children are disciplined when they get into trouble. Devyn advised the children mostly receive "time-out", but explained they do not get in trouble often. I asked Devyn if the children ever receive physical discipline. Devyn replied "Jayda has been spanked, I think once in her entire

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life". Devyn explained Quincy is only "spanked" if he does something that could hurt him or someone else. Devyn described a time when Quincy ran out into a parking lot and received a "spanking". I asked Devyn to tell me who does the spankings. Devyn advised she cannot remember the last time the children have been spanked by anyone. Devyn indicated the "spankings" have always been done by hand on the children's "bottoms".

I asked Devyn if she ever uses any type of alcohol or drugs, to include marijuana. Devyn replied "no", but stated she did "drink" occasionally. I asked Devyn if she knew if Jalen uses marijuana. Devyn advised Jalen occasionally uses marijuana, but it is never while he is at home.

I asked Devyn who she thought would have had the best opportunity to hurt Jayda. Devyn replied "I mean I am not going to say if it happened right then that Jalen didn't have time to do it. I mean we were not next to each other." I asked Devyn if she heard anything. Devyn stated "no, I did not hear anything".

I informed Devyn that it was common in these types of investigations for law enforcement to obtain phone records, text messages and Facebook information. I asked Devyn if it were possible for there to be any conversations between she and Jalen or she and anyone else about what happened or may have happened to Jayda. Devyn replied "No. I mean whenever I got to the hospital and the first thing the doctor said to me is "someone needs to tell me what happened". He (Jalen) was out in the waiting room. I think I text him (Jalen) and said something like "I need to know what happened. They are asking me what happened". Devyn stated this communication occurred while at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City while she was back with the doctor and Jalen was in the waiting area. I asked Devyn to tell me what Jalen's response was to the text message. Devyn replied that Jalen responded "I told you what happened". I asked Devyn to tell me what Jalen told her happened. According to Devyn, Jalen replied "I told you what happened, I would never hurt our baby girl and that is how I found her" and something like "blood could not make her anymore my own child".

I asked Devyn what she thought the investigation would show once it was complete. Devyn replied "I have honestly not been able to let myself think that he (Jalen) could have done this. He has been with me and my family this whole time, none of them think that either". Devyn advised she could not even begin to imagine that Jalen would hurt Jayda and that in the year they have been together she has not ever heard him raise his voice.

I asked Devyn to describe how she and Jalen play with the children. Devyn advised Jalen and Quincy "wrestle a lot", "dance" and "read". I asked Devyn if they ever "rough house" specifically with Jayda. Devyn replied "not really. Especially the last couple months because she has been so sick and got so skinny. I think we have all felt kind of different about her the last couple months and she has not really been feeling like that."

I informed Devyn that an investigation was conducted and it clearly shows that something physical happened to Jayda to cause her death while she was in the care and custody of she and Jalen. Devyn asked if the injuries could have been cause by Jayda falling. I informed Devyn that based on the information provided to us, we could rule out a fall. Devyn became visibly upset and began to cry. I informed Devyn that we knew that someone did something to Jayda, however we did not know as to what context the injury may have occurred. Devyn asked "could it have been from playing with her, like throwing her on the bed or something?" I told Devyn that this is the reason I was wanting to speak with her.

I began to discuss with Devyn the different scenarios which may have contributed to the injuries; one being an accident and the other being an intentional injury. I told Devyn that I could understand if something happened to Jayda by accident and she and Jalen became scared at the thought of being questioned by law enforcement. Devyn was upset and placed both of her hands over her chest and replied "I don't know



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anything else. If something happened in that room, I don't know". I told Devyn that it was difficult for me to understand that with what happened to Jayda that she would not have heard anything. Devyn continued to cry saying "I know, I don't understand. I don't. I don't understand".

I told Devyn I needed to know if Jalen has said anything to her. Devyn replied "No, he has never strayed away from "I would not hurt her". "That is all he has said". I told Devyn that I needed to know everything that she knows. Devyn stated "I am telling you everything I know. I did not hear anything. I was in my room and he came running in with her". Devyn stated she and Jalen were not "glued together all night". I asked Devyn if there was any possibility that she was not at home when this happened. Devyn replied "No. I was home from the minute we got home until it happened. The entire time. I did not leave the house".

I asked Devyn what she thought happened to Jayda. Devyn replied "If something was done to her, I have to.....I would never choose someone over my child. I wouldn't. Neither would any of my family. That is the conversations we have had. If any of us had any doubt for a second in our minds that he (Jalen) did something to her (Jayda), then take him away and do what you need to do to him". I told Devyn that based on the investigation, I have no choice but to believe either she or Jalen did something to Jayda. Devyn stated she understood.

I told Devyn that this happened to Jayda that night while she and Jalen were in the house. Devyn stated "Yeah, I was not in the room so.....". asked Devyn if she knew anything at all, to which she replied "Nothing. He (Jalen) has said every time we have talked about it that he would not have hurt her. I don't know if something happened if they were playing. I don't know if he threw her in the bed ". I asked Devyn if she heard anything, to which she stated she did not. Devyn stated "You can not hear anything. There is not much you can hear in our room. You can not even hear them crying from our room. That is why we check on them multiple times a night". Devyn described Jayda as being "quiet in general". I told Devyn that I wanted to believe her, but it was difficult because of the extensiveness of the injuries. Devyn replied "She doesn't have any bruises or anything on her". I told Devyn that there were injuries to Jayda and that I could not share too much information regarding the injuries at this point in the investigation. I told Devyn that the amount of trauma that Jayda suffered was extreme and not something she could have done to herself. I told Devyn it was something she or Jalen had to have done. I asked Devyn to try and remember because Jayda no longer had to be a voice. Devyn replied "Then it was him (Jalen). I was not in the room, he will tell you that I was not in the room. I mean, he has told everyone that he was the one in the room".

I asked Devyn if anything was cleaned up prior to calling police. Devyn replied "No. Nothing was touched". We were both in our room with her until I ran outside to bring them (emergency responders) inside".

Devyn then advised she was on the phone at one point after she put Jayda to bed. Devyn stated she called a client back at approximately 2015 hours. Devyn indicated they spoke for approximately five (5) minutes while Devyn was sitting on her bed inside of her bedroom. Devyn stated "I probably would not have heard anything at that point".

I asked Devyn to tell me what she told medical personnel at Mercy Hospital in Joplin when they arrived. Devyn replied "that we found her like that. That Jalen found her like that". I asked Devyn if she told hospital staff that she put Jayda to bed, or that she performed CPR or that she found Jayda, to which Devyn replied "no". I asked Devyn if there was any reason someone would have to say this occurred. Devyn stated "no, I don't know how to do CPR, I was there beside him (Jalen) on the phone." Devyn further advised "I mean I went to her room and gave her kisses and I guess in my mind, if I said I put her to bed, then...." I asked Devyn to tell me when she put Jayda to bed, to which she replied "eight or eight-fifteen". I asked Devyn to tell me when Jalen went into Jayda's room. Devyn stated Jalen brought Jayda to her "a little after nine". I asked Devyn to describe Jayda's positioning when she went into her bedroom to give her "kisses". Devyn replied

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"she was not in bed yet. She was just standing in the middle of her room. I kissed her, I hugged her and I walked out. I never saw her in bed. I never saw her other than kissing and hugging her good night ". Devyn advised Jalen was the one who "literally put her into bed. I mean she can get into her own bed, so whether or not he picked her up and put her in bed, or she crawled in bed, I don't know ". Devyn further stated she never went into Jayda's room before they left for the hospital.

I told Devyn that I wanted to give her every opportunity that I could to tell me what happened and what she could remember. Devyn became emotional and stated she understood. I told Devyn that I was going to give her some time to think and see if she could remember anything because I did not want her to get caught up in anything. Devyn advised she "is telling me everything" that she knew and that the phone call with her client is the only thing she just recalled where she would not have been paying attention. I asked Devyn if she called anyone shortly before or after the 9-1-1 call was placed. Devyn advised she placed a call to her mother, Carmen to tell her that "something was not right and they were calling 9-1-1". Devyn also advised she called Treighton's mother to have her pick Treighton up because they were leaving for the hospital.

