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I RESPONDED TO THE LOCATION REGARDING A CHILD DROWNING CALL, TAG 77. I ARRIVED AT THE POOL AREA AND SAW CAMP STAFF SUPERVISOR JAMI HARRISON AND CAMP STAFF ROBERT ANTONUCCI PERFORMING CPR ON THE PATIENT (ROXIE MIRABELLE FORBES, FW/12-04-12), (SEE DEPUTY DUARTE'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT FOR FURTHER). THE CAMP IS LOCATED AT 3697 N. FAIR OAKSAVE. ALTADENA, CA 91001.

THE PATIENT WAS LAYING ON HER BACK ON THE GROUND ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE POOL. JAMI AND ROBERT WERE TAKING TURNS PERFORMING CPR. I OBSERVED THE PATIENT WAS UNRESPONSIVE, COLD TO THE TOUCH, AND HAD PALE SKIN AND BLUISH FACE AND LIPS, I SAW JAMI AND ROBERT TURN THE PATIENT TO HER LEFT SIDE FROM TIME TO TIME TO CLEAR HER AIRWAY. I SAW WATER AND VOMIT Flow out OF HER MOUTH WHEN THIS WAS DONE. I ADVISED DAIMI AND ROBERT TO CONTINUE DOING CPR AND THAT PARAMEDICS WERE ENROUTE. DEPUTY DUARTE APRIVED SHORTLY AFTER.

I DESERVED JAMI AND ROBERT USING AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFRIERILLATOR (AED) ON THE PATIENT AS CPR WAS BEING ADMINISTERED.

L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPT. 82, LINDER THE DIRECTION OF CAPT. TURNER, ARRIVED AND CONTINUED CPR ON THE PATIENT.

CAPT. TURNER ADVISED METHAT THE PATIENT WOULD BE TRANSPORTED TO HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. THE PATIENT WAS TRANSPORTED VIA CARE AMBULANCE #507. I, ALONG WITH UNITS TOS, SET. BODELL# 489084; UNIT 73, DEP. DUARTE #540306; UNIT 72B, DEP. MANRIQUEZ #481824, ASSISTED IN TRANSPORTING THE PATIENT TO THE HOSPITAL BY BLOCKING INTERSECTIONS FOR THE AMBULANCE.

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PATIENT WAS TREATED FURTHER BY DR. CLAUDIUS. PATIENT MEDICAL RECORD # 1547999). THE PATIENT'S PARENTS DOUBLAS ALAN FORBES, MW/07-31-64, (323) 333-0384. ELENA MATYAS (347) 453-7614, WERE PRESENT AT THE HOSPITAL, I WAS UNABLE TO INTERVIEW THEM DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEY WERE EXTREMELY DISTRAMENT.

DR. CLADIUS INFORMED ME THAT THE PATIENTWAS STABLE BUT STILL UNCONSCIOUS AND WOLLD BE TRANSPORTED TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOR FURTHER TREATMENT,

I MADE NOTIFICATIONS TO CRESCENTA VALLEY SHERIFF'S STATION LT. SANCHEZ AT 1012 HRS.

DEPUTY DUARTE SPOKE TO SEVERAL STAFF AT THE POOL. SEE HER SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT FOR FURTHER), SHE SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK PHOTOS OF THE SCENE AND DOWNLOADED THEM INTO THE ALTADENA SHAPED FILES.

I NOTIFIED THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SOCIAL WORKER CARLOS LEON OF THIS INCIDENT S.C.A.R. REPORT 1540-6160-7871-1085691)

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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

# **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

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	The purpose of this supplemental report is to provide active and additional information regarding the above incident.								
	I responded to 3697 Fair Oaks Avenue, Altadena, CA 91001 and contacted the following witnesses regarding the above incident.								
	I contacted W-1 Antonucci, Robert Anthony (MW)  ) He stated he was approximately 10 - 15 yards next to the fence doing an activity. He looked over at the pool and saw P/Forbes face down, floating on top of the water. She was floating on the far east end of the pool, about 6 ft south of the lane line. He ran and screamed at "Joe" who was sitting on the lifeguard chair. He then saw "Hank" the lifeguard in the pool, grab P/Forbes and put her body on the deck and immediately initiated Cardio Pulmonary Resusitation (CPR) for about five minutes (at approximately 0935 - 0940 hours.)								
	I contacted W-2 Natalizio, Joseph Domonic, (MW/  4.) He stated he was sitting on the lifeguard chair and had just stepped down to help another child who was stung by a bee. He had just sat down on his chair when he saw W-1 Robert, point out at P/Forbes and yelled "Hank." W-2 Natalizio stated as soon as "Hank" saw P/Forbes in the water, he got her out of the pool and started CPR. W-2 Natalizio stated P/Forbes had no pulse and was not breathing. He immediately called 911 and directed deputies and Fire Department personnel to the pool.								
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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT NARRATIVE CONTINUATION

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I contacted W-3 Rainey, Daniel Henry (MW/

He stated he was the lifeguard assigned inside the pool. He was playing with P/Forbes by the steps of the pool when he heard a little girl ask for help. W-3 Rainey went to help the little girl when he heard Joe yell "Hank! Roxi behind you." He turned around and saw P/Forbes face down, her arms and legs were down, floating on top of the water inside the pool.

He immediately pulled her out of the pool and placed her next to the basketball hoop. He checked for pulse but she did not have any. He stated it appeared P/Forbes was trying to breath however, vomit was coming out of her nose and mouth. He immediately initiated CPR. W-1 Robert and W-4 Harrison also assisted him in performing CPR. W-3 Rainey stated the steps in the pool are 3 ft deep and P/Forbes was found in 4 - 4 1/2 ft depth area of the pool. From the time he last played with P/Forbes to the time she was pulled out of the pool was approximately 45 seconds to 1 minute.

