

Oklahoma Department of Human Services  
**Report to District Attorney**

03/15/2011

**A. REFERRAL INFORMATION - INVESTIGATION**

Family Name HEDGER	Case Number 20458874	Referral Number 1377284	Referral Date 03/08/2011
Referral Synopsis Referral alleges physical abuse and failure to protect Jacob Hedger age 8 months which ultimately lead to his death.			

**Case Clients:**

**B. CHILDREN**

	Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Alleged Victim	Tribe	In House	Date of Death
1.	JACOB RYAN HEDGER	06/11/2010	Male	*		*	03/09/2011
2.	SAMUEL HEDGER	05/24/2005	Male	*		*	

**C. PARENT / PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD (PRFC)**

	Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Alleged Perpetrator	Tribe	In Household	Relationship to Child
3.	LEAH HEDGER	08/05/1975	Female	*		*	Mother (Biological) of 1 Mother (Biological) of 2
4.	ZANE HEDGER	06/06/1970	Male	*		*	Father (Biological) of 2 Father (Biological) of 1

Indian Heritage been addressed?  Yes  No

Indian heritage denied by parents.

**D. INTAKE INFORMATION**

Child has been or is a ward of another court?  Yes  No

Other custody proceedings pending?  Yes  No

Emergency Situation exists?  Yes  No

Edmond Police Detective Misty Leitch placed Jacob Hedger and Samuel Hedger into protective custody on 3/08/2011. Children were placed into Emergency Custody on 3/09/2011, JD 2011-96.

Preventive Services offered?  Yes  No



Child(ren) removed from the home?  Yes  No

Child Name	Date Removed	Date Returned	Referral
JACOB R.HEDGER	03/08/2011	03/09/2011	1377284
SAMUEL HEDGER	03/08/2011		1377284

**E. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INFORMATION HISTORY / OTHER RECORDS**

**Prior Referrals**

**No Prior Referrals**

**List Other Documents/Records/Reports Attached**

Assessment of Child Safety; EMSA Run; Medical Records; CHO-25; Initial Edmond Police Report 201101066; Forensic Interview Report and Interview DVD

**F. SUMMARY / RECOMMENDATION**

**Summary/Recommendation**

Mr. and Mrs. Hedger have no previous child welfare history or criminal history. DHS received a referral alleging physical abuse and failure to protect Jacob Hedger, age 8 months by parents Mr. and Mrs. Hedger; and, threat of harm to Samuel Hedger age 5. This worker is SUBSTANTIATING--COURT INTERVENTION requested for physical abuse-skull fracture and death to Jacob Hedger age 8 months by an unknown perpetrator; and, SUBSTANTIATING--COURT INTERVENTION requested for failure to protect Jacob Hedger by parents Mr. and Mrs. Hedger; and, threat of harm to Samuel Hedger age 5. This worker responded to a joint response with Detective Misty Leitch with the Edmond Police Department on 3/08/11. Jacob Hedger was transported to Integris Baptist Hospital via ambulance from his day care provider's, Ms. Traci Kramer, home after she found him not breathing when she checked on him during a nap. Jacob was dropped off at day care at 7:50am and Traci put him down for a nap at 2:30pm on his stomach; at his home he slept on his back. She checked on him at 3:00pm and found him not breathing. She called 911 and Jacob was transported to Integris Baptist. While at Integris Baptist, it was found that Jacob has pneumonia and a skull fracture. The child had just been diagnosed with RSV on Monday, 2/28/2011 and was treated for his fever with over the counter medicine and nose suctioning. The child was transferred to OU Medical Center and due to his oxygen loss, Jacob Hedger passed away on 3/09/2010.

Samuel denied anyone hurts his brother, except one time he heard another child at day care dropped a car on his brother's stomach. He indicated he only receives time out for discipline and denied receiving a bruising from discipline. Mr. and Mrs. Hedger and Baby Sitter Ms. Traci Kramer reported two weeks prior, Jacob had a two and a half to three inch bruise on the back of his head; and, approximately two months prior, Jacob also received an arm/shoulder fracture. They all denied knowing the cause of the skull fracture, bruising, and arm/shoulder fracture. Mr. Hedger denied leaving bruising from discipline. OU Medical Center's Dr. Christine Allen reported Jacob did not have a lot of bruises, but there was a bruise around his penis at the base; but, it is unknown if that was a scratch or blood from the foley. She reported a CHO-25 would be filed. Jacob and Samuel Hedger were placed into protective custody on 3/08/11. OU Medical Center Hospital Social Worker Amy Baum reported there are two skull fractures and Dr. Stuempky is filing the CHO 25. Medical records indicate the skull fracture was the "likely result of non accidental trauma". CHO-25 states Dr. John Stuempky noted "8 month old transferred from baby sitter's home to Baptist Hospital on 3/8. Intubated at scene 2 degrees respiratory arrest. CT Baptist cerebral edema, left parietal fracture crossing suture line into occipital separate left parietal fracture. Massive cerebral edema. Concerns: History of arm fracture approximately 2 months ago. Mom noticed child not using arm when she picked up child from baby sitter. History of parents noting a bruise on side of head approximately two weeks ago. Patient declared dead on 3/9 at approximately 1700 hours. An addendum will follow to include documentation from a home visit, medical records, the medical examiner's report, and the completed police report. Based on the information obtained, this worker is recommending a deprived petition on behalf of Samuel Hedger to ensure his health, safety, and welfare at this time.

**H. RECOMMENDATION TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

**G. INVESTIGATIVE / ASSESSMENT FINDINGS**

Overall Findings Substantiated-Court Intervention Recmnd	Deprived Petition Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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[Signature] 3/15/11  
Social Worker Date

[Signature] 3-15-11  
Supervisor Date

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County

**I. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DECISION**  
(For D.A. To Complete)

- Petition Filed
- Petition Declined

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District Attorney Signature Date



**K. VICTIM INTERVIEW**

Victim Name JACOB R. HEDGER		Date of Birth 06/11/2010
Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/08/2011	Time Interviewed 07:08 pm	Type of Contact Face to Face (Other)
Interview Location Baptist Integris Hospital		
Others Present During Interview Mr. and Mrs. Hedger; Detective Leitch		
Interview Summary This worker observed Jacob Hedger age nine months breathing with assistance of medical staff. The bottom of the child's left was exposed to have a small mark, which Ms. Hedger indicated was his birth mark.		
Interviewer Name JULIE WHITAKER		Interviewer County Oklahoma 55D

Victim Name SAMUEL HEDGER		Date of Birth 05/24/2005
Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/08/2011	Time Interviewed 07:08 pm	Type of Contact Face to Face (Failed Attempt)
Interview Location Baptist Integris Hospital		
Others Present During Interview Mr. and Mrs. Hedger; Detective Leitch		
Interview Summary This worker was informed Samuel was at his babysitter's mother's home at this time.		
Interviewer Name JULIE WHITAKER		Interviewer County Oklahoma 55D

Victim Name SAMUEL HEDGER		Date of Birth 05/24/2005
Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/08/2011	Time Interviewed 10:03 pm	Type of Contact Other
Interview Location		
Others Present During Interview		
Interview Summary Samuel Hedger was placed into protective custody at this time, taken to Pauline E. Mayer Shelter, and scheduled for a forensic interview.		