I asked Devyn to tell me where Quincy and Treighton went when she and Jalen went to the hospital. Devyn stated Treighton's mother came and got him and her father, Judd called some friends who lived down the street who took Quincy to their house. I told Devyn I was going to give her a few minutes to think about if she could remember anything else. Devyn asked if her "dad could be called". I asked Devyn why she wanted her father. Devyn stated "I am feeling like you don't believe me and I don't feel good about it." I asked Devyn to tell me what she did not feel good about and that I am telling her that I wanted to believe her. Devyn replied "that is the phrase that is making me feel very uncomfortable, because I am telling you everything that I know." I told Devyn that I wanted to give her every opportunity to tell me everything she knows. And asked if she was finished speaking with me and if she wanted an attorney". Devyn replied "I won't be done talking to you. I do not have anything to hide. You can ask me four-thousand questions and nothing is going to change". I told Devyn that I was not trying to be confrontational and I wanted to be open and honest about everything. Devyn stated "I didn't do it, if you have to decide someone else did it, then that is what you have to decide. I didn't do it. I was not in the room, Jalen will even say I was not in the room, so...." I told Devyn to try and think if she could remember anything else, to which she replied "I will". I left the room for a moment.

Upon returning to the room I asked Devyn if she could remember anything at all that may help this investigation. Devyn stated she could not think of any other detail that night or any other time that may help. Devyn stated she was trying to think of anything. Devyn rested her head in her hands and said they have all tried to think of any kind of signs or anything that would have made them think that something happened.

I asked Devyn to tell me what Jalen's behavior has been like since the incident. Devyn advised "he has cried a lot". I told Devyn that if she did not cause the injuries to Jayda, then it was Jalen who did. Devyn stated she understood. Devyn stated "I would never choose anyone over my children and that is why if that is what happened, I am not going to say that he (Jalen) did not have time to do it. I made that phone call, he (Jalen) was in and out of our room". I asked Devyn to tell me what was going on during that time when Jalen was in and out of their room. Devyn replied "I only saw him putting laundry away. I was not paying a lot of attention to him (Jalen)". I asked Devyn if she and Jalen were arguing or anything like that. Devyn advised she had been arguing with Treighton's mother most of the day. According to Devyn the argument was over child support.

I asked Devyn if there was a life insurance policy on Jayda. Devyn indicated she did not believe so and informed me that Jayda was on Medicaid. Devyn advised she could not think of anything else that would help the investigation and stated that she was in shock over the situation. I told Devyn that according to information we were able to develop lead us to believe that the injury occurred while Jayda was at the house with she and Jayda that night. Devyn replied "I just keep running through that night and wish I would have put

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her to bed and I just don't know anything". Devyn began to cry as she made the statement. As Devyn cried she advised she felt guilty even though she would never hurt Jayda and she could not think of anything because Jayda loved Jalen and was excited every time she saw him. Devyn stated "my kids are so blunt and if they do not like someone or something, they will say it". Devyn continued to cry and said "I just feel like it is my fault". I told Devyn that unless she was the one that caused the injuries to Jayda or withheld information, then what happened was not her fault. Devyn continued to say that even when Jalen carried Jayda into her room she did not see anything that would have made her think something happened to Jayda. Devyn continued by saying she "almost passed" when she was informed Jayda had a serious brain injury "because none of it makes any sense". Devyn stated she is not trying to say these things to "cover" for Jalen, but she is just "genuinely shocked" and her father even fought for Jalen to be allowed to see Jayda.

I asked Devyn to tell me what they had for dinner the evening of 11/28/2017. Devyn advised Jayda ate some of the chicken out of a taco while at the day care Christmas event earlier in the evening.

I asked Devyn what she thought Jalen's reaction would be when I spoke with him. Devyn replied "I don't know, I mean I'm just shocked. I mean he has to know what happened, I don't know because he has given no indication to me that something happened". I asked Devyn if Jalen's behavior has changed at all since the incident. Devyn advised she has not noticed anything different with Jalen. I asked Devyn if she observed any emotional distress in Jalen. Devyn advised Jalen has cried a lot, but everyone has been crying a lot. Devyn advised stated she went into Jayda's bedroom last night with her sister to "get it out of the way and feel what she was going to feel". Devyn further stated Jalen had been "in and out" of Jayda's room. I asked Devyn what Jalen was doing in the room when he would go in there. Devyn advised Jalen has "been crying every time he has came out of the room." Devyn stated she did not know what Jalen was doing in Jayda's room, but he has been "cleaning the house". Devyn advised Jalen cleaned when he was "Stressed" so it is not out of the ordinary.

I asked Devyn to recall when she messaged Jalen asking about when they were at the hospital in Joplin. I asked Devyn over what medium she sent the message, Facebook or text message. Devyn advised she sent Jalen a text message asking him what happened. According to Devyn Jalen replied "I told you what happened, I found her. I would never do anything to her". Devyn then went and got Jalen and asked him again if anything happened because she did not understand. Jalen never said anything other than "I told everyone what happened, I would never do anything". Devyn advised Jalen has not "strayed" away from that story at all and has not heard his "story change". Devyn stated she wish she could provide me with more information and began to cry.

I asked Devyn if she knew the names of the people who took Quincy that night. Devyn stated Chris and Stephanie Patterson took Quincy before her brother began caring for him. I asked Devyn if Quincy ever said anything about what happened to Jayda, to which she replied "no, but she has barely seen him". Devyn stated she knew Quincy was spoke to by children's division, but she didn't know the context of the conversation. Devyn further advised something else she did not understand is how Quincy would not have came out of his room if he would have heard anything. Devyn advised she was trying to go through everything and make things make sense.

I asked Devyn if it were available would she consent to taking a truth verification test to include a possible polygraph examination. Devyn replied "yeah, absolutely, yeah". Devyn further stated "cell phone records, whatever you need".

Devyn advised "the only thing I can think of is that we have been taking her (Jayda) to the doctor for bruising that we are not sure where it had been coming from". Devyn stated Jayda has had blood work done and she has been trying to figure out what was going on. I asked Devyn if these bruises to Jayda were

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happening before Jalen came around. Devyn stated both of her children have always bruised, but not to the extent that Jayda had been bruising. I asked Devyn to tell me when the bruising to Jayda started. Devyn replied maybe at the beginning of Summer or end of Spring. I asked Devyn to tell me what was going on in her life at that point. Devyn advised she and Jalen began dating in January. I asked Devyn if it ever crossed her mind that Jalen may have been causing the bruising to Jayda prior to this incident, to which Devyn replied "No. because like I said, I just felt like if something was happening, she would say something or give some sort of indication that she did not want to be around him or anything".

I spoke to Devyn briefly about the children's relationship with Mackenzie Kyle. Devyn told me of a situation that occurred at Mackenzie's residence where someone showed up with a firearm and the children had to hide in a closet. After the incident Devyn stopped allowing the children to go over to Mackenzie's residence for approximately one (1) month.

I concluded the interview with Devyn and escorted her to a waiting area.

A DVD-R containing an audio/video copy of the interview was seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

End of supplement.

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Title

**Interview- Jalen Vaden**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**JASON HUTCHINS**

12/07/2017

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**JASON HUTCHINS**

12/29/2017

Narrative Approved By / Approved Date

On 12/06/2017 an interview was conducted with Jalen Vaden at the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. The following is an abstract of the interview and should not be considered "verbatim":

I began the interview with rapport building.

I informed Vaden of his constitutional rights per Miranda warning. Jalen indicated he understood his rights and signed a completed rights warning waiver which was seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

I asked Jalen to walk me through the events on Tuesday (11/28/2017) beginning with the Christmas event at the children's school.

Jalen advised the event may have started around 1730 hours and he met Devyn at the school. Jalen stated he noticed Jayda was pale and slurring her speech while she was trying to tell them what she wanted for Christmas. Jalen advised they were on a hayride waiting for Devyn, but the ride would not wait and left Devyn behind. Jalen stated Devyn was angry that the ride left without her on it. After doing a few more activities with the children they left the event to go home.

