

Introduction:

A review of documents from health care agencies, educational institutions, social agencies, and court files, as well as interviews with persons with direct knowledge of the welfare of Christian F., have created a foundation to this investigation. As a result, information was garnered from several reliable sources to compile this report and a conclusion can be made from these facts. As such, a brief history of the events as it relates to this investigation will be repeated.

On June 11, 2003 Dawan F. called 9-1-1 from a public telephone located at 6104 Page Avenue, located in the City of St. Louis. Dawan F. told responding officers he was taking his ill son, Christian F., age 9, to the hospital and stopped to call ahead to the emergency room when an unknown person entered his vehicle and drove away with Christian in the vehicle.

An intensive search was launched and the vehicle reported stolen by Dawan F. was recovered within a few hours by the Ferguson Police Department. The vehicle was unoccupied and many valuables were found inside, however, there was no sign of Christian.

Dawan F. soon thereafter did not cooperate with investigators and declined to participate in a polygraph examination to validate the events as he reported them. Since that time Dawan F. has not assisted with this investigation, despite repeated requests through his legal counsel.

Monica F. was questioned at the family's home on the morning of June 11, 2003 and additional information was learned about Christian F.'s medical condition. Since that time Monica F. has not assisted with the investigation, despite repeated requests through her legal counsel.

Further investigation revealed factual data that substantiates charges against Dawan F. and Monica F..

Since December 14, 1998 Dawan F. was responsible for the care, custody, and control of his son, Christian F., who suffered from a rare genetic disorder that required daily medications and a strict dietary program. Without monitoring and immediate care of Christian F.'s condition, he could experience elevated ammonia levels in his blood. If undetected, Christian F. would demonstrate lethargic conditions, including loss of balance and vomiting, followed by a coma and then death. All medications, equipment, formula supplements and other supplies (such as diapers) were provided free of charge by Medicaid, a state approved agency to assist low income patients.

Dawan F. and Monica F. married in October, 2002. Monica F. was well versed in Christian F.'s needs before and during her marriage to Dawan F..

Both Monica F. and Dawan F. had formal training in caring for ill patients. Monica F. and Dawan F. have demonstrated the knowledge and ability to carry out the daily requirements for Christian F. to sustain life. This included the daily medications and formula supplements that Christian F. was prescribed.

This investigation has concluded that Dawan F. did not actively seek, or assist others in, the treatment of Christian F.'s inherited disease. Dawan F. did not make, nor keep, medical appointments as scheduled for the well being of his son. Dawan F.'s failure to provide adequate care by medical professionals constituted an act of medical neglect by Dawan F..

Also, Dawan F. demonstrated a repeated pattern in his failure to obtain the readily available free medications for his son. Not all doses of medications would be used for the prescribed time period, thereby extending the use of the existing medications beyond their intended expiration dates. The lack of providing adequate and necessary medicine to Christian F. constituted an act of medical neglect by Dawan F..

Furthermore, the prescribed formula supplements for Christian was limited by Dawan F. and Monica F.. The ingredients to prepare the formula for Christian were readily available in the household, but were not consumed or prepared. This investigation has determined that Christian was seldom getting his scheduled formula supplement feedings from Dawan F. or Monica F.. The lack of providing adequate and necessary food for Christian F. constituted an act of medical neglect by Dawan F. and Monica F..

This investigation also found physical evidence of egregiously unsanitary conditions in Christian F.'s level of care. Christian F.'s clothing, bedding, and mattress became saturated with his urine, leaking onto the floor. Conditions concerning the neglect in changing Christian F.'s diapers were documented. The lack of providing adequate and necessary care for Christian F. constituted an act of hygienic neglect of Christian by Monica F. and Dawan F..

Through these acts of neglect, Dawan F. and Monica F. have willfully and knowingly committed the crime of 'Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the First Degree', a felony.

As reported in supplemental report CN 03-72388, witnesses and evidence proved that Dawan F.'s vehicle was not stolen as he reported it to be. By Dawan F.'s statements on June 11, 2003, he willfully and knowingly made a 'False Police Report'.

Also, Dawan F. reported that Christian F. was abducted while in the stolen vehicle. By virtue of the false stolen vehicle report, Dawan F. willfully and knowingly made a 'False Child Abduction Report'.

Additionally, Dawan F. has failed to respond to repeated requests concerning the investigation of his reported missing son. Therefore, the whereabouts and well being of Christian F. cannot be substantiated. However, Dawan F. has not fulfilled the necessary

daily medication and dietary needs with respect to Christian F.'s medical condition. Since Christian F. needed these daily medications to sustain life; and he is no longer receiving the medications; it can then be deduced that Christian F. is no longer alive.

Since Dawan F. and Monica F. were the lawful custodians of Christian F.; and they have failed to report the occurrence of Christian F.'s death; then they have committed the crime of 'Abandonment of a Corpse'.

As detailed within this report, Dawan F. knowingly caused the death of his son, Christian F. after deliberation upon the matter. Aggravating the circumstances of Christian's death prove that it was done in a wantonly vile, horrible and depraved manner. In addition, Dawan F. committed the murder of Christian F. in an effort to conceal the grossly neglectful conditions that he and Monica F. were responsible for. To this end, the murder was committed by Dawan F. to avoid his and Monica F.'s prosecution. Accordingly, Dawan F. committed the crime of 'Murder in the First Degree'.

Case Assignment:

Please direct your attention to original report CN 03-70806, where on June 11, 2003 at 6:09 a.m., Dawan F. called 911 from the public telephone located at 6104 Page Avenue, located within the City of St. Louis, Missouri. Dawan F. informed police he was en route to St. Louis Children's Hospital with his ill son, Christian F., age 9, and stopped in an attempt to call the hospital to inform them that he was coming. At this time, as reported by Dawan F., an undescribed subject stole his S.U. V. with Christian F. still in the vehicle. Please note that a later investigation determined that no such telephone calls came into the St. Louis Children's Hospital switchboard as reported by Dawan F..

An exhaustive search was conducted in the area. Broadcasts were made to other law enforcement agencies regarding the disappearance of Christian F., describing the stolen vehicle. No evidence or witnesses to the stolen vehicle and kidnapping were found near the scene of Page and Hodiamont at this time.

At approximately 7:51 a.m. Officer Charles Creely of the Ferguson Police Department responded to a call for an abandoned S.U.V. at 326 Ronbar. On arrival, Officer Creely noted that this was the same vehicle being broadcast as wanted in the child abduction. Christian F. was not found in the vehicle or the immediate area. A second search was made in the area surrounding 326 Ronbar for Christian F., but it was not successful. The 1998 Ford Expedition was found unlocked and the keys were in the ignition. Numerous valuables located in the interior of the vehicle included a laptop computer, digital camera, bulletproof vest, binoculars, numerous court documents and personal papers. The Ford Expedition was towed to the Fleet Services Division of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, 3939 Laclede Avenue, for additional evidence processing.

Dawan F. accompanied detectives of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to the scene at 6104 Page Avenue and later to the area of 326 Ronbar, in Ferguson, Missouri.

Please note that during this time, Dawan F. reported the same statement regarding the disappearance of his son, Christian F., describing how his vehicle was stolen.

Due to the suspicious nature of the this incident, Dawan F. was requested, and voluntarily agreed, to accompany detectives to the headquarters building, located at 1200 Clark Ave., St. Louis, Missouri. Dawan F. was provided an opportunity to participate in a polygraph examination to further substantiate the events he reported. Dawan F. declined, adding that he did not wish to make any further statements and wished only to speak with an attorney.

Please note that Dawan F. was not placed under arrest and was therefore not informed of his constitutional rights for legal representation. Dawan F. was cooperative and continued to report the same chain of events leading to the disappearance of his son until the moment when requested to participate in a polygraph examination.

Since that time, Dawan F. has been represented by his attorney, Mr. John Rogers, and has not made any statements regarding the disappearance of his son. Dawan F. has not assisted in the investigation, despite repeated requests through Mr. Rogers.

Primary Investigation (Initial Interviews and Evidence):

Please direct your attention to supplemental investigative report CN 03-72388, where initial interviews were made and evidence was recovered as it relates to the disappearance of Christian F..

After the kidnapping was reported, Detective Jerome Dyson, dsn 2196, and I responded to the residence of Dawan F., at 3720 Sylvan Place, located within the City of Pine Lawn, Missouri. Interviews were conducted with family members of the household, including the spouse of Dawan F., Monica F., her two daughters, Deshonda L., age 16, Tia R., age 7, and the youngest son of Dawan F., Connor F., age 8. Also at the residence was Lisa Broomfield, sister of Monica F., who came to the residence following the initial report from family members that Christian F. was missing.

Detective Dyson and I questioned Monica F. regarding the reported chain of events that led Dawan F. to take his oldest son, Christian F., to the hospital. Monica F. explained that she was asleep during the night when Dawan F. returned from his work as a bounty hunter. He didn't wake her to tell her that Christian was ill. She said that she learned of the incident when Dawan F. telephoned her in the morning, near the hour of 6:00 a.m.. He said that the Expedition was stolen and Christian was kidnapped when he stopped to make a telephone call while en route to St. Louis Children's Hospital. Monica F. said that the last time she spoke with Dawan F. was the previous evening at about 11:00 p.m., when he called while working as a bounty hunter. Monica F. said that Dawan F. called from a cellular telephone and she could hear a male voice in the background. She believed was Ozell Scott, a fellow bounty hunter Dawan F. often worked with. Monica F. said she did not know how to contact Ozell.

Monica F. explained that Christian F. suffered from a genetic disease known as "citrullinemia" that restricted him to a low protein diet. She explained that Christian F. was born with the disorder and had several hospitalizations due to his illness. Monica F. recalled one such hospitalization two years ago that resulted in a coma. She said that after this incident Christian F. was severely mentally handicapped, noting that he was not able to speak or communicate in any manner. She described Christian as a "vegetable".

