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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY (IS)
Child In-Home Investigation
(without Reporter Information)

Case Name	Intake Number	Intake Sub-Type	County
Cynthia Mohney	2014-162264-01	In-Home	Volusia
Date/Time Intake Received 06/18/2014 10:16 AM		Protective Investigator Williams, Theodora S	
Date/Time Investigation Closed 07/21/2014 2:10 PM		Protective Investigator Supervisor REDD, CHRISTINA	

I. Allegation Narrative(s)

Sequence Type	Date/Time Received	Response Priority
Initial	06/18/2014 10:16 AM	24 Hours

Narrative

On 04-04-2014, while in Houligan's restaurant the mother slapped David in or around the chest and arms 2 times. The mother had already consumed wine at home earlier and was now ordering and drinking her second vodka in Houligan's restaurant. This occurred because Savanna called David "gay" and when he told her to "shut up" the mother struck him twice. However the mother did not strike Savanna for calling him gay. On 04-26-2014 at 9pm the mother was drinking a lot of red wine and struck David on the chest and arms with an open hand slap for arguing with Savanna. The mother was drunk and angry that the children were fighting when her father Walter James was visiting. He was also drinking. The mother also struck the father on the back of his arm for not stopping the children from arguing. Later this day, David was sitting at the kitchen table playing a game on his phone and the mother who was even drunker told him to go to bed. David asked why because it is a stay up late night and the mother struck David 3 times on his back with an open hand. On 05-09-2014, the mother was driving in the Tahoe with the children and she slapped David in his left arm for smirking at her while they were stopped. He was struck due to being sarcastic about going to busch gardens with the father on the weekend he could not go on purpose to exclude the father, who was in a board review and could not go. On 05-29-2014, the mother struck David 3 different times and also struck [redacted] one time and grabbed her by the arm and threw her into the clothes dresser. The mother also slapped her on the right arm over and issue with her picking toys up from the bathroom. David was texting on his phone and the mother asked him to get his school yearbook off the table and he didn't do it fast enough so she picked it up and hit him on the left arm and he immediately ran away crying into the bedroom.

The hits described are loud and hard, beyond corporal punishment. The children were crying, afraid and trying to duck or get away from the mother. The mother hits the father and the children more frequently when drunk or when her relatives are visiting to impress her family of the children's good behavior. This pretense puts adverse pressure on the father and children to behave unnaturally.

Field Narrative

II. Victim(s)

Name	DOB	Age	Gender	Race	Disabilities
Mohney, Savanna	08/21/2000	14	Female	White	No

Maltreatment	Findings	Incident Date	Caregiver Responsible	Fatality
Family Violence Threatens Child	Not Substantiated			No

Intervention Services are Needed	Placement Outside the Home is Required	Judicial Action Required
Yes	No	No

Name	DOB	Age	Gender	Race	Disabilities
Mohney, Savanna	08/21/2000	14	Female	White	No

Maltreatment	Findings	Incident Date	Caregiver Responsible	Fatality
Substance Misuse - Alcohol	Not Substantiated			No

Intervention Services are Needed	Placement Outside the Home is Required	Judicial Action Required

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Yes	No				No	
Name Mohney, David	DOB 12/06/2002	Age 11	Gender Male	Race White		Disabilities No
Maltreatment Family Violence Threatens Child	Findings Not Substantiated		Incident Date		Caregiver Responsible	Fatality No
Intervention Services are Needed Yes	Placement Outside the Home is Required No				Judicial Action Required No	
Name Mohney, David	DOB 12/06/2002	Age 11	Gender Male	Race White		Disabilities No
Maltreatment Physical Injury	Findings Not Substantiated		Incident Date		Caregiver Responsible	Fatality No
Intervention Services are Needed Yes	Placement Outside the Home is Required No				Judicial Action Required No	
Name Mohney, David	DOB 12/06/2002	Age 11	Gender Male	Race White		Disabilities No
Maltreatment Substance Misuse - Alcohol	Findings Not Substantiated		Incident Date		Caregiver Responsible	Fatality No
Intervention Services are Needed Yes	Placement Outside the Home is Required No				Judicial Action Required No	
Name [redacted]	DOB [redacted]	Age 9	Gender Female	Race White		Disabilities No
Maltreatment Family Violence Threatens Child	Findings Not Substantiated		Incident Date		Caregiver Responsible	Fatality No
Intervention Services are Needed Yes	Placement Outside the Home is Required No				Judicial Action Required No	
Name [redacted]	DOB [redacted]	Age 9	Gender Female	Race White		Disabilities No
Maltreatment Physical Injury	Findings No Indicator		Incident Date		Caregiver Responsible	Fatality No
Intervention Services are Needed Yes	Placement Outside the Home is Required No				Judicial Action Required No	
Name [redacted]	DOB [redacted]	Age 9	Gender Female	Race White		Disabilities No
Maltreatment Substance Misuse - Alcohol	Findings Not Substantiated		Incident Date		Caregiver Responsible	Fatality No
Intervention Services are Needed Yes	Placement Outside the Home is Required No				Judicial Action Required No	