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Once they arrived at the residence the children got ready to take baths. Jalen indicated he was in the bathroom sitting on the toilet getting the bath ready when Jayda walked in behind him and started to step into the bath tub. Jalen observed Jayda start to "slip" when he turned around and caught her before she fell. Jalen advised after the bath Jayda and Quincy got dressed with the clothes that were already laid out in the living room while Jalen got Treighton dressed. Jalen advised they "gave lovins" then went to bed prior to him starting to do laundry. Jalen stated he was "back and forth" from he and Devyn's bedroom. Jalen advised he walked from his closet in he and Devyn's room into Jayda's bedroom and found her lying on the ground.

I asked Jalen if there was anyone else in the home that night. Jalen replied "yes, me and Devyn were the only ones there with the two (2) boys and Jayda". I asked Jalen to tell me who started the bath water that night, to which he replied he did. I asked Jalen to tell me what happened after the bath. Jalen advised they went into the living room, Jayda and Quincy got themselves dressed while he dressed Treighton. Jalen stated Jayda and Quincy both went to their room and he put Treighton down to sleep before starting laundry. Jalen then advised " And I had not been back into either one of their rooms until I started doing the kids' clothes and I went into her (Jayda) room first and that is when I found her like that on the floor". I asked Jalen to tell me why he went into Jayda's bedroom. Jalen replied "just to check on her. That is what I always do whenever I am up. I check on them throughout the night periodically. It's just a dad thing, I don't know why. I check on them all the time so".

I asked Jalen to tell me the first thing he saw when he entered Jayda's bedroom. Jalen replied "she was lying on the floor with her arms stuck to her side and she had took a deep breath and it stuck. Obviously when I saw her, I ran over there and I rolled her over and saw the blood. Then I picked her up and she just went completely limp. So, I didn't know what was going on so I ran into the bedroom and that is when I called 9-1-1 and did CPR with the dispatcher on the phone while waiting for paramedics to arrive".

I asked Jalen to tell me what he thought happened to Jayda. Jalen replied "I'm not sure, like I said, she was fine when she went to bed. The only thing is she has to stand up to get out of her bed." I asked Jalen why Jayda had to stand up to get out of bed. According to Jalen the zippered blanket used buy Jayda requires her to stand up before getting out of bed. Jalen then stated "She was stiff. The only thing I can think of is a seizure, but from what? She had been having fevers, but not like seizure fevers".

I told Jalen that as part of the investigation a forensic autopsy was performed on Jayda's body and it was determined that there was trauma. I told Jalen that I was wanting to speak with him and Devyn to determine what may have caused the trauma to Jayda's body.

I asked Jalen to tell me who he thought would have had the best opportunity to do something like this. Jalen replied "I don't know, there were just not any issues, I mean you can't hurt the little girl, she the cutest thing you ever seen, you know. But there was no opportunity for anybody else or anything like that. Like I said, when they went to bed, they were in bed. Nobody else was in the house, nobody else went into their rooms or anything until I found her".

I told Jalen that our investigation clearly shows that something happened to Jayda while she was in the home with him and Devyn and someone had to have caused the injuries. I told Jalen that I needed to know what happened to Jayda. Jalen replied "I told you what I know. That is exactly how it happened for me. I don't know what happened or anything between there". I told Jalen that there was no doubt that either he or Devyn caused the injuries to Jayda. I told Jalen that I understood he was scared and that what happened to Jayda could have been as simple as him playing around with her. I continued explaining to Jalen that the injuries could have been cause by one of two different ways---either by accident or on purpose. I told Jalen that I wanted him to be truthful and tell me what happened. I asked Jalen if this was something he sought out

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to do, to which he replied "no". I asked Jalen if it was an accident, to which Jalen replied "it was an accident".

I asked Jalen to tell me what happened. Jalen advised he went into the bedroom and saw Jayda getting dressed. Jalen advised he was playing with Jayda when he "tossed her on the bed and walked out". Jalen advised when he went back into the bedroom. Jayda was lying on the floor. Jalen further stated "she didn't hit her head on anything or anything like that". I informed Jalen that based on medical information I knew that there was more to the story and that he was aware Jayda was injured. After obtaining several different variations of the story I told Jalen I was going to give him time to think about it and I wanted him to be ready to tell the truth when I returned to the room. Prior to me exiting the room, Jalen requested a piece of paper and a pen. I provided Jalen with a piece of paper and a pen then exited the room.

Upon returning to the room I asked Jalen if he was finished with the paper, to which he replied "I am just trying to make sure I wrote everything down for sure". Jalen continued looking at the paper. I asked Jalen if he could read what he wrote aloud. Jalen stated the following:

"She didn't have the right PJ's on when I went to check on her and that upset me because I already showed her what clothes to put on. I picked her up while she was standing by her dresser. I threw her down on the floor and she hit the back of her head pretty hard on the floor, but she was still awake and moving and everything. Then she came out of the room wearing the wrong PJ's. She had dirty PJ's on that she had worn a couple night before. She took them off and I Threw her on the bed face up and she hit her head on the bed whenever she was like that. I walked out of the room. When I came back in to the room she still wasn't dressed. I tossed her on the floor and walked out of the room and when I came back in to the room she was face down on the floor with blood coming from her mouth. That's all of it."

I provided an anatomical doll and requested Jalen re-enact what happened with Jayda based on his statement. I placed the doll in a sitting position on the table and asked Jalen where Jayda was at when he first made contact with her. Jalen advised Jayda was standing by her dresser with the door open. Jalen stated he picked Jayda up. I asked him to demonstrate using the doll. Jalen placed both of his hands around the dolls abdomen while the doll was facing him. Jalen placed his hands under each axillary region of the doll. Jalen then stated "I just tossed her on the floor like that". Jalen threw the doll onto the floor in a supine position. Jalen stated "she got up and I walked out of there". Jalen then stated Jayda walked out with the wrong PJ's on and he told her to go back to her room. Jalen advised "I did the same thing whenever I threw her onto the bed. I threw her onto the bed like this and she hit the back of it". Jalen demonstrated by picking the doll up in the same manner described above and throwing the doll onto the table where the back of the dolls head struck the interview room's wall. I asked Jalen if Jayda's head hit the left side of the bed, the right side of the bed, or the back side of the bed. Jalen indicated Jayda's head struck the back side of the bed (north side). Jalen stated "she sat up, so I grabbed her leg like this and tossed her onto the floor and that is how she hit. Jalen again demonstrated by grabbing the doll's right leg with his right hand swinging the doll down onto the floor where it landed in a prone position. Jalen stated "when I walked back in that is when I found her lying on the floor with the blood coming from her mouth. There were already blood drops on the floor. I never put her back in the bed after throwing her, but there was no visible blood or anything before hand or anything like that".

I asked Jalen if he cleaned anything up, to which he replied " No, I did not touch a thing in the room or anything like that. As soon as I found her like that I ran into the room and called 9-1-1 as soon as I picked her up".

I asked Jalen if he talked to anyone about what happened, to which he replied "no". I asked if he said anything to Devyn or anyone else. Jalen shook his head left to right in a manner which is commonly associated with a negative response.



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I asked Jalen to sign and date the paper he wrote on. Jalen asked if he could be incriminated for this. I asked Jalen if he was referring to the writing he put on the paper, to which he replied yes. I asked Jalen if it was his statement, to which he replied "yes". I asked Jalen if I told him to write the statement. Jalen stated "No. I am just making sure. I am not worried about it. This is everything that I know". Jalen then signed and dated the statement.