Monica F. said she knew of nothing wrong with Christian F. the night before, however, she admitted that she seldom provides care for Christian F. because his medications are complicated and difficult to administer. She also said Dawan F. provides all of Christian F.'s care, including changing his soiled diapers, giving him baths and administering his medications. Monica F. said Dawan F. had the mixing of medication and formula supplements "down to a science".

When speaking about the continued care of Christian F., Monica F. stated that the State of Missouri provided home nursing care during the daytime hours until March 2003. Monica F. believed that the nursing services stopped because of state budget cutbacks.

Monica F. directed investigators to the enclosed rear porch area of the household where she pointed out the different medications that Christian F. must take each day. A notation was made of medications present including:

Buphenyl POW
Arginine Crystal
Vitamin B-6
Cytra - K sol
SOD Benzoate
Carnitor

The medications were not seized as evidence at this time. Also noted was the presence of an electronic gram weight scale, a blender, and several cases of food supplements labeled "Pedisure". Monica F. explained the items were used by Dawan F. to accurately mix the medications and formula supplements for Christian F..

Deshonda L. was questioned with the permission of Monica F.. Deshonda L. said she awoke at about 4:00 a.m. and heard the S.U.V. start up, leaving the house. Deshonda L. did not see Dawan F. and was unaware that Christian F. had a medical emergency.

Connor F. was also questioned with the permission of Monica F.. Connor F. said he saw his father, Dawan F., enter into the bedroom that he shares with Christian F. during the night. Connor F. said his father picked up Christian and wrapped him in a blanket, carried him out to the Expedition then drove away. Connor F. did not know what time this was, but recalled that it was very dark outside. Please note that Connor's bed is closest to the window, which faces west toward the street.

Please note the St. Louis area sunrise time on June 11, 2003 was at 5:36 a.m. and the beginning twilight time was 5:04 a.m.. (Source: U.S. Naval Observatory) Also note the time Dawan F. telephoned 911 was at 6:09 a.m. and the distance from 3720 Sylvan Place to 6104 Page Avenue was 1.96 miles.

Monica F. agreed to a search of her residence and signed a "Consent to Search" form, GEN-201. Detective Dyson and I entered Christian and Connor's bedroom. Connor F. pointed out which bed was his and which was Christian's.

It should be noted the bed used by Christian F. was neatly made with a blue bedspread on top. There was a tear in the corner of the bedspread. Connor F. said this was caused by Christian biting and tearing the bedspread when he occasionally has fits. Neither Connor nor Monica F. said they knew who made the bed. Also noted was the strong stench of urine within the bedroom from the bedding and a pile of soiled clothing of Christian F. on the floor and in the closet. Blue pajama bottoms were found at the foot of the bed. Connor said Christian had kicked them off earlier in the evening.

Monica F. agreed to accompany Detective Dyson and myself to the North Patrol Division Station, located at 4014 Union, and later to headquarters of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, located at 1200 Clark.

Upon learning of the vehicle's recovery location, Ferguson was asked if she knew of anyone living in the City of Ferguson. She responded that she and Dawan F. share a "mutual friend", Lakisha Mayes, who resides on Disco Avenue. Ferguson also said Mayes owns a late model gold Chevrolet Malibu. A Department of Revenue computer check determined the address of Lakisha Mayes as 922 Disco Ave, within the City of Ferguson, with a 1998 Chevrolet issued to her bearing Missouri license 120PTN.

This information was conveyed to Homicide Division Detectives Matthias Hanewinkel, dsn 3135, Donald Reynolds, dsn 4310, and Jody Ballman, dsn 4865, who responded to Mayes' address. The detectives arrived and noticed Mayes vehicle was not parked at the residence. Mayes answered the door and agreed to be interviewed, adding that she learned Christian F. was missing from a telephone call by Dawan F. followed by a call from Monica F. earlier that morning which was about 6:00 a.m..

Detectives questioned Mayes regarding the whereabouts of her vehicle. She believed either Dawan F. or Monica F. stopped by to use her car to search for Christian F.. Mayes assumed this because only her mother, Mary Mayes, and her girlfriend, Tene Webb, have keys to her car, as does Dawan F. and Monica F.. Mayes added no one had asked to use her car, nor was a message left indicating that they were using the car. Mayes said she was not concerned and did not believe her car was stolen. Mayes first noticed her car missing about an hour after she spoke with Dawan F. and Monica F.. Later interviews with both Mary Mayes and Tene Webb determined neither used Lakisha Mayes vehicle on the morning of June 11, 2003.

Mayes voluntarily accompanied detectives to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Headquarters building upon their request. Mayes was questioned on her whereabouts and her relationship with Monica F. and Dawan F.. Mayes said she was home at 922 Disco last evening and did not leave her house. Mayes described her relationship with Monica F. and Dawan F. as "friends". Mayes told investigators she often stayed overnight at Monica and Dawan's house and their children played together. Please note that Mayes has a daughter, Alexis, age . Mayes said the last time she visited with Monica and Dawan was on Sunday, June 8, 2003.

At approximately 4:38 p.m. Homicide Division Detectives Timothy Kaelin, dsn 8545, and Reynolds located Mayes 1998 gold Chevrolet Malibu, bearing Missouri license plate 120PTN lawfully parked along the curb at 1288 Hodiament, near the intersection of Page and Hodiament Avenues.

Please note where Mayes vehicle was recovered is a distance of less than 100 yards from the public telephone Dawan F. used to call police that morning to report an undescribed subject stolen his S.U.V. with his ill son, Christian F., in the vehicle.

Evidence Technician Unit Officer Mark Oman, dsn 2574, responded and processed Mayes vehicle for evidence. Of note, several white plastic trash bags filled with clothing were found on the back seat of the vehicle. The vehicle was towed to the Fleet Services Division Garage, 3930 Laclede Ave., for additional evidence processing.

Detective Hanewinkel took Mayes to the Fleet Services Division Garage where she identified her vehicle. Mayes later said the clothing was the same she left at the Dawan F.'s household and was the clothing Dawan F. said he would return to her on the night of June 10, 2003. The vehicle was turned over to Mayes.

At approximately 7:00 p.m. on June 11, 2003 North Patrol Division Detectives Ernie Church, dsn 4146, and Steven Salvaggio, dsn 3439, located Ozell Scott near a business in the 4600 block of Dr. Martin L. King Drive. Scott agreed to accompany detectives to the North Patrol Division Detective Bureau to be interviewed.

Scott informed Detective Dyson and I that he last seen Dawan F. the previous evening. Scott attempted to contact Dawan F. when learned of Christian's disappearance. Scott said he and Dawan F. have worked together on several occasions as bounty hunters, as they did so on the previous evening.

Scott said he received a call from Dawan F. early on the evening of June 10, 2003 and met him at the prearranged location on the Schnucks parking lot at the intersection of Grand and Gravois at around 8:30 p.m.. Scott met with Dawan F. and intended to ride in Dawan F.'s S.U.V., a maroon Ford Expedition, as done on other occasions. Scott placed his duffel bag of gear into the back seat of Dawan F.'s vehicle and noticed three filled white plastic trash bags. Scott questioned Dawan F. what was in the bags and Dawan F. replied that the bags were filled with Kisha's clothes. Scott explained he knows Kisha as

Dawan F.'s girlfriend and she lives on Disco in north St. Louis County. Scott did not know Kisha's last name or exact address.

Scott added that Dawan F. used Scott's cellular telephone 4 or 5 times during the evening and recalled telephone calls that Dawan F. made to Monica F. and/or Kisha. Scott believed the female subjects were arguing and cursing at Dawan F.. Scott states he did not know the exact nature of the arguments but believes one of the calls with Monica F. was in regards to the medication that Christian F. needed to take.

Scott said Dawan F. and he were in search of a male subject on this evening (described as Kevin Smith) and they responded to several locations in the St. Louis metropolitan area but could not locate him. Scott last seen Dawan F. at about 1:30 a.m. on the morning of June 11, 2003. Scott added that during their travels at no time did he and Dawan F. stop at Lakisha Mayes residence on Disco or at Dawan F.'s residence on Sylvan Place.

Detective Dyson and I responded to the Fleet Services Division, located at 3930 Laclede Avenue, to retrieve and inventory the contents of the recovered Ford Expedition. Among the contents were the vehicle keys, a laptop computer, a digital camera, a bulletproof vest, binoculars, numerous court documents and personal papers. An examination of the personal papers found a handwritten letter, presumably from Monica F., directed to Lakisha Mayes. The letter outlined the open sexually oriented relationship they were currently sharing with Dawan F.. Please note the white plastic trash bags filled with women's clothing were not found in the Expedition as Scott indicated from earlier in the previous evening. Rather, the bags of clothes were found in Maye's vehicle as it was recovered near where Dawan F. made the initial 911 call to report Christian F. abducted.

On Thursday, June 12, 2003 Homicide Division Detectives Hanewinkel and Ballman learned of additional information from Detective Dyson and myself regarding the relationship shared by Lakisha Mayes, Dawan F., and Monica F.. Mayes was called by Detective Hanewinkel and voluntarily came to police headquarters for a follow up interview at approximately 11:30 a.m.. Mayes provided the following statement to Detectives Hanewinkel and Ballman.

Mayes admitted she was not forthright about her relationship with Monica F. and Dawan F.. Mayes stated both she and Monica were bisexual, and both of them had a sexual relationship with each other, as well as with Dawan F., often engaging in three way sex acts. Mayes explained the reason she did not tell detectives in the previous interview was due to the very personal nature of their relationship. She did not believe it was pertinent to the investigation of Christian F.'s disappearance.

Mayes added that although she maintains a home at 922 Disco, from the beginning of May until Sunday, June 8, 2003 she and her daughter had been living in Monica F.'s and Dawan F.'s home at 3720 Sylvan Place. In February or March, Dawan F. approached her with the idea of entering into a three-way relationship between she (Mayes), Monica, and Dawan. Mayes agreed and eventually started living with Dawan and Monica. Dawan F. agreed to pay the bills for Mayes' home while Mayes lived with them.

Mayes said recently she and Monica began having disagreements. She decided to move back into her house on Disco. Mayes maintained the disagreements did not involve jealousy over Dawan F., and had nothing to do with the children.

