

SESSION 2 BLEUX CASE

CASE NOTES FOR THE BLEUX CASE

INITIAL CASE NOTES FOR THE BLEUX CASE

CPS Case File

Last Name of Case:		Bleux			
Legal Number(s):		12-0-97542-4			
Child(ren)'s Name	DOB	Age	Ethnicity	Sex	Current Location
Deshawn Bleux	March 12	2 months	AA	M	Foster Care Placement Emilio Padron & Lawrence Cary

Current Caregiver(s)	Address	Phone
Foster parents Emilio Padron & Lawrence Cary	8904 Cleveland Ave NW	555-2272

Attorneys for:	Attorney's Name	Attorney's Phone Number
Mother	Samuel Bluestein	555-7622
Father	Jacob Bell	555-6704
CPS Caseworker	Meghan Fowler	555-9300 ext. 38

CASE HISTORY

10 days ago: Child Protective Services (CPS) received a referral from the hospital regarding a 2-month-

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old child (DeShawn Bleux) who was brought into the hospital after his daycare called CPS. A CPS worker spoke with Dr. Maronian, who said the child suffered a leg fracture and will require a cast.

8 days ago: The doctors have said they would like a few additional days of testing and observations before releasing DeShawn. Child will be placed in foster home pending CPS investigation. Dr Maronian was also informed about an argument the parents had in the hospital. It was reported that the mother behaved irrationally during the argument. Several people witnessed her hitting the father and blaming him for the child’s injury.

6 days ago: Dr. Maronian has cleared Deshawn to be released from the hospital. DeShawn has been placed in foster care. The caseworker spoke with mother, Antoinette Bleux, who denies hurting the child and said the baby must have suffered an accident while she was away. She knew Deshawn was hurt but didn’t realize how serious the injury was. She also accuses the daycare worker of mishandling her baby and aggravating his injury. The mother attends the local community college. When asked if the father had hurt the baby, as she blamed the father in the hospital, she said, “I didn’t blame him for anything. He makes me so mad, sometimes. He is a good father, but he is hardly ever there for us at home. He should have been home to take care of the baby while I was away for just a little bit taking care of other important stuff like buying diapers and groceries! He says he’s stressed at work. I mean who isn’t! But, that doesn’t mean he’ll ignore his responsibilities at home.”

5 days ago: Caseworker spoke with the father. He informed her that he did not hurt his child, nor could he explain the injuries as he wasn’t home at the time of the incident. When asked if he suspects that his wife had intentionally hurt the child, he said, “Of course not! I mean sure she has a mean temper but that doesn’t mean she’ll hurt our boy. Believe me! Tony is a great mom.”

CASA/GAL Volunteer

Previous CASA/GAL Volunteer:	You and your team	Date Assigned:	Today
		Date Terminated:	N/A
Current CASA/GAL Volunteer:	You and your team	Date Assigned:	Today’s Date
Initial CPS Worker:	Meghan Fowler	Date Assigned:	
Current CPS Worker:	Jane Morgan	Date Assigned:	

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

File No. XX-J-172

Allegation(s): A/N

In the matter of: Deshawn Lee Bleux **Age:** 2 months

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The PURPOSE of the Family Team Planning Conference and the Memorandum of Understanding is to expedite the court process for children by sharing information and making recommendations regarding the following issues: placement, visitation, services, paternity and child support.

ATTENDANCE: Present at this conference were the following parties:

Kerry Rowan	Family Court Case Coordinator
Jane Morgan	County Child Protective Services Investigator (CPS)
Kim Rytter	CPS Supervisor
Antoinette Bleux	Mother
Miles Bleux	Father
Jacob Bell	Father's Attorney
Sandi Freeman	Health Clinic Coordinator
Ramona Haskins	CASA/GAL Supervisor
Sabine Lee	Maternal Aunt
Adrienne Nikos	CPS Intern

I. RIGHTS

For the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding, all defenses that could be made by all parties are preserved. In order to protect the rights of all parties, this Memorandum of Understanding does NOT serve to waive any standard objection by law.

II. ATTORNEYS

Have been temporarily appointed to represent the parents in this matter. At the first court hearing, the court will determine whether the parents qualify for court-appointed lawyers. If they do not qualify, the temporarily appointed attorneys will be released.