Interviewer Name JULIE WHITAKER	Interviewer County Oklahoma 55D
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Victim Name SAMUEL HEDGER	Date of Birth 05/24/2005
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Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/09/2011	Time Interviewed 11:30 am	Type of Contact Face to Face (Other)
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Interview Location  
The CARE Center (Part 1)

Others Present During Interview  
Observed by: Misty Leitch, Edmond Police Department, Julie Whitaker, Oklahoma County Child Welfare and Debi Bermel MA., LPC Mental Health Professional

**Interview Summary**

This worker received the following report from Jessica Taylor, Forensic Interviewer "Child (Age/Desc) DOB: Samuel Hedger (5wm), DOB: 05/24/2005 Location: The CARE Center in Oklahoma City Date and Time: 3/8/2011 at approximately 11:30 a.m. (67 minutes) Observed by: Misty Leitch, Edmond Police Department, Julie Whitaker, Oklahoma County Child Welfare and Debi Bermel MA., LPC Mental Health Professional I met with Edmond Police Detective Leitch, DHS Child Welfare Worker Whitaker and Mental Health Professional Bermel prior to the forensic interview to review the allegations and the interview format. Verbally, the allegations were reviewed in reference to police report #11-01066, dated 03/08/2011, by Jeff Morefield and DHS referral #1377284, dated 03/08/2011 prior to the interview. The allegation is that Sam might have witnessed something happen to his brother Jacob Hedger. According to the information provided, Sam was not previously interviewed about this allegation. The following is a summary of the forensic interview. For the purpose of this report, I have condensed and sequenced some information. Please see the DVD for the complete interview. INTERVIEW SUMMARY To begin the interview, I engaged in a rapport building conversation with Sam by drawing a face. We discussed a number of subjects including the setup of the room, my name and job, Sam's age and birthday, and school (kindergarten at John Ross). Sam reported that yesterday he had a substitute teacher at school. He asked what day it was, and then stated that he thinks it is Wednesday.

Sam reported that he is supposed to have Ms. Hopkins, but he can't go to school because his baby brother (Jacob or Jake) is in the hospital. When asked to tell me about that, he stated that Jacob wouldn't wake up from his nap. When asked to tell me about Jacob, Sam reported that he likes to play with him sometimes. Sam explained that sometimes when Jacob wants his toy, he gives it to him. I let Sam know that sometimes I write stuff down to help me remember things, and he could just ask if he wanted to know what I had written. I referred Sam back to when he had told me that Jacob wouldn't wake up from his nap. When asked to tell me about that, he reported that Ms. Tracy had Jacob take a nap. Sam explained that after Jacob's nap, Ms. Tracy brought him out here to try to wake him up, and she tried and tried, but Jacob couldn't wake up. When asked who Ms. Tracy is, he stated that Ms. Tracy is his babysitter. When asked to tell me about Ms. Tracy bringing Jacob out, Sam explained that Jacob wouldn't wake up. When asked to tell me about that, he stated that Ms. Tracy was worried (he demonstrated). When asked about Ms. Tracy being worried, Sam explained that he knew she was worried because Jacob wouldn't wake up from his nap.

I referred Sam back to when he had told me that he had a sub at school yesterday. When asked if he had school yesterday, or did not have school, he stated that he had school and he goes to John Ross. When asked what he does after school, he stated that he goes to Ms. Tracy's. When asked how he gets to Ms. Tracy's house, Sam explained that Ms. Tracy brings him, in a car. When asked where Jacob is when he is at school, he stated that Jacob is at Ms. Tracy's. When asked what he does before he goes to school, he stated that he gets dressed, at his house. When asked how he gets to school, he stated that his mom takes him in a car. When asked where Jacob is when his mom takes him to school, he stated that he is still at Ms. Tracy's. Same explained that right now, Jacob is at the hospital. Sam reported that he lives with his mom (Leah Hedger), his dad, and his brother Jacob. He explained that he does not know his dad's name. I let him know that it was okay to say "I don't know" if he did not know the answer to something that I asked him today. I referred Sam back to when he had told me that he gets dressed before he goes to school. When asked where he is when he gets dressed, he stated that he is at his house. When asked if he has a room by himself or shares a room, he stated that he has a room by himself, and Jacob's room is like the next wall from his. Sam explained that Jacob has a room by himself and his mom shares a room with his dad.

When asked where Jacob is when his mom takes him to school, Sam reported that I had already asked him that question. I asked him to remind me, because I thought I forgot.

When asked where Jacob is when his mom takes him to school, he said, "That's the same question." I told him I did not remember his answer that is why I am asking him that question again. When asked where Jacob is when he is at school, he said, "Um, still at Ms. Tracy's." When asked how Jacob gets to Ms. Tracy's, he said, "In the car." When asked who takes Jacob to Ms. Tracy's, he stated that his mom takes Jacob to Ms. Tracy's. He stated that, that was a question that I had not already asked him. When asked if his mom takes him to school and then takes Jacob to Ms. Tracy's house, Sam shook his head, "Yes." When asked who his mom takes first, he said, "Jacob." When asked what his mom does after she takes Jacob to Ms. Tracy's, he stated that she takes him to school. When asked what his mom does after she takes him to school, he stated that she works at the same school. When asked where Jacob is when he is getting dressed before school, Sam reported that he is at home. When asked if he remembered where Jacob was when he got dressed yesterday, he stated that Jacob was at Ms. Tracy's. When asked if Jacob was already at Ms. Tracy's when he got dressed for school yesterday, he said, "Wait." He stated that yesterday after school was when Jacob wouldn't wake up from his nap. When asked where



Jacob was when he got dressed yesterday before school, he stated that Jacob was at Ms. Tina's house. Sam explained that Ms. Tina babysits Jacob like Ms. Tracy does, but only on Mondays.

I referred Sam back to when he had asked me if this was Wednesday. When asked if he knew what day yesterday was, he stated that yesterday was Tuesday. When asked what was the first thing he did on Tuesday after he woke up, he stated that he ate breakfast. When asked where Jacob was when he ate breakfast, he stated that he thinks Jacob was in his mom and dad's bedroom. When asked where he was when he ate breakfast, he said, "In my room." Sam explained that sometimes he eats breakfast in his room, sometimes in the kitchen, and sometimes in his mom and dad's room. When asked what room he ate breakfast in yesterday, he said, "My room." Sam explained that he had a smoothie yesterday. When asked if he knew what Jacob was doing yesterday in his mom and dad's room while he was eating, Sam reported that Jacob was just hanging around and playing. When asked if Jacob seemed happy, sad, or something else yesterday, Sam said, "Happy." When asked how he knows when Jacob is happy, he stated that Jacob doesn't cry when he is happy. When asked what that means when Jacob cries, Sam explained that it means that he is sad, and he wants a bottle, a toy, or something. When asked if he heard Jacob cry yesterday, he said, "No." I referred Sam back to when he had told me that Ms. Tina babysits on Mondays. When asked if she just babysits Jacob, or if she babysits someone else, he said, "Um, just Jacob." When asked about him, he said, "No. I was at Ms. Tracy's."