Mayes added Monica F. did not assist in the care of Christian F., however, Monica had told her she used to help out when she and Dawan F. had first started seeing each other, which was before Christian F. experienced a coma that left him severely mentally disabled.

Mayes said after leaving police headquarters on the previous day, June 11, 2003, she paged Dawan F., who returned her call a few hours later, at approximately 5:00 p.m.. Mayes said Dawan F. did not say where he was calling from when she asked him. Mayes told Dawan F. the police had recovered her car near where he called 911. Dawan F. replied, "That's good." Mayes asked him how her car gotten there. Dawan F. said he didn't want to talk about it over the phone, but he would explain it all later when he saw her.

In a follow up interview, Mayes admitted she received a call from an investigator working for Dawan F.'s attorney who said Dawan has been instructed not to talk to anyone about the incident.

Also, in another interview, Mayes again said she believes Dawan F. did come to her residence during the early morning hours of June 11, 2003 to use her car. When asked why she believed this, Mayes again replied that Dawan F. called her later in the day of June 11, 2003 and told her that he did use it, but would explain everything later.

Mayes said she seldom saw Christian in the household because he was locked in his room. Mayes could not recall a time where she observed Christian receiving all four (4) feedings during a 24 hour period of time. Dawan F. was the only person who provided care to Christian. Since Christian's disappearance, Mayes has been in contact with Dawan F. on a weekly basis and believes someday she and Dawan F. will marry after he divorces Monica F..

Mayes volunteered to a polygraph examination conducted by FBI Special Agent Lynn Willette. During a subsequent interview, Mayes added the following statements.

Mayes admitted Dawan F. told her during a recent conversation that he did drop by and placed the white plastic trash bags of clothes into Mayes car during the early morning of June 11, 2003. Dawan F. told her that he thought she might be sleeping and he didn't want to wake her in the middle of the night so he just dropped off the clothes and left.

On June 13, 2003, Detective Dyson and I responded to the area of Hodiadmont and Page Avenues during the morning hours. Witnesses were located and provided the following statements.

Witness Dion D., age 10, attending the Children's Village Learning Center, a daycare facility located at 6080 Page Avenue, reports seeing a car parked on the west side of the building, near 1288 Hodiament, on the morning of Wednesday, June 11, 2003. Dion D. said he noticed the parked car, a gold colored four door, parked there when he arrived at the daycare. Darryl Moore, attendant of the daycare said Dion D.'s mother, Darlene Dupree, normally drops off her son at the daycare at or near 6:10 each morning.

Witness Anthony Harris said after finishing his night job he was walking home from the Wellston Metrolink station on the morning of Wednesday, June 11, 2003. Harris was walking east in the 6100 block of Page Avenue at or near the time of 6:00 a.m. when he noticed an adult black male subject walking west on Page Avenue from the intersection of Hodiament Avenue. This subject stopped to use the public telephone at 6104 Page Avenue. Harris did not see any vehicle the subject was occupying, nor did he see a red or maroon SUV in the area.

A photographic spread of subjects including Dawan F.'s photo was constructed. All subjects had similar physical characteristics. Harris positively identified Dawan F. as the subject who he had seen on the morning of Wednesday, June 11, 2003, from the photographic spread. This photographic spread, initialed by Harris indicating Dawan F.'s identity, is held at the North Patrol Division Station as evidence.

Additionally on June 13, 2003 I responded to the television studio of KTVI, 5915 Berthold, St. Louis, Missouri, to review footage of events occurring on the morning of June 11, 2003 at the location of 6104 Page. Joe Lamie, Production Manager of Fox 2 News, replayed footage aired on the stations' morning news broadcast. Within the background of the footage appeared a gold 1998 Chevrolet Malibu sedan parked and unoccupied along the curb at about 1288 Hodiament Avenue, which is the identical location where Mayes vehicle (matching the same description) was found later on the same day. The time on the tape displayed 7:48 a.m.. A copy of this videotape was seized as evidence.

On June 20, 2003 private investigators employed by Metro One Investigations, Inc., contracted through the law firm representing Dawan F., removed a number of undetermined items from the residence of Dawan F. at 3720 Sylvan Place. A subpoena was later secured and the items removed were retrieved from Metro One Investigations as evidence. These items were determined to be the medications prescribed for Christian F., originally identified on June 11, 2003 within the residence at 3720 Sylvan Place. A closer examination of the medicine containers indicated on the label of the date of the refill. The last date for many of the medications was on April 22, 2003 and much of the medication was left in the container.

These medications were properly packaged and taken to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Laboratory Division. Upon request the medications were transferred to the St. Louis County Department of Health, Medical Examiner, Toxicology Department, for analysis. Dr. Christopher Long determined that the medications as

indicated on the container were not otherwise tampered with and unadulterated. The following medications were retained as evidence:

Buphenyl POW
Arginine Crystal
Vitamin B-6
Cytra - K sol
SOD Benzoate
Carnitor

On July 16, 2003 Special Agent Liza Ludovico joined this investigation. Please note that S.A. Ludovico has an extensive background in nursing and is familiar with medical terminology and acceptable practices.

Due to the findings and actions performed by private investigators at the residence of 3720 Sylvan Place, an effort to locate the ownership of the property was conducted on August 8, 2003 to search for any other medications and/or evidence. St. Louis County Assessors Office was contacted and advised the property at 3720 Sylvan Place was recorded in the name of James Woodson of the same address. A check with the 21st Circuit Court found a probate record concerning Woodson's estate, including the property at 3720 Sylvan Place. The court clerk advised that the executor of Woodson's estate was listed as Eddie Broomfield (father of Monica F.) residing at 2800 Olive, Apt. 4F, St. Louis, MO 63103.

Broomfield was contacted by telephone regarding access to the property at 3720 Sylvan Place. Broomfield informed me that he was no longer the executor of Woodson's estate. Broomfield said that all matters regarding the residence at 3720 Sylvan Place are in the hands of the probate attorney, Irwin Roitman.

Irwin Roitman, attorney in private practice at 7110 Tulane Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63130, was then contacted by telephone. Roitman stated that indeed Broomfield was no longer the executor of Woodson's estate and the court records have not yet specified the recent probate court's action. Roitman provided the name of the heir to Woodson's estate as Mary V. King, residing in Evansville, Indiana. Roitman stated that King does have control and is the lawful custodian to the residence and property located at 3720 Sylvan Place. Roitman could not provide a telephone number to King.

On the following Tuesday, August 12, 2003 S.A. Brian Flaherty of the FBI Field Office located in Evansville, Indiana contacted Mary King. King informed Agent Flaherty that Dawan F. contacted her on the previous Friday evening, August 8, 2003. Dawan F. reportedly told King that under no circumstances was she to allow police to search the household at 3720 Sylvan Place. King was aware of the report concerning Christian F.'s disappearance and said that despite Dawan F.'s demands she wanted to cooperate with police in the investigation. King willfully signed the 'Consent To Search' document for the address of 3720 Sylvan Place, adding that she was told by Dawan F. that he, Monica F., and their family had moved out of the house.

A search of the vacant premises was made on August 12 and 13, 2003 with assistance from the FBI Evidence Response Team. Found within the residence was the presence of urine stains on the bedding that belonged to Christian F.. With the aid of light sensitive equipment, an observation was made of a large stain on the bedding, including the soaking of stain through the mattress, leaking onto the bed frame and puddling on the floor directly underneath the mattress. Christian F.'s clothing found in the bedroom also showed urine soaked evidence. Photographs of these conditions were made.

A device known as the "G-tube" was found on a shelf in the rear enclosed porch area of the household. This was the same area where most of the supplies and medications for Christian were kept. This "G-tube" displayed visible debris, likely blood and/or other body fluids, and appeared unsanitary. On the protruding end of the tube were probable tools marks. On the opposite end, which is surgically implanted into the stomach, was the plastic bladder. This portion of the tube indicated that the bladder collapsed. From these indications it is presumed that the "G-tube" was forcibly removed.

The urine soaked clothing, bedding, and the "G-tube" were properly marked, packaged, and conveyed to the FBI Evidence Room. These items were later transferred to the Laboratory Division of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department for analysis.

Also seized from the household were cases of food supplements, additional medications for Christian F., medical equipment and documents.

Prompted by the information provided by Mayes, and the proximity of Mayes residence to the recovery location of Dawan F.'s vehicle, an extensive search was conducted. Over 100 law enforcement personnel, led by K-9 crews trained in cadaver recovery, was made in the City of Kinloch, Missouri, on Tuesday, August 19 and Wednesday, August 20, 2003. No substantial evidence was found.

Secondary Investigation (Background):

Christian F. was born on October 10, 1996 and was the first of two sons between Theda Thomas (nee Wilson) and Dawan F.. Christian was born at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. At birth, Christian was determined to have symptomatic difficulties. As a result, testing determined that he was suffering from a urea cycle disorder. Prior to successful diagnosis, Christian was experiencing a hyperammonemia episode that caused encephalopathy (a condition that caused swelling of the brain). This episode likely caused mild developmental disabilities, which was later evidenced in testing measures when Christian became of school age. (100868)(000310)

A urea cycle disorder is a genetic disorder caused by a deficiency of one of the enzymes in the urea cycle that is responsible for removing ammonia from the blood stream. The urea cycle involves a series of biochemical steps in which nitrogen, a waste product of protein metabolism, is removed from the blood and converted to urea. Normally, the urea is transferred into the urine and removed from the body. In urea cycle disorders, the

nitrogen accumulates in the form of ammonia, a highly toxic substance, and is not removed from the body. Ammonia then reaches the brain through the blood, where it causes irreversible brain damage and/or death. (Source: National Urea Cycle Disorders Foundation)

There are six known types of urea cycle disorders. Of these, Christian F. was diagnosed with a lack of the enzyme argininosuccinate synthetase. The condition is otherwise known as citrullinemia.