## I contacted W-4 Harrison, Jami (FW/

She stated she was in the office when she received the call via radio. When she arrived at the pool, she saw W-1 Antonucci performing CPR, rescue breathing, and they turned P/Forbes on her side to clear her airway. They applied the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) until the arrival of Los Angeles County Fire Department. W- 4 Harrison stated P/Forbes has a per-existing condition called CVID (Common Variable Immune Deficiency) and requires infusions weekly.

I contacted W-5 Del Castillo, Natalie Monarrez (FH/-

) She stated she was standing on the north east corner of the pool watching the kids in the deep end. W-5 Del Castillo heard "Joe" yell "Hank! right behind you." W-5 Del Castillo stated W-1Rainey took P/Forbes out the pool and initiated CPR immediately. W-5 Del Castillo stabilized P/Forbes head the majority of the time while CPR was performed. W-5 also stated P/Forbes did not have a pulse and was not breathing when she was pulled out of the pool.

P/Forbes was transported to the Huntington Memorial Hospital via CARE ambulance for medical treatment. It should be noted the area does not have any surveillance cameras installed.

I took pictures of the location and I later uploaded them to the Altadena station shared file.

#### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2019** FILE NO: 019-01932-0771-496

C: PERSON DEAD (CHILD), DROWNING ACTION: ACTIVE / ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION /

V1: ROXIE MIRABELLE FORBES INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED /

WITNESS INTERVIEWS / AUTOPSY CONDUCTED

AT APPROXIMATELY 0942 HOURS CORONER CASE # 2019-04890

L: 3697 NORTH FAIR OAKS AVENUE ALTADENA, CA 90034

JUNE 28, 2019 (FRIDAY)

FW/6 YEARS OLD, DOB: 12-04-2012

**WITNESSES:** 

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CARA DI MASSA FW/A

ROBERT ANTONUCCI MW/A

JOSEPH NATALIZIO MW/A

DANIEL (HANK) RAINEY MW/A

NATALIE DEL CASTILLO FH/A

JAIMI HARRISON FW/A

FAITH PORTER FW/JUVENILE

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On Saturday, June 29, 2019, at approximately 1930 hours, Investigators Lawler and Blagg were assigned to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of Roxie Forbes.

Investigators read the original report authored by Deputy E. Cano #263588, assigned to Altadena Station and learned the following. On June 28, 2019, at approximately 0942 hours, Deputy E. Cano responded to 3697 North Fair Oaks Avenue, in the city of Altadena, which is the site of "Sumerkids Camp",

regarding a child drowning call for service. When Deputy E. Cano arrived at the location, she observed Victim Roxie Forbes laying on her back, east of the swimming pool, Witness Jami Harrison and Witness Robert Antonucci were taking turns preforming CPR on Victim Forbes. Deputy E. Cano observed that Victim Forbes was unresponsive, cold to the touch, her skin was pale and her lips and face were "bluish" in color. Deputy E. Cano observed Witness Harrison and Witness Antonucci turn Victim Forbes to her side, to clear her airway. When she was turned to her side, Deputy E. Cano observed water and vomit flow out of her mouth.

Members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Engine 82, under the direction of Captain Turner arrived at the location and took over performing CPR on Victim Forbes. Victim Forbes was then transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital via Care Ambulance #507, to receive further treatment. She was later transported to Children's Hospital. Victim Forbes was pronounced dead on June 29, 2019, at 1435 hours by Doctor Beltrano.

The above incident was documented under Los Angeles County Sheriff's File #019-01932-0771-496.

On July 2, 2019, at approximately 1230 hours, Investigators Lawler and Blagg responded to 3697 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Altadena to view the scene of the incident and to conduct interviews.

### SCENE

"Summerkids Camp" was located at 3697 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Altadena. The camp encompassed several acres in the foothills above Altadena. The east side of the camp was covered by a chain link fence. The gate allowing access to the camp was located at the north end, near the main offices. At the north end of the camp was a large multi-purpose building that contained an open patio area, the kitchen and a large hall used for different activities. The offices were located just south of the multi-purpose building. The area located on the west side of the camp was a brushy, hilly area with several trails leading to areas for different camp activities.

The pool area was located south of the main offices of the facility. There were cabins located just north of the pool and picnic benches south of the pool. There was an open grass area bordering the east side of the pool area and a hill bordering the west side of the pool area.

The perimeter of the pool was surrounded by a chain link fence that was between 7' to 10' in height. There was a gate located at the southeast corner of the fence, which allowed access to the pool area. The latch to the gate was located at the top right hand corner of the gate. The gate had a spring mechanism which automatically closed the gate after the user let go of it. The pool filtration system was located outside the enclosed pool area at the southwest corner of the fence. The filtration system was enclosed by a wood structure.

The pool was rectangular in shape and was 50' long and 25' wide. The pool was full of chlorinated water. The deck around the outside of the pool was cement. The shallow end of the pool was located at the south side. There were steps, with metal handrails, allowing access into the pool on both the west and east side at the south end of the pool. A 3' marker was affixed to the wall of the pool approximately 6'10" north of the south end of the pool. There was a marker denoting "4.5" (4'6") affixed to the wall of the pool approximately 20'6" north of the south end of the pool. There was a rope stretched across the width of the pool, separating the shallow end (4'6") from the deep end (8'). The deep end of the pool had markers denoting 8' affixed to the walls of the deep end.

There was a raised wooden life guard stand located on the west side of the pool at the rope that separated the shallow and deep ends of the pool. There was a basketball hoop and backboard affixed to the deck on the east side of the pool between the 3' and 4'6" markers of the pool. Investigators observed (4) red plastic rectangular lifeguard buoys, a life preserver ring, and a backboard hanging along the west fence of the inner pool area.

Investigator Blagg took several photographs of the pool area. These photographs will be made a permanent part of this investigation.

