

Summary of Victoria Martens Case

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Alleged Victim: Victoria Martens ("Victoria").

Alleged Perpetrator(s): Michelle Martens, biological mother; Fabian Gonzales, mother's boyfriend who was residing in the home for approximately one month prior to the crime; and Jessica Kelley, Gonzales' cousin who was residing in the home for approximately one week prior to the crime.

Location of Crime: Apartment located at Irving Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM.

Cause of Death: Victoria was pronounced dead on August 24, 2016, at the scene. Although an autopsy is pending and the final cause of death has not yet been disclosed, upon information and belief, the manner of death was a homicide.

Outcome of CYFD August 24, 2016 Protective Services Investigation: On August 24, 2016, the Children, Youth and Families Department ("CYFD"), Statewide Central Intake Unit ("SCI"), received a report from the Albuquerque Police Department ("APD"), Crimes Against Children Unit ("CACU"), related to a deceased child. The initial information provided to SCI by APD was that a 10 year old child died as a result of a violent attack. It was reported by APD to SCI that the biological mother of the child was at the hospital; however, it was unknown how or when she arrived, or why she was there.

Throughout the course of the CYFD investigation, multiple interviews were completed and portions of the CACU criminal case file were reviewed. CYFD, along with others, implemented a safety plan to ensure the safety of Victoria's sibling, which included recommendations for ongoing services for the sibling.

Ms. Martens implicated herself, Mr. Gonzales and Ms. Kelley in the violent acts that were perpetrated against her daughter. Ms. Martens permitted Mr. Gonzales and Ms. Kelley access to her daughter, and allowed them to commit those violent acts in her presence. She acknowledged that she continued with other activities after Victoria was killed.

Result: All allegations against Michelle Martens, Fabian Gonzales, and Jessica Kelley are substantiated.