Citrullinemia is an autosomal recessive genetic trait and is unknowingly passed down from generation to generation. This faulty gene only emerges when two carriers have children together and pass it to their offspring. For each pregnancy of two such carriers, there is a 25% chance that the child will be born with the disease and a 50% chance the child will be a carrier for the gene defect. (Source: Save the Babies) According to Theda Thomas, subsequent testing at birth determined that their second son, Connor F., did not suffer from citrullinemia.

Symptoms may include frequent episodes of vomiting, especially following high-protein meals; lethargy and delirium; and finally, if the condition is undiagnosed and untreated, coma and death. (Source: National Urea Cycle Disorders Foundation) In a 1995 study conducted by Division of Pediatrics, John Hopkins University School of Medicine, survival rates were tracked with children diagnosed with citrullinemia. They concluded that with the strict compliance with medications as prescribed there was a survival rate of more than 85% at 5 years of age reducing to 70% at 10 years of age. (Journal of Pediatrics, December 1995) (200238)

Childhood episodes of hyperammonemia (high ammonia levels in the blood) may be brought on by viral illnesses including chicken pox, high-protein meals, or even exhaustion. (Source: National Urea Cycle Disorders Foundation)

The treatment of urea cycle disorders consists of balancing dietary protein intake in order that the body receive the essential amino acids responsible for cell growth and development, but not so much protein that excessive ammonia is formed. This protein restriction is used in conjunction with medications that provide alternative pathways for the removal of ammonia from the blood. These medications are usually given by way of tube feedings, either via nasogastric tube (through the nose into the stomach) or via gastrostomy tube (a tube surgically implanted in the stomach), otherwise known as a "G-tube". (Source: National Urea Cycle Disorders Foundation) Please note that Christian was capable of taking his medications orally, until the time of his coma, which occurred in January of 2001.

The treatment may also include supplementation with special amino acid formulas developed specifically for urea cycle disorders, multiple vitamins and calcium supplements. Frequent blood tests are required to monitor the disorders and optimize treatment, and frequently hospitalizations are necessary to control the disorder. (Source: National Urea Cycle Disorders Foundation)

After Christian F.'s successful diagnosis he was transferred to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital within 72 hours of his birth. (000004) Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital is equipped with the necessary staff, pharmacy, and training to treat infants and children with urea cycle disorders.

As with other children with urea cycle disorders, Christian was assigned a geneticist to monitor his condition and provide appropriate treatment. Dr. Dorothy K. Grange of the Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital Staff assumed this task.

A strict dietary program was ordered for Christian including prescribed medications for removal of ammonia from the urea cycle and formula supplements for continued growth and development. These medications and formula supplements were given daily for Christian F.'s continued health and were necessary to sustain life. The daily medications prescribed for Christian F. are as follows:

Sodium Benzoate - used for the removal of nitrogen waste, converts nitrogen into products other than urea for excretion. Allows for reduction in nitrogen waste products and decreases the load on the urea cycle.

Arginine Crystal - an amino acid supplement to help give the body what it needs to make proteins that are important for growth and tissue repair. Used in children with a urea cycle disorder who cannot make arginine on their own.

Polycitra K Solution - a combination of potassium citrate and citric acid used as an alkalinizing agent where maintenance of alkaline urine is desirable.

Buphenyl Powder - provides an alternative route for the elimination of waste products in patients with urea cycle disorders.

Carnitor - replenishes the levocarnitine molecules which promote the excretion of excess organic or fatty acids and improves the acidemia associated with levocarnitine deficiencies.

Vitamin B-6 - essential for the metabolism of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats in the body.

As with other urea cycle disorder patients, Christian F. had to follow a strict dietary program that drastically limited his protein intake. By the age of 9 years, Christian F.'s diet, consistent with other patients suffering from citrullinemia, permitted only 15 grams of protein per day, or the equivalent of 2 eggs. This low protein diet is less than half of the recommended 34 grams of protein in Christian F.'s age group needed for growth and development. (Source: Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Science) Nancy Brody, a registered dietician who has worked closely with Dr. Grange, was assigned to create a program for Christian F.'s diet. Brody would

increase the caloric intake in Christian F.'s daily consumptive allowance to compensate for the loss of growth from the lack of protein. (400173) (000418)

Both Theda and Dawan F. were instructed on how to properly care and administer medications to Christian F.. They were also informed on the dietary restrictions of Christian's protein intake. (Brody, Grange, Fete interviews) (Grange Deposition)

Despite the ongoing care and treatment by medical professionals, Christian F. required hospitalizations due to occasional hyperammonemia episodes. Indicative of other patients diagnosed with citrullinemia, this was not unusual. Indications that Christian may be experiencing a hyperammonemia episode were normally based on his behaving in a lethargic manner, vomiting, and/or loss of balance or appetite. As such, when Christian was suspected of experiencing a hyperammonia episode he would go directly to the emergency room of Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, or as indicated later, at St. Louis Children's Hospital, as a "stat" patient.

Being classified as a "stat" patient provided Christian F. with immediate treatment for his condition as the hospital emergency room staff retained a file on his care.

Secondary Investigation (Social):

According to Thomas, she and Dawan F. met while in high school. By her senior year, Theda became pregnant with Dawan's child, Christian. After Christian's birth, she remained with her mother and Dawan F. stayed with his family. Thomas said she was not aware of citrullinemia disease until Christian was born. Thomas said when she became pregnant with their second child, Connor, she urged Dawan F. that they should marry. Dawan F. and Theda Wilson married on August 26, 1994 as recorded in the City of St. Louis Marriage License records, however, the ceremony occurred several months earlier, on February 14, 1994 (per license #896827). Theda later learned of confusion regarding the filing of the marriage certificate in a timely manner.

According to Theda Thomas, she and Dawan F. did not have a very strong relationship. Dawan F. would reportedly be seen with other women and she suspected that he was not faithful to the marriage. Thomas added that Dawan F. seldom gave medications to Christian and was not concerned if Christian started showing signs of a possible hyperammonemia episode. Because of these problems, Thomas says, is why she sought to separate her relationship with Dawan F..

During the spring of 1998 Theda and Dawan F. separated. Theda initially kept custody of the children and Dawan F. continued his employment working for his stepfather, John Steffen. Dawan F. warned Theda that if they were to divorce, he would get custody of the children because he would use his step fathers powerful political connections with Democratic party leaders in St. Louis.

Please note that John Steffen owns Pyramid Construction, Incorporated. Pyramid Construction is the recipient of multiple government construction contracts from the City of St. Louis, and has revenues exceeding several million dollars each year.

Due to the ongoing conflict, Judge Angela Turner Quigless granted Theda Ferguson an Ex Parte Order of Protection against Dawan F. on June 16, 1998. The primary physical custody of both Christian and Connor F. was soon thereafter awarded to Theda Ferguson on July 1, 1998. Dawan F. was ordered to pay \$250 monthly child support and was permitted visitations on a scheduled basis. Despite the courts ruling, both Theda and Dawan F. continued with accusations aimed at each other for not caring for the children properly. Due to their reluctance to work cooperatively, the case was transferred to Judge Thomas Frawley who referred the case to the Domestic Relations Unit (DRU) of the Family Court. The DRU personnel assigned to the Ferguson case included Karen Kobel, Mary Ellen Pennick and Shantee Lampley.

During the first week of September, 1998 Dawan F. moved to an address at 2607 St. Vincent, located less than a mile from Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. (200166)

On September 22, 1998, Attorney Nathan Cohen was appointed by the court as the guardian ad litem (G.A.L.) for Christian and Connor because of the ongoing disputes between Dawan F. and Theda Ferguson. (200187) Cohen was openly hostile towards Theda, once remarking that she should fall off the face of the earth. This is contrary to the G.A.L.'s fiduciary interest to remain fair and impartial. However, Cohen did not remove himself from the case and would later recommend to the court which parent should have custody of the children.

At the urging of Theda, Judge Frawley ruled on December 3, 1998 that the marriage of Dawan F. and Theda Wilson was non-existent due to the late filing of the marriage license.

During this first week of December 1998 Theda informed DRU personnel that she was concerned about the safety of her children. Theda was concerned due to an allegation of child molestation against Dawan F. while he worked at the Annie Malone Children's Home (200214). Also, Connor told her that his father (Dawan F.) was fondling him. The molestation report from the Annie Malone Children's Home was documented under report CN 96-6882 prepared by Detective Alexander Doyle, dsn 7900, of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

This report detailed that Dawan F. was employed as a child care worker at the Annie Malone Children's Home and an allegation was made by an 11 year boy who was in the custodial care of the home. The report states Dawan F. forcibly committed anal sodomy upon the male child sometime between the dates of November 3, 1995 thru December 7, 1995. City of St. Louis Assistant Circuit Attorney Ed Pastako reviewed the information of the case and determined that no arrest warrant would be issued for Dawan F. for the allegation at Annie Malone.

Theda then withheld the visitation of Christian and Connor from Dawan F., and informed the court, citing her concerns about their safety. (200215) As a result of her actions, Cohen deemed Theda as unreasonable and uncooperative. Mr. Cary Morgerman, counsel representing Dawan F. in the custody dispute, petitioned the court on December 7, 1998 that Theda Wilson was in contempt for not allowing the visitation of her children with Dawan F.. Ms. Ruby Bonner, counsel representing Theda Wilson, requested a motion for continuance due to the short notice of the petition, however, the court ignored Bonner's petition.(200263)

Cohen then recommended to the court that custody of Christian and Connor should be awarded to Dawan F.. On December 11, 1998 Theda Wilson lost custody of both Connor and Christian and was limited by the court to only supervised visitation periods. (200218) Judge Frawley now awarded full custody of the children to Dawan F.. Theda Wilson complied with the court's directive, giving the children to Dawan F. on December 14, 1998.(200219) but has since filed numerous court petitions to reverse the court's custody order, and be reunited with her children.

Later, DRU personnel responded to the complaint that Dawan F. was fondling Connor by scheduling Connor for a psychological exam. (101000) The exam determined the allegations could not be substantiated.

Soon after this court decision, Theda Wilson remarried to Victor Thomas and assumed the name Theda Thomas.