When asked if he ever goes to Ms. Tina's, he said, "Um, not very much." When asked what he did after he ate breakfast on Tuesday, Sam reported that he got dressed in his room. When asked where Jacob was when he got dressed, he stated that Jacob was still in his mom and dad's bedroom. When asked what he did after he got dressed, he stated that he got in his mom's car, and his mom dropped off Jacob at Ms. Tracy's house, and then they went to school. When asked how Jacob was when he was in his mom's car, he stated that he was good. When asked if he seemed happy, sad, or something else, he stated that he seemed happy. When asked if Jacob looked the same, or different, when his mom took him to Ms. Tracy's house, Sam explained that he looked the same. I referred Sam back to when he had told me that after school he goes to Ms. Tracy's. When asked how he gets to Ms. Tracy's after school, he said, "A car." When asked whose car, he stated that it is Ms. Tracy's car. He stated that the color of the car was the color of the marker I was using, which was black. When asked if Ms. Tracy picks him up from school and it is just her in the car, or if someone else is in the car, he said, "Like, a friend." When asked who is in the car with Ms. Tracy, Sam explained that sometimes Sammy, Austin and Seth are with Ms. Tracy. He stated that Sammy is a baby; Austin thinks he is two, but he is really three and Seth is five." Continued in Part 2...

Interviewer Name  
JULIE WHITAKER

Interviewer County  
Oklahoma 55D

Victim Name  
SAMUEL HEDGER

Date of Birth  
05/24/2005

Date Interviewed/Contacted  
03/09/2011

Time Interviewed  
11:31 am

Type of Contact  
Face to Face (Other)

Interview Location  
The CARE Center (Part 2)

Others Present During Interview

#### Interview Summary

Continued from Part 1..."Sam explained that he is five and a half so he is bigger than Seth. When asked who was with Ms. Tracy when she picked him up from school yesterday (Tuesday), he stated that he, Seth, Sammy, and Austin were all with her. Sam reported that he forgot about Tyler. He explained that Tyler is his friend. Sam explained that when he is at Ms. Tracy's house, Seth is mean to Sidney. He reported that Tyler is six, and Sidney is four. I let Sam know that I was confused. When asked if he, Sammy, Austin, and Seth were in the car when Ms. Tracy picked him up from school yesterday, he shook his head, "Yes." When asked where Tyler was, he stated that Tyler and Sidney were also in the car. When asked where Jacob was when Ms. Tracy picked him up from school, he said, "Um in the car." When asked how Jacob was when he got in the car after school, he stated that Jacob was good. When asked if he looked the same, different, or something else, he stated that, that was the same question I had asked him earlier. I let Sam know that earlier I had asked him what Jacob looked like on the way to school. When asked how Jacob looked after school, he said, "The same thing." When asked what the same thing was, he stated that he did not know what question I was asking him. When asked if Jacob was happy, sad, or something else, when he saw him after school, Sam explained that he did not know how Jacob was when he saw him after school. When asked how Jacob was after school, Sam reported that Jacob kind of looked different. He explained that he thought this because he thought that Jacob was maybe wearing a different shirt.

When asked what made him think that Jacob was wearing a different shirt, he stated that he thinks that Tracy might have changed his shirt when he (Sam) was at school. When asked if he knew why Ms. Tracy would have changed Jacob's shirt, he stated that maybe Jacob got spit up on it. When asked if he knew that, just thought that, or something else, he stated that he just thinks that. When asked what he did after Ms. Tracy picked him up from school, Sam reported that he went to Ms. Tracy's house and played. When asked what Ms. Tracy did with Jacob when they got to her house, he stated that maybe she was changing his diaper or something. When asked what she did after she changed Jacob's diaper, Sam explained that he forgot. Sam then stated that he remembered, indicating that Ms. Tracy gave Jacob a nap. When asked to tell me about Ms. Tracy giving Jacob a nap, Sam explained that Jacob was sleeping. When asked where Jacob sleeps at Ms. Tracy's house, Sam explained that yesterday he slept on the floor in the living room, when Ms. Tracy was trying to wake him up, she just couldn't. When asked if Jacob always sleeps on the floor, or if that was the first



time, he stated that it was the first time at Ms. Tracy's. Sam explained that Jacob has never slept in the floor at his house. When asked if Jacob always sleeps in the living room at Ms. Tracy's house, Sam explained that sometimes he sleeps in the swing in the living room. When asked where he was when Jacob was asleep, he stated that he was also at Ms. Tracy's house. When asked what room he was in when Jacob was asleep, Sam explained that Ms. Tracy was worried about Jake.

I referred Sam back to when he had told me that he played after he got to Ms. Tracy's house. When asked what room he played in at Ms. Tracy's house, Sam explained that he forgot. When asked who he played with yesterday, he said, "Seth." When asked what he and Seth were playing, Sam explained that they did not play on the trampoline. When asked if they played inside or outside at Ms. Tracy's, he stated that they played with the Star Wars guys in the room where the front door is located. When asked if that was the same room as the living room, or a different room, he stated that it is a different room. When asked if he went into the room that Jacob was in when Jacob was taking a nap, he stated that he forgot. When asked where Austin was yesterday at Ms. Tracy's house, Sam corrected himself and explained that he was wrong, and Seth was just there. When asked who he played with at Ms. Tracy's yesterday, he said, "I've already told you. Remember?" I referred him back to when he had told me that he was wrong and I let him know that I was confused. When asked who he played with at Ms. Tracy's yesterday, he said, "Seth." When asked if Austin was at Ms. Tracy's yesterday, he shook his head, "No." When asked if baby Sammy was at Ms. Tracy's yesterday, he shook his head, "No." Sam explained that Tyler and Sidney were not at Ms. Tracy's house yesterday.

When asked who was in the car when Ms. Tracy picked him up from school yesterday, Sam reported that he, Seth, and Jacob were in the car.

Sam reported that he was going to tell me how he knew that Ms. Tracy was worried about Jacob. He stated that they thought that they had to be in the car to pick up Payton, but then Ms. Tracy said, "Come on." He stated that Ms. Tracy was like worried about Jacob, and he told Seth to come look. When asked what he saw when Ms. Tracy got worried about Jacob, he said, "Jacob was still asleep." When asked how he knew that Jacob was still asleep, he said, "I don't know. No one knows." When asked what Jacob looked like when he was asleep, Sam explained that he was sleeping "like this" (he demonstrated). When asked if Jacob was sleeping on his back, stomach, or something else when Ms. Tracy put him on the floor, Sam stated that he was sleeping on his back. Sam reported that Jacob was still on his back when Ms. Tracy was worried about him. I referred Sam back to when he had told me that Ms. Tracy brought Jacob out. When asked where she brought him to, he stated that he was all wrong on accident. When asked if he had said that Ms. Tracy was worried and tried to wake Jacob up, he stated that she called someone, indicating that she called 911. When asked what she did before she called 911, Sam explained that she was worried and she still called 911. When asked to tell me about Ms. Tracy being worried, he stated that she was worried about Jacob.

When asked how he knew that she was worried, he said, "'Cause Jacob wouldn't wake up." When asked how Ms. Tracy tried to wake Jacob up, he stated that she was "doing this" to him (he demonstrated by pushing on his cheeks with his hands) and he still wouldn't wake up. I asked him to show me that again, which he did. When asked what Jacob's body looked like when Ms. Tracy was trying to wake him up, Sam said, "Like when he was sleeping." When asked if Jacob's eyes were open, closed, or something else, he stated that he was still sleeping and his eyes were closed. When asked if Jacob's body was moving, still, or something else when Ms. Tracy was trying to wake him up, Sam explained that Jacob's body was still. When asked if Ms. Tracy was holding Jacob or not holding Jacob when she tried to wake him up, he stated that she left Jacob on the floor. When asked to tell me about Ms. Tracy calling 911, Sam reported that Ms. Tracy called 911 for the doctor firefighters and the firefighter doctors said, "Has he been doing this very long?" Ms. Tracy said, "No." When asked what Ms. Tracy told them about Jacob, he stated that he forgot. When asked how he knew that the doctors and firefighters asked if Jacob had been doing that for very long, he stated that he just did. When asked if he heard that with his ears, saw that with his eyes, or something else, he said, "With my ears and my eyes."