## **INTERVIEW OF CARA DI MASSA:**

On July 2, 2019, at approximately 1305 hours, Investigators Lawler and Blagg interviewed Cara Di Massa, the camp director of "Summerkids Camp". The interview took place at the "Summerkids Camp" camp grounds and was audio recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

Cara Di Massa informed investigators that she was the "Summerkids Camp" director and was working the day of the incident. She was also familiar with Victim Forbes. Cara Di Massa explained to investigators that the camp was broken down into sessions and believed that Victim Forbes was enrolled in her second week of camp and part of the "K-6" age group. The camp started every morning at 0900 hours. In the morning, all of the campers would gather in one place and sing songs. Then the activities for the day would be announced. On the day of the incident, the first activity for the day for the four, five and six year olds was swimming, which was supposed to last for 45 minutes. Cara Di Massa went on to explain that the camp does "swim checks" for all swimmers and then assigns them a designated area of the pool where they are allowed to go. The designated areas were the deep end, the shallow end and the step area of the pool. Based on Victim Forbes' swim assessment, she was a designated "step swimmer".

Cara Di Massa told investigators that she was not at the pool deck when the incident occurred because she was in the office. The first notification she received that something occurred at the pool was when someone said "I'm dialing a three digit number and starting a three letter procedure" over the radio. After hearing the radio transmission, she stayed in the office due to previously established camp protocols. When she arrived at the pool deck, she observed

members of her staff preforming CPR and noticed that members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had arrived.

Cara Di Massa told investigators that Victim Forbes was six years old and therefore with other kids in the four to six year old age group at the pool. She explained that the camp allowed the kids to decide what activities they wanted to do throughout the day. By doing this, the campers were not with the same counselor all day. Victim Forbes chose to go to swimming on the day of the incident and at the time she was in the pool, Cara Di Massa was told by her staff that there were approximately 30 children in the pool. She added that the capacity of the pool was 75 children. She added that the camp typically has a ratio of one counselor for every ten children. However, the camp increased the number of counselors to children when it came to swimming. On the day of the incident there were four counselors assigned to supervise the four to six year olds in the pool. The counselors were Joseph Natalizio, Hank Rainey, Faith Porter and Natalie Del Casatillo. Cara Di Masa explained that only counselors with Lifeguard/CPR certifications were allowed to supervise the campers when they were in the pool. She added that Henry Rainey was in the pool when the incident occurred and assigned to supervise the children assigned to the "steps" and that Joseph Natalizio was the senior counselor at the pool and assigned to sit in the lifeguard chair. Cara Di Massa told investigators that she would keep track of the campers swim designations in a book that was kept in the office. She also told investigators that the majority of the "K-6" age group started camp at 0900 hours and stayed until 1500 hours and 2019 was Victim Forbes' first year attending the camp. She added that parents would apply online and in the application, parents do not comment on their children's swimming abilities. She preferred to have the camp counselors asses the children's swimming abilities themselves.

Based on her interactions with Victim Forbes, Cara Di Massa described her as having physical challenges. She added that Victim Forbes had gross motor delays, asthma and CVID (Common Variable Immune Deficiency). All of which were documented in the application completed by Victim Forbes' parents.

Cara Di Massa had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

### **INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT ANTONUCCI:**

On July 2, 2019, at approximately 1333 hours, Investigators Lawler and Blagg interviewed Robert Antonucci. The interview took place at the "Summer Kids" camp grounds and was audio recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

Robert Antonucci told investigators that he was a camp counselor at Summerkids Camp" and part of his duties was being the head counselor at "extended day" which was a program offered to children who needed to stay after 1500 hours. He added that on the morning of the incident, he was not assigned an activity so he assisted in a new activity called "Dare Zone" which

was being held close to the pool area. He was walking about ten yards away from the pool fence when he observed Victim Forbes floating face down in the water. He did not look at his watch but estimated he observed her floating at approximately 0935 hours. He observed Victim Forbes on the far east side of the pool, against the wall, between the three foot marker and the floating line that separated the shallow end from the deep end of the pool. When he saw Victim Forbes, he immediately sensed that something was wrong. He ran to the fence that surrounded the pool and shook it. He also yelled to Joseph Natalizio, who was sitting in the lifeguard chair, who in turn yelled at Hank Rainey, who was in the pool and approximately four to five feet away from Victim Forbes. He then ran and entered the pool area. He, along with Natalie Del Castillo and Hank Rainey then began CPR on Victim Forbes. Hank Rainey did the compressions and Natalie Del Castillo provided the breaths. He rotated in with Hank Rainey and also did chest compressions.

After a short time of performing CPR, Robert Antonucci told investigators that another counselor arrived at the pool area with the AED machine. He along with the other counselors moved Victim Forbes approximately eight feet away from where she laid, so she would be on dry land. He and Jami Harrison then placed the AED pads on Victim Forbes. Robert Antonucci stated that the AED machine analyzed Victim Forbes and the machine did not administer a shock. They therefore continued CPR. He told investigators that he heard that it took the paramedics approximately nine minutes to arrive at the location. He also stated he heard a child was stung by a bee approximately one minute before he observed Victim Forbes.

Robert Antonucci told investigators that he recalled having previous interactions with Victim Forbes and remembered that she had previously been in an activity he was in charge of. He described her as being energetic, social and always happy. He also told investigators that he was assigned as one of the counselors for swimming for the four to six year olds on either Monday or Tuesday (June 24 or 25, 2019) but did not recall if Victim Forbes participated in swimming either of those days. Robert Antonucci told investigators that he had a Lifeguard/CPR certification as well as an AED certification and that he was last certified in the summer of 2018.