III. Other Participant(s)

Name Mohney, Cynthia	DOB 07/12/1966	Age 48	Gender Female	Race White	Role Parent in Home
Name Mohney, David	DOB 12/17/1961	Age 52	Gender Male	Race White	Role Parent in Home

IV. Implications for Child Safety

A. Signs of Present Danger Implications

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SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES OF MALTREATMENT:
The father has filed for divorce and obtained an Injunction for protection against the mother. The injunction was voluntarily dismissed prior to the hearing by father after parents made a verbal agreement. The mother wants a divorce and father really does not. The father loves his wife and is extremely jealous. The mother no longer is willing to accept father's controlling and jealous behavior. The father has kept detailed information of mother's behavior and provided to his attorney and CPI. The mother is alleged to be an alcoholic who becomes physically aggressive when drinking. The mother targets the two younger children and they are afraid of mother.

B. Child Vulnerability Implications

CHILD FUNCTIONING
Savanna is a 9th grader who will be attending Spruce Creek High School. Child is an honor roll student who is very active in sports. Child has a good relationship with peers and good communication skills. Child plans to attend college and enter a career in the medical field. Child is disciplined by having her phone taken. Child has a better relationship with her mother than her siblings. Child has observed mother slap siblings; however siblings have not had any bruises or marks from incident. Child has no issues that increase her vulnerability.
Savanna feels safe with her father especially when her mother is drinking.

David;
David is the middle child in the 6th grade and will be attending Creekside Middle School. Davis is excited regarding attending middle school. David is an honor roll student. David plays baseball for Port Orange Recreation Department and has a good relationship with his peers. David enjoys hanging out with his friends. David and his father have a good relationship. David and his mother have a strained relationship where he fears his mother especially when she drinks. David has no issues that increase his vulnerability. David feels safe with father.

[redacted]:
[redacted]

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[redacted]

C. Protective Capacities Implications

ADULT FUNCTIONING
Mother has a master's degree in medicine. Mother is employed as an ARNP at an Urgent Care Facility. Mother works 12 hour shifts in the emergency department. Mother enjoys work. Mother exercises to relieve stress and to cope. Mother's criminal history requested. Mother denies she has a drinking problem. Mother drinks due to bad relationship with father. Mother is reported to drink when not working to the point of intoxication per family members. Mother has supported family for the last 10 months while father attended school. Mother has no mental health issues and is in good health. Mother demands respect from children and will not tolerate disrespect. Mother has smacked children for being disrespectful at times. Mother has sacrificed her relationship with children to support family. Mother has pirate counselor she sees on a regular basis. Mother has good communication skills and peer relations.

FATHER:
Father is unemployed and currently working on his Doctorate Degree in Chiropractic Medicine. Father is a calm person. Father is retired military. Father previously has issues with anger. Father has a counselor he sees on a regular basis and helps him with his coping skills. Father wears his emotions openly and is a truthful person. Father loves mother and wants family to remain together. Father has no mental health or medical issues. Father is very emotional regarding mother and their relationship. Father has controlling and jealous behavior. Father's criminal history requested. Father has good communication skills, self-control and peer relations.

UPDATED ASSESSMENT
Family has no prior history documented in FSFN. There are no implications for children's safety based on prior history.

Mother, father and child Savanna have no criminal history. There are no implications for children's safety based on criminal history.

D. Criminal History Summary and Implications for Child Safety

Local checks, 911/service calls to the home received. Savannah Mohney - FCIC: None. Cynthia Mohney - FCIC: None. David Mohney - FCIC: None. There are no implications for children's safety based on criminal history.