When asked what happened after Ms. Tracy called 911, Sam said, "Jessica, I'm getting tired." When asked if he wanted to take a break, he stated that he did. I let him know that I did have some more questions, so we could take a break and then come back up and talk some more. He asked how much longer we had to talk, and I told him that I just wanted to understand some more about Jacob and what happened, and that I was not sure how much longer it would be. We took a short break [12:05:03 through 12:11:43]. Upon returning to the interview room, Sam and I continued talking. I referred Sam back to when he had told me that when Jacob is happy he does not cry. When asked what makes Jacob cry, he stated that Jacob usually cries if he wants a bottle or if he wants his toy. Sam reported that at night when his mom bathes him, Jake gets to get in the bath with him. When asked if that is okay or not okay when Jake gets in the bath with him, he said, "Wait." He stated that he thinks he knows the other reason why Jake is still at the hospital. When asked to tell me about that, he stated that Jake was sick, and he had a cold, and maybe that was the reason. When asked to tell me about Jacob being sick, Sam stated that he did not know how he got sick. When asked how Jacob acts when he is sick, he stated that he has gaggy coughs. When asked what that is, he stated that it is some kind of cough, like a sick cough. Sam explained that it sounds like a really bad cough."Continued in Part 3

Interviewer Name  
JULIE WHITAKER

Interviewer County  
Oklahoma 55D

Victim Name  
SAMUEL HEDGER

Date of Birth  
05/24/2005

Date Interviewed/Contacted

Time Interviewed

Type of Contact



Interview Location  
The CARE Center (Part 3)

Others Present During Interview

Interview Summary

Continued from Part 2..."When asked what gaggy means, Sam stated that he did not know. When asked if he has seen Jacob have a gaggy cough or heard him do that Sam demonstrated a gaggy cough. When asked how often Jacob had this gaggy cough, Sam asked me what how often meant. When asked if Jacob did that every day, just sometimes, or not very much, he stated that Jacob did that every day. I referred Sam back to when he had told me that he lives with his mom, his dad, and Jacob. When asked what happens when he is at home and when he gets in trouble, he stated that his mom will put him in the time out chair. When asked what his dad does when he gets in trouble, he stated that his dad just disappoints him. When asked what disappoints means, he stated that it means when you do something bad, and your mom or dad has to put you in time out. When asked what happens when Jacob gets into trouble, he stated that Jacob never gets in trouble, but Libby does. When asked who Libby is, Sam explained that Libby is baby Sam's baby sister. When asked if Jacob gets into trouble when he is at home, he said, "No." When asked what happens when he gets into trouble at Ms. Tracy's house, Sam reported that Ms. Tracy gets madder than his mom and dad do when she disappoints him. When asked what Ms. Tracy does when he gets into trouble, Sam explained that she puts him in time out, too. When asked to tell me about her getting madder than his mom and dad, he stated that when Sammy was at Ms. Tracy's house, baby Sam knocked Seth's tote over, and Seth pounded his head. When asked to tell me about that, Sam explained that Seth punched Sammy's head, with his fist (he demonstrated by making a fist).

When asked if he saw that with his eyes, or heard that with his ears, he said, "Just my eyes." When asked if he has seen Seth do that to Jacob, he said, "He never did that." Sam reported that there was something else Seth wants to do when Austin punches him. Sam explained that Seth said that he would get a knife and stab Austin in the head. When asked who Seth said that to, Sam said, "Me." When asked who Seth was going to stab in the head with a knife, he said, "Austin." I referred him back to when he had told me that he did not see Seth do something like that to Jacob. When asked if he knew if someone had done something like that to Jacob, he said, "Nobody has." When asked what happens to Seth when he gets into trouble at Ms. Tracy's, he said, "The same thing as me." When asked if he had said that Ms. Tracy gives him a time out, he shook his head, "Yes." When asked what happened to Sammy's head when Seth pounded it with his fist, he stated that the top of baby Sammy's head was just a little red. When asked if there was a grownup there when Seth pounded baby Sammy's head, he said, "Yeah. Ms. Tracy saw." When asked what Ms. Tracy did when she saw Seth do that to baby Sammy, Sam did not answer. When asked if he has seen Seth do that to someone else, he said, "Only to baby Sam." When asked if Seth is ever alone with Jacob, Sam shook his head, "No." When asked if he has ever seen Jacob's head be red, he said, "Um maybe." When asked what that would be from, he said, "I don't know." When asked if he has ever seen any other marks on Jacob's body, he said, "Like if it's blue or something, if he has a cold."

When asked to tell me about that, he stated that he's never seen that, he was just asking me. When asked if he has seen any red marks on Jacob's body like he saw on baby Sammy's head, he shook his head, "No." When asked if he knows what bruises are, he stated that they are like little brown things on your skin. When asked if he has seen any bruises on Jacob's body, he shook his head, "No." When asked if he knew if Jacob has had any hurts, Sam reported that one time when he was at his mimi's (Pam McAnally) house, Jacob rolled off the couch. When asked to tell me about that, he stated that they sat him on a little couch, and he fell off. When asked what Jacob's body looked like after he fell off the couch, Sam explained that his face was red in color because he was crying. When asked how old he was when Jacob fell off the couch, he stated that he was the same age, five and a half. When asked who was watching Jacob when he fell off the couch, he stated that he and his mom were watching him. When asked if he has seen Jacob roll off the couch one time, or more than one time, he said, "One time." When asked what Jacob landed on when he fell off the couch, Sam explained that he landed on the floor, on his back. Sam reported that one time at Ms. Tracy's Libby was on the couch wrapped up in a blanket, and she fell off too, and she cried.

When asked if Libby fell off the couch the same way that Jacob did, or if it was different, he stated that it was the same but it happened at Ms. Tracy's house.

When asked if Jacob has fallen off the couch at Ms. Tracy's house, or just at mimi's, he said, "Just at mimi's." When asked if Jacob has fallen off the couch at his house, or just at mimi's house, he said, "Just at mimi's." I referred Sam back to when he had told me that Jacob would not wake up from his nap. When asked if there was something that happened for Jacob not to wake up, he said, "He had to go to the hospital." I referred Sam back to when he had told me that Seth had pounded Sammy's head with his fist. When asked if Seth has done that to him, he said, "Never." When asked what happens when Jacob gets into trouble at Ms. Tina's, Sam said, "Um, he doesn't." When asked if he goes to Ms. Tina's, he stated that sometimes he does. When asked what happens if he gets into trouble at Ms. Tina's, he stated that he never does. When asked what happens if Jacob gets in trouble at Ms. Tracy's, he stated that Jacob never gets into trouble at Ms. Tracy's house. I referred Sam back to when he had told me that bruises were brown in color. He said, "Yeah." When asked if he has had bruises on his body, he said, "Um, only one at a time" and he explained that he did not know how he got those bruises. Sam stated that he has not seen any bruises on Jacob's body.