During June of 2000, Dawan F. began dating Monica Linwood (nee Broomfield) and she later moved into the household at 2607 St. Vincent with her two daughters, Deshonda L. and Tia R..(source DRU) Dawan F. and Monica Broomfield married on October 15, 2002. (per St. Louis City marriage license #9205094)

Also during June of 2000, Dawan F. applied for and received Medicaid benefits for Christian. Dawan reportedly quit his job with Pyramid Construction to care for his family full-time. In reality, Dawan F. embarked on a career as a bounty hunter, an occupation that did not require bounty rewards to be reported as income. Dawan F. demonstrated extensive knowledge in finding people, normally through computer database checks. Also, although not licensed, Dawan F. carried a pistol with him and on a past occasion has fired the weapon at an individual he was seeking.

Dawan F.'s career choice required him to be out late in the evening to search for people. As reported by Carrie Spencer and Karen Kobel, Dawan F. said he worked as a bounty hunter because it afforded him the opportunity to spend more time with his family.

Secondary Investigation (Subpoenaed Documents and Interviews):

Since the time Dawan F. assumed full custody of the children, Christian F. began having several hospitalizations where suspicious circumstances arose from the reported reason for the hospitalization.

Christian F. was hospitalized on March 26, 2000 due to a hyperammonemia episode. It was determined that Christian was suffering from a lack of medication, specifically the drug sodium benzoate. Dawan F. admitted to depleting the prescribed medication and was allegedly informed by the Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital pharmacy that the medication could not be fulfilled until a later date. (100264) An interview with the Mr. Gerald Krausz of the Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital pharmacy failed to find any instance the medication was not, or could not be, refilled due to any type of shortage or outage. During Christian F.'s hospitalization, a clinical evaluation by Dr. Grange dated March 30, 2000 notes, "Questions were raised regarding medication compliance and father was made aware of the necessity for strict compliance with medications." (100258)

A similar incident occurred on May 8, 2000 when Christian F. was admitted for another hyperammonemia episode. Dawan F. was arrested for a traffic violation on the evening of Saturday, May 6, 2000 and was not released until the afternoon of Sunday, May 7, 2000. During this time, Christian F. did not receive his medications. When questioned by hospital social service personnel, Dawan F. claimed that Ruth Todd (whom Dawan F. identified as the nanny for Christian F.) had reportedly failed in her responsibility to pick up Christian F.'s medication from the pharmacy. Dawan F. told hospital personnel that he was going to dismiss Todd. As such, a "hotline call" was made to the Missouri Division of Family Services by hospital personnel noting that Todd was responsible for the neglect of Christian F..

An interview of Ruth Todd was conducted. Todd said although she was initially hired to be a 'nanny' for Christian, she and Dawan F. began dating. She moved into Dawan F.'s household at 2607 St. Vincent during the summer of 1999. Todd was 20 years of age at the time. Todd said she and Dawan F. routinely gave medications to Christian. She recalled the events leading up to Christian F.'s hospitalization on May 8, 2000. Todd said Dawan F. was arrested for some outstanding traffic tickets on the Saturday before Christian was hospitalized. Dawan called her and asked Todd to help get him out of jail. Dawan told Todd to call a member of his family to help and told her to look for the family members telephone number in his clothes drawer. When Todd done so, she found a love letter and a Polaroid photograph of a woman in lingerie. Todd then realized that Dawan was having an affair with this woman. Todd contacted the family member and stayed with the children until Dawan F. returned home on Sunday evening.

Todd said when Dawan came in the door, she walked out...having already packed her bags. Todd added she picked up Christian from school from following day because Dawan called her and said that he couldn't. She noticed Christian was acting strange, bumping into things and walking into the wall. Todd took Christian to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital directly after leaving the school.

When informed of the accusations by Dawan F. during May of 2000, Todd said she was not aware that she was blamed. She did not realize Dawan F. accused her of neglect or that he told hospital personnel that he was "firing" her as the nanny. Todd added she was never questioned about the incident by anyone.

Due to these and other incidents, Theda Thomas made repeated complaints to the Missouri Division of Family Services (D.F.S.) about the irresponsibility of Dawan F.. She believed Dawan F. was neglectful of Christian F.'s medical needs.

A dramatic hospitalization occurred on January 16, 2001. Christian F. suffered a hyperammonemia episode that resulted in a coma. As reported by Dawan F., Christian was not feeling well that morning. Other members of the family had been ill with the flu and had been vomiting the previous week. (100374) Dawan F. said he checked on Christian F. at about 11:00 a.m. and found him unresponsive and vomiting. Dawan F. called Dr. Grange and was told to bring Christian immediately to the emergency room. Dawan F. arrived at the Cardinal Glennon Children Hospital's emergency room at 11:55 a.m.. (100432)

Theda Thomas responded to the hospital after Dawan F. called her later in the day. Thomas was extremely upset that Christian was hospitalized, blaming both Dawan F. and Dr. Grange for their neglect in Christian. Questions were later raised by Theda Thomas about the length of time Dawan F. wasted before responding to hospital since he lived less than a mile away. Thomas also illustrated the fact that Dawan F. knew of the impending danger if Christian contracted a viral illness. In response, Dawan F. contacted the court and the G.A.L., Nathan Cohen about Thomas' allegations. Dawan F. sought and received an order of protection to keep Thomas away from the hospital. Thomas and her family held protests outside the hospital regarding the events leading to Christian's coma. Hospital personnel recognized the volatile situation and set up separate visitation times for both Dawan F. and Thomas.

The coma caused by encephalopathy resulted in severe brain damage. After Christian awoke in late January of 2001 he was on continued life support due to his limited brain functions. As a result of his limited functions, a gastronomic tube (G-tube) was surgically implanted into Christian's stomach to aid in the administration of medications and formula supplements on February 21, 2001. (000386) By April of 2001 he was functioning without any life support systems. Christian had multiple mental and physical disabilities resulting from the coma. He was non verbal, but was capable of laughing, squealing, making facial expressions, and displayed behavioral changes. (100800) (100741) He was incontinent and lacked bladder and bowel control. Christian required constant supervision.

Dr. Grange noted that the hospitalization of Christian F. on this occasion was likely attributed to a viral illness, since Dawan F. had reported that others in the household had been sick with the flu. (300001) A resulting investigation by Jim Schrader, a D.F.S. Investigator, determined that no neglect occurred on this occasion. (100300) It should be noted that in a clinic visit two months prior to Christian's coma, Dr. Grange instructed Dawan F. to bring Christian to his primary care physician, Dr. Fete, for a influenza vaccine. (000401) Checking with records with Dr. Fete, Dawan F. did not contact his office and Christian F. did not receive the vaccine.

In addition to filing a complaint with D.F.S. (100328), Theda Thomas also requested the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to investigate the neglect of Christian F. caused by Dawan F.. Detectives Jody Rask, dsn 3890, and Gary Thompson, dsn 0396 of the Child Abuse/Neglect Unit interviewed professionals but made no attempt to substantiate the claims made by Thomas.

DFS Investigator Jim Schrader conducted interviews of medical personnel and reviewed the medical records concerned with the accusations made by Theda Thomas. As a result of these interviews, Dawan Ferguson reported to Karen Kobel that he felt the DFS office was "interrogating" his family because he sought treatment of Christian F.'s illness. (200213). As a result of the numerous and repetitive complaints that Thomas was making, she was warned by Detective Gary Thompson and Judge Frawley, to stop making the calls to the D.F.S. Child Abuse Hotline or face being arrested. (source??)

From this limited investigative effort a determination was made that there was no foundation to claims of neglect. Please note that Jim Schrader, now employed with St. Louis Children's Hospital, has declined requests to be interviewed despite subpoenas served upon both St. Louis Children's Hospital and Missouri Division of Family Services to cooperate with this investigation.

Following the coma, Dr. Grange prescribed Christian to receive ongoing occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy on July 10, 2001. (100824) These treatments were provided by the school district where Christian resided. As the family resided at 2607 St. Vincent, the St. Louis Public School system was charged with this accommodation.

An Individual Educational Plan (IEP) was revised by the St. Louis Public Schools for Christian F. in 2001. Mr. Mike Menolascino, a special education teacher in the Home Bound program, was interviewed. Menolascino said he came to see Christian F. at the 2607 St. Vincent residence between September, 2001 through June of 2002. (300127) He said that his role was to provide temporary home schooling services until the IEP evaluation process was completed. The IEP would determine permanent placement for Christian. Menolascino continually encouraged Dawan F. to complete the IEP evaluative process. Menolascino said that Christian F. was stalled in the IEP process because Dawan F. failed to bring Christian to two appointments with psychologists for testing.

Menolascino said that he was informed by Dawan F. that the family would be moving to the City of Pine Lawn in June of 2002. Menolascino responded that the St. Louis Public Schools would have to discontinue the educational program and cancel the ongoing IEP that was currently being conducted. Menolascino advised Dawan F. that he would have to enroll Christian F. into the Special School District of St. Louis County, Missouri. (300128) A later investigation determined that Dawan F. never contacted the Special School District to enroll Christian F. and the only record that existed was when Theda Thomas attempted to enroll Christian F. at the Special School District in 1998.

During the spring of 2002 Dawan F., Christian F., Connor F., along with Monica Broomfield and her children, Deshonda L. and Tia R., moved to 3720 Sylvan Ave., located in the City of Pine Lawn, Missouri. As indicated above, the educational, physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy needs of Christian F. were being met while Dawan F. resided within the City of St. Louis, but when he moved to the City of Pine Lawn, these services were no longer given to Christian F.. Nursing services, however, continued at the family's new residence.

An interview was conducted with Margaret Binion, RN. Binion provided in home nursing care for Christian F. between the dates of July 20, 2001 through May 20, 2002. Binion said when she first met Christian he would flinch when she came near him. (300184) Binion said it took several weeks before Christian was comfortable around her and would not flinch when she came close to him. Binion realized why Christian displayed this activity when she saw Monica F.'s youngest daughter, Tia R., strike Christian with her open hand. Binion said she was alarmed by this behavior. Binion added that just the opposite was true of Conner. Conner often displayed affection for Christian and would offer to help Binion in caring for Christian.