E. Prior Reports and Service Records Implications for Child Safety

Family has no prior history with agency. There are no implications for children's safety based on prior history.

V. Overall Safety Assessment

The overall safety risk to children is low. The parents have ongoing marital issues and father filed for divorce. The father loves the mother and wants the family to remain together. The parents have been married for 27 years. The father is controlling and extremely jealous. The father has been the stay at home mom for the last 10 months and been actively involved in the children's lives. The mother is employed as an ARNP in an emergency room at an urgent care facility. The mother works long hours and has sacrificed her time with the children to support family.

Both parents have attorneys. The father filed for an injunction for protection for himself on behalf of the children which was granted temporarily. Parents attended injunction hearing and prior to hearing the parents made a verbal agreement that (1) mother would move back into home (2) Parents would attend joint counseling (3) No alcohol in the home (4) mother would not physical discipline children. Upon mother returning to home she and father informed father that she would not follow verbal agreement. The father had thrown away all alcohol in the home prior to mother returning to home. The mother was very upset regarding this.

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Both parents attend private counseling at this time. Father has documented mother's behavior and provided a copy to CPI. Parents have attorneys and this is a family court issue. Children observed to have no bruise or suspicious marks. Children are physically hit by mother when she is drinking and the two younger children are afraid of mother. Mother drinks to the point of intoxication most of the time and becomes more aggressive per family members. Mother has drunk beer then vodka and now drinks wine.

A safety plan has been established with family and rechecks to be requested for parents. CPI will be making referrals for family.

UPDATED ASSESSMENT

[redacted]. Mother has agreed to services. Parents are seeking counseling for children through mother's insurance. The family continues to deal with family court regarding divorce and custody issues. No other services needed. Investigation closed Not substantiated Family Violence Threatens Child, Substance Misuse and Physical Injury.

VI. Summary/Findings Implications

Investigation closed Not substantiated Family Violence Threatens Child, Substance Misuse and Physical Injury. Maltreatment Index states family violence threatens child means an adult who is a family or household member commits any violent criminal behavior, such as assault or battery, on another adult who is a family or household member, that demonstrates a wanton disregard for a child and could reasonably result in injury to the child. Maltreatment Index states Substance Misuse covers three areas. The caregiver(s) inappropriately using drugs or alcohol, a child inappropriately consuming or being given drugs or alcohol and poisoning due to caregiver(s) actions or neglect. Maltreatment Index states physical injury includes any physical maltreatment of a child which is not covered by other abuse maltreatments that result in permanent or temporary disfigurement, permanent or temporary loss or impairment of bodily part or function, or is a willful act or threatened act which causes or is likely to cause the child's physical health to be impaired.

Father had previous injunction for himself and children against mother. Parents went to hearing at which time father agreed to drop injunction and allow mother back in home if she agreed to go to marriage counseling. The mother returned to home and there are still issues between parents. Mother has physically attacked father and children have witnessed these attacks. The parents are in the process of divorce which father loves mother and wants to maintain family relationship and mother wants to be free of relationship. Family court is addressing parents' divorce issue and both parents have private counsels.

Children all state mother has slapped them on occasions with an open hand in various areas of the body. Child David stated mother hits him frequently. Children state mother is more physically aggressive when she drinks. The two younger children state they are afraid of mother when she drinks. These children do not have a good relationship with mother. Children all state mother drinks to the point of intoxication at which times she is more physically aggressive and displays more anger. Mother denies this and states she does hit children; but, not inappropriately.

Mother is reported to drink red wine to liquor. Mother patterns of drinking differ among household members from every other day to daily. All household participants including mother stated she was upset when she returned to home and father had thrown alcohol away. There were different reasons given why mother was upset. Mother has disclosed with her working schedule he will drink when she gets off to relax; however, mother denies drinking to the point of intoxication. Mother was referred to FIS program. Substance assessment completed by Bonnie with the recommendation mother receives outpatient services regarding substance use based on information CPI provided. [redacted].

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VII. Recommended Disposition

Investigation closed Not substantiated Family Violence Threatens Child, Substance Misuse and Physical Injury. Mother receiving substance services through FIS and her private Counselor. No additional services needed..

VIII. Signatures

SIGNATURE – Protective Investigator Date Signed

SIGNATURE - Protective Investigator Supervisor Date Signed

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