When asked if he knew if Jacob had hurt his leg, arm, or a different part of his body, he stated that Jacob hurt his arm "right here" (he



patted his right shoulder). When asked what he called that, he said, "Um, a booboo or something." When asked how Jacob hurt his arm right, Sam said, "I didn't hurt it." When asked to tell me about Jacob's arm being hurt, Sam explained that he did not know how that happened. When asked how he knew that Jacob hurt his arm, he explained that his mom told him that Jacob hurt his arm. When asked what his mom said, he stated that he did not know because he forgot. When asked if he has ever seen Jacob bleed or have blood on his body, Sam shook his head, "No." When asked if he has ever had blood on his body, he reported that one time they were trying to jump over the slide on the trampoline. Sam explained that he jumped over it, slipped, and banged his lip on the trampoline spring, and it lip starting bleeding and it got a little fat. When asked if he knew if someone has made Jacob do something that would give cause him to hurt or have a booboo, Sam said "No." When asked who he could tell if something happened to his body that was not okay, Sam reported that sometimes Seth and Austin hurt him. When asked to tell me about that, he explained that sometimes he and Seth do not get along. When asked to tell me about Seth hurting him, Sam said, "Um oh, that's all wrong. That's wrong."

When asked to tell me about when Austin hurts him, Sam reported that one time Austin punched him right in the tummy, with his fist, like when Seth pounded Sammy on his head. When asked who he feels safe with, he stated that he feels safe with his mom and dad. Sam reported that he needed to tell me something. He stated that one time baby Sammy hurt him too. He stated that Sammy slapped him in the face, and punched him in the tummy. When asked if he has seen Sammy do that to Jacob, he stated that one time Sammy dropped a car on Jacob. When asked where Sammy dropped this car, Sam explained that he did not know because he was not watching. When asked to tell me about Sammy doing that to Jacob, Sam stated that Sammy was holding onto a car and the car slipped right out of his hand, and he hurt Jacob. Sam explained that he heard about this incident from Aiden Cramer. He stated that he did not know where the car hit Jacob because he was not watching. Sam explained that he did not know how old Aiden was. I referred Sam back to when he had told me that Austin hurt him. When asked if he has seen Austin hurt Jacob, he said, "Um, he never did." When asked if Aiden said what Jacob did after Sammy dropped the car on him, he said, "Uh no." I referred Sam back to when he had told me that he felt safe at his mom and dad's. When asked how he feels at Ms. Tracy's, he stated that he feels sad when someone hurts him at Ms. Tracy's." Continued in Part 4

Interviewer Name  
JULIE WHITAKER

Interviewer County  
Oklahoma 55D

Victim Name  
SAMUEL HEDGER

Date of Birth  
05/24/2005

Date Interviewed/Contacted  
03/09/2011

Time Interviewed  
11:33 am

Type of Contact  
Face to Face (Other)

Interview Location  
The CARE Center (Part 4)

Others Present During Interview

**Interview Summary**

Continued from Part 3..."When asked if he feels safe or unsafe at Ms. Tracy's, he said, "Like what will happen?" I referred him back to when he had told me that he feels safe with his mom and dad. When asked if there is someone else he feels safe with, he stated that he feels unsafe at Ms. Tracy's. When asked what makes him feel unsafe, he stated that the trampoline has no net around it. When asked if there is something else that happens at Ms. Tracy's that makes him feel unsafe, he said, "No." When asked if he feels safe or not safe at Ms. Tina's, he said, "Safe." I referred Sam back to when he had told me that Aiden told him that Sammy had hurt Jacob. Sam explained that Sammy was holding the toy car in whatever hand, and he dropped it on Jacob's tummy, without saying "sorry." When asked if he saw that with his eyes, or heard that with his ears, he said, he heard it with his ears, because Aiden told him. Sam explained that he was not in the room when Sammy did that to Jacob, because he was in the room with the front door. When asked how he gets along with the people at Ms. Tracy's, Sam said, "Be nice." When asked if the other kids at Ms. Tracy's are nice, he said, "Sometimes." When asked how Jacob gets along with the kids at Ms. Tracy's, he stated that he always does. When asked how the other kids get along with Jacob, he said, "Uh we always get along with him." When asked if he has seen the other kids at Ms. Tracy's be nice to Jacob, he said, "Uh, yeah." Sam explained that one time; Payton said a bad word to Jacob. When asked what Payton said, he stated that when Jacob wouldn't stop crying, Payton said, "Shut up, Jake" and that's a bad word.

When asked why Jacob would not stop crying, he stated that it was at the car wash, right by his house and the car wash was loud, and since babies don't like loud things, Jacob started crying. When asked how he knows that babies don't like loud things, Sam said, "'Cause I'm smart." I let Sam know that we needed to tell the truth while we talk today. He demonstrated that he knew the difference between telling the truth and telling a lie. Sam explained that the things he had told me today were real. In closing, I thanked Sam for talking with me, and the interview was concluded. Jessica Taylor Forensic Interviewer CARE Center P.O. Box 1125 Oklahoma City, OK 73101" See attached DVD and typed report.



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Victim Name SAMUEL HEDGER		Date of Birth 05/24/2005
Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/09/2011	Time Interviewed 11:34 am	Type of Contact Face to Face (Other)
Interview Location The CARE Center (Part 5)		
Others Present During Interview		
Interview Summary		
Interviewer Name JULIE WHITAKER		Interviewer County Oklahoma 55D

Victim Name SAMUEL HEDGER		Date of Birth 05/24/2005
Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/09/2011	Time Interviewed 11:35 am	Type of Contact Face to Face (Other)
Interview Location The CARE Center (Part 6)		
Others Present During Interview		
Interview Summary		
Interviewer Name JULIE WHITAKER		Interviewer County Oklahoma 55D

Victim Name JACOB R. HEDGER		Date of Birth 06/11/2010
Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/09/2011	Time Interviewed 05:00 pm	Type of Contact Face to Face (N/A) Child Death
Interview Location Telephone		
Others Present During Interview		
Interview Summary Supervisor received a message that Jacob was pronounced dead around 4:00 PM on this day.		
Interviewer Name TAMRA WASHINGTON		Interviewer County Oklahoma 55D



