

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

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**Review of the Death of Jakori Daeshawn Nabors
of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma**

Dates and Outcome of Investigations and Actions Taken by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services; Actions Taken by the District Attorney; and Dates and Summary of Judicial Proceedings and Rulings of the Court

General Information

On September 9, 2009, the Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received an inquiry regarding the death of Jakori Daeshawn Nabors, a four-month-old child who had presented at a metropolitan hospital in critical condition. The infant was diagnosed as having a depressed skull fracture. The child had been taken to the hospital by Brittiany Nabors, his mother. The child was later transported to another metropolitan hospital, where he died on September 6, 2009. On September 15, 2009, the Oklahoma County District Attorney's office filed six charges against Brittiany Nabors: one charge of Murder One, two charges of Child Abuse, and three charges of Child Neglect. The following is a summary of the actions taken by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS); the actions taken by the district attorney; judicial proceedings; and the rulings of the court, as authorized by 10A O.S., Section 1-6-105, B, D, and E (below).

Authorization

Title 10A, Section 1-6-105, B, D, and E, of the Oklahoma Statutes, states:

B. In cases involving the death or near death of a child when a person responsible for the child has been charged by information or indictment with committing a crime resulting in the death or near death of the child, there shall be disclosure of certain information concerning the circumstances of the investigation of the death or near death of the child and any other investigations within three (3) years of the death or near-death and one (1) year after the death or near-death concerning that child, or other children while living in the same household.

D. 1. At any time subsequent to seven (7) days after the date the person responsible for the child has been criminally charged, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth shall, upon request, release certain information to the public within sixty (60) days of the request as follows:

a. a confirmation shall be provided by the Commission as to whether a report of suspected child abuse or neglect has been made concerning the alleged victim or other children while living in the same household and whether an investigation has begun,

b. confirmation shall be provided by the Commission as to whether previous reports of suspected child abuse or neglect have been made and the dates thereof, a summary of those previous reports, the dates and outcome of any investigations or actions taken by the Department [OKDHS] and the Commission in response to any previous report of child abuse or neglect, and the specific recommendation made to the district attorney and any subsequent action taken by the district attorney,

c. the dates of any judicial proceedings prior to the death or near death of the child,

d. recommendations submitted by the Department [DHS] and the Commission shall be provided in writing including recommendations made at the hearing as they relate to custody or placement of a child, and

e. the rulings of the court.

2. Specific recommendations made by the Commission described in any progress reports of a pending case submitted to the court may be disclosed by the Commission.

E. Any disclosure of information pursuant to this section shall not identify or provide an identifying description of any complainant or reporter of child abuse or neglect, and shall not identify the name of the child victim's siblings or other children living in the same household, the parent or other person responsible for the child or any other member of the household, other than the person criminally charged.

Identifiers:

Child's Name: Jakori Daeshawn Nabors
Date of Birth: May 27, 2009
Death of Death: September 6, 2009

Alleged Perpetrator: Brittiany Nabors

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) did not become aware of this case until after the infant's death.

Summary of Actions Taken by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services; Actions Taken by the District Attorney; Judicial Proceedings; and the Rulings of the Court:

[Title 10A, Section 1-6-105, B, of the Oklahoma Statutes, authorizes disclosure of information concerning the circumstances of the investigation of a child's death within three years of the death; therefore, the information provided below is within the three-year time period.]

First Report Alleging Abuse/Neglect Received by the OKDHS (August 28, 2009)

The OKDHS received the first report regarding Jakori Nabors on August 28, 2009. The reporter stated that the child's mother, Brittiany Nabors, had reported that Jakori had fallen when he tried to pull up on a bed. According to the reporter, Nabors and the mother's friend had taken Jakori to a hospital emergency room around 10:00 p.m., and the child had presented at the hospital with a depressed skull fracture. Reportedly, the doctor suspected child abuse, and law enforcement and the OKDHS were contacted.

The OKDHS accepted the report as a Priority I investigation. The OKDHS worker documented that on August 29, 2009, she had observed Jakori in the hospital and had made contact with the child's mother. According to OKDHS documentation, Brittiany Nabors had confessed to law enforcement that she had shaken Jakori on three occasions and that she had hit his head on a bar in the footrest of a reclining couch on two occasions.

OKDHS documentation indicated that a seventeen-year-old OKDHS-custody juvenile, who was a runaway, was living in the home with Brittiany Nabors and her child Jakori.

The OKDHS made an overall finding of Confirmed-Court Intervention Requested as to Brittiany Nabors regarding the allegation of Abuse-Near Death of Jakori Nabors. The injuries and/or allegations documented were head trauma; shaking, resulting in a subdural hematoma; multiple rib fractures; retinal hemorrhages; and beating, resulting in multiple skull fractures. Brittiany Nabors remained in the Oklahoma County jail at that time.

Additionally, the OKDHS made a finding that the physical abuse to Jakori was heinous and shocking. The OKDHS recommended that the district attorney's office file a petition to terminate the parental rights of Brittiany Nabors.

(As of January 19, 2010, the OKDHS referral that resulted from the report to the OKDHS on August 28, 2009, was in pending status, as the OKDHS was awaiting the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's report regarding the death of Jakori.)

Second Report Alleging Abuse/Neglect Received by the OKDHS (August 29, 2009)

The OKDHS received a report on August 29, 2009, at 7:40 a.m., regarding the other people living in the same house as Brittiany Nabors and her son Jakori. The reporter had stated that an OKDHS-custody youth, age seventeen, had been transported that morning by law enforcement to a local shelter as the youth was absent without leave (AWOL) from placement.

Third Report Alleging Abuse/Neglect Received by the OKDHS (August 29, 2009)

The OKDHS received a report on August 29, 2009, duplicating the information it had received the previous day. Because it was a duplication, OKDHS screened out the report without investigation.

Fourth Report Alleging Abuse/Neglect Received by the OKDHS (August 31, 2009)

The OKDHS received a fourth report on August 31, 2009, regarding other members of the home in which Brittiany Nabors and her son Jakori lived at the time the child was hospitalized. This report involved the roommates' children and was a companion report to the report received by the OKDHS on August 28, 2009, regarding Jakori.

The reporter stated that a male and female rented the house where Brittiany and Jakori Nabors resided, and that the renters had two children, ages three and ten months, who also lived in the home. The reporter stated that allegedly the roommates had been aware that Brittiany Nabors had physically abused her son Jakori.

The OKDHS accepted the report as a Priority I investigation. The OKDHS investigated the allegations of Neglect-Threat of Harm to the couple's two biological children. The OKDHS made a finding of Services Recommended. The OKDHS documented that it appeared the roommates were unaware that Brittiany Nabors had been physically abusing Jakori. The OKDHS documented that the roommates had believed that Jakori was sick and had encouraged Nabors to seek medical attention for the child, but that Nabors had not done so. The OKDHS referred the couple for parenting classes to help with their own children and to recognize abuse. The couple reported that if Nabors was released from jail that they would not allow her back in their home. The OKDHS closed the case on November 30, 2009.

Fifth Report Alleging Abuse/Neglect Received by the OKDHS (September 7, 2009)

The OKDHS received a fifth report on September 7, 2009, informing that Jakori Nabors had died the previous day in the hospital as a result of injuries sustained on August 28, 2009.

The OKDHS screened-out the referral without investigation. The OKDHS documented the report as a duplication. OKDHS documentation indicated that the OKDHS supervisor was notified of the child's death on September 7, 2009.