Robert Antonucci had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

# **INTERVIEW WITH JOSEPH NATALIZIO:**

On July 2, 2019, at approximately 1356 hours, Investigators Lawler and Blagg interviewed Joseph Natalizio. The interview took place at the "Summer Kids" camp grounds and was audio recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

Joseph Natalizio told investigators that he was camp counselor at "Summerkids Camp". He added that he had been a counselor at the camp for ten summers and was now involved in the management side of the camp. He explained to

investigators that on the morning of June 28, 2019, he arrived at the camp at approximately 0800 hours and looked over the schedule for the days activities. He referred to the time in the morning when all of the campers would get together and announce the activities for the day as "Camp Fire". He explained that each day was broken down into four periods. One of the first activities for the four to six year olds during the first period was swimming and it would last from 0920 hours to 1015 hours. He and Hank Rainey were the two male counselors assigned to supervise the campers in the pool while Faith Porter and Natalie Del Castillo were the female counselors assigned. children changed into their swim suits, they all walked down to the pool area. Once at the pool, the pool rules were explained to the children. He added that the pool rules were always explained before a new group of children entered the pool. On the day of the incident, he estimated that there were between 30 to 40 children in the pool. There were also four lifeguards present. He was the head lifeguard and positioned in the lifeguard chair. He was in charge of scanning the entire pool and keeping track of time. Faith Porter was positioned outside of the pool and responsible for the shallow end. Hank Rainey was in the pool, in the shallow end and Natalie Del Castillo was outside of the pool and responsible for the deep end.

Prior to the incident involving Victim Forbes, he along with Junior Counselor Dillon Benacerraf-Gajda tended to a camper who had been stung by a bee. In order to assist the child who had been stung, he got down from the lifeguard chair. After he assisted the child and it was determined that the child was not allergic to the bee sting, he sat back down in the lifeguard chair. He had just sat back down in the chair, when he was alerted to Victim Forbes. He added that he heard Robert Antonucci yell to him and point to the pool. He in turn yelled to Hank Rainey who was in the shallow end of the pool. He observed Hank Rainey take Victim Forbes out of the pool and begin CPR. He added that prior to Hank Rainey taking Victim Forbes out of the pool, he was tending to a child who had gotten water splashed in her eyes.

After observing Victim Forbes floating face down in the pool, he called 911 from his cellphone and radioed to Jami Harrison, who was in the office. Joseph Natalizio stated that he had his cellphone in his possession but did not believe that any of the other counselors had their cellphones with them. He observed Natalie Del Castillo, Hank Rainey and Robert Antonucci perform CPR on Victim Forbes. He also observed that the AED machine was brought down from the office to the pool area. He knew that that AED pads were placed on Victim Forbes and that the machine never administered a shock. He added that he never participated in performing CPR on Victim Forbes. He instead began to prepare the camp for the arrival of paramedics. He moved vehicles that were parked blocking the gate. He estimated that the counselors performed CPR for approximately five minutes before the paramedics arrived.

Joseph Natalizio had previously seen Victim Forbes in the pool before and told investigators she was not a strong swimmer. He further described her as being frail and uncoordinated. He also knew that Victim Forbes was classified as a

"step swimmer" and when he observed her floating in the water, she was not in the step area.

Joseph Natalizio told investigators that he was first certified in Lifegaurd/CPR in 2010 and he was most recently re-certified in June of 2018.

Joseph Natalizio had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

## **INTERVIEW WITH DANIEL (HANK) RAINEY:**

On July 2, 2019, at approximately 1419 hours, Investigators Lawler and Blagg interviewed Daniel (Hank) Rainey. The interview took place at the "Summer Kids" camp grounds and was audio recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

Hank Rainey told investigators that 2019, was the first year he had served as a counselor at "Summerkids Camp" but had attended the camp as a child. He told investigators that the camp was broken down into three different groups, which were Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten through sixth grade and "Challenge Kids", which were middle school aged children. The camp was further broken down into smaller "buddy groups" and Victim Forbes was in his "buddy group". He added that there were 12 children in his "buddy group" and believed Victim Forbes felt comfortable with him because she participated in a lot of activities he was in charge of. He described her as not being athletically competent. He told investigators that he had a Lifeguard/CPR certification as well as a Water Safety Instructor (WSI) certification. He received both certifications in the summer of 2019, before camp started. He added that at the end of the day he would give one on one swim lessons for campers in the kindergarten through sixth grade age group.

On the morning of June 28, 2019, he arrived at the camp between 0840 hours to 0845 hours, and his first scheduled activity for the day was swimming for four to six years old. He believed that Victim Forbes arrived at camp at around 0900 hours. He added that the camp was broken down into four periods, with each period last approximately 50 minutes and when swimming was held for four year old to six year olds, the camp would assign an extra lifeguard in the water. On the morning of the incident, he volunteered to be the lifeguard assigned to be in the water. He estimated that the children got into the pool between 0920 hours to 0925 hours, after the pool rules were explained. He told investigators that he knew Victim Forbes only had "step privileges" while in the pool and added that Victim Forbes had three stars next to her name, which meant that she needed extra attention. He estimated that there were between 25 to 30 children in the pool at the time of the incident.

Hank Rainey told investigators that on the day of the incident, Victim Forbes jumped feet first into the shallow end of the pool, which she was allowed to do. He added that she had to stay between the steps and the three foot marker of the pool. After Victim Forbes jumped into the pool, he picked her up, under the

arms and brought her back to the step area of the pool. After placing her by the steps of the pool, a female camper he knew as "Emma Jean" began crying because she had water splashed in her eyes. Victim Forbes was at the steps on the left side of the pool and "Emma Jean" was in between both sets of steps. While dealing with "Emma Jean", his back was towards Victim Forbes. Hank Rainey estimated that between 30 to 45 seconds passed while he was dealing with "Emma Jean" and the other girls in the pool when he heard Robert Antonucci yell and heard Joseph Natalizio say "Hank behind you". He turned around and saw Victim Forbes floating "dead man" approximately four to five feet away from him. He further described "dead man" floating as her arms and legs were extended out and her hair was spread out.