**L. SIBLING INTERVIEW**

No Sibling Interviews

**M. PRFC / ALLEGED PERPETRATOR INTERVIEW**

PRFC/Alleged Perpetrator PRFC/Alleged Perpetrator		Name LEAH HEDGER	Date of Birth 08/05/1975
Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/08/2011	Time Interviewed 07:00pm	Type of Contact Face to Face (Other)	
Interview Location Baptist Integris Hospital Family Room			
Others Present During Interview Edmond Police Detective Misty Leitch			
Interview Summary <p>This worker interviewed Mrs. Leah Hedger, mother of Samuel and Jacob Hedger, with Detective Misty Leitch at this time. She said it is just her husband, her children and her that live in her home. She said Jacob was diagnosed with RSV last Monday, 2/28/2011 and was seen by the Pediatrician Dr. Tammy Machino, phone 359-5900. He was not prescribed any medications, he was to be given liquid Tylenol and switch with Motrin every three hours. She said Sunday night he was congested, couldn't breath, snotty, so her husband took him last week. He was positive for RSV and had a low grade temperature, 99 to 100 degrees. She said Sunday, 3/6/2011 Jacob was coughing and had drainage, but no seizures, he was happy. Her husband watched Jacob last week because he was sick. She said Mr. Hedger was laid off in 9/2010 from a sales position. She said she is a second grade teacher, this is her twelfth year teaching at John Ross Elementary. She said she married Mr. Hedger in 1998 and they were together for three years prior. Jacob sleeps on his back, and he goes to sleep by 6:00pm or 7:00pm, typically. Last night (3/07/2011), Samuel had gymnastics and Jacob stayed with her Friend Ms. Tina McArthur from 8:00am to 6:15pm, which is what happens every Monday so she can spend quality time with her oldest. She said the kids were at home by 6:30pm and she got the boys in a bath, Jacob had two to four ounces of formula and at 7:00pm or 7:30pm he was asleep. He is taking Infamil Presobe &amp; Nutramigen with Baby's Bliss Gripe Water. Jacob has two teeth, he was born two weeks early weighing 8.5 pounds at birth, and now weighs 16 pounds. He has no health problems or delays, and was not taking any medications.</p> <p>Regarding his health history, she said two months ago his left arm was hurting when he was in a car seat and when he was dressed, he would cry. She took him to the doctor and he went to Radiology Associates and found he had a fractured arm, a fracture within the cartilage. He was then referred to John Anderson Orthopedic Specialists, it was the Friday before that Jacob was dismissed from care. She said the doctor said Jacob had trauma from pulling on his arm, like if someone grabbed him from falling off a couch. When asked if that is what happened, she said she didn't do that, her husband didn't do that, and she did not know how he fractured his arm. She said Samuel wouldn't have done that, he is very protective of Jacob. Samuel is now with Tina's Mother Ms. Regina Timms. She said her mother Ms. Pam McAnally is on her way here from Ardmore, OK. She denied Jacob fell or that anyone dropped him. When asked about Jacob's skull fracture, she said Jacob had a bruise on the back of his head to the left two weeks ago, unknown how he got the bruise. She said Jacob cannot walk, he likes sitting up and always sticks his bottom in the air instead of crawling. She denied any domestic violence in her relationship with Mr. Hedger, and said they love each other. Since he has been unemployed, her mom and his parents have helped them financially. She said he has been depressed from the job loss, but nothing out of the ordinary. She denied Mr. Hedger takes any medications and said he is a man, and denied he has any health problems. She denied he has any military history. She denied she takes any medications or has any health problems.</p> <p>Jacob goes to Ms. Tina McArthur's on Mondays from 8:00am to 6:15pm, Ms. Traci Kramer's on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:00am to 4:30pm, and Wednesdays he stays at home with his father. She said she is at work from 8:10am to 4:20pm. Sam is in half day Kindergarten at school.</p> <p>She said she found out her son was hospitalized when at 3:20pm or 3:30pm she received a call on her classroom intercom that Traci Kramer's daughter was going to be a bus rider today; and, she never rides the bus. Then, Mr. Hedger called her because his Sister Ms. Tammy Padgett was told by her Friend Dawn that she saw an ambulance at the Kramer's home. She said Ms. Kramer's home is not a licensed home day care. She said she took Samuel to Traci when he was 2 1/2 years old, and he is now 6. She said when Jacob had the fractured arm she was thinking there were a lot of kids there, Ms. Kramer has four of her own kids. She said Sam and three other boys, but not the same kids every day. She said Ms. Kramer is the only person that held Jacob, but her sixth grader Payton. She would usually see Jacob in the swing or car seat at Ms. Kramer's. She said she does not suspect her husband at all for Jacob's injuries. She is in disbelief why this has happened, and she does not know how he got the skull fracture. She said she never had concerns with Sam at day care before. She has no idea how Jacob got the bruise on his head. She said Jacob only cried when he was hungry, he never cried when he was taken to her Friend Ms. McArthur's, but he would cry when she took him to Ms. Kramer's. She said Jacob always had a sweet smile. She said she did In vitro to have Samuel and when they got pregnant with Jacob it was like God was blessing them. As a family for fun, Saturdays were breakfast days and Sam picked the restaurant. She said they like doing things at home as a family.</p>			



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PRFC/Alleged Perpetrator PRFC/Alleged Perpetrator	Name ZANE HEDGER	Date of Birth 06/06/1970
Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/08/2011	Time Interviewed 07:45pm	Type of Contact Face to Face (Other)

Interview Location Baptist Integris Hospital Family Room
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Others Present During Interview Edmond Police Detective Misty Leitch
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<p><b>Interview Summary</b></p> <p>This worker interviewed Mr. Zane Hedger, father of Samuel and Jacob Hedger, with Detective Misty Leitch at this time. He said he lives with his wife and children, Jacob's only medical condition was a diagnosis of RSV last Monday, 2/28/2011 by Dr. Machino, his pediatrician and PCP; but, he actually was seen by Carol Unknown, an RN with the Village Center Pediatrics, phone 359-5900. He was not prescribed a medication, but was to be given alternating Ibuprofen and Acetaminophen, medicine droppers as listed on the bottles. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday he was given the medicine until his fever subsided. Primarily on Monday he had a fever, then by Sunday 3/6/2011 he could not breathe through his nose and he was congested. This morning, Jacob was playing and laughing, and he ate well and was dropped off at day care at 7:50am, by him, his wife, and both kids. This morning, Jacob woke up at 6:00 or 6:30am for a feeding and had one eight ounce bottle of formula, and he usually lays in bed while Ms. Hedger and him get dressed, he plays and watches TV. They took turns with bottle feeding, he took a bath with his brother and he ate fine, and slept well. He said once Jacob's fever was done, he had nasal problems and was treated with a steamy bathroom, saline, suctioning, and the humidifier. He said Jacob had a bruise on the left side of his head above his ear two weeks ago, and he has no idea how he got it. He said the bruise was two and a half inches in diameter that was a patch, and not really defined. He has no clue how it got there. He has not seen Samuel play rough with him. He said he does not know if someone rolled and fell on him at day care, but he has not seen anyone rolling with the baby on the floor.</p> <p>Regarding Jacob's fractured arm/shoulder, he said a few months ago Jacob was seen by an orthopedic doctor, Dr. John Anderson, phone 947-0911, who came to the conclusion it was from an older person pulling or grabbing his arm and pulling his weight. He said no one picks up Jacob by his arm, his oldest does not pick up Jacob, he will hold him and play with him; but will not pick him up because he is intimidated. He said on Mondays, Jake goes to Ms. Tina McArthur's around 8:00am until 6:00pm or 7:00pm, while Sam is at the gym. Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays Jacob is at Traci Kramer's, and he picks him up with Sam between 4:00pm and 5:00pm. He denied ever having any concerns for Ms. Kramer or Ms. McArthur caring for his children. He said there have been problems with some bigger kids, they do not hang out with Samuel. He is thrilled at how well they were doing. Sometimes Jacob would have a 1:00am feeding if he is hungry and he would go right to sleep after. This morning, Leah got up with him. Today was the first day back at Ms. Kramer's because Jacob was with him all last week because he was not 100 percent. He said Jacob had a fever on Monday, Tuesday it was 99.5 at 6:00pm, Wednesday at 12:00pm it was 99.3. He said Meme stayed the weekend, and she left Sunday night at 1:00pm or 2:00pm. He said Jacob has not been lethargic. He said Jacob was better since Wednesday and he had not had a fever. He was more normal Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, but still had nasal issues. He was progressively better and was surprised to learn the xray revealing Jacob had pneumonia.</p>
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Interviewer Name JULIE WHITAKER	Interviewer County Oklahoma 55D
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**N. COLLATERAL INTERVIEW**

Collateral Name TRACI KRAMER	Relationship to Family Child Care Staff	Type of Collateral Referral
Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/08/2011	Time Interviewed 08:30pm	Type of Contact Face to Face (Other)