The following is an abstract of Jalen's written statement and should not be considered "verbatim":

*"She didn't have the right PJs on when I went to check on her. It made me mad because I showed her which clothed to put on and I picked her up which she was standing by her dresser and threw her down on the floor face up. She hit the back of her head on the floor pretty hard, but she was still awake and talking and moving. She came out of the room with the wrong PJs on. She put dirty ones on and so I took those off of her and threw her on the bed. I walked out and came back in and she wasn't dressed still so I threw her on the bed, face up again. Then grabbed her leg and tossed her face first on the floor and walked out of the room. When I came back in the room she laid face down, with blood coming from her mouth."*

The written statement prepared by Vaden was seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

I asked Jalen if there was anything else I should know about the situation, or if there was anything he would like to say. Jalen replied "like I said it was not an intention to hurt her or anything like that. Like I said, it was just kind of a reaction to it all". I asked Jalen what he was feeling. Jalen replied "I wasn't like raging mad, it was just mad. It just kind of took over my body, like I didn't.. You know I never hurt a child in my life before this incident. I don't know what, if it was just a trigger or what. I just kind of like snapped. It happened. She wasn't being bad or anything out of the ordinary or anything like that".

I asked Jalen to tell me what pajamas Jayda was wearing when he initially saw her standing in front of the dresser. Jalen advised Jayda was wearing blue fleece pants and he wasn't sure what color the shirt was, but if I seen them together, I would know they matched. Jalen then stated after he threw Jayda down she put on the pajamas she had on when he found her. Jalen continued by saying he has never hurt anyone and he wasn't sure what happened that he "just snapped" and it was not his intention to physical hurt Jayda.

I provided three photographs of Jayda's bedroom that I obtained from the scene. I showed Jalen a photograph of Jayda's bed and asked him to circle the spot Jayda hit her head. Jalen circled the wooden portion of the bed which was on the north wall of the bedroom. I asked Jalen to label the spot with the number "1". I then showed Jalen a photograph of Jayda's bedroom that showed the bed, white rug and window. I asked Jalen to show me the very first place Jayda hit her head. Jalen advised he first threw Jayda on the floor on top of the rug. I requested Jalen circle the area of the rug where Jayda hit her head. Jalen placed a circle on the white rug. I asked Jalen label the area with the number "1" and to re-label the area on the bed to number "2". I then asked Jalen then placed a circle near the pink bean-bag on the floor near the window and labeled it with the number "3". All three photographs were seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

Jalen stated he believed at first Jayda struck her head on the bean-bag when he exited the room. Jalen stated he did not understand where the blood on the bed came from because he never moved Jayda after "tossing her on the floor". Jalen stated he "snapped back into reality" when he left the room. Jalen stated when he came back into the room he did not know if he caused her condition or if he may have caused a seizure. Jalen stated he did not know how Jayda got to the position she was in when he found her because he "threw" her farther east near the pink bean-bag. Jalen stated there was "probably not even a five (5) minute time frame" from the last time he "threw" Jayda to the time he re-entered her bedroom.

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I asked Jalen to tell me how much time passed from the first time he threw Jayda on the floor to the time he threw Jayda on to her bed. Jalen replied "It was in the same. Like I didn't leave the room. She got up, so I threw her on the bed and told her to put her PJ's on. She said "okay" and put her PJ's on". Jalen stated when he left the bedroom and came back he observed Jayda not in bed and she was "just sitting there". Jalen asked Jayda what she was doing and when she did not say anything, it made Jalen "mad". So he grabbed her by the leg "and tossed her toward the pillow on the floor". I asked Jalen if Jayda was sitting on the bed when he came into the room and if she wasn't how did he grab her leg. Jalen replied "because I threw her on the bed, I don't know". Jalen then placed his head on his arms which were resting on the table. Jalen seemed to be having trouble remembering and saying he didn't know where the "blood splatters" on the bed came from". Jalen stated he was not sure if Jayda got up after he threw her down and thought maybe that's where the blood on the bed may have come from.

I exited the room for a moment.

Upon returning to the room, Vaden was placed under arrest at 1410 hours for child abuse resulting in death. Vaden was transported to the Jasper County Detention Center by Corporal T. Roughton #429 without incident.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

End of supplement.

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Title

**361-REQUEST FOR INFO FAX**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**SCOTT STANLEY**

**12/20/2017**

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**SCOTT STANLEY**

**01/03/2018**

Narrative Approved By / Approved Date

December 20, 2017

On December 20, 2017, I Deputy Stanley called 816-842-8321, option 7 of the Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City, MO. I spoke with Lauri Ortiz who is the house manager. I asked Lauri if Carmen & Juddson McPherson and/or Devyn and Mackenzie Kyle or Jalen Vaden had stayed at a Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City around November 28-29, 2017. Lauri checked her records and said there is no record that they stayed. Lauri said to fax an information request on department letterhead to 816-842-7033 and she would forward it to her supervisor for further research. Lauri suggested I contact the Social Workers Department at Mercy in Kansas City since they are the ones who refer people to the Ronald McDonald House.

I called 816-234-3670 and spoke with Lauren Mitchell who works in the Social Workers Department at Mercy Hospital, Kansas City. I asked Lauren if they referred Carmen and Juddson McPherson and/or Devyn and Mackenzie Kyle or

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Jaden Valen to the Ronald McDonald House around November 28-29. Lauren said they were deferred from the Ronald McDonald House but could not give a reason. Lauren said to fax a request for information on department letterhead to RLI Supervisor at 816-302-9899. The office number is 816-234-3455.

I faxed both requests on December 20, 2017. The original letters and fax cover sheets were placed in a manila envelope, labeled and given to Detective Hutchins.

End of supplemental

Deputy Stanley 361

Enclosures: Request for information and fax cover letter for Ronald McDonald House

Request for information and fax cover letter for RLI Supervisor, Mercy Hospital RLI

Department

December 21, 2017

I made contact with Stephanie Colley at Health Information Management, Mercy (RLI Department). Stephanie said she did not receive the fax requesting information. She asked me to fax the letter to 816-855-1936. I faxed the letter to this fax number and received a call from Stephanie saying she received the letter. Stephanie said I need to fill out a Satisfactory Assurances Statement for Law Enforcement and fax it back to her at the same fax number. Stephanie sent the request to our fax. I received the fax, filled it out and faxed it to the same fax number. The original request was placed in a manilla envelope and given to Detective Hutchins to be placed with the case file.

I called Lauri Ortiz at the Ronald McDonald house and received her voicemail. I left a message for Lauri to call me regarding the fax I sent on December 20, 2017.

End of supplemental

Deputy Stanley 361

Enclosures: Satisfactory Assurances Statement for Law Enforcement

December 21, 2017.

I received a phone call from April Hudson from the Ronald McDonald House. Her direct line is 913-486-5031. Her office number is 816-842-8321 ext. 111. April said the family was served in the Family Room Program inside the hospital. They requested a referral to the Ronald McDonald House but because the incident was under investigation, the request was not approved. April said while they were in the Family Room Program, they were never asked to leave. The grandpa asked why they were not referred to the Ronald McDonald House. April said he was told the policy regarding investigations and who can and can't stay. They did drink coffee and sleep in one of the rooms off and on. April is referring our request to her supervisor and will let me know if a subpoena is required to obtain a copy of the electronic log.

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On December 27, 2017, I contacted Stephanie Colley to check on the status of the information we requested. Stephanie said she did not receive the faxed information release letter. I emailed the letter to smcolley@cmh.edu. I received a confirmation email from Stephanie saying she received the authorization letter and will forward it to their ROI analyst, Maly. The information should be sent today.

End of supplemental

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January 3, 2018

On January 3, 2018, I received via U.S. Mail the information I requested from Children's Mercy, Health Information Management, Kansas City, MO, regarding Jayda Kyle. Social Work notes state the following:

**11/29/17 - 05:27; Tammy Kemp,** 1:1 restriction on all visitors.

**11/29/17 - 14:37; Amy Dublinske,** Assisted Grandfather, Grandmother, Mom's boyfriend and other family members to the Ronald McDonald Family Room for food and drinks. Some family members also slept in the beds in the RMFR as well.