Hank Rainey told investigators that he pulled Victim Forbes out of the water and observed vomit come out of her nose. Natalie Del Castillo ran over to him from the deep end of the pool and approximately three to four seconds after getting Victim Forbes out of the pool, they began to preform CPR on Victim Forbes. While giving Victim Forbes compressions, vomit came out of her nose and mouth, which gave them problems. He and Natalie Del Castillo turned Victim Forbes to her side and conducted a finger sweep of her mouth to get the vomit out. Hank Rainey described the vomit has having a consistency to it. The vomit had food chunks in it as well.

Hank Rainey checked Victim Forbes for a pulse multiple times while CPR was being performed and he was never able to find one. While performing CPR he observed Jami Harrison and Robert Antonucci had joined in. As the CPR on Victim Forbes continued, he noticed that her stomach had become inflated and her lips turned blue. He stopped performing CPR since other counselors had arrived and he went out to the front of the camp to direct first responders to the pool.

Hank Rainey was aware that the AED machine was brought to the pool and attached to Victim Forbes. He was also aware that the AED machine was administered twice and both times it registered "no shock". This upset Hank Rainey because no one was allowed to touch Victim Forbes when the machine was registering. He was also upset by the fact that when law enforcement arrived at the scene, the counselors were instructed to continue CPR. He felt they should have taken over.

Hank Rainey did not recall ever seeing Victim Forbes "play dead" while playing in the pool and told investigators that most of the time she would stay on the steps. When the incident occurred the majority of the children in the pool were in the shallow end. He estimated that six children were in the deep end of the pool. He also estimated that approximately 45 seconds passed from when Victim Forbes jumped in to the pool and he guided her back to the ledge to when he was alerted to her floating in the pool. He added that he did not hear any noises until he was alerted to Victim Forbes and there were no other campers around where Victim Forbes was floating in the pool. He was also aware that there was a "Junior Counselor", who he knew as Dillon at the pool

when the incident occurred. Dillon was there to assist with a camper who had been stung by a bee. He also told investigators that campers were not given a snack until after first period ended.

Hank Rainey had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

# **INTERVIEW WITH NATALIE DEL CASTILLO:**

On July 2, 2019, at approximately 1455 hours, Investigators Lawler and Blagg interviewed Natalie Del Castillo. The interview took place at the "Summerkids Camp" camp grounds and was audio recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

Natalie Del Castillo told investigators that she was a camp counselor at "Summerkids Camp" and had been a counselor for four or five years. She added that she was a counselor for campers in the kindergarten through sixth grade age group and had a "buddy group" of campers that were entering the third grade. On the day of the incident, she arrived at camp at approximately 0700 hours. She was the first counselor there and responsible for the campers that were dropped off early. She added that Victim Forbes was not one of the children that was dropped off early. She explained that camp started at 0900 hours and the day began with what she referred to as "camp fire", where the campers get together and sing songs. Then the camps activities are announced. The first activity for campers in the four to six year old age group was swimming. She and Faith Porter were assigned to supervise the swim session and assisted the female campers in changing into their bathing suits.

After the children changed into their bathing suits, they were led down to the pool, where they sat on the edge of the pool, with their feet in the water. The counselors then went over the pool rules and took their assigned positions around the pool. She added that for the four year olds to six year olds, an extra lifeguard is assigned inside the pool. Natalie Del Castillo explained to investigators that a swim check is done at the start of camp and camp counselors were aware of each campers swim designation. When the children entered the pool, she was assigned the deep end of the pool, Joseph Natalizio was in the lifeguard chair, Faith Porter was assigned the shallow end of the pool and Hank Rainey was in the pool, assigned to the shallow end. At the time of the incident, she estimated that there were approximately five or six campers in the deep end of the pool.

While watching the children in the water, she observed a camper walking fast on the pool deck and was about to tell him to slow down, when he stepped on a bee. This occurred on the side of the pool where the lifeguard chair was located. She explained that Joseph Natalizio was the closest counselor to the child and saw him get down from the life guard chair and tend to the child. She added that junior counselor Dillon responded to the pool deck and assisted with the child who stepped on the bee as well.

Natalie Del Castillo observed Joseph Natalizio sit back in the lifequard chair and estimated no longer than a minute passed before she heard Robert Antonucci vell to Joseph Natalizio to look at Victim Forbes in the pool, she then heard Joseph Natalizio yell "Hank, behind you". She also looked and saw Victim Forbes floating in the pool. She ran to the side of the pool Victim Forbes was at and held her head when Hank Rainey took her out of the pool. When she was taken out of the pool, Natalie Del Castillo observed foam around her mouth and when Hank Rainey started giving CPR compressions she observed vomit come out of her mouth. She described the vomit as having a consistency to it and believed there were apples in the vomit, based on the smell. Due to the amount of vomit coming out of her mouth, she and Hank Rainey turned Victim Forbes onto her right side and Natalie Del Castillo moved her lips in an attempt to dislodge the vomit. Victim Forbes was then placed on her back and CPR was She told investigators that Hank Rainey would administer 30 compressions then provide breaths. She also added that at some point Robert Antonucci switched places with Hank Rainey in performing CPR on Victim Forbes and Victim Forbes was moved away from the pool to dry land.

Natalie Del Castillo estimated that after approximately three rounds of compressions by Hank Rainey and an unknown number of compressions by Robert Antonucci, the AED machine was brought down to the pool and the pads were placed on Victim Forbes. She did not know who placed the pads on her. She was aware that the AED machine analyzed Victim Forbes and did not administer a shock. She also added that when Robert Antonucci provided the compressions for CPR, she provided the breaths. While preforming CPR on Victim Forbes, she saw her mouth moving on its own and thought Victim Forbes was doing better.

Natalie Del Castillo had previous contact with Victim Forbes during the camp and told investigators that she had been in some of the activities she had been in charge of. Natalie Del Castillo knew Victim Forbes had three stars next to her name in the camp book and knew she had an immune disease. She had also seen Victim Forbes in the pool on previous occasions and knew she had step privileges.