Interview Location  
Baptist Integris Hospital Family Room

Others Present During Interview  
Detective Misty Leitch

Interview Summary  
This worker interviewed Ms. Traci Kramer, baby sitter of Samuel and Jacob Hedger, with Detective Misty Leitch at approximately this time. She said she watches Jacob on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 8:00am or 8:15am to 3:30pm or 4:00pm. Today, before 8:00am, Jacob was awake but fussy, and wanted out of the seat. He was whiny and fussing, but not crying. His mom and dad dropped him off today, which was not normal; but, yesterday Mr. Hedger was having car problems. She said she then took her two little guys, who are ages 8 and 9 years old, to school and dropped them off at 8:35am. Then she went back to her house and Jacob was acting happy go lucky. He laid on the floor and hung out, then they went to Target because she had been charged extra, then she piddled at Target, located on 2nd Street. Then, at 11:30am the boys came back from school and they went to Homeland, then her home. She said the boys were playing so she laid Jacob down in her bed, but not long, he takes cat naps and does not really sleep. She heard him crying and she laid him on the living room floor and she make lunch for the kids. The boys were playing with Star Wars figures in the formal dining room. The boys and her ate lunch at 12:45pm or 1:00pm, she cleared the lunch mess and she tried to feed Jacob at 1:30pm, but he was not interested. He ate, but not super great, he usually polishes off his food, but he was not interested today. She said he was fussy and she put him down for a nap and held him. She laid him down to sleep, he did not want a bottle then. He slept 30 minutes, unknown for sure, and at some point suctioned his nose. He was fussing during his second nap and he was poopy at some point, it was a normal stool.

She put him back down for a second nap at around 2:15pm or 2:30pm. She had to leave at 3:00pm, so she went to get Jacob and had told the boys, Seth Leitch age 4 and Samuel Hedger age 6, to get in her suburban, where they play DS. She went into the room and lifted him up and Jacob was limp, he was white, not blue. She said she panicked and got cold water and put it on his face, then she sat him on the floor and called 911. While she was on the phone with one phone, she used her home phone and called for someone to get her Daughter Payton. Jacob had been sleeping on his belly on her bed, his clothes were on, he was wearing a long sleeved onesie, pants and socks, no shoes and was laying on a sheet. She said she thinks she had pulled his pants off when she did chest presses, and took off his shirt. She said Mr. and Mrs. Hedger have been wonderful parents, and Mrs. Hedger was the teacher for all of her children. She said last week Jacob had RSV last week and didn't come last week, and the only treatment he had that she was prepared to give was to suction Jacob's nose. She said Mr. and Mrs. Hedger are like family to her. She said she does not know how this happened. Regarding Jacob's medical history, she said one day Jacob had a bruise behind his ear a week ago.

She denied knowing how he got the injury, and said before that a girl flung a plastic key ring at Jacob; but, that would not have caused the bruise. She described the bruise as being a two inch patch in diameter approximately on the left side that was a little round. Also, Jacob had a fracture in his shoulder. Jacob kept crying when he was held he was crying. She said she was very surprised Mr. and Mrs. Hedger still brought him over, and thought it was good they trusted her. She said if Jacob had been her child, she would have kept him home with her. She denied knowing how he got the injuries or a skull fracture, and said she does not think the other kids caused the injuries. She said she did not see any bruises today; and, she does not think anything happened to Jacob today. Today, it was only Seth Leitch age 4, Samuel Hedger age 6, and Jacob Hedger age 8 months at her home. She keeps children varying hours, including Seth Leitch age 4, Ethan Leitch age 11, Trevor Leitch age 7 and their mother is Ms. Christy Leitch, cell [REDACTED], Samuel Hedger age 6 Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and Jacob Hedger age 8 months Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

On Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, Libby Morton 9 months and Sam Morton age 11 yrs from 7:45am to 4:00pm, but on Thursdays Sam is at school from 9:30 to 2:30, their mom is Julie Morton, 85 [REDACTED]. Chance age 8 and Sheridan Thomsen age 11 varying days weekly, from 7:40am to 5:00pm, they ride the bus, their mother is Ms. Holly Thomsen, phone 8 [REDACTED]. Fridays Kameron Garvey age 9 comes at 4:30pm for five minutes or until 5:00pm, his parents are Mandy and Ryan Garvey, phone 580-970-5206. Mondays and Fridays Austin Sweeny age 4 comes from 9:15am to 10:00am until 5:00pm, his mom is Andrea Sweeny, phone 532-0965. She said she feels terrible about what happened. She expressed she has no problems in taking a polygraph; she acknowledged her husband works for the OSBI. She indicated she is not licensed to be a day care.

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Collateral Name	Relationship to Family	Type of Collateral Referral
CHRISTINE ALLEN	Other Relation	
Date Interviewed/Contacted	Time Interviewed	Type of Contact
03/08/2011	10:20pm	Face to Face (Other)

Interview Location  
OU Medical Center, Children's Hospital

Others Present During Interview  
Detective Misty Leitch

Interview Summary  
OU Medical Center's Dr. Christine Allen reported Jacob did not have a lot of bruises, but there was a bruise around his penis at the



base; but, it is unknown if that was a scratch or blood from the foley. She reported a CHO-25 would be filed. Jacob and Samuel Hedger were placed into protective custody on 3/08/11.

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Collateral Name AMY BAUM	Relationship to Family Other Relation	Type of Collateral Referral
Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/09/2011	Time Interviewed 12:42am	Type of Contact Telephone
Interview Location (405)831-7505		
Others Present During Interview		

**Interview Summary**  
At 12:42pm, OU Medical Center Hospital Social Worker Amy Baum reported there are two skull fractures that are over lapped and Dr. Stuenky is filing the CHO 25. She said there is no date for the skull fracture, the brain was swelling with no injury, no bleeding, and no evidence of trauma. She said there will be an ophthalmology consult today, but they do not think Jacob will survive. The MRI will be done today, but the CT showed there is no bleeding, but there is brain swelling and showed bilateral skull fractures on the left, meaning two separate fractures. The swelling issue is not from the fractures.

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Collateral Name AMY BAUM	Relationship to Family Other Relation	Type of Collateral Referral
Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/09/2011	Time Interviewed 02:37pm	Type of Contact Telephone
Interview Location (405)831-7505		
Others Present During Interview		

**Interview Summary**  
OU Medical Center Hospital Social Worker Amy Baum reported they will be pronouncing Jacob at around 4:00pm today, unknown if the MRI will be done before. She said Dr. Stuenky and her do not think the parents did this to the baby. She said the chest xray was taken, but still no report. She said the CT scan and skeletal MRI were ordered, and the ALT and AST levels indicate possible abdominal trauma or could be from the skull fractures, ALT and AST are markers. Normal AST are between 15 to 60 and Jacob's were 270; ALT normal range is 10 to 45, Jacobs were 104. She denied knowing if an ultrasound will be done of Jacob's abdomen before he passes, but the medical examiner can rule more conclusively. She forwarded medical records, see attached.

