



Child Welfare History
on
Jermaine McNeil and Ju'Tyra Allen

On March 1, 2011, the bodies of two unknown children were found, concealed in luggage, floating in a canal in Delray Beach in Palm Beach County. The children have been identified as Jermaine McNeil and Ju'Tyra Allen. During the course of the Delray Beach Police investigation of the death of the children, it was determined that Felicia Flint (a.k.a. Felicia Brown), mother of the deceased children, was a homicide victim in August 2010. She remained a "Jane Doe" until the death of her children. The police have determined that, until their death, Felicia's children had been living with Clem Beauchamp and his girlfriend, Michelle Dent. DCF had no knowledge of that arrangement. It is unknown when the children began living with Clem Beauchamp. Clem Beauchamp – who is being held without bail on federal weapons charges – is a suspect in Felicia's death and the death of her children. A federal prosecutor has said that Felicia was a witness against Beauchamp on federal charges.

Felicia Flint and her family had extensive involvement with the child welfare system, including the Florida Department of Children and Families; its lead child welfare agency in Palm Beach County, Child and Family Connections, Inc.; the agency that subcontracts with Child and Family Connections to handle adoptions, the Children's Home Society; and attorneys with the Foster Children's Project of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, which represents Palm Beach County children ages 0-12 in foster care.

From 1988-1999, the Department investigated 10 reports alleging abuse of Felicia as a child. While a teenager, Felicia Flint gave birth to three children. When Felicia was 14 years old and living at home with her mother, she gave birth to Jermaine McNeil (on March 18, 2000). Jermaine's father is unknown. When she was 16 years old and living at a residential substance abuse treatment facility for women and their infants, she gave birth to "J.G." on May 17, 2002. At 19, on Dec. 14, 2004, Felicia gave birth to Ju'Tyra, who was immediately placed in out-of-home care with her paternal grandmother.

The Department investigated five reports of abuse/neglect naming Felicia and Jermaine as victims, mostly of inadequate supervision and environmental hazards, between May 25, 2000, and June 3, 2003 (the date Felicia turned 18). Felicia received a variety of services, and at age 15 in January 2001, was placed in foster care. Jermaine also was placed in foster care. None of the abuse reports alleged that Felicia had harmed Jermaine.

While Jermaine was in foster care, Felicia, 17 at the time, surrendered her parental rights on J.G., and the baby was adopted by a foster parent in September 2003. Felicia knew the adoptive parent, and the open adoption allowed Felicia to visit J.G. regularly, which she did until her death.

In August 2005, Felicia surrendered her parental rights on Jermaine. After successfully completing a parenting program, individual therapy sessions, a domestic violence program and outpatient substance abuse treatment, Felicia was reunited with Ju'Tyra in November 2006.

After Jermaine endured an unsuccessful attempt at an adoption out-of-state and a foster parent's request that he be removed, Jermaine's attorney at the Foster Children's Project approached Felicia about reuniting with Jermaine. After a positive home study, Jermaine was reunited with his mother in March 2008 under supervision of a dependency case manager and adoption specialist.

On Oct. 31, 2008, at the request of Jermaine's attorney, Felicia began receiving an adoption subsidy for Jermaine, paid by Child and Family Connections. On Nov. 14, 2008, with the support of a team of child welfare professionals, Felicia's adoption of Jermaine was finalized. That team included DCF's Family Safety Director and Children's Legal Services attorneys, Child and Family Connections, the Children's Home Society, the Foster Children's Project and the Guardian Ad Litem.

DCF had not received any reports alleging abuse or neglect of Felicia Brown's children since 2005. DCF was not notified of Felicia Brown's disappearance in August 2010 nor of Jermaine and Ju'Tyra living with Clem Beauchamp after their mother disappeared.