**11/29/17 - 20:03; Jennifer Stallbaumer-Rouyer,** Call received on 11/29/17 at 18:01 from RMH, Becky regarding a potential referral for extended family. Spoke with MGF, Juddson McPherson. MGF understood that a referral had been made to RMH by a SW earlier on this date, but when he called and spoke with RMH, found that no referral had been made. MGF wanting a referral for himself, Juddson McPherson, II, Daniel McPherson, Buerge Desmond, Brenlee McPherson and Carmen McPherson.

I spoke with SCAN Dr. Murray and I discussed referral with Abby at RMH (816-842-8321 x115). Due to RMH policy regarding open CD investigation, all family on 1:1 supervision at the hospital and an unknown perpetrator at this time, RMH will defer a lodging referral. Discussed RMR availability with PICU Charge (PJ) RN and NICU Charge RN (Maureen)-family was not on the list and there are no rooms available with RMR. Family remains on 1:1 supervision and Charge RN, PJ clarified that only two adults can remain at CMH after 9:00 p.m.

**11/30/17 - 16:27; Amy Dublinske,** "Juddson McPherson requested to speak with this specialist. He advised that the family would like rooms at the Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Room on this date. He advised that he has contacted friends of his who are on the Ronald McDonald Board of Directors and requested that they make an exception for him and his family to stay at the Ronald McDonald House on this date." "Spoke with Kelly at Ronald McDonald House to place a referral. She advised that due to "global policy" with Ronald McDonald House, they are unable to make exceptions for the family to stay at the Ronald McDonald House on this date. She advised that Grandfather has a friend on the board of the Ronald McDonald House; however at this time RMH is unable to make any

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exceptions to this rule."

The packet of information was placed in a manila envelope and given to Detective Hutchins.

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### COMMENTS / NARRATIVES

Title

256 phone interview Dr. Murray

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

RYAN L MERCER

12/21/2017

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RYAN L MERCER

12/28/2017

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December 20, 2017, I Det. Mercer made contact with Dr. Liza Murray by phone, Dr. Murray is a member of the SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect) team. While speaking with Dr. Murray, I requested any information she may have on the following:

- I. If and when was the family notified that the condition of Jayda was caused by abuse. If so who was present during this conversation.
- II. Was she aware of an Ophthalmologist stating to the family that Jayda's eyes looked great and only had "floaters".
- III. If the Ophthalmologist did make this statement was a "Nurse Ben" present, and did she know who "Nurse Ben" was.
- IV. What knowledge would she have of the flight crew denying Jayda's mother, Devyn of being on the flight from Joplin to their facility.

Dr. Murray stated she would help in any way possible. She was unable to provide any information on the flight crew personal or why Devyn would have been denied flying listed in the records.

Dr. Murray stated she was the team member that informed the family of the suspected abuse. Dr. Murray went on to say that she had spoke with Jayda's mother (Devyn) in the room on November 29, 2017 around 1400 hours. During the conversation Dr. Murray told Devyn that Jayda's injuries were not consistent with an underlined medical diagnosis and most consistent with an inflicted injury or abuse. Dr. Murray did not recall her exact wording but stated that was

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generally the terminology she used when delivering that information. I asked Dr. Murray if any of the family members were present during this conversation. Dr. Murray stated that her father was present but had come and gone from the room intermittently. Dr. Murray was unsure if he had heard the conversation. I asked Dr. Murray if it was Jayda's father or Devyn's father that was in the room. Dr. Murray stated it was Devyn's father, Jayda's grandfather. I asked Dr. Murray if she had any notes that would reflect this, as I did not find it in the medical record. Dr. Murray located a social work progress note. Dr. Murray emailed me a copy of the note which will be given to Det. Hutchins for the case file.

In the social work progress note it states that Devyn became defensive when Dr. Murray informed her of the nature of the injuries, then she began asking Dr. Murray for possible mechanisms of injury. Dr. Murray explained diagnosis and concerns for NAT (Non-Accidental Trauma). The note also states the Caregivers are notable to provide history to how Jayda's injuries were obtained which is highly concerning.

Dr. Murray said she was in the room when the Ophthalmologist, Dr. Emily Broxterman spoke with Devyn, discussing the eye issues with Devyn, Dr. Murray added that Devyn's father (Judd McPherson) was in the room. Dr. Broxterman informed Devyn that Jayda had eye findings, stating she had retinal hemorrhages and retinoschisis. Dr. Murray heard Dr. Broxterman say that these are things that we don't do much with but just follow them to see what happens. I told Dr. Murray I would contact Dr. Broxterman for further on her findings. Dr. Murray said they defiantly discussed Jayda having eye findings. Dr. Murray adds that if anyone did tell them that there was floaters in the eye it did not come from the Ophthalmologist, it could have came from someone else that did a bed side exam, but not the Ophthalmologist. Dr. Murray added that if someone did use the term floaters it probably was not the Ophthalmologist and not something that is diagnosed.

Dr. Murray provided the name of Benjamin Sudbeck as possible identification for "Nurse Ben". Dr. Murray was unable to find any other nurse on Jaydas charts with a name that would be consistent with "Nurse Ben", she was unable to provide contact information for Ben, I will contact the administers office and attempt to have Ben contact me.

At this time I have nothing further to add. I will attempt contact with Dr. Broxterman, the transport team and "Nurse Ben. Those contacts will be entered on a separate narrative.

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Title

**298: Denis King interview**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**PAUL AYRES**

12/21/2017

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**PAUL AYRES**

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On 12-19-2017, I met with Denise King at her place of business ( ) in Carl Junction, MO. for interview in reference to this case. This interview was recorded on audio only, and will be placed onto CD and turned over to Det. Hutchins for this case file.

Denise was very polite and cooperative both prior to and during our conversation. She became visibly upset when she spoke about Jayda Kyle and her death, but was able to compose herself and carry on a conversation. Following is an

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overview of Denise's statements, not verbatim. Refer to the recorded interview for full details.

\*At 2108 hours on the evening of 11-28-2017, she received a call from her friend, Mrs. Carmen McPherson. Carmen appeared hysterical, saying that her young granddaughter (Jayda Kyle) was "bleeding from the mouth and unresponsive" and asking that Denise's husband, Dr. Glenn King, go check on the child. (The King's live at 105 S. Windwood Drive in Carl Junction, MO., a short distance from where the McPherson's daughter, Devyn Kyle, and her family live at 405 Meadowlake Drive, Carl Junction.) NOTE: Denise showed me her phone history, which showed the call from Carmen at 2108 hours and lasting approximately 19 seconds.)

\*After receiving the call from Carmen, Denise and Glenn immediately drove to the Kyle residence, arriving at the same time as first responders. (Denise stated this was not ambulance personnel, but a fire department crew.) They allowed the first responders to enter the house first, and then followed them inside. Carmen and her husband, Judd, were never at the house while she (Denise) was there.

\*Denise stated she saw Jayda "in the bedroom" and the responders rendering first aid to her. Glenn stayed in the bedroom, but allowed the responders to attend to Jayda. She (Denise) briefly spoke with Devyn during this time, then went outside. Shortly afterward, another neighbor, Chris Patterson, walked up to the house and told her he was there to get Quincy, another of Devyn's small children who was in the house at this time. (Denise also stated there was another toddler in the house and she believed this child was Jalen's from another relationship)

\*After she talked to Chris, Denise went back in the house to find Quincy and found him watching TV in his bedroom. She stated he appeared to be oblivious to what was all was happening in the house and focused on the TV. (Denise stated that at this point she felt she should distract Quincy from what was happening with Jayda, so she made small talk with him and talked about the TV show he was watching.) While she was in Quincy's room, Glenn briefly came in and was talking to the child as well.

\*Denise walked back into the living room and encountered Jalen, who told her that the toddler's biological mother was coming to get him.

**NOTE: At about this point in our conversation, a customer at this store walked into a dressing room near where Denise and I were sitting. Denise lowered her voice and I asked her if I needed to leave; she indicated I did not. Also at different points during our conversation Denise apologized, stating "there was so much going on" and she was sorry that she was not able to relay her observations in an exact timeline.**

\*Denise stated that at one point, she and Glenn were talking to Jalen and she asked him "what had made you go check on her?" to which Jalen replied "I do it every night." Jalen then proceeded to demonstrate to Denise and Glenn how he found Jayda and what position she was in at that time. (Denise stated that she had thought Jalen doing this "was kind of weird")

**NOTE: I asked Denise if Jalen was animated as he described these things, or if he appeared to be in shock. She stated he was not animated, and that Glenn had mentioned to her that sometimes people go into shock when**

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things happen.

