

Christian Choate

Summary 31-33-18-1.5

DOB 12/27/95

Male

Cause of Death – blunt force trauma

August 27, 1995—Lake DCS received a 310 (NE 11085) alleging Christian's future step-mother's home was unsanitary. This was prior to Christian's birth. The allegations were unsubstantiated.

April 13, 1999— Lake DCS received a 310 (ICWIS # [REDACTED]) alleging Christian's future step-sister, Rachelle Kubina was a victim of educational neglect. Allegations of educational neglect were substantiated due to child missing an excessive amount of school. No further action taken. Christian was not living in this home at the time.

August 10, 2004 – Lake DCS received a 310 (ICWIS # [REDACTED]) alleging Christian Choate as the victim of physical abuse with Riley Choate (biological father) listed as the perpetrator. No bruising or marks were found and the assessment was unsubstantiated. The FGM noted that, at the time this assessment closed (9/13/04) the family had an open Informal Adjustment with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (nieces) in the home and indicated that the parents were ordered to participate in services.

August 23, 2004— Lake DCS received a 310 (ICWIS # [REDACTED]) alleging [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (Kimberly's nieces) as victims of Physical Abuse. Physical Abuse was substantiated against Riley Choate for [REDACTED] (Inappropriate Discipline) and [REDACTED] (Inappropriate Discipline and Bruises). Medical Neglect was also substantiated against Kimberly Choate for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have severe tooth decay.

August 27, 2004— [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Hamby were detained and placed in foster care as a result of the August 23, 2004 assessment. CHINS Court Detention order was dated August 31, 2004. The children were returned home to Riley and Kimberly on December 10, 2004. The CHINS was dismissed on December 9, 2004. An Informal Adjustment was approved by the court on December 9, 2004. Informal Adjustment was extended by Judge's signature on June 15, 2005, and was dismissed as successfully completed on December 9, 2005.

September 1, 2004—Lake DCS received a 310 (ICWIS [REDACTED]) alleging [REDACTED], Christian's sister, and [REDACTED], Christian's half-sister, were molested by their mother's live-in boyfriend, Silas Estradas. Neglect was substantiated against Aimee Eriks (Christian's mother) with Christian, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as victims of neglect. Lack of supervision was also substantiated against Aimee for Lack of Supervision with regard to [REDACTED].

December 14, 2004 – An Informal Adjustment was opened as a result of the September 1, 2004 substantiated assessment, signed in Court on December 14, 2004. The Informal Adjustment was initiated in Aimee Eriks' household with Christian, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

February 8, 2005 – Lake DCS received a 310 (ICWIS # [REDACTED]) alleging sexual abuse with [REDACTED] as the alleged perpetrator and Christian Choate as the victim. Report was unsubstantiated.

During April, May, and June of 2005 – FCM made regular visits to the home of Riley and Kimberly as both Informal Adjustments were active at that time.

July 6, 2005 – the Informal Adjustment of Aimee Eriks' with Christian, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was dismissed by Judge's order. None of the children were living with Aimee at this time.

August 2005—an order was issued in the custody case (45D069612JP [REDACTED]) ordering Riley Choate as the custodial parent of Christian and [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] would only be allow supervised visits with Christian and [REDACTED] Choate.

January 17, 2007 – Lake DCS received a 310 (ICWIS # [REDACTED]) alleging neglect of Jessica Hamby's (Christian's step-mother's sister) and Kimberly and Riley's children who were all residing with Riley and Kimberly at the Polk St address in Merrillville. The report indicated that the house was dirty and there were 10 children in the home. FCM substantiated medical neglect (on one of Christian's cousins) and environment life/health endangering with Jessica Hamby as perpetrator and [REDACTED] as victim. No other allegations were substantiated.

June 30 and July 8, 2008 – Lake DCS received a 310 (ICWIS #s [REDACTED]) regarding allegations of neglect. Allegations against Riley and Kimberly included - 10 children living in the mobile home, mother (Kimberly) has a warrant for her arrest, 12-year old boy on house arrest for molesting a child, and children covered with mosquito bites, children outside at 1:30 a.m. Home visit was conducted on June 30, 2008. FCM observed all children and stated they appeared to be doing well. FCM observed all sleeping areas for children within the home. It was determined that Kimberly did not have a warrant out for her arrest and there was not a 12 year old boy on house arrest for molest. The assessment was unsubstantiated.