Binion said she was informed by Monica F. that Christian was confined to certain rooms in the household because she did not want Christian "messing up her stuff". Christian was not allowed in the kitchen or in the basement due to his oral fixation by placing any type of object into his mouth. Binion often times kept Christian in his bedroom that he shared with Conner or she would take him out on the front porch of the home when weather permitted.

Binion recalled one such occurrence when she arrived at the families home at 2607 St. Vincent. Binion knocked on the door but no one answered. She could hear Christian scratching on the opposite side of the door. Binion called her office about the situation, who in turn called police. After waiting about an hour outside, Dawan F. came to the door. In reply, Dawan F. said he was asleep and didn't hear anything. On other occasions Binion said Christian would be alone in the home and the front door of the house would be unlocked.

Binion said on a few occasions while she worked an 11:00 am shift, Dawan and Monica F. would keep her on the front porch while they hurriedly cleaned up Christian. On these occasions, Binion would find heavily soiled diapers and clothing on the bathroom floor. On other occasions Binion would find Christian was not cared for at all, wearing urine soaked clothing and the same diaper that she placed on him the day before.

Binion had a "woman to woman" talk with Monica F. because she believed Monica was experiencing some emotional problems. During their conversation, Christian came up to Monica and she pushed him away, saying "Leave me alone, You get on my last nerve." Binion said there no bonding between Monica and Christian. Monica explained to Binion that because of Christian's appearance and limitations, the family could not go out in public because Christian didn't act right.

Binion said on one occasion Christian F. was experiencing a hyperammonemia episode. Binion recognized the symptoms of Christian being lethargic and it was difficult keeping him alert. Binion telephoned Monica and Dawan F. on their cellular telephone because they left Binion at the house to care for Christian. Monica F. told Binion, "Leave him. Wait an hour. We're used to this." Binion said about an hour later Dawan and Monica F. returned home and they called Christian's doctor. Christian was then taken to the hospital and he was admitted for several days. Binion said later Monica blamed the nursing staff for not giving Christian his proper dosage of medication.

An interview was conducted with Merle Beer, RN. Beer stated she was employed by Maxim Healthcare and worked caring for Christian F. in the family's household between June 25, 2001 through March 29, 2002. Beer said she filled in for other nurses in the household.(300149)

Beer was instructed by Dawan F. on how to care for Christian and what signs to look for if his ammonia levels were elevated. Dawan F. informed Beer that signs of lethargy, hyperactivity, or seizures would indicate Christian may be experiencing a hyperammonemia event.

Beer first started in June of 2001 and remembered it was just Dawan F. and his two sons, Connor and Christian. Beer said Dawan F.'s girlfriend, Monica, later moved in to the household with her two daughters, Tia and Deshonda. After Monica moved in, Beer noticed a negative change in the care for Christian by family members. Dawan F. was seldom available after Monica moved in and often times Deshonda, then 14 years old, would be the only person left to care for Christian after Beer would leave at the end of her shift. Beer added if Monica was in the household, she would be confined to her bedroom and was very unsociable. In Beer's words, Monica "didn't have much desire for that child (Christian)." Beer believed that Monica ignored Christian's needs. If Christian needed assistance, Monica would have someone else in the household do it. (300157) (300150) (300151)

All of Christian's formula would be mixed by the in home nurse for the 24 hour period, Beer says. This mixture would be kept in the refrigerator and the nurse would use the mixture for the four scheduled doses as needed through the day. Beer recalls often, especially after a weekend, there would be excess premixed formula in the refrigerator; suggesting that Christian was not given his formula during the weekend when the family was left to care for him. (300156) (300157)

Beer noticed a decline in the availability of foods and medications for Christian. According to Beer, Dawan F. was responsible for ordering and picking up the medications for Christian F.. (300155) She would notify Dawan F. first by leaving him a note, which she adds seldom garnered a response.(300156) Beer would call Dawan F. on his mobile telephone the following day and inform him of the lack of foods, formulas, and/or medications that were needed. (300156) Later, Beer notified her nursing manager, Patty Cyr, of the conditions and lack of critical foods, formulas, and medications. Cyr

told Beer she would call Dawan F. concerning the shortages adding that Beer should not chart any of the family issues occurring in the home. (300155) (300156)

An interview was conducted with Sandra Speights, LPN, who provided in home nursing care for Christian F. between October 3, 2001 through October 6, 2001. (330179) Speights had many concerns about how Christian was treated by his family. On many occasions, Speights said Christian did not have any food in the house that he could eat. Speights often bought food on her own so Christian would have something to eat. Also, Christian sheets were foul smelling because of the urine odor. Many times Speights would find Christian's diaper soaked with his urine and thus causing his clothing and bedding to be soaked with urine as well. Speights would take Christian's clothes and sheets home with her where she would wash them. Speights frequently found Christian at the beginning of her shift wearing the same diaper she placed on him at the end of her shift on the previous day. Speights would find Christian would two diapers on him, soaked. Speights said she knew Dawan and/or Monica F. would double diaper Christian so they would not have to change his diapers as often.

She would tell Dawan F. that medications needed to be refilled but Dawan F. would not do anything about the situation. Speights added on occasion she would call in Christian's medications for refill. Speights eventually then took matters in her own hands and would pick up the medications herself. Speights said this was also true of formula supplements that Christian was due. Speights also said it seemed as if Christian's liquid medications would last longer than thirty days between refills.

Speights commented that Monica F. did not show any type of affection toward Christian.

Speights said while she was providing care for Christian at the address at 2607 St. Vincent, school services were being provided for Christian. However, when the family moved to 3720 Sylvan Place, in the City of Pine Lawn, the school services stopped.

An interview was conducted with Trdell Day, LPN. Day said she was employed by Maxim Healthcare and worked caring for Christian F. in the family's household between ???. Day said she decided not to return to work in the Ferguson household following a telephone call she received from Dawan F.. Day said that Dawan F. yelled at her, angry that she did not order diapers for Christian. Day told Dawan F. that it was his responsibility, but Dawan F. said the nurses are required to do this. Day said that she was afraid of Dawan F. because he was a bounty hunter and often she had seen him wearing a gun.

Day also stated that numerous times she would find Christian F. not being cared for properly. His diapers were not changed during the overnight hours and Christian would be found the following morning lying in his own urine. Day said the family would not wake up in the morning like other families should. Day said the children would wake up on their own and they would take care of themselves, except for Christian. Monica F. Day added, would remain in the basement and would not come up to greet her or ask to assist in caring for Christian in any way.

Day said that her normal routine would include making a 24 hour batch of formula supplement for Christian. Dawan F provided the recipe and instructions on how to make the formula. Day stated that Dawan F. appeared to be very knowledgeable about Christian's condition and told Day what could happen if Christian did not get the medicine.

Day noticed that the medications and formula were lasting longer than it should have been. Day began to notice the formula supplement was not being used and the contents of the blender would still be in the refrigerator the following morning. After being in the household for an extended period it became obvious to Day that Christian F. was not getting all of his scheduled doses of medications or all of his scheduled feedings of formula.

Day reported the conditions to her supervisors on several occasions but she was fearful that she would lose her job if she told them all that she suspected. Day confided that on June 11, 2003, after watching the news reports that Dawan F. had reported Christian missing, she thought to herself "He finally did it." When asked what she meant by the statement, Day said "I knew he was going to kill that boy. He never really cared for him."

An interview was conducted with Kimberly Nero, RN. Nero cared for Christian F. initially on June 18, 2001 but was relieved due to her pregnancy after several days. Nero returned to care for Christian again after her maternity leave on September 18, 2002 until the nursing services ended on March 14, 2003. (300160)

Nero said that when she returned to care for Christian after her maternity leave, Dawan F. and his family moved to 3720 Sylvan Place in Pine Lawn, Missouri. Dawan F. also now had a girlfriend, Monica, her two daughters, Tia and Deshonda, living with him, Connor and Christian. Dawan F. explained to Nero that he had a conflict with one of the previous nurses, who was later identified as Trdell Day, LPN. Dawan F. told Nero he had expectations that the nurse should take Christian out of the household each day for the entire eight hour shift and that the nurse was expected to order all of Christian's medications and formula. (300160)

Nero commented that Monica F. appeared to distance herself from Christian's welfare. Nero communicated Christian's needs to Monica on several occasions but was surprised to find that Monica prepared a note regarding the issue. Nero said the note directed all nurses that only Dawan F. should be apprised of any situations with Christian's care, not herself (Monica) and the note provided Dawan F.'s cellular telephone and pager numbers. (300162)

Nero recalled when the family moved to the Pine Lawn address, things appeared to be in disarray. Christian's food journal was not being kept current and many medications, formula supplements, and supplies were always running low. Nero said the medications seemed only to be used for the dosages she was giving. (300165) Nero added that

besides ordering the medications she would pick up the medications from the hospitals pharmacy. In Nero's words, "I did it. If I didn't do it, it didn't get done." (300165)

When questioned about Christian's activity level, Nero replied that on Mondays and Tuesdays Christian normally slept through the day. However, as the week progressed Christian became more active. By Friday, Christian was alert and wanted to play more. Nero believed Christian was not getting his scheduled medications for the weekends when no nurses were in the household. (300166)

Nero said while the family resided at the 2607 St. Vincent address, Christian was receiving speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. When the family moved to 3720 Sylvan Place in Pine Lawn, the in home therapies ceased. Nero recommended to Dawan F. that Christian should be enrolled in school to resume the therapies. (300167)

In February of 2003 Nero said she called to get refills of Christian's medications and was told that Christian needed to be seen in the clinic since it had been over a year. The dietician she spoke with (Brody) instructed her to construct a dietary log of Christian's meals. Nero requested Dawan F. to complete the log during the times Christian was in his care. Later, she noticed the only entries being made in the log were her own. Dawan F. did not give her anything for the dietary log when she asked for it. (300168)

Nero informed Dawan F. of the scheduled appointment but he did not offer to accompany her with Christian. Dawan F. explained Christian was scared of the doctor's office and since Christian was doing so well, he did not need to see the doctor. Dawan F. told Nero that the clinic "let him slide." Nero added when she took Christian to the clinic he did not seemed scared. (300168)

Soon after an evaluation by the Medicaid funded state agency, Nero was notified that the in home nursing services would be terminated on March 13, 2003. Nero was not surprised by the action since Monica F. was unemployed and capable of providing Christian's care. Nero knew that Monica F. was a Certified Nursing Assistant and she could not understand Monica's reluctance to give Christian the care he needed.