\*Denise stated that Jalen then said to her "this had just been a crazy day; this guy at work almost killed me." She stated that she thought "this conversation was weird" (to be having at this time), but asked Jaylen where he worked. She went on to state that at this point she didn't stay around to hear Jalen's response, and walked back into Quincy's room. She did say that she later asked Glenn where Jalen worked and he replied that he thought he had said that he worked "with mentally disabled (people)" or something to that effect. Denise repeatedly stated that she thought it was odd that Jalen would say these things

Denise went on to state that she and Glenn were at the Kyle residence "for maybe 20-25 minutes", and that they left shortly after the ambulance left (with Jayda). She also stated that Glenn had been in the bedroom (with EMS and Jayda) for most of the time they had been at the house, and she believed he had just "watched" and did not participate in the medical care.

**NOTE: Denise again apologized for "being all over the board" in her timeline of events, but things had happened very quickly.**

Denise stated that when she and Glenn left the house, Jalen was still there and she believed he was talking to police officers on scene. She also stated that as they were leaving she noticed that the door on the attached garage was open and Devyn's white car had the driver's door open. Denise stated she thought this odd at the time, but didn't actually know why the car door was open.

Denise talked about the theory that Jayda had had a seizure, stating "that's because of ME." She went on to state that when she and Glenn arrived, the medics had asked if Jayda had been sick, etc. Jalen told them she had been "sick for awhile" and "having fevers and body aches", and that they had been to a doctor today and had been referred to Childrens Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

Denise stated that when she and Glenn got in the car to leave, she "lost it" (became upset) and asked Glenn if it was possible that Jayda might have had a seizure. He then told her "anything is possible." She also stated she had told Carmen that Glenn had said a seizure was a possibility, and recommended that the child be taken to Childrens Mercy as soon as possible.

**NOTE: Denise noted that Carmen and her husband, Judd McPherson, were unable for some reason to respond to Devyn's residence when Jayda became ill. She also noted that Judd had asked Glenn if they were taking Jayda to Freeman Hospital or Mercy Hospital (both in Joplin, MO.) and Glenn told him it would be Mercy. Denise stated that Carmen and Judd went straight to Mercy and not to Devyn's house. She also stated she didn't know where they were at (when Jayda became ill), but assumed it had to have been far enough away where they couldn't make it to Devyn's house in a timely manner.**

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Denise stated that after the incident, she and Glenn had talked and she asked him if, due to Devyn's house being built on a concrete slab and the floor being hard, if Jayda could have fallen and hit her head on the floor to cause a seizure. She stated that Glenn again told her that anything was possible, but he had said that "the whole blood thing is weird, doesn't make sense to me."

I asked Denise when she next talked to either Carmen or Judd (after the incident at Devyn's house). She produced her phone and began to scroll through multiple text messages she had exchanged with Carmen over the days after the incident. NOTE: Denise showed me her phone as she read the messages and did not attempt to conceal the messages or phone from me.

The first message to Denise from Carmen was on 11-28-2017 at 2113 hours. I observed their subsequent conversations to consist primarily of Denise providing emotional support to Carmen and some speculation about what had happened to Jayda.

As our conversation continued, Denise became somewhat emotional when talking about Jayda and what may have occurred to cause harm to the child. I provided her my contact information and advised her I would be in touch with her husband to arrange a time to speak with him in person.

Nothing further at this time.

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**298 emails from Denise King**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**PAUL AYRES**

12/21/2017

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**PAUL AYRES**

12/27/2017

Narrative Approved By / Approved Date

On 12-20-2017 I received a call from Denise King, who stated she had learned how to email her text conversations with Carmen McPherson and wanted my email address so she could send those to me. I provided her that information and she stated she would have to send several emails to capture all of the texts. Later on this date, I received eight separate emails from Denise that contained what appeared to be screen shots of their ongoing text conversation, beginning 11-28-2017 at 2113 hours and ending on 12-10-2017 at 2319 hours. The screenshots were printed and turned over to Det. Hutchins for this case file.

(It should be noted that their conversation was not continual, and there are time and date gaps throughout. I asked Denise about the gaps and she stated that she had felt the need to offer support and condolences to Carmen, but also felt that after Jayda passed away she should not be "too bothersome" to Carmen unless she (Carmen) asked.)

As noted in my previous supplement, the text conversation between Carmen and Denise appears to consist of Denise offering emotional support to Carmen, and them speculating on the cause of Jayda's illness. For full details of the texts,

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see the printed copies.

Nothing further at this time.

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**298: Dr. King interview**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**PAUL AYRES**

12/27/2017

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**PAUL AYRES**

12/28/2017

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On 12-22-2017, I met with [REDACTED] Glenn King at his residence (105 South Windwood, Carl Junction, MO.) for interview in reference to this case. The interview was recorded on audio, which was placed onto CD and turned over to Det. Hutchins for this case file.

Glenn was polite and cooperative throughout our conversation. He maintained his composure and was able to talk about the incident involving Jayda Kyle, mentioning several times that a child had died and he wanted the truth of the matter to be known. Following is an overview of Glenn's statements, not verbatim. Refer to the recorded interview for full details.

**NOTE: Glenn answered questions and offered information freely, but provided his information sporadically and not in a close timeline as it occurred. The following narrative is not in a timeline form; rather, in the general manner that Glenn relayed it to me.**

\*When he and Denise arrived at the Kyle house on the night of the incident, a first responder team got there at the same time so they allowed the first responders to go inside the house first. When he (Glenn) got into the house, he observed Jayda on the floor in a bedroom and the first responders tending to her. He remembered Devyn being somewhat hysterical until she was told that Jayda was breathing. He also remembered Jalen being in the bedroom, and noticed that he had some blood on his tee shirt. (Glenn motioned toward his own right shoulder)

\*As Jayda was being tended to, Glenn overheard the first responders say that she was breathing and had a pulse. Upon hearing this, he felt a bit relieved, but when they picked her up to put her on a stretcher, he noticed she was totally limp, "with no muscle tone", and was "ashen" in color. After they took her outside and put her into the ambulance, they "worked" on her for approximately ten minutes before leaving for the hospital.

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\*Since the incident, he had not had any contact with either Carmen or Judd McPherson. He did briefly speak with Judd, by phone, while the paramedics were still tending to Jayda, and Judd asked if the child was still breathing. He told Judd that she was breathing and had a pulse, but was unconscious and was being transported to Mercy Hospital in Joplin.

\*Glenn noted that he remembered "not wanting to give Judd too much hope, but still not destroy all hope", and told him the cause of her problems "could have been caused by any number of things."

**NOTE:** Glenn expressed his frustration with the rumors and social media coverage this incident had spawned, and that someone had mentioned his name on social media as having "advised" the McPherson's. He stated he learned of this from the HR department at Mercy Hospital, with whom he is affiliated.

\*As emergency personnel were tending to Jayda, they asked Devyn and Jalen general questions about the situation and how they had found the child. Glenn stated Jalen was saying that he tried to give her CPR, "but her mouth was locked up" and he had a hard time attempting this. He also heard Jalen say that "it has been a rough day, someone tried to kill me at work today", which he (Glenn) thought odd. Glenn also stated that under the circumstances Devyn and Jalen appeared calm, but he attributed that to different people reacting differently to stressful situations.

\*During the time he was watching the EMT's tend to Jayda, Denise was with Quincy, Devyn's other young child in the house. Glenn stated Denise felt like she needed to stay with Quincy and keep him distracted and away from the bedroom where Jayda was.

**NOTE:** Glenn stated that he stayed away from the EMT's as they tended to Jayda and didn't offer medical advice to them. He stated he did this so he wouldn't hinder their efforts or distract them from their task at hand.