November 5, 2009 – Lake DCS received a 310 (ICWIS # [REDACTED]) alleging Education Neglect regarding [REDACTED]. The 311 is unsubstantiated due to the majority of absences were excused due to medical reasons. It should be noted that the assessment was "administratively staffed" due to unable to locate although FCM was able to speak with Kimberly in KY and FCM made a report to KY CPS for possible educational neglect.

May 3, 2011 – Lake DCS received a 310 (ICWIS #1168468194) alleging Christian Choate the victim of a fatality. Riley and Kimberly Choate were named as perpetrators in the assessment.

There was no open case at the time of the report of the fatality. The last date a case was opened with regard to Christian was July 6, 2005; however, a case opened with his father and step-mother (with whom he lived toward spring of 2005, shows that contact was maintained with Christian until December of 2005.

The last contact made with Christian by DCS was on June 30, 2008.

Contact Name	Reference Person	Contact Status	Date
Detective Weaver [REDACTED]	Eriks Aimee Choate Christian [REDACTED] Kozlowski Tina FCM Choate Riley Kubina Rachelle N Kubina Kimberly L [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Successful /Canceled	05/18/2011 01:00:00
		Contact Type Law Enforcement, Victim / Service Client	Contact Method Face to Face - Other Contacted By KOZLOWSKI, TINA M

**Narrative**

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the FAB center on 5/18/11. [REDACTED] gave very little details regarding the treatment of Christian in the family home. [REDACTED] stated that Christian molested him but he could not remember what happened. [REDACTED] was very emotional when he was asked about his mom or dad. [REDACTED] appeared to be making things up as he spoke towards the end of the interview. [REDACTED] appeared extremely emotionally fragile and scared to talk about his actual experiences. [REDACTED] did not appear truthful during his interview.

FCM Kozlowski viewed some of the letters Christian had written regarding his feelings and experiences in the home. Some of the writings were random and others were "assignments" where it appears that Kimberly Kubina would write a topic at the top of the page. Some of the topics assigned were the following: Why do you want to play with your peter? Why do you still want to see your mom? Why can't you let the past go? What does it mean to be part of a family? Christian's writings detail a very sad, depressed child who often wondered when someone, anyone, was going to come check on him and give him food or liquid. Christian often stated he was hungry or thirsty. Christian wrote of why nobody liked him and how he just wanted to be liked by his family. Christian stated that he wanted to die because nobody liked the way he "acted." Christian wrote of how many times he had to steal food or use the bathroom in his place of confinement. Christian wrote of how he was "let out" to clean or vacuum but then had to go back to his "place" immediately afterwards. Christian wrote of how he had nothing to do and if he asked for something to do he was given a piece of paper and a pencil. Christian wrote of how everybody else was outside playing but he was not. The writings go on and on of how isolated and sad Christian was on a daily basis.

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[REDACTED]	Eriks Aimee Choate Christian [REDACTED] Kozlowski Tina FCM Choate Riley Kubina Rachelle N Kubina Kimberly L [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Successful /Canceled	05/21/2011 01:00:00
		Contact Type Institutional Staff, Professional, Victim / Service Client	Contact Method Face to Face - Other Contacted By KOZLOWSKI, TINA M

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FCM Kozlowski interviewed [REDACTED] at her placement facility on 5/21/11. [REDACTED] stated that she is upset that she had to leave Kentucky and come to Indiana. [REDACTED] stated that her Uncle Bobby's home was the first home she had ever stayed in that made her feel safe. [REDACTED] denied any abuse or neglect in Uncle Bobby's home. [REDACTED] stated that she is furious at her mother for lying to her again. [REDACTED] stated that after she made contact with her mother and told her what happened to Christian, her mother promised not to seek custody of her and promised to leave her in Kentucky. [REDACTED] stated that her Aunt Karen told her the same thing and they both lied to her. [REDACTED] stated that she spoke to her mother a few days ago and confronted her and her mother became angry and told her to "lose my number." [REDACTED] stated that she does not want to live with her mother at this time but may want to do counseling with her some time later. [REDACTED]