

**For Immediate Release:**

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**Child Fatality Summary**

On July 31, 2020, the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) made a substantiated finding that Olivia Jansen's death was the result of **child abuse**. DCF has received numerous requests for information under K.S.A. 38-2212(f)(3) and for release of records pursuant to K.S.A. 45-220 and K.S.A. 38-2212(f)(2). Having made a finding that Olivia Jansen died as a result of child abuse, DCF is beginning the process of providing notice to affected individuals that open records requests have been received for the release of Olivia Jansen's records and is releasing the following summary of previous reports, findings and recommended services:

**Age: 3**

**Sex: Female**

**Date of Fatality: 07/10/20**

**June 22, 2020** – Kansas Protection Report Center received report alleging caregiver unavailable/unable to care for Olivia and caregiver substance use. Case assigned as Family in Need of Assessment (FINA). In a FINA case the agency has seven (7) work days to respond. DCF initiated a video call on June 30, 2020 with alleged step-mother Jacqueline, and Olivia because it was reported they were out of state. The worker observed and spoke with Olivia during the video call. Olivia appeared excited about the upcoming Independence Day holiday. The agency also contacted the Father (Howard Jansen) on June 30 and requested he take a drug test. He tested positive for THC on July 7. The FINA case remains open. No findings are rendered in FINA cases.

**Feb. 28, 2020** – Kansas Protection Report Center received two reports, one report alleged "dad" hit Olivia on the leg leaving a bruise and that her leg might be broken. The other report alleged dad's girlfriend (Jacqueline) hit Olivia. Report was assigned as same day response for physical abuse. DCF interviewed and observed Olivia on the same day the report was made and observed no marks or bruises. After additional interviews, person who alleged abuse recanted the story. After thorough assessment and discussion, no services were offered. The assigned reports were unsubstantiated, and case was closed.

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