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Lisa Nixon  
North Carolina CPS Examiner

Re: Child Fatality Disclosure Request

Dear Ms. Nixon:

In response to your Child Fatality Disclosure Request received in our office on January 24, 2012, below is a summary of our agency's Child Protective Services involvement with the two children you identified in your request.

**Serenity Parsons**

Our agency received a Child Protective Services report at 7:10 p.m. on August 6, 2008 alleging physical abuse of Serenity Parsons. This report was accepted for investigation and assigned to a caseworker for immediate investigation on the evening of August 6, 2008. As a result of our initial investigation, a Juvenile Petition and a Non-Secure Custody Order were filed the following morning, on August 7, 2008, granting DSS custody of Serenity. At the time of the report on August 6, 2008, and until her death on August 11, 2008, Serenity remained in the hospital. The Child Protective Services investigation initiated on August 6, 2008 was completed and substantiated for abuse on October 31, 2008. Our investigation concluded Serenity had been injured by her father, Nicholas Parsons, at the family's home on August 6, 2008.

Prior to the report received on August 6, 2008, our agency had no Child Protective Services involvement with Serenity Parsons.

**Amar Wilson, Jr.**

I have searched our records and can find no history of any Child Protective Services involvement by our agency with Amar Mushar Wilson, Jr., prior to, or after his death.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the information provided above.

Best Regards,

Kristy Preston  
Director