



DCF History on children discovered March 1, 2011, in Delray Beach canal

Summary prepared for Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee

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. The Delray Beach Police Department is investigating the death of the children. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that Felicia Flint (a.k.a. Felicia Brown), mother of the deceased children, was a homicide victim sometime in August 2010. She remained a "Jane Doe" until the death of her children. The police have determined Felicia had a connection with the Beauchamp/Dent family, and the children had been living with Clem Beauchamp and Michelle Dent until their death. DCF had no knowledge of that living arrangement. It is unknown exactly when the children began living with Clem Beauchamp.

The Florida Department of Children and Families has had an extensive history with this family. From 1988-1999, the Department investigated 10 abuse reports on Felicia as a child. When Felicia was 14 years old and living at home with her mother, she gave birth to Jermaine McNeil (on 3/18/00). Jermaine's father is unknown. The Department investigated five reports of abuse/neglect naming Felicia and Jermaine as victims between May 25, 2000, and June 3, 2003 (the date Felicia turned 18). The majority of the allegations involved inadequate supervision and environmental hazards. One report alleged domestic violence between Felicia and her mother (Jermaine's maternal grandmother). All but two of the reports were closed with either Some Indicators or Verified indicators of abuse and/or neglect. 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.

In January 2002, Felicia – then, pregnant – moved into PANDA, a residential substance abuse treatment facility for women and their infants. While there, she gave birth to "J.G." on May 17, 2002. In July 2002, she ran away with the baby. In August, at a court hearing about Jermaine, J.G. was placed into foster care. Jermaine remained 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 July 2003, a dependency case manager completed a home study on Felicia, who had turned 18 in June, in an effort to begin overnight visitation with Jermaine. But Felicia was arrested in November 2003 on a robbery charge, and from December 2003 until April 2004, there were no visits with Jermaine. Felicia resumed visits with Jermaine, and he was reunified with his mother Oct. 15, 2004, but removed from her on Nov. 10, 2004, after a domestic violence case in which Felicia was listed as the victim. Felicia, then 19, was pregnant at the time.

Felicia gave birth to Ju'Tyra on Dec. 14, 2004. Ju'Tyra was immediately placed in out-of-home care with her paternal grandmother.

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.

From November 2006 to November 2007, Jermaine was placed with a family in another state, but the adoption was not finalized. He returned to foster care in Florida, but by February 2008, the foster parent requested that he be removed because of behavior problems, including fighting and school suspension. That month, Jermaine's attorney at the Foster Children's Project of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County 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. Felicia at that time was married, regularly visiting J.G. and had had custody of Ju'Tyra for two years with no abuse reports. She completed the Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting training, had a positive home study and at least two Adoption Review Committee staffings were held to consider reunification in light of Felicia's criminal history. She had had several arrests as a minor, and four arrests as an adult, the most recent in November 2006. She had no convictions as an adult.



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Shortly after Jermaine was placed with his mother under supervision, DCF investigated the home of Michelle Dent and Clem Beauchamp. According to records, Michelle traveled with her children to Felicia's house on March 19, 2008, after Felicia had testified in Beauchamp's favor during a custody hearing for Dent and Beauchamp's children. Felicia reported to police that Michelle threatened her with a knife, but the children and an accompanying friend of Michelle's did not corroborate that statement. According to investigative records, Felicia's children were not present at her home at the time of the incident, and Beauchamp did not live with Felicia. The investigation was focused on the Dent/Beauchamp family and resulted in services being provided to them.

On Oct. 31, 2008, at the request of Jermaine's attorney with the Foster Children's Project, Felicia began receiving an adoption subsidy for Jermaine, paid by Child and Family Connections, Inc. 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.

Felicia was mentioned in an investigation involving Clem Beauchamp and his children in June 2009. During that investigation, a child protective investigator conducting a home visit to Beauchamp's Delray Beach home found Felicia visiting at Beauchamp's house. Felicia told the investigator Beauchamp could be found at a nearby park with the children. That investigation was focused on the Beauchamp children, not Felicia's.

Felicia and her children are not named as victims in the reports involving the Beauchamp family, and she and her children lived in a separate residence at the time of the reports.

Clem Beauchamp is being held without bail on federal weapons charges. Clem Beauchamp is a suspect in the deaths of Felicia's children. A federal prosecutor has said that Felicia was a witness against Beauchamp on federal charges. Upon the start of the criminal investigation, the Beauchamp children were placed into licensed foster care.

DCF had not received any reports alleging abuse or neglect of Felicia Brown's children since 2005. DCF was not aware of Jermaine and Ju'Tyra living with Beauchamp after their mother disappeared. According to police, Felicia Brown disappeared in August 2010. DCF was not involved in her life at all in 2010.



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Flint Family Participants	Role	DOB	Status
Felicia Gene Flint (aka Felicia Brown)	Mother	06/03/85	Deceased/former foster child
Jermaine McNeil	Victim/Child	03/18/00	Deceased/former foster child/adopted by Felicia Flint
(Unnamed to protect her privacy)	Victim/Child	05/17/02	Child/adjudicated dependent at birth/adopted
Ju'tyra Flint	Victim/Child	12/14/04	Deceased/former foster child/reunified
Curtis Allen	Father of Ju'tyra	11/03/77	Parent Not In Home
Unknown	Father of Jermaine	Unknown	Parent Not In Home

Beauchamp Family Participants	Role	DOB	Status
Clem Beauchamp	Father	02/16/77	Person of Interest
Michelle Dent	Mother	1/02/82	Person of Interest
Son	Child	12/14/95	Child
Daughter	Child	11/11/00	Child
Daughter	Child	09/01/07	Child (different last name from siblings)