Natalie Del Castillo told investigators that she received her latest Lifeguard/CPR certificates through the Red Cross in the summer of 2018.

Natalie Del Castillo had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

### **INTERVIEW WITH JAIMI HARRISON:**

On July 2, 2019, at approximately 1524 hours, Investigators Lawler and Blagg interviewed Jaimi Harrison. The interview took place at the "Summerkids Camp" camp grounds and was audio recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

Jaimi Harrison told investigators that she was the Assistant Director for "Summerkids Camp" and had worked at the camp for ten summers. Part of her duties as Assistant Director included providing medical care for minor injuries. She would also document the campers and their medical needs, based on the application filled out by the parents of campers. She would put stars next to campers names, if they suffered from medical issues. She informed investigators that Victim Forbes had three stars next to her name due to the fact that she had CVID and respiratory issues. Jaimi Harrison stated that she read every camper application and added that the camp would start registering children in January.

Jaimi Harrison told investigators that the camp staffs the pool with at least four lifeguards when the four to six year olds have swimming. She added that if there were a lot of children in the pool, they would pull another counselor from another activity and assign them to the pool. Jaimi Harrison was not at the pool deck when the incident occurred, she was in the camp office. The first time she became aware that something had occurred at the pool, was when she heard one of the counselors say over the radio, "I'm dialing a three digit number and starting a three letter procedure." Upon hearing the radio traffic, she ran from the office to the pool deck. As she ran, she ordered the gates to the camp be opened so the first responders would have access in to the camp and ordered that the campers be moved away from the pool.

Upon arriving at the pool deck, she immediately recognized the child that was talked about over the radio was Victim Forbes. She also observed Robert Antonucci was performing CPR on her while Hank Rainey and Natalie Del Castillo cleared her airway. Jaimi Harrison also observed water come out of Victim Forbes' mouth and vomit, which she described looked like cereal and toast. She told investigators that she did not like Victim Forbes' color and added that her eyes were open. Jaimi Harrison took over CPR from Robert Antonucci and continued until the paramedics arrived. She added that the Sheriff's Department arrived first and allowed her to continue CPR. Jaimi Harrison explained to investigators that Counselor Micha brought down the AED machine from the office to the pool deck and she placed the AED pads onto Victim Forbes. She placed one pad on her back and one pad on her chest. She estimated that the AED machine assessed Victim Forbes three times and each time, the machine did not administer a shock to Victim Forbes.

Jaimi Harrison told investigators that she had bonded with Victim Forbes and she had made sure that the camp counselors looked out for Victim Forbes during camp. She also told investigators that she had sent Victim Forbes home from camp on June 19, 2019, due to her having a fever, which she estimated was 99.9 degrees. When Jaimi Harrison sent her home, she called Victim Forbes' mother and explained to her Victim Forbes had a fever. Jaimi Harrison told investigators that Victim Forbes had gross motor delay and she was aware of her limitations. She added that she also knew Victim Forbes had asthma and that the camp did not have an inhaler for her or any other medication that would have been provided by her parents.

Jaimi Harrison explained to investigators that if campers could swim the length of the pool, they were granted "deep end" privileges while in the pool. If campers could swim the width of the pool, they were granted "shallow end" privileges and if the camper could do neither, they were given "step" privileges. Every campers swim designation was kept in the camp swim book, which was left in the pool area.

Jaimi Harrison had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

## **POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION:**

On July 3, 2019, at approximately 1000 hours, Investigator Lawler attended the postmortem examination conducted on the remains of Victim Forbes. The examination was conducted by Doctor Bawab at the Los Angeles County Coroner's office.

Doctor Bawab ruled the death of Victim Forbes as accidental due to near drowning. For further information regarding Doctor Bawab's actions and observations, refer to the Coroner's Protocol, which will be obtained and made a permanent part of the investigative file.

# **INTERVIEW WITH DOUGLAS FORBES AND ELENA MATYAS:**

On July 22, 2019, at approximately 1006 hours, Investigators Lawler and Blagg interviewed Douglas Forbes and Elena Matyas, the parents of Victim Forbes. The interview took place in the dining room of their residence and was audio recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

The parents explained to investigators that Victim Forbes was born premature, at 33 weeks. When she was born, she weighed 3.3 pounds and had to spend the first five and a half weeks in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). In January of 2017, Victim Forbes was diagnosed with Common Variable Immune Deficiency (CVID). They explained that her body could not make antibodies. However, Victim Forbes received weekly shots to assist with the CVID and as long as she took her medication, she would lead a healthy life. The shots usually occurred on Mondays and would last for approximately 45 minutes. Douglas Forbes told investigators that Victim Forbes was not water safe. She had received approximately 20 private swim lessons at their residence and she also participated in a swim program at the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center. There were never any close calls when Victim Forbes would swim in the family pool and she would not let go from the pools edge. Due to the fact that Victim Forbes was not water safe, Douglas Forbes felt his daughter should not have been left alone while in the pool. Elena Matyas told investigators that the staff at the Rose Bowl Aquatics had told her that Victim Forbes was doing well in swimming and the next time, they should move her up a level.

Victim Forbes was in her second week at "Summerkids Camp" and had started on June 17, 2019. On the first day of camp, Victim Forbes got into the pool, which surprised her parents. During the first week of camp, Victim Forbes participated in swimming three times. During the second week of camp, Victim Forbes got in the pool twice. Once on June 27th, and the other on June 28th. On the second or third day, Elena Matyas called the camp and spoke to Jaimi Harrison. She wanted to ensure that the camp was aware of Victim Forbes' medical issues. She also inquired about the camps swim program. Elena Matyas was prompted to call and speak to Jaimi Harrison because after the first day of camp, Victim Forbes told Douglas Forbes that all of the other kids at camp could swim and she couldn't. Elena Matyas also told investigators that Victim Forbes had gross motor skill delay and did not start walking until she was two years old. Investigators also learned that Elena Matyas would drop off Victim Forbes at camp in the morning and Douglas Forbes would pick her up in the afternoon.

