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July 16, 2001 2:27 PM

Received PC from Samantha @ 2:25 PM. She stated she wants to know where Phoenix was and that she wanted her. This worker informed her that the child is with her father,

Steve, and that he was caring for her. Samantha stated that the police told her that the child was with CFS. This worker informed her that at the time of the [REDACTED]'s death, the child was being cared for by her father, Steve. Samantha began to sound angry and stated that she wanted Phoenix. I informed her that Steve was the primary caregiver of the children and that the Agency is aware that her and Steve have been separated for about one month. Samantha responded "yeah" - and that he had the child in his care and was the guardian. I further told her that "custody" or legal guardianship needs to be settled by them and their lawyers. Samantha stated that they both have guardianship of the children - and where is it written that he has only guardianship. I informed her that it has to be settled between them. Samantha got angry and stated "whatever" and hung up the phone.

July 16, 2001 3:46 PM

Received VM from Constable Wouda @ 3:30 PM to call him @ 986-6868. CB to Constable Wouda. WPS to obtain update on the outcome of their investigation of [REDACTED]'s death. He stated that it doesn't appear to be foul play and that the father is clear. The death is undetermined. The house has been released by the medical examiner and that they can go back if they chose. This worker gave the Constable Wouda Jenny's phone number so he could contact Steve to inform him of the outcome.

This worker, Kathy Epps, resumed conduct of this file in late August 2001. This worker attempted to contact Steven a couple of times. Steven did not respond to my inquiries, however, his sister, Sheila, did, as this worker has had a relationship with all three of the youngest Sinclairs. Sheila had stated that Steven was doing well with Phoenix and that Jenny was helping out. Sheila had also mentioned that she was getting married. Sheila had assured this worker that she would pass along the message that I was available to meet with Steven to talk or provide service if needed.

After another attempt to speak with Steven, this worker wrote a letter requesting that Steven attend to the office. Steven did not respond to the letter and no concerns have been directed to the Agency.

Relevant Reports

- CRU Intake & SHU Report - dated July 15, 2001
- CRU Intake & SHU Report - dated July 18, 2001
- Service Agreement dated September 5, 2000
- Medical Examiner's Report
- Previous Child Welfare History - Kematch file - S007676

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### Unresolved Problems:

1. Please refer to Samantha Kematch's file for Child Welfare issues relating to her.
2. Steven has suffered significant losses in his life - the most recent - the loss of an infant daughter.
3. Until Steven became a ward of the Agency he grew up in an environment that was rife with alcohol abuse, domestic violence and sexual abuse. Although Steven received therapy while in care this worker is concerned that these issues may reoccur in the future.
4. Steven always has been and still remains a very quiet and private person. He finds it extremely difficult to reach out for help and to talk about his issues.
5. It remains unclear whether Steven has difficulty with alcohol. Steven admits to drinking occasionally, and he remains at risk of developing a substance abuse problem.
6. Steven had indicated that MamaWi had not provided him with the assistance he had expected and claimed that the resource had "taken Samantha's side" in their dispute. This reduces the resources available to Steven unless it has been resolved.

### Recommendations for Future

1. If or when Mr. Sinclair and Ms. Kematch resolved their relationship and resume cohabitation, that the Agency accessed and monitor Ms. Kematch's parenting style. There are concerns expressed by Mr. Sinclair about her treatment and disciplined methods used on Phoenix.
2. Family of origin issues may need to be addressed for Steven. Ron Kane was Steven's therapist and would be willing to see Steven again.
3. If this file should re-open the above issues along with the possibility of substance abuse needs to be addressed.
4. Jenny Sinclair - Steve's sister remains a strong support for all the Sinclairs - Steven, Sheila and Angie (all three siblings were/and are wards of this Agency) To this worker's knowledge Jenny has been a "Christian" and alcohol free for a number of years now.

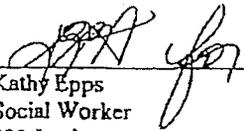
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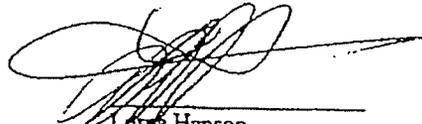
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**Reason for Transfer Closing**

Steven is the primary caregiver for Phoenix. He has not requested any services from the Agency and at this time no community resources are indicating any concerns. Since there are no child welfare concerns at present, this worker recommends that this file be closed.

  
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