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**REPORT ON THE FATALITY OF
Kenyon Stocker**

BORN: 8/9/10

DATE of FATALITY : 4/13/12

**FAMILY KNOWN TO: Northampton County Department of Human Services
Children, Youth and Families Division**

DRAFT DATED: 10/9/12

Reason for Review

Senate Bill No. 1147, now known as Act 33 was signed on July 3, 2008 and went into effect 180 days from that date, December 30, 2008. This Act amends the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) and sets standards for reviewing and reporting child fatality and child near-fatality as a result of suspected child abuse. DPW must conduct child fatality and near fatality review and provide a written report on any child fatality or near fatality where child abuse is suspected.¹

Act 33 of 2008 also requires that County children and youth agencies convene a review when a report of child abuse involving a child fatality or near fatality is indicated, or when a status determination has not been made regarding the report within 30 days of the oral report to ChildLine. *Northampton County Department of Human Services, Children, Youth, and Families Division has not convened a review team in accordance with Act 33 of 2008 related to this report. (The agency has determined that the incident that occurred was not due to child abuse and the investigation concluded within 30 days).*

Family Constellation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Kenyon Stocker	Victim Child	8/9/10
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED]/84
[REDACTED]	Father	[REDACTED]/79
[REDACTED]	Sibling	[REDACTED]/04
[REDACTED]	Sibling	[REDACTED]/05
[REDACTED]	Sibling	[REDACTED]/09
[REDACTED]	Sibling	[REDACTED]/12

Notification of Fatality

On 4/14/12 Northampton County Department of Human Services, Children, Youth, and Families Division received a report that stated that the victim child drowned on 4/13/12 [REDACTED]

4/14/12, the police requested that the agency [REDACTED]

Summary of DPW Child (Near) Fatality Review Activities:

[REDACTED] The NERO [REDACTED] review of the [REDACTED] file and interviews with Northampton County Department of Human Services, Children and Youth Division staff.

Summary of Services to the Family

Children and Youth involvement prior to Incident:

¹ 23 Pa, C,S, § 6343(c)1,2.

The family was known to Northampton County Department of Human Services, Children, Youth, and Families Division. In April 2009, the agency received a referral [REDACTED] (victim child's sibling, [REDACTED]). The [REDACTED]

On 4/4/12 Northampton County Department of Human Services, Children, Youth, and Families Division received a report that stated the mother and the child's sibling ([REDACTED]) on 4/3/12.

[REDACTED] assess [REDACTED] in the home. [REDACTED]

On 4/14/12 Northampton County Department of Human Services, Children, Youth, and Families Division received a report that stated that the victim child drowned on 4/13/12 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

On 4/14/12 Northampton County Department of Human Services, Children, Youth, and Families Division [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the victim child's surviving siblings. The victim child's four siblings [REDACTED]

On 4/14/12, the Easton police [REDACTED]

On 4/16/12 Northampton County Department of Human Services, Children, Youth, and Families Division [REDACTED]

Northampton County Department of Human Services, Children and Youth Division had limited participation [REDACTED]

On June 12, 2012 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No criminal action is pending.

[REDACTED], Northampton County Department of Human Services, Children, Youth and Family Division is [REDACTED]

County strengths and deficiencies as identified by the County's (near) fatality report:

County Strengths: The county was actively [REDACTED]

County Weaknesses: The agency did not [REDACTED] prior to the victim child's death due to [REDACTED]

County recommendations for changes at the local (County or State) levels as identified in County's near fatality report: There are no recommendations at this time.

Department of Public Welfare Findings:

County Strengths: [REDACTED]

County Weaknesses: [REDACTED]

Statutory and Regulatory Compliance Issues: The agency was in full compliance with statutory and regulatory laws.