\*At some point that evening, Denise had told him that Carmen had told her that Devyn "was too heavy" to ride in the aircraft (to Childrens Mercy Hospital in Kansas City), so she (Carmen) was going to ride up there. Glenn stated he thought that very odd, that while there are strict weight restrictions on those flights, Carmen and Devyn were very close in size to each other. He also thought it odd that Devyn would not insist that she ride with the child.

\*Also later that evening, Denise told him that Carmen had told her that the child's pupils were "fixed and dilated", she had a CT scan that showed "bleeding on the brain", and that they were going to take her to Children's Mercy Hospital. Carmen also asked Denise to ask Glenn if she "should expect the worst". Glenn stated he thought this odd that Carmen would ask him about what to expect, as he believed she should have already talked to an ER doctor who had to have told them the gravity of the situation. (This was after Glenn and Denise went back home and Jayda was still at Mercy Hospital in Joplin.)

**NOTE:** Glenn described Carmen as a "good person" and "friendly", and that Denise knew she was hurting and was trying to reach out in a supportive role. He also stated he "couldn't imagine" Carmen having done anything wrong, and that he felt she "was just in a terrible situation." He again talked about how people had reacted to this incident in ways that made them forget that a child had died.

Glenn went on to state that he was at ease with his role in this incident, and hoped law enforcement would "get to the bottom of it" and see that "justice was served in the end." He also stated he "had no alliances other than Jayda, and she deserves for the truth to come out." Glenn also stated he and Denise "were open" to further questions and they "just wanted the right things to happen down the road".

As our conversation continued, Glenn stated that he "didn't have an axe to grind, and I don't care who it is", but he felt

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"that young man" (Jalen) had some culpability in Jayda's death. He also stated he hoped "the right people, the correct people, go down for this", as "nobody deserves to die, by yourself, face down in the carpet, with supposedly people that love you twenty feet away." Glenn went on to state that he thought that "if that (abuse) is happening, it's probably not the first time", and that he wondered "how you could live in the same house and not know that your child was being abused."

At the conclusion of our conversation, I advised Glenn that he and Denise should avoid participating in the social media discussions about this incident. He stated they both had agreed "since day one it had all been speculation" that they were not going to do this and "add fuel to the fire". I thanked Glenn for his cooperation and he stated he and Denise would be available for further questions if need be.

Nothing further at this time.

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**256 Phone Interview-Nurse Ben**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**RYAN L MERCER**

**12/28/2017**

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**JASON HUTCHINS**

**12/29/2017**

Narrative Approved By / Approved Date

December 26, 2017

I was contacted by Ben Sudbeck by phone. Ben is a nurse with Children's Mercy and cared for Jayda while she was at the facility. While speaking with Ben, I asked if he could confirm or dispel any rumor of him being in the room when an Ophthalmologist stated that Jayda's eyes looked great. Ben stated he was in the room when an Ophthalmologist was present but the only thing he could recall them saying to the family was that Jayda's left eye looked okay, and she had slight bleeding in the right eye. Ben was unable to recall the exact words used by the Ophthalmologist. Ben was unable to recall any Health care provider stating that Jayda's eyes looked great. At this point there were no further questions I needed to ask Ben and the conversation was ended. I have nothing further to add to this supplement.

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**256 Interview- Candy Thompson**

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**RYAN L MERCER**

12/28/2017

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**JASON HUTCHINS**

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On December 27, 2017 I Det. Mercer meet with Candi Thompson. Candy had contacted the Sheriff's Office and wanted to provide a statement in reference to an event she witnessed at the Joplin Family Worship Daycare.

Candi stated that during the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>, she was picking her son up at daycare, where Jayda and Quincy attended. She pulled into a parking spot and looked over to her left. She observed a man she did not know hitting Quincy on the head multiple times. Candi stated that Quincy was behind the drivers seat and Jayda was behind the passenger seat. Candi went on to say that the man hitting Quincy and her made eye contact, and he still "smacked" him on his forehead a few times. Candi said Quincy was flinching and looked scared. Candi got out of her car and went inside. She asked workers who picked up Jayda to which she says the workers replied "The mom's boyfriend". Candi told Lisa Dunn and a second female (she did not know who) what she saw. Candi added that the Director for the daycare Bev Burst was gone for that week.

I requested Candi provide a written statement of what she saw, Candi did. The statement will be added with the case file. At this time I have nothing further to add to this report.

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**256 Transport team supp**

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**RYAN L MERCER**

12/28/2017

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**RYAN L MERCER**

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On December 29, 2017, I Det. Mercer made contact with Sherry McCool, at Children's Mercy, Sherry is a member of the transport team staff. I have previously been in contact with Sherry, to inquire why Devyn would not have been allowed to fly with Jayda during transport from Joplin. Sherry had looked up the chart, and had a conversation with the flight crew. Sherry confirmed that a fixed wing was used for transport, which has a weight restriction of 220 lb for passengers. Sherry stated that upon dispatch they ask if parents are going to ride with the child. Sherry said they knew before flight that Devyn was over the weight limit and grandma (Carmen Judd) was not.

I request Sherry email me a copy of the transportation records. Sherry requested a medical release which was emailed to her. The medical release and transportation records were turned over to Det. Hutchins. At this time I have nothing further to add to this supplement.

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#### Search Warrant

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JASON HUTCHINS

01/09/2018

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JASON HUTCHINS

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On 12/07/2017, I, Detective Jason Hutchins obtained a search warrant to conduct chemical processing for latent blood of Jayda Kyle's bedroom located at 405 Meadow Lake Drive.

After obtaining the search warrant Officer S. Castlebury of the Carl Junction Police Department and I made contact with Judd McPherson, Devyn Kyle's father at his residence. We obtained keys to enter the residence.

Upon arriving at 405 Meadow Lake Drive I prepared a mixture of Luminol and water in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. I conducted a test utilizing a standard provided by the manufacturer. The test indicated a presumptive positive result and displayed a greenish blue luminescence.

I sprayed the Luminol preparation in several areas of interest in Jayda's bedroom and was met with positive results.

I observed a greenish blue luminescence to the carpeted area of the floor where the dried reddish colored stain had previously been along with trace amounts of a positive reaction to the carpet nearby.

The reaction was photographed.

A copy of the search warrant was left at the residence.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

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#### Interviews- Day Care Staff

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JASON HUTCHINS

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JASON HUTCHINS

01/12/2018

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On 12/18/2017, I, Detective Jason Hutchins #247 accompanied by Brittany Kirkland, with the Jasper County Children's Division arrived a 5290 East 7th Street- Joplin (Joplin Family Worship Center Day Care) to conduct interview with day care staff.

The following are abstracts of the interviews and should not be considered "verbatim":

#### Beverly Brust

- Brust is the director of Joplin Family Worship's Center Day Care.

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- Jayda Kyle has been enrolled since December, 2016.
- There was one occasion when a phone call was made to Devyn Kyle regarding Jayda complaining about "hurting". Devyn informed staff that Jayda has seen a physician several times and tests were being conducted to for juvenile arthritis.
- Jayda is described as intelligent and never had any problems.
- Jayda was at day care on Monday, 11/27/2017. The day was unremarkable. Around 1700 hours Jayda came up to staff crying. Jayda showed staff her hands and told them Quincy pushed her down on the playground.
- Jayda was not at Day Care on 11/28/2017.
- Jayda and her family were present at the Christmas Program on 11/28/2017 and was seen laughing and playing like normal.
- There was a hot chocolate spill which caused Jalen to be upset.
- Candy Thompson, a mother of a child at day care recently told Brust about Thompson witnessing Jalen possibly hit Quincy in the head while on the parking lot approximately two (2) months prior.
- Brust never observed any injuries to the children while at day care.

### Cindy Randall

- Randall has been employed in the kitchen and assists in the classroom at the day care since 2011.
- Randall described Jayda as living and playful.
- Randall never observed any injuries to Jayda while at day care.
- Jayda has complained about headaches in the past.