Dawan F. attempted to get an alternative program to replace the Medicaid program, Nero explained, but he was not successful. Dawan F. complained he would otherwise have to place Christian into a nursing home and have someone else care for him. (300169)

A review of pharmacy records proved that Dawan F. was not getting refills of Christian's critical medications within the allotted time before a refill was necessary. For example, Sodium Benzoate, a medication which is used for the removal of nitrogen waste and decreases the load on the urea cycle, was filled for a 30 day period on September 19, 2002, however a period of 74 days passed before the next refill was requested on December 2, 2002. From this date the next time a refill was requested was on February 7, 2003, which was a period of 67 days. The last occasion that this refill was requested was on April 22, 2003, a period of 50 days from the previous refill. This last refill lasted

through the date of June 11, 2003, when Christian F. was reported missing, a period of 50 days.

Similar circumstances of extended medication refill periods were noted with other critical medications such as demonstrated in the following table:

Medication	Date Filled	Quantity	Period	Period Between Refill (Alloted in Days)
Sodium Benzoate	09/19/2002		30	74
	12/02/2002		30	67
	02/07/2003		30	50
	04/22/2003		30	50
	(end date) 06/11/2003			
Buphenyl Powder	09/19/2002	360	30	74
	12/02/2002	360	30	80
	02/20/2003	360	30	61
	04/22/2003	360	30	50
	(end date) 06/11/2003			
Carnitor	09/19/2002	360	30	74
	12/02/2002	360	30	67
	02/07/2003	360	30	74
	04/22/2003	360	30	50
	(end date) 06/11/2003			
Polycitra-K solution	09/19/2002	600	30	74
	12/02/2002	600	30	141
	04/22/2003	600	30	50
	(end date) 06/11/2003			

An interview with Gerald Krausz of the Children's Hospital Pharmacy was conducted. Krausz reviewed electronic records during the time of the interview. Krausz noted that the pharmacy kept records of Christian F. From December 18, 1998 until April 22, 2003. Krausz referred to a document titled "Tax Insurance Summary" dated July 17, 2003. Krausz said the dates indicated on the form showed the date of a request for the refill, not necessarily the date the medication was picked up. Also, Krausz reported that medications requested to be refilled on April 22, 2003 were not picked up from the pharmacy. Sodium Benzoate, Buphenyl Powder, Carnitor 100, and Polycitra-K Solution were returned to stock several weeks after the refill request was generated. Krausz added that solution medications such as Carnitor 100 and Polycitra-K Solution had a shelf life of approximately thirty days. Powder and pill forms of medications, such as Buphenyl Powder and vitamin B-6, would expire after one year.

Nancy Brody, RD, employed by Washington University, Division of Medical Genetics was interviewed. Brody said that she also worked at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and has worked with Dr. Grange for several years.

As reported by Brody, Christian F. was ordered to have the following food supplements with his medications and regular feedings.

Pediasure – nutritionally complete, balanced, enteral formula designed for tube or oral feeding of children.

Polycose – readily digestible source of calories derived solely from carbohydrate for patients with increased calorie needs.

Prophree – protein-free energy source with iron, vitamins and minerals.

UCD -1 – mixture of essential amino acids enriched with vitamins and minerals.

Brody outlined the prescribed allotment of the food supplements from July 5, 2001 through March 13, 2003, indicating that four changes in Christian F.'s diet were to be followed by the in home nurses during this period. However, nurses in the household worked from the prescribed food supplement order dated July 27, 2001 through March 13, 2003. A later interview with Brody determined that this course of action was not advisable but should not have caused any serious long term effects for Christian's well being.

Dr. Timothy Fete, of Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital was interviewed. Dr. Fete is the primary care physician of Christian F. and referred to compiled records and notes during the time of this interview. Dr. Fete stated that he first received a referral from Dr. Grange to be the Primary Care Physician for both Connor and Christian F. in 1994. Dr. Fete saw Christian as a new patient and also for routine well child care.

Dr. Fete said that Theda Thomas and Dawan F. had an abusive relationship that culminated in their separation and eventually their divorce. Fete recalls that Theda was confrontational and accusatory in regards to Christian being neglected. Dr. Fete said that he and Dr. Grange conferred and determined in the fall of 1998 that Christian be placed in respite care. After a few weeks, Christian's condition improved and soon after Dawan F. was awarded full custody of the children. Dr. Fete added that Christian continued to have hospitalizations after Dawan F. was awarded custody.(300025)

Dr. Fete stated that both Theda Thomas and Dawan F. were instructed on what to look for if Christian's condition was deteriorating and when to take him to the hospital.

According to Dr. Fete, Christian was not seen in his office from November 1998 until April 2000. Dr. Fete was not concerned with the lack of office visits primarily because Dr. Grange was meeting Christian's needs and had a registered dietician to assist in addressing Christian's dietary restrictions. (300025) Dr. Fete added that he was unaware

that Christian had not been seen at Dr. Grange's office from February 13, 2002 until March 6, 2003. Dr. Fete said that Dawan F. contacted his office in February 2002 requesting assistance in obtaining diapers for Christian. Dr. Fete told Dawan F. that he could not offer any assistance until he saw Christian in his office for a well child check up.

Dr. Fete also said that he was contacted by a representative of Maxim Healthcare in January 2003, requesting that he review and sign a Plan of Care for Christian. Dr. Fete refused, citing that he would have to see Christian in his office and he told the representative that he had not seen Christian for a well child check up since April 2000.(300026)

Dr. Dorothy K. Grange, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, of Washington University, Division of Medical Genetics was interviewed. This unit works with children that are patients of St. Louis Children's Hospital. Dr. Grange referred to compiled records and notes during the time of this interview and stated that she previously worked at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital until she transferred to Washington University. At this time, some of her child patients elected to transfer to St. Louis Children's Hospital for their continued services with her. Christian F. was one of these patients. (300000)

Dr. Grange informed us that she has followed Christian F.'s progress as a clinical geneticist since his birth. Dr. Grange said that despite his illness, Christian was an active child and normal by other accounts except for a mild global delay. By the time that Christian was 7 years of age he was able to speak, dress himself, and attend school like other children. However, Christian's condition changed in January of 2001. He suffered a hyperammonemia event which resulted in a coma. Dr. Grange added that the resulting brain damage from the coma left Christian largely uncommunicative, not toilet trained (incontinent) and had to wear diapers constantly. Christian had to have assistance in daily living activities since he was not capable of caring for himself. She knew that a Medicaid sponsored home health care agency was contracted for nursing services for the daytime/ weekday hours following Christian's return home after the coma.

Dr. Grange said that she believed some type of viral illness had caused this particular hyperammonemia event because Dawan F. informed her that other members in the household had been sick with the flu. She acknowledged that it was plausible that the hyperammonemia event could have been caused by a lack of; or improper administration of; the medications for Christian F., however no tests were conducted. (300001)

Dr. Grange added that she was well aware of the social situation with Dawan F. and Theda Thomas, noting that the disputes between them were so intense that it caused mutual allegations of abuse and neglect. Dr. Grange said that she and Dr. Fete discussed this situation in the fall of 1998 because of the numerous hospitalizations that occurred with Christian F. and placed him in a respite care facility for a week. She said that Christian's medical condition stabilized immediately. (300001) Dr. Grange said that except for the January 2001 hospitalization, all of Christian's hospitalizations lasted for a period of less than three days, suggestive that there was not an underlying medical

problem with Christian F.'s condition. (300002) She noted that since the home nursing services began following the coma, Christian was only in for two other minor hospitalizations.

Dr. Grange said she last seen Christian F. in March of 2003 for a clinic visit. Her registered dietitian, Nancy Brody, scheduled the visit because the Medicaid sponsored home health nurse for Christian F., Kimberly Nero, had dietary questions. Brody scheduled the visit because Christian F. had not been seen in a year. Normally urea cycle disorder patients are seen at a minimum of every three months, according to Dr. Grange. She said that her office did send letters of missed appointments to Dawan F., but they went unanswered. (300003)

Dr. Grange explained that only Kimberly Nero had brought Christian F. to the clinic visit and this was the second consecutive visit that Dawan F. failed to accompany his son. According to Dr. Grange, Dawan F. was becoming more ambivalent with the care and treatment of his son. (300003)

During this visit, Dr. Grange noted that there was a dramatic growth loss of Christian F., indicating that no growth occurred during the last year and his weight was dropping. Dr. Grange determined that the weight loss was not a result of a disease process after reviewing Christian's blood work. She suspected that it may have been a result of insufficient caloric intake. To address this, the caloric intake of Christian F. was increased. Dr. Grange believed that the medications as prescribed, if taken as directed, were appropriate for Christian's condition and were therefore not altered.

Dr. Grange also said that the medications for Christian F. were accurately dosed for a thirty day supply for each renewable prescription. She said that there should be no excess of medications if they are given as directed. (300006)

In Dr. Grange's opinion, Christian F. may be able to survive for up to 48 to 72 hours without medication. She said that at first a seizure may occur that was followed by coma and eventually death. (300006)

An interview was conducted with Leslie Lewis, Director of Special Education Programs for the St. Louis Public Schools. Mrs. Lewis stated that testing for an IEP was being conducted for Christian F., however the process was stalled due to the father, Dawan F., not bringing Christian to the testing appointments. Lewis also recalled a telephone conversation she had with Dawan F. regarding the release of educational records to Christian's mother, Theda Thomas. Dawan F. said he would never gain custody.