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III. PARENTS

Inquiries have been made as to the identity and location of any missing parent.

- The mother (age: 19) attended the child planning conference.
- The mother was served the juvenile petition at the child planning conference. The mother confirmed that the address on the petition is the correct address.
- The father (age: 22) attended the child planning conference.
- The father was served the juvenile petition at his home.
- The father confirmed the address on the petition is the correct address. The father also provided a cell number and can be reached at 555-3865
- According to the father, his name is on the child's birth certificate. According to the parents, they are married.

IV. HISTORY

CPS stated that the agency received a report that a 2-month old infant was admitted to County Hospital and was diagnosed with a closed fracture. CPS stated that both parents were away from the child during the time when the injuries occurred, and that in order to ensure the safety of the child the agency has filed a petition for custody of the child.

- CPS reported that the child is still in the hospital with a proposed release date within the week.
- CASA/GAL volunteer for the child will be [Your Name]; he/she can be reached at XXX-XXXX.

V. PLACEMENT

Inquiries have been made as to whether a relative of the child is willing and able to provide proper care and supervision of the child in a safe home and whether placement with such a relative could be in the child's best interest:

- The child is currently placed in County Hospital.
- CPS stated that the child is doing well.
- The agency is considering other family members for placement of the child.

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VI. SERVICES FOR THE PARENTS

Mother of Child:

- CPS recommends that the mother attends parenting education and anger management classes, have a mental health assessment and follows all recommendations made, and participates in supervised visitation.
- The mother stated that she is willing to comply with services, but that she does not see herself as being in need of all of them.

Father of Child:

- CPS recommends that the father attend parenting education and participate in supervised visitation.
- The father stated that he will try his best to comply with services.

VII. SERVICES FOR THE CHILD:

Medical Background

- The child was born at County Hospital.
- The child’s doctor is Dr. Romero from “Early Years Pediatricians.”
- The child has no diagnosed medical conditions.
- According to the parents, the child has no known affiliation with a recognized Native American group or tribe.

Recommendations

- CPS recommends that the child participate in the Children’s Health and Development Program and continues to receive all medical and developmental services. The mother requested that the child be maintained on breast milk since she has been nursing him since birth and is willing to provide milk to the foster parents for this purpose.

VIII. VISITATION:

- All visits are to be supervised at this time.
- Visitation will be twice weekly, at the agency at a minimum of 45 minutes. The parents

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may visit together if they choose. Any family placement will be informed of the agency's policies for visitation. The aunt and grandmother may have supervised visits with the child as well.

IX. AUTHORITY:

The parties agree that County Child Protective Services shall be granted authority to arrange, provide and/or consent to any medical treatment, psychiatric treatment, psychological service, educational needs or any other remedial evaluations required by the child, including a physical examination to be conducted as mandatory by licensure requirements; and County Child Protective Services has the authority to request and be provided with any medical, mental health and educational records pertaining to the child.

X. FUTURE COURT DATES:

- The next court hearing in this case will be at 2:00 p.m. next Tuesday in Courtroom B of the County Courthouse. The purpose of this hearing will be to determine the need for continued non-secure custody.
- The matter will be adjudicated at 2:00 p.m. three weeks from Tuesday in Courtroom B of the County Courthouse. If allegations are founded, disposition hearing will immediately follow.

FAMILY TEAM PLANNING CONFERENCE SIGN-IN & CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

	Name	Agency	Address	Phone Number
1.	Kerry Rowan	FC	3rd Flr CCH	555-4567
2.	Sandi Freeman	CHCC	200 Brookdale	555-6789
3.	[Your Name]	CASA/ GAL	5th floor CCH	555-3770
4.	Ramona Haskins	CASA/ GAL	5th floor CCH	555-3770
5.	Sabine Lee		330 Hawkins	555-9752

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6.	Antoinette Bleux		330 Hawkins	555-1790
7.	Sam Bluestein		1260 Main St., Ste 200	555-7622
8.	Jane Morgan	CPS	200 Brookdale	555-7262
9.	Miles Bleux		740 Center Apt. 204	555-3865
10.	Kim Rytter	CPS	200 Brookdale	555-7260
11.	Adrienne Nikos	CPS	200 Brookdale	555-7579

I understand that minors will be discussed during the Family Team Planning Conference. Through the below signatures, the undersigned acknowledge and agree that the privacy of children and their families will be strictly maintained.

