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DCYF Public Disclosure

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (November 29, 2017) – DCYF received a call to the hotline, on November 19th, 2017 about the death of an 8-month-old female child from Coventry. Pursuant to state law, DCYF notified the Office of the Child Advocate of the report.

Jocelyn Belmore had no prior history as a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect. However, Steven Gilchrist was known to DCYF in an unrelated case.

The family is currently the subject of an active DCYF investigation that began on November 19th, 2017. Today, DCYF learned of additional information in support of a finding of child maltreatment. Due to confidentiality laws, we are prohibited from sharing additional information.

DCYF's highest priority is the safety and well-being of all children. Rhode Islanders are required by law to report known or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to DCYF within 24 hours of becoming aware of such abuse/neglect. Please call 1-800-RI-CHILD to report known or suspected cases of child abuse.

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