Interviewer Name JULIE WHITAKER	Interviewer County Oklahoma 55D
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Collateral Name ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC	Relationship to Family Medical Professional	Type of Collateral Referral
Date Interviewed/Contacted 03/09/2011	Time Interviewed 04:39pm	Type of Contact Letter
Interview Location VIA Fax 947-1341		
Others Present During Interview		

**Interview Summary**  
This worker faxed the following letter requesting medical records. "March 9, 2011 Dr. John Anderson Orthopedic Clinic Attention Medical Records 3301 NW 50th St. Oklahoma City, OK 73112 This office is requesting a copy of the medical records pertaining to Jacob Hedger DOB 06/11/2010. Our office is conducting a child abuse/neglect investigation involving this child. Pursuant to Oklahoma Statute, Title 10, Section 7106, Subsection C, Part 2, we are requesting this information. Additionally, this information is required as soon as possible due to emergency reasons. Thank you for your time and assistance. If you have any



questions please feel free to contact this office Monday through Friday 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Sincerely, Julie Whitaker, CWS III  
761-7483 (cell) 319-1527 (fax)"

Interviewer Name  
JULIE WHITAKER

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Collateral Name  
ARAN HOFFHINES

Relationship to Family  
Medical Professional

Type of Collateral  
Referral

Date Interviewed/Contacted  
03/10/2011

Time Interviewed  
08:10am

Type of Contact  
E-Mail

Interview Location  
EMSA Run

Others Present During Interview

**Interview Summary**

This worker received EMSA Run Number: 11037314 at this time, EMSA Primary Crew Member Aran Hoffhines, "COMMENTS Responded to the scene of a cardiac arrest. This pt is a 9 month old male who was at a home w/ care taker today. She put him down for a nap on his stomach at approximately 2:40 PM and then checked back on him at approximately 3:06 PM to find him unresponsive per care taker. He has a recent hx of RSV per care taker. AOS to find EFD on the living room floor performing CPR. Paddles placed and asystole is noted. IO est and a ETT placed. A total of 4 rounds of 0.10 mg 1:10,000 Epi admin IO w/ an ROSC established. Minimal NS fluids were given w/ Epi. Lung sounds reveal a slight rhonci in all lobes. No evidence of trauma is visually noted on the head, neck, face, or extremities of the pt. The nares are free of fluid or congestion. The pt was loaded in to the EMSA unit and ETT placement was noted to R mainstem. Tube holder removed and tube repositioned w/ O2 sats returning to 100% w/ skin becoming pink. ETT maintained by manual stabilization through the duration of transport. The shirt was cut away but diaper remained on. The pt was transported to BMC emergency status w/ pulse and O2 saturation remaining consistent and normal ranges. Pt care was transferred over to RN staff in ED room 21 w/ report."

Interviewer Name  
JULIE WHITAKER

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Collateral Name  
JOHN STUEMKY

Relationship to Family  
Other Relation

Type of Collateral  
Referral

Date Interviewed/Contacted  
03/10/2011

Time Interviewed  
12:01am

Type of Contact  
Letter

Interview Location  
CHO-25

Others Present During Interview

**Interview Summary**

At 12:01pm, worker received the CHO-25 that states Dr. John Stuemky noted "8 month old transferred from baby sitter's home to Baptist Hospital on 3/8. Intubated at scene 2 degrees respiratory arrest. CT Baptist cerebral edema, left parietal fracture crossing suture line into occipital separate left parietal fracture. Massive cerebral edema. Concerns: History of arm fracture approximately 2 months ago. Mom noticed child not using arm when she picked up child from baby sitter. History of parents of there noting a bruise on side of head approximately two weeks ago. Patient declared dead on 3/9 at approximately 1700 hours." See attached and saved in file cabinet.

Interviewer Name  
JULIE WHITAKER

Interviewer County  
Oklahoma 55D

Collateral Name  
RUTHIE RIGGS

Relationship to Family  
School Staff

Type of Collateral  
Referral

Date Interviewed/Contacted  
03/10/2011

Time Interviewed  
02:53pm

Type of Contact  
Face to Face (OKDHS Office)

Interview Location  
OK 55D 4th Floor

Others Present During Interview

Mr. Nick Linholm, Family Attorney



**Interview Summary**

This worker interviewed Ms. Ruthie Riggs, School Principal of John Ross Elementary as she arrived at the Juvenile Justice Center with many other family friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Hedger. Ms. Riggs reported Ms. Hedger will not be returning to John Ross Elementary to teach and agreed to write a letter stating as such. She said she has known the family as Ms. Hedger's employer for three years. She said she went to the family's home one time. She said Samuel has no health problems, he is an intelligent and vibrant guy. He is well behaved and well mannered. She said she has had no concerns for Mr. and Mrs. Hedger's parenting. She said she has never seen their children have any suspicious bruises or marks. She said she has seen Mr. and Mrs. Hedger discipline, he was in the building for Pre K 30 minutes before class and she would hear her talk to him using love and logic, give him choices, and deals with him like a student, kind, calm, and gentle. She said Ms. Hedger is a poster child for love and logic. She said in the interactions between Ms. Hedger and her children, she has never seen her angry. If she is frustrated, she has seen her cry, but has not seen her angry. The parents in Ms. Hedger's class sing her praises, and the kids too. Parents beg to be in Ms. Hedger's class. She has overheard Ms. Hedger saying how she had joy in the boys so much. She has not observed Mr. Hedger's parenting practices, he is a very soft spoke and calm person. She expressed surprise for the situation at hand.

**Interviewer Name**  
JULIE WHITAKER

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Oklahoma 55D

**Collateral Name**  
MISTY LEITCH

**Relationship to Family**  
Law Enforcement

**Type of Collateral Referral**

**Date Interviewed/Contacted**  
03/10/2011

**Time Interviewed**  
03:59pm

**Type of Contact**  
Telephone

**Interview Location**  
496-4685

**Others Present During Interview**

**Interview Summary**

At approximately this date and time, Ms. Leitch reported she was present for the initial exam of Jacob, which was conducted by Choy. There were no abdominal injuries, no hemoraging inside of Jacob's brain, and the fracture appeared to be an older injury and a timeline will have to be done microscopically. She would like to polygraph everyone.

**Interviewer Name**  
JULIE WHITAKER

**Interviewer County**  
Oklahoma 55D

**Collateral Name**  
BAPTIST INTEGRIS HOSPITAL

**Relationship to Family**  
Medical Professional

**Type of Collateral Referral**

**Date Interviewed/Contacted**  
03/11/2011

**Time Interviewed**  
07:33pm

**Type of Contact**  
Letter

**Interview Location**  
VIA Fax 949-3623

**Others Present During Interview**

**Interview Summary**

This worker faxed the following letter requesting medical records. "March 11, 2011 Baptist Integris Hospital Attention: Medical Records 3300 NW Expressway Oklahoma City, OK 73112 Phone: 949-3291 This office is requesting a copy of the medical records pertaining to Jacob Hedger DOB 06/11/2010. Our office is conducting a child abuse/neglect investigation involving this child. Pursuant to Oklahoma Statute, Title 10, Section 7106, Subsection C, Part 2, we are requesting this information. Additionally, this information is required as soon as possible due to emergency reasons. Thank you for your time and assistance. If you have any questions please feel free to contact this office Monday through Friday 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Sincerely, Julie Whitaker, CWS III 745-7733 (cell) 319-1527 (fax)"

**Interviewer Name**  
JULIE WHITAKER

**Interviewer County**  
Oklahoma 55D

**Collateral Name**  
VILLAGE CENTER PEDIATRICS

**Relationship to Family**  
Medical Professional

**Type of Collateral Referral**

**Date Interviewed/Contacted**  
03/15/2011

**Time Interviewed**  
10:53am

**Type of Contact**  
Letter