Through their signatures, the undersigned acknowledge that this Memorandum of Understanding has been read to them, accurately reflects what occurred during the Family Team Planning Conference and they have received a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Incident Report Supplement City Police

Date:		File Number/Name: XX-J-172
Mother	Mother's Attorney	Mother's GAL Attorney
Antoinette Bleux		
Father	Father's Attorney:	Father's GAL Attorney
Miles Bleux	Jacob Bell	
CASA/GAL Volunteer	CASA/GAL Supervisor	Family Court Case Coordinator
[Your Name]	Ramona Haskins	Kerry Rowan
CPS Caseworker	CPS Supervisor	CHCC Coordinator
Jane Morgan	Kim Rytter	Sandi Freeman
WCPSS Representative	Friends & Relatives	County Attorney
	Sabine Lee (maternal aunt)	
Others		
Adrienne Nikos (CPS intern)		

Incident Report Supplement City Police

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OFFENSE Child Battery	CLASSIFICATION Simple	DATE/TIME OF REPORT Thursday 01:10 hrs	VICTIM NAME (LAST, FIRST, M) Bleux, Deshawn Lee	ADDRESS 740 Center St., Apt. 204

Synopsis: The following report contains information concerning alleged child battery. Hospital emergency room reported possible child battery due to suspected physical abuse.

Victim Info: Deshawn Lee Bleux B/M/2 months 740 Center St., Apt. 204

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Suspect Info: Miles Bleux, father of victim, Antoinette Bleux, mother of victim

Investigation Notes: We were dispatched to Little Petals Daycare on a child battery call. Emergency room physician Dr. Saul Maronian informed us that the victim was brought to the hospital by CPS after receiving a call from the victim's day care. Victim was crying inconsolably and had a swollen leg. Upon examination, a closed fracture was found on the left leg. Victim was taken for a CT scan which revealed a closed fracture on the left leg. Infant is expected to be hospitalized for 1 or 2 days.

Dr. Maronian informed us that while victim was being scanned, mother stormed into the hospital. She was very upset. When the doctor gave parents the diagnosis, the mother screamed, "You bastard, how could you!" and began punching father. The father reacted by saying, "Are you crazy? I didn't do anything," while fending off mother. The Mother kept hitting him and said, "Exactly! You never do anything". Dr. Maronian observed that mother is physically smaller, and although father appeared angry, he merely tried to block her blows. Hospital security separated them.

I next spoke with mother, Antoinette Lee Bleux, 19. It appeared that Mrs. Bleux had been crying. Mrs. Bleux informed me that she was away from the baby only for a little while. She insisted that when she came back from the supermarket, she noticed the baby was lying on the floor. The next door neighbor's 12 year-old daughter was asked to babysit while Mrs. Bleux was away. Mrs. Bleux stated she noticed a bump on the baby's left leg but she didn't realize the severity of the injury as the baby stopped crying after a while and fell asleep.

Mrs. Bleux admitted to hitting her husband and screaming at him while in the emergency room. "I just lost it. I'm sorry, I acted like that." She expressed a strong need to see her child. Nurse escorted her to infant's bedside for a short visit.

We next spoke with father Miles Bleux, in hospital security holding room. He informed us that he did not hurt his child, but he could not explain the injuries as he wasn't home at the time of the incident. He then informed us that his wife had asked him to get formula and diapers the previous day. He forgot to buy them, so his wife was forced to run to the neighborhood store leaving the baby alone. However, he said he didn't believe that his wife was irresponsible. She told him that she had left the door unlocked and had asked the neighbor's daughter to take care of the baby just in case she heard him cry.

Upon further questioning, Miles Bleux informed us that he and his wife have been "having problems" since the end of the pregnancy, that "she's been kind of crazy with the hormones," and that they sometimes fight, but he doesn't lose control. He added, "She does have anger issues, as anyone in the emergency room can tell you, but I know she would never do anything to hurt our son."

Deshawn has been released from the hospital into the custody of CPS.