

Department of Child and Family Services

Investigation Case Notes

Supervisor: Meredith Cummings

Social Worker: Taylor Pitts

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Date of Contact	Type of Contact	Notes
7/15/2020	-----	Emergency petition filed at 3:30 PM. Judge Juliette Owen signed ex parte order and set hearing for 7/20/2020 at 1:00 p.m.
7/15/2020	Legal Staffing	Affidavit and petition prepared. The case was transferred to Brooke Tillman, foster care worker, for ongoing case management.
7/15/2020	Supervisory Staffing	Staffed case with Ms. Cummings. Will set up legal staffing to file for extension of custody. Substantiated physical neglect.
7/15/2020	T/C	I made phone inquiries to Good Hope and North Cedar, two treatment facilities in an attempt to locate Raymond Capa. Mr. Capa is not at either facility.
7/15/2020	H/V	I visited with the girls at the Jackson foster home. Kerry stated that, a few weeks ago, her mother's friends started coming by again. They were drinking and smoking at home. Kerry said she would take her sisters to the park down the block just to get away, and they'd come home to find people asleep on the couch and on the floor. Kerry said Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Rafferty let them stay there sometimes and give them sandwiches. Layla and Jessica confirmed this information, adding that Ms. Johnson gave them ice cream once, and, at the Raffertys, they would get popsicles.

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7/15/2020	C/C	I met with Ms. Angela Johnson and Mr. James Rafferty, Ms. Morgan's two nearest neighbors. Both confirmed that over the past few weeks, people were coming and going from the Morgan home. Mr. Rafferty said that this began to happen last winter but stopped this past spring. Mr. Rafferty reported he often sees the girls walking around the neighborhood in the evenings. His wife has given them food because they look hungry. Ms. Johnson said she has also taken the children in from time to time in the evening and given them some food. The children always have eventually gone home as Kerry says their mother would be worried.
7/15/2020	T/C	I spoke with Officer Henry. He stated that Ms. Morgan would be charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and child endangerment. She would be held in the county jail until she was arraigned.
7/14/2020	H/V	<p>I arrived at the home. I spoke briefly with Angela Johnson, a neighbor who shared concerns about the girls' safety. I took emergency custody of the three Morgan girls. I was unable to speak with Ms. Morgan because she was being escorted to the police car for transport to the county jail shortly after my arrival. The girls were visibly upset, and I proceeded to talk with them and help them collect some clothing and other things. Kerry let me know that Layla had medication that she needed to take. There were clothes strewn all over the floor.</p> <p>Kerry suggested that we call her mother's friend, Mary Mace, and provided me with a copy of the family safety plan. Called Ms. Mace. She said that her mother had taken ill, and she wasn't in a position to care for the girls. She also said that she hasn't been able to reach Ms. Morgan for the last few weeks.</p>

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		<p>I took the girls to the office and contacted foster care placement to identify a foster home for Kerry, Layla, and Jessica. The girls were very concerned about their mother. They reported that, a few weeks ago, her mother's friends had started to come to the home again. There was both drug use and drinking. I looked up the family's case record and began reviewing.</p> <p>Keith and Paula Jackson, newly licensed foster parents, were identified as the foster care placement for all three girls. The girls were placed with them. I gave the Jacksons clothing vouchers for the girls and explained the medication that Layla takes.</p>
7/14/2020	T/C	<p>Called Officer Robert Henry. He is requesting emergency response from CPS. He said that police were sent out to Ms. Morgan's home in response to a call from a neighbor. Two men were fighting in front of the home. The neighbor reported the men had knives and were yelling at each other. Two of the children were in the yard watching. Police found Ms. Morgan incoherent on the couch. She was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and a small amount of a substance thought to be heroin. Police found several bottles of oxycodone with prescription labels belonging to others. She was unable to give the name of someone who could care for the children. He said that recently they have been receiving quite a few calls concerning this address – usually noise complaints, suspicious characters. A known drug dealer has been seen at the home. Told Office Henry that I would be arriving shortly.</p>
7/14/2020	-----	<p>Report assigned to Taylor Pitts, on-call worker, for Priority 1 investigation. Was asked to contact Officer Robert Henry at the number he provided.</p>