Janet Blair, RN of the State of Missouri, Department of Health, was interviewed. Blair said that in home nursing services for Christian F. ended due to Dawan F. not complying with directives. Dawan F. was requested several times to enter Christian F. into the Special School District of St. Louis County. (100736) Blair re-evaluated Christian's nursing care hour requirements and determined that he did not meet the acuity level for a home health nurse eight hours a day, five days a week. She encouraged Dawan F. to get

Christian enrolled in a Special Education program. (100727) Blair offered after care services for Christian upon his return home from school. (100730)(100731)(100735) Dawan F. did not respond to Blair's offer, nor did he get Christian enrolled in a school setting. (100733) Blair explained from the outset, nursing services through the program were designed to return the patient to the family and to instruct the family members on how to properly care for Christian F. Blair had no option but to terminate the in home nursing service effective in March of 2003. (100734) Note that Blair's remarks and supporting documents are contrary to Monica F.'s belief that nursing services ended due to budget cuts. (100734)

The following week after in home nursing services were terminated, Christian and Connor came to the Heritage House facility for the scheduled visitation period with their mother on March 22, 2003. Thomas said that both her sons appeared unkempt and dirty. Both Victor and Theda Thomas noted a strong stench of urine from Christian and when they arrived at the Thomas' home, Theda prepared a bath for Christian after she cut his hair. At this time, Theda Thomas undressed him and noticed a mild rash around her son's waist and could see an obvious loss of weight.

As noted later in this report, Thomas contacted the St. John Police Department and was informed to call the DFS Child Abuse Hotline for investigation. Thomas did so after documenting Christian's condition and took him to Children's Hospital for treatment. Thomas complied with the court's directive and relinquished her visitation period as Dawan F. arrived at the hospital. This was the last time Theda Thomas has seen her son.

Acting on Thomas' complaint, DFS Investigator Susan Johnson conducted an assessment at Dawan F.'s residence in April of 2003. Johnson reportedly called Dawan F. in advance to schedule a convenient time when she could visit. In regards to the issue of medical neglect, Johnson seen Christian F. and noted his present condition. Given that Johnson had not previously seen Christian F. there was no reference to his condition as worsening. According to Johnson, Christian F. otherwise appeared well cared for.

Johnson inquired about the lack of educational services for Christian F. and was referred by Dawan F. to contact Michael Orlando of the St. Louis Public Schools. Dawan F. said he was trying to get Christian into Gateway School, of the St. Louis Public Schools located in the City of St. Louis, and was waiting for the school district to complete an IEP. Johnson contacted Orlando and was informed that the IEP was still pending. A later interview with both Johnson and Orlando determined that neither realized that Christian F. now resided out of the jurisdiction of the St. Louis Public School boundaries and would otherwise have to be referred to the Special School District of St. Louis County, Missouri, through the Normandy School District.

Also indicated in the March 20, 2003 IEP meeting was an attachment of "Justification for Separate School Placement". This document suggests that Christian would not be suited for traditional classroom settings and recommended individualized instruction in the home. Johnson was not informed by Orlando that Christian would require in home schooling to address his needs.

Connor F. was again interviewed. Consistant statements were again made by Connor F. concerning the events occuring on the morning of June 11, 2003. Connor again remembered being awake and seeing his father picking Christian up, wrapping him in a blanket, and placing Christian in the S.U.V.. Connor F. said he acted like he was asleep and didn't want to let his father know that he was awake.

Connor F. was questioned on what had happened to Christian before he was taken out of the house. Connor stated that Christian had gotten very thin and that he could see his bones through his skin. Connor would "sneak" food into the bedroom for Christian, usually a "Pop Tart" or "Cheetos". He said that Christian was always hungry and would eat anything if it was given to him. Connor stated he felt sorry for his brother since Christian would only get his formula once a day. Connor came home from his last day of school on Monday, which was June 9, 2003, and noticed Christian's "G-button" missing. Connor said he saw dried blood around where the "G-button" would go into Christian. He looked for the "G-button" but could not find it. Please note that the "G-button" Connor referred to is the same as found within the household during the execution of a search warrant on August 13, 2003.

The day before Christian left the house, he remembered that Christian became very sick and he was moaning throughout the afternoon. Connor told Monica about Christian's moaning and his "G-button" missing. Monica told Connor that she already knew about it and to stay out of the bedroom where Christian was. Connor said that Monica went back to ironing clothes and she didn't do anything for Christian. Connor added that he later checked on Christian. Connor said Christian stopped moaning and was "staring at the ceiling". When asked to explain, Connor F. leaned onto the sofa in a horizontal position facing up and rolled his eyes above him, to the wall facing his head. Connor said all he could see was the white part of Christian's eyes.(300070)

Conclusion:

In January of 2001, Christian F.'s condition was not monitored by Dawan F. and the lack of appropriate and adequate care caused Christian F. debilitate into a coma caused by elevated ammonia levels. Although Christian F. survived the coma, he had sustained severe brain damage, drastically altering his life and the lives of those who were required to care for him. He was unable to dress and clean himself, and he was unable to verbalize or communicate in a systematic manner. Futhermore, Christian F.'s incontinence would require the caretaker to change his diaper several times daily. In home nursing services were ordered for Christian F., as well as specialized in home educational services. All medications, equipment, formula supplements and other supplies (such as diapers) were provided free of charge.

Several complaints were made by Theda Thomas, the biological mother of Christian F., concerning the welfare of her son. The complaints were well documented, however Thomas' complaints were not substantiated by investigative agencies in part due to containing the investigation to only professional sources. On several occassions

investigators failed to seek other sources to refute or substantiate the claims made by Thomas. To complicate matters, Thomas often made repeated complaints on the same incident to several agencies. Thomas was considered as an antagonist by most and often threatened

The lack of medication and the lack of care for Christian F. became magnified when nursing services ended in the household on March 16, 2003.

As the conditions went unchecked, Christian F. developed a severe rash around his buttocks and genital area. During the visitation occurring on March 22, 2003, Theda Thomas noticed the rash and called the St. John Police Department to document the neglectful condition of Christian. Officer Manuele, dsn 142, responded to the Thomas residence at 9416 Burdella, St. John, Missouri. Victor and Theda Thomas were instructed to contact the Division of Family Services child abuse hotline as a means to investigate the neglect. Victor and Theda Thomas then took Christian F. to St. Louis Children's Hospital for treatment. Before doing so, Thomas photographed Christian F., documenting his rapid loss of weight as well as the rash caused by not caring for him properly. The custody exchange was accomplished that day at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Thomas soon thereafter contacted the Missouri Division of Family Services to inform them of the potential neglect, both medically and educationally for Christian F..

Dawan F. then violated the custody agreement and stopped bringing the children for visitation with their mother. It is suspected that this was done in an effort to conceal Christian F.'s condition. Because Thomas could not legally see her children, she sought relief through the court by filing a petition to modify custody on May 22, 2003.

Thomas was granted a hearing on June 9, 2003 before Judge Frawley. In this hearing Dawan F. was ordered by the court to "immediately resume visitations" of both Christian and Connor with their mother. Dawan F. expressed his displeasure with Frawley's ruling, at which time Frawley informed Mr. Jack Hauser, Dawan F.'s attorney, that he did not "appreciate self help" from Dawan F. and warned Dawan F. he would be held in contempt if the visitations were not to take place immediately. For the Domestic Relations Unit officer, Mary Ellen Pennick, it was interpreted that visitations would resume the coming weekend of June 14, 2003.

Hypothesis

This court action now created a dilemma for Dawan F.. He would have to allow Theda Thomas and others to see Christian F.'s current condition, which was rapidly deteriorating. By this time, Christian was drastically unnourished and under medicated. Conner noticed his older brother as being very thin, saying that "you could see Christian's bones." Dawan F. knew of an impending criminal investigation and realized that criminal charges would result in his losing custody of both children and face paying child support as a non-custodial parent. Rather, Dawan F. deliberated and decided to stop giving Christian F. his medications and allow the intrinsic cycle of Christian's genetic disorder to take his life.

It is believed that on June 9, 2003 Dawan F. stopped giving medications to his son. From tool marks and other evidence found on the "G-tube" discovered during the execution of the search warrant, it is believed the "G-tube" was forcibly and violently removed from Christian. This device was necessary for the administration of Christian's medications and formula supplements.

This action resulted in Christian F. slowly dying, as witnessed by his younger brother Connor. As predicted by Dr. Grange, this process occurred within the 48 hour time frame that Christian F. did not receive his daily medications.

It is estimated that on the evening of June 10, 2003 Christian F. died. As witnessed by Dawan F.'s friend and co-worker, Ozell Scott, the resulting arguments that Dawan F. had with Monica F. on the cellular telephone were likely due to the situation that was caused by Christian F.'s death.

As Dawan F. finished his work with Ozell Scott in the early morning hours of June 11, 2003, he traveled to Lakisha Mayes residence at 922 Disco, in the City of Ferguson. Dawan F. took the white plastic bags of Mayes clothing from his S.U.V. and placed them in Mayes car. Dawan F. then went to his residence, arriving sometime near the hour of 4:00 a.m.. Dawan F. did not attempt to disrupt anyone in his household and simply picked up the body of his dead son, Christian, wrapping him in the blanket, and placed him in the S.U.V.. Dawan F. then drove away and discarded the body of Christian F. in an undisclosed location.

Near the hour of 5:00 a.m. Dawan F. drove his S.U.V. to the address of 326 Ronbar, located at the end of a dead end street. He left the vehicle unlocked, with the keys in the ignition and all the property in the vehicle.

Dawan F. then walked less than a mile to Lakisha Mayes home, and used a spare set of keys to drive away in Mayes vehicle. Dawan F. likely traveled a route taking him south on Interstate I-170, exiting east on Page Avenue, until reaching the city limits of St. Louis. Dawan F. parked Mayes vehicle, taking the keys and locking it, on the nearby street at 1288 Hodiament and walked to the public telephone at 6104 Page Avenue, a distance of less than 100 yards.

Dawan F. telephoned 911 from this location and reported his vehicle stolen and his ill son, Christian F., still in the vehicle.