

Elder Abuse Fatality Review Team-Case Review Committee

On Friday, February 11, 2022, from 9:10 am to 10:20 am, commenced the initial meeting reviewing closed cases resulting in the death of a person sixty-five (65) or older involving abuse and/or neglect within the Florida, Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Florida's Fourth Judicial Circuit is Clay, Duval, and Nassau counties.

The meeting was held at the Office of the State Attorney, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Florida, 311 West Monroe Street, 4th floor conference room, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

The following attended the meeting:

- Octavius A. Holliday, Jr, Assistant State Attorney, Deputy Director-Special Prosecution Division, Fourth Judicial Circuit (in-person)
- Renee Lewin, Victim Advocate, State Attorney's Office, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Nassau County (in-person)
- Eileen Rodden, Program Coordinator, The Women's Center of Jacksonville, (via Zoom)
- Gary Porter, Sergeant, Jacksonville Sherriff's Office (via Zoom)
- A. J. Mack, II, Records Servicing Manager, VyStar Credit Union (in-person)

The purpose of case

The following cases were provided for review:

- SA # 19SA03217/SA # 19CF27127
- SA # 19CF02936

The State Attorney's Office, Public Records Division returned the above cases with numerous redactions on documents in the files.

The first case reviewed was **SA # 19SA03217/19CF27127:**

Victim:

Defendant: Wallace Johnny Bullam

Relationship: Mother/Son, Caregiver

Allegations: Abuse and Neglect

Based on the information in the file, Ms. Bullam was under the care of her son Wallace Johnny Bullam. The conditions of the Bullam's residence was filthy and poor conditions. Ms. Bullam had open wounds with maggots, feces on the bed, no shower or feeding.

Emergency staff had to enter and exit the residence multiple times in order to withstand the conditions in the residence.

Ms. Bullam was transported to the Orange Park Medical Hospital and later to Haven Hospice.

Ms. Bullam died at Haven Hospice.

Mr. Bullam was a former veteran, and on July 8, 2021, was adjudicated guilty, sentenced to 11.5 months in the Clay County Jail followed by 5 years House Arrest.

Gaps:

- Obtain DCF/API reports
- Review the Medical Examiner and Hospice reports
- Attempt to determine if Mr. Bullam suffered from Mental Health complications
- Timeline of events try to determine if others could have noticed a lack of care.

The second case reviewed was **SA # 19CF02936:**

Victim: Beverly N. Sharpe

Defendant: Christina Marie Redington

Relationship: Mother/Daughter

Allegations: Abuse

Based on the information in the file, Ms. Beverly Sharpe was pushed by her daughter Christina Redington during an altercation between Ms. Redington and her daughter Kayla.

The altercation involved the use of pills and consumption of alcohol.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) conducted the investigation (case number 2019-0351875).

The injuries suffered by Ms. Sharpe contributed to her death.

Gaps:

- Review DCF/API reports
- Review Medical Examiner reports
- Review case file for all JSO reports
- Review case file for disposition.