### Elizabeth Heimberg

- Heimberg has been employed at the day care as a teacher's assistant for approximately three (3) years.
- Heimberg described Jayda as a fun, smiling, good kid.
- Heimberg never observed any injuries on Jayda while at day care.
- Jayda never complained about pain or injury.

### Brandon Bethke

- Bethke has been employed at the day care as a teacher for approximately ten (10) years.

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- Bethke described Jayda as happy, well behaved and bubbly.
- Bethke never observed any injuries to Jayda while at day care.

### Jordan Horine

- Horine has been employed at the day care as a teacher's assistant for approximately two (2) years.
- Horine described Jayda as one of the happiest kids.
- On Monday, 11/27/2017 Horine witnessed Quincy push Jayda down on the playground. Jayda did not hit her head on anything. Jayda complained about her hands and cried for approximately ten (10) minutes. Jayda complained about a headache.
- Horine never observed any injuries to Jayda while at day care.
- Jayda was always affectionate to individuals who picked her up.
- According to Horine, Jayda never displayed fear toward Devyn or Jalen when they would pick her up from the facility.

### Sherry Perkins

- Perkins has been employed by the day care for approximately 13 years as a teacher.
- Perkins described Jayda as an excellent kid and one of the best students.
- According to Perkins Jayda was very obedient.
- Perkins has never observed any injuries to Jayda.
- Jayda has never complained about any injuries or pain.

After speaking with day care staff, I obtained records concerning Jayda and Quincy Kyle. The records were seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

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#### Interviews- Pattersons

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On 12/19/2017, I, Detective Jason Hutchins #247 accompanied by Deputy S. Stanley #361 arrived at 602 Blackthorn Drive- Carl Junction for a scheduled interview with Christopher and Stephanie Patterson.

The following is an abstract of the interview and should not be considered "verbatim":

- The Patterson's have been acquainted with Judd McPherson for several years. Stephanie Patterson was employed at the same law firm with Judd in the past.
- On 11/28/2017 at approximately 2113 hours, Stephanie received a telephone call from Judd McPherson stating that something happened with Jayda and asked Christopher to go to Devyn's residence and to call him on the way. (It should be noted that the Patterson's residence is within close proximity to Devyn Kyle's residence).
- While en-route to Devyn's residence, Christopher called Judd per his request. Judd informed Christopher that Jayda was sick and that she was being transported by ambulance. Judd requested Christopher take Quincy back to his residence to watch him.
- When Christopher arrived at Devyn's residence emergency responders were on scene. Chris made contact with Dr. Glenn King and his wife Denise.
- Christopher noticed the living room area had laundry scattered about and there was an NBA basket ball game on the television in the living room. Christopher was not able to see or hear what was going on in the master bedroom.
- At approximately 2130 hours Christopher brought Quincy back to his residence.
- Quincy was described as being "quiet" and asking for his grandmother.
- On 11/28/2017 at approximately 2321 hours, Judd arrived at the Patterson residence and picked up Quincy.

Prior to concluding the interview, I provided the Patterson's with my contact information should they have any additional questions or concerns.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

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Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**JASON HUTCHINS**

01/15/2018

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**JASON HUTCHINS**

01/15/2018

Narrative Approved By / Approved Date

On 12/14/2017 a search warrant was issued by the Honorable Judge Joseph Hensley for a forensic examination of the cell phone seized from Jalen Vaden on 12/06/2017.

I received a report containing information regarding the forensic examination conducted on the cell phone of Jalen Vaden by the Southwest Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force

I conducted a cursory search of text message conversations between Devyn Kyle and Jalen Vaden from 11/27/2017 to 12/06/2017 and was unable to locate any information that would lead me to believe there was any collusion between Devyn Kyle and Jalen Vaden regarding the homicide of Jayda Kyle. The statements made by Devyn during her interview on 12/06/2017 when she allegedly asked Jalen on 11/28/2017 while at the hospital to tell her what happened to Jayda was corroborated.

For a complete copy of the phone records please see the case file.

The cell phone belonging to Jalen Vaden was properly documented, packaged and stored in accordance with office policy.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

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**Cell Phone- Devyn Kyle**

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**JASON HUTCHINS**

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**JASON HUTCHINS**

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On 12/20/2017, Devyn Kyle and Judd McPherson arrived at the Joplin Police Department to provide Devyn's cell phone to the Southwest Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force for forensic examination.

Both Judd and Devyn signed a completed consent search form which will be attached to this report.

I received a preliminary report from Detective L. Roller of the Joplin Police Department concerning the forensic examination on the cell phone. I conducted a cursory search of the text messages between Devyn Kyle and Jalen Vaden and was unable to locate any information which would lead me to believe Devyn may have been involved in the homicide of Jayda Kyle.

For a full copy of the forensic examination report, please see the case file.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

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On 12/29/2017, I, Detective Jason Hutchins #247 requested investigative subpoenas on the following phone records:

#### US Cellular

(Devyn Kyle)

(Carmen McPherson)

(Juddson McPherson)

#### AT&T

(Jalen Vaden)

The requested information included call logs, text messages to include content and subscriber information.

On 01/11/2017, I received an email from U.S. Cellular advising the company did not have any records pertaining to the cell phone numbers requested.

Further investigation revealed the phone number believed to be held by U.S. Cellular, in fact were held by AT&T. Corrected investigative Subpoenas for the phone numbers were forwarded to AT&T.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

End of supplement.

### COMMENTS / NARRATIVES

Title

#### Facebook Preservations

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

01/15/2018

Narrative Updated By / Update On

01/15/2018

JASON HUTCHINS

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Narrative Approved By / Approved Date

On 12/07/2017 a request to preserve the following Facebook accounts was sent through the Facebook Law Enforcement Portal:

Facebook • <https://www.facebook.com/judd.mcpherson>

Expires on May 06, 2018

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Facebook • <https://www.facebook.com/devyn.mcpherson>  
Expires on May 06, 2018

Facebook • <https://www.facebook.com/J.D.Vaden>  
Expires on May 06, 2018

Facebook • <https://www.facebook.com/carmen.s.mcpherson>  
Expires on May 06, 2018

Facebook • <https://www.facebook.com/mack.kyle.5>  
Expires on May 06, 2018

Facebook • <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172392400018387/about/>  
Expires on May 06, 2018

On 12/11/2017, a request to preserve the following Facebook account was sent through the Facebook Law Enforcement Portal:

Facebook • <https://www.facebook.com/groups/147935029186234/about/>  
Expires on May 10, 2018

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

End of supplement.

### COMMENTS / NARRATIVES

Title

**Call Log- Devyn Kyle**

Narrative Created By / Creation Date

**JASON HUTCHINS**

01/22/2018

Narrative Updated By / Update On

**JASON HUTCHINS**

01/22/2018

Narrative Approved By / Approved Date

On 01/20/2018, I, Detective Jason Hutchins #247 received a return from AT&T regarding the investigative subpoena requesting Devyn Kyle's cell phone call logs. The following information was obtained:

#### Financially Responsible Party for Billing Purposes:

Juddson McPherson-626 Byers Avenue-Joplin, MO 64801

#### User Information:

Devyn McPherson (Kyle)-626 Byers Avenue-Joplin, MO 64801

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**DEATH INVESTIGATION****Relevant Call Log Information:**

DATE	TIME	SEIZURE TIME	ELAPSED TIME	ORIGINATING NUMBER	TERMINATING NUMBER
11/28/2017	17:39	0:23	0:03	Client	Devyn Kyle
11/28/2017	19:19	0:06	0:31	Client	Devyn Kyle
11/28/2017	20:10	0:11	0:00	Carmen McPherson	Devyn Kyle
11/28/2017	20:10	0:13	1:30	Carmen McPherson	Devyn Kyle
11/28/2017	20:10	0:13	1:30	Carmen McPherson	Devyn Kyle
11/28/2017	23:19	0:22	0:00	Carmen McPherson	Devyn Kyle

A copy of the report received from AT&T was seized as evidence and will be attached to this report.

There is nothing further to report in this matter at this time. Any additional information will be submitted in supplement form.

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