Investigators learned that in addition to being diagnosed with CVID, Victim Forbes also had asthma. Victim Forbes would complete a breathing treatment every morning, which consisted of Albuterol and Budesonide. Douglas Forbes explained that one of the drugs opened the airflow while the other was an anti-inflammatory. He added that a side effect of CVID was decreased lung capacity. Victim Forbes completed a breathing treatment on the morning of the incident. Victim Forbes also ate breakfast at home, prior to going to camp. Her breakfast consisted of her favorite cereal which was mini-wheats and half of a bagel.

Elena Matyas told investigators that during the application process for the camp, she included that Victim Forbes had CVID and motor delays. She also added that they did not send any medication to the camp for Victim Forbes. Investigators learned that when Victim Forbes was younger, she had several bouts of phenomena. Douglas Forbes estimated that she had phenomena approximately six times and she would see Doctor Church, who was her immunologist. He added that on June 11, 2019, Victim Forbes had a bronchoscopy and the results were positive. On June 13, 2019, Victim saw Doctor Church, who she would see quarterly. Victim Forbes would also see a pulmonologist every six months.

Douglas Forbes told investigators that since the death of his daughter, some things have changed at the camp. According to him, the camp now puts bracelets on the children, no child who is not water safe can enter the pool and now parents have to sign a consent form if they wish their child be allowed to swim. He added that since the death of his daughter, he has been excluded from the camps parent portal. Douglas Forbes told investigators that it was due to negligence that his daughter died in the pool and added that since she was found floating in the water, she must have gone under the water and came back up to the surface.

Elena Matyas told investigators that in addition to participating in the "Summerkids Camp", Victim Forbes also participated in gymnastics and dance. She also told investigators that Victim Forbes was an only child and she had suffered three miscarriages prior to having Victim Forbes. The latest miscarriage occurred in 2011.

Douglas Forbes and Elena Matyas were aware that Victim Forbes was grouped together with other four, five and six year olds. They were also told by camp staff that on the first day of camp Victim Forbes would be given a swim skill check and from the swim check, a swim designation would be assigned. Elena Matyas was under the impression that the kids would be tested weekly. Douglas Forbes and Elena Matyas told investigators that Victim Forbes could blow bubbles in the pool, dive down approximately three feet and retrieve items from the pool floor and "doggie paddle" approximately ten feet.

Douglas Forbes and Elena Matyas had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

# **INTERVIEW WITH FAITH PORTER:**

On September 9, 2019, at approximately 1345 hours, Investigator Lawler interviewed Faith Porter over the telephone, due to the fact that she attended college in New York. The telephone conversation was audio recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

Faith Porter told Investigator Lawler that the summer of 2019 was her first year being a camp counselor at "Summerkids Camp". She had been a junior counselor the three previous years and prior to that she had attended the camp as a child. She had Lifeguard and CPR certifications, which she received in June of 2018. As a counselor, her responsibilities were to ensure the campers were being safe in the activities she was in charge of. She was also in charge of a "buddy group" which consisted of first graders.

As a counselor she worked from 0900 to 1530 hours. On June 28, 2019, her first activity of the day was swimming for four, five and six year olds. She was assigned to the pool along with Joseph Natalizio, who was assigned to the lifeguard chair and responsible for the entire pool, Natalie Del Castillo, who was assigned to supervise the deep end of the pool, Hank Rainey who was in the pool, assigned to the shallow end. She was positioned outside of the pool, assigned to the shallow end of the pool as well. Faith Porter knew there were three designations for swimmers while in the pool, which were based on the campers swim checks. The designations were deep end, shallow end and steps.

On the day of the incident, she estimated that there were between 30 to 35 campers in the pool at the time and told Investigator Lawler it was normal to have four life guards present with that amount of children in the pool. She added that there were a lot of campers in the shallow end of the pool and

noticed there were a lot of campers jumping into the shallow end and splashing each other. She estimated that there were approximately 10 to 12 campers in the step area of the pool and the majority of the campers were in the shallow end.

Faith Porter recalled interacting with Victim Forbes shortly before the incident. Victim Forbes wanted to jump into the pool but instead she squatted down and eased herself into the water. Before getting into the water Victim Forbes stated, "Counselor Faith, look at this". Victim Forbes then got in to the pool. After she entered the pool, she stayed at the edge of the pool, then went to the steps area. When Victim Forbes first entered the pool, Faith Porter estimated that she was approximately two feet from the step area. Faith Porter told Investigator Lawler that a girl in front of her had been splashed with water and the girl wanted the camper that splashed her to stop. Hank Rainey took the girl who had been splashed to the steps located to the right of the pool. As Hank Rainey tended to the girl that had been splashed, she continued to scan the pool by moving her head from the left to the right. While scanning the pool, she heard Robert Antonucci yell from outside the pool area. He was yelling to Joseph Natalizio and pointing to something in the pool. She looked to where he was pointing to and observed Victim Forbes, who was floating face down in the water in a "dead man float". Faith Porter yelled to Hank Rainey who was dealing with the camper who had been splashed and had his back to Victim Forbes. She observed Hank Rainey go to where Victim Forbes was at in the pool and take her out of the water. Faith Porter estimated that five minutes passed between when Victim Forbes showed her how she got in the pool and She also estimated that when she observed her floating in the water. approximately one minute passed between when the camper was splashed in the face and she heard Robert Antonucci yell and saw him point to the pool.

After Hank Rainey took Victim Forbes out of the pool, she saw him check for a pulse and start CPR. She saw Natalie Del Castillo and Robert Antonucci assist in CPR as well. She and Junior Counselor Dillon Benacerraf-Gajda began getting the campers out of the pool. She added that Dillon Benacerraf-Gajda was at the pool deck to assist with a camper who had been stung by a bee. She was also aware that Joseph Natalizio had gotten down from the lifeguard chair to assist with the camper who had been stung by a bee as well. Faith Porter did not participate in CPR and told Investigator Lawler that when Victim Forbes was taken out of the pool she was pale and her eyes appeared lifeless.

Faith Porter estimated that she had a "good amount" of interactions with Victim Forbes and added that she had helped her change into her bathing suit prior to her getting into the pool on June 28, 2019. Faith Porter described Victim Forbes as happy and she always had a smile on her face. She added that she always wanted to try new things and she appeared frail and weak. Faith Porter knew Victim Forbes had an immune deficiency and had been told that during a previous counselor meeting. She had not seen Victim Forbes in the pool prior to the incident.

Faith Porter had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

## **INTERVIEW WITH DILLON BENACERRAF-GAJDA:**

On September 9, 2019, at approximately 1700 hours, Investigator Lawler interviewed Dillon Benacerraf-Gajda. The interview took place at his residence and was audio recorded. Also present during the interview were his parents, Tania Benacerraf and Mark Gajda. The following is a summary of the interview.

During the summer of 2019, Dillon Benacerraf-Gajda was a Junior Counselor at "Summerkids Camp". He had been a junior counselor for the past two summers and had attended the camp when he was younger. He told Investigator Lawler that his duties as a junior counselor were to assist in setting up activities for counselors and assisting in the office. He was paid a stipend at the end of the summer. He also had Lifeguard and CPR certifications which he received in the summer of 2018.

On June 28, 2019, he arrived at camp at approximately 0800 hours. He added that camp started at 0900 hours. While in the office, he heard a counselor at the pool deck request a junior counselor to respond to the pool and assist with a camper who had been stung by a bee. He estimated that he heard the request over the radio shortly after 0900 hours. He responded to the pool and assisted Joseph Natalizio, who was standing by the lifeguard chair attending to the camper. The camper who had been stung by the bee ended up being fine and he did not have to escort him to the office. The camper walked away and Joseph Natalizio sat back down in the lifeguard chair.

Dillon Benacerraf-Gajda began to walk towards the pool gate and turned his head around to see if any of the counselors needed anything before he left. When he turned around, he saw Victim Forbes floating face down in the water. She was floating between the basketball hoop and the floating line that separated the deep end from the shallow end. He then heard a counselor shout her name. He ran over to where Victim Forbes was floating and saw Hank Rainey swim over to her and take her out of the water. He added that Hank Rainey was in the shallow end of the pool, Natalie Del Castillo was outside of the pool, in the deep end and Faith Porter was outside of the pool in the shallow end. After getting her out of the pool, Hank Rainey and Natalie Del Castillo began performing CPR on her while he and Faith Porter got all of the campers out of the water. Counselor Micha brought down the AED machine which was going to be attached to Victim Forbes, however they noticed she was sitting in water. He along with three other counselors moved Victim Forbes to a dry area and the AED machine was attached to Victim Forbes. estimated that the machine analyzed Victim Forbes twice and it did not administer a shock. While the counselors were preforming CPR on Victim Forbes he observed she threw up. She was then placed on her side and her airway was cleared. She was then placed back on her back and CPR continued. He told Investigator Lawler that he did not participate in CPR but was present when it was being performed, in case he was needed to participate. He then went to the gates of the camp and directed traffic. He estimated that approximately 45 seconds passed between when he left after assisting with the camper who had been stung by the bee and when he observed Victim Forbes Floating in the water.

Dillon Benacerraf-Gajda had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

# PHONE CONVERSATION WITH ALLISON RAINEY:

On September 10, 2019, Investigator Lawler received a telephone call from Allison Rainey, the mother of Hank Rainey. Allison Rainey told Investigator Lawler that on September 6, 2019, at approximately 1600 hours, she went to her mailbox to retrieve the mail. While going through the mail she discovered an unaddressed envelope that contained a photograph obtained from her sons Instagram account, a copy of an article authored by Douglas Forbes and a typed letter. In the letter, the unknown author asked her if she was proud of her son. Allison Rainey told investigator Lawler that she would talk to her husband prior to providing a copy of what she received in the mail. Investigator Lawler has not heard back from Allison Rainey since the initial phone call on September 10, 2019.

## **DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY CARA DI MASSA:**

Throughout the investigation into the death of Victim Forbes, Cara Di Massa has provided investigators with several items related to their investigation. These items included a copy of Victim Forbes' application to attend "Summerkids Camp", a copy of the camps "swim book" which listed Victim Forbes as having step privileges while in the pool, a copy of the swim guidelines for the camp and a copy of the AED machine report that was deployed during the incident. Cara Di Massa also provided the lifeguard, first aid, CPR and AED certifications for Dillon Benacerraf-Gajda, Faith Porter, Robert Antonucci, Hank Rainey, Natalie Del Castillo and Joseph Natalizio. The first aid, CPR and AED certifications for Jaimi Harrison and Robert Antonucci and the water safety instructor certification for Hank Rainey were also provided.

The above documentation will be made a permanent part of the investigative file.

### **EMAILS FROM DOUGLAS FORBES:**

During the course of this investigation, Investigator Lawler was in contact with Douglas Forbes via telephone and email. The emails sent by Douglas Forbes mainly centered on when the report regarding the investigation into his daughters death would be ready. The emails also included screen shots of Hank Rainey's Instagram account, an article he authored for the Pasadena Weekly detailing the death of his daughter, a list of questions he had after he

and Elena Matyas were interviewed and documentation regarding grief counseling that was sent to him by members of the "Summerkids Camp" staff.

The above emails and documentation will be made a permanent part of the investigative file.

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