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**FFEP/UFF Case Closure Summary for William Brown IV**

Upfront Family Finding (UFF) CSW Apple was assigned to William Brown IV (Case # 111-222-333-4567890) on 01/01/2025.

**Child:**

Initially when detained, the child William Brown IV (DOB 1/01/2019) is placed in the home of Licensed RFH of Catina Gonzalez. By closure of UFF CSW's portion of the case, the child William Brown IV was replaced to the home of licensed RFH Amelia Bowen.

**Child's Statement Regarding Family:**

The child William is too young to make a statement regarding family finding; therefore, he was not interviewed.

**Mother: Tamika White DOB 4/XX/78**

Address per JV-140 dated 03/05/24: 3424 East Van Buren, Phoenix, CA 85008

Phone: 480-555-5175

Email provided to CS CSW: ShaneeWhite@hayoo.com,

**Contact with Mother:**

On 5/17/2024, mother Tamika White emailed UFF CSW Apple and provided the following information regarding Family Finding and Engagement: "I have provided DCFS with my siblings' information. Priscilla Renee White (my oldest sister), Jasmine Nicole White, and Evelyn Blue (her daughters). I don't have any addresses or phone numbers, but they live in Phoenix. My oldest son Cornelius Black 234-555-6789 lives here in Phoenix as well. Rhonda Orange (562) 555-3122, address 987 E. Brick Dr., Cerritos CA 90703, Latanya Ann White (she lives in Arkansas) no known phone number (my sibling). I still want to be involved in William's life." Mother did not respond to any further attempts to engage.

**Father: William Brown III DOB. 6/XX/77**

Address: C/O Giles Dalby Correctional Facility, SO # YY-XXXX, 505 East Ave., Houston, Texas 79356

Father is currently incarcerated awaiting trial for a murder charge.

**Contact with Father:**

UFF CSW Apple sent a certified letter to father William Brown at his place of incarceration. It appeared father attempted to contact UFF CSW Apple multiple times via telephone, however, father's calls were outside of regular business hours. Per CS CSW and DI CSW, father had expressed that he wants his aunt Gloria Pink to be assessed for placement. Father shared with DI CSW that PGPs were both deceased.

**Sibling(s):**

- Adult maternal half-sibling, Cornelius Black DOB 8/XX/01

**Relevant Case Information:**

The child William Brown IV was detained from his parents on 12/10/24, due to general neglect and caretaker absence / incapacity by mother Tamika White; mother declined to pick the child up from

school and made no provisions for his ongoing care and supervision. Additionally, there are concerns regarding mother's mental health. The father William Brown III is incarcerated in Texas and is unable to provide care or an appropriate plan for the child.

The mother Timika White has an adult child, Cornelius Black, with whom she failed to reunify. Cornelius emancipated from the foster care system in 2022. Since William was detained, mother has not maintained consistent contact with the department or participated in monitored visitation. DI CSW has recommended no reunification services be offered to the parents.

#### **FFEP Efforts:**

On 12/27/2024, the Adoptions Assistant Henry Raspberry mailed out **Relative Notification Letters (RNL)** to 14 potential maternal and 12 potential paternal relatives identified by CLEAR. Please refer to Family Finding Efforts log for detailed information.

UFF CSW Apple reviewed the Detention Report, Jurisdiction Report, case/referral history, and Delivered Service Log to mine the case for potential connections and relatives. UFF CSW ran searches on the family through CLEAR and CalSAWS. UFF CSW received family information through family interviews / obituaries / etc. Detailed efforts and contact information for all identified relatives, including the relatives for whom FFEP received no response, is documented in the collateral section of CWS/CMS and the Delivered Services Log. UFF CSW consulted with the following DCFS staff: CS CSW Tamara Grape. UFF CSW made efforts to consult with the DI CSW Jerry Mango.

The UFF CSW was able to identify the following relatives/NREFMs:

#### **Maternal Relatives:**

##### **1. Maternal Adult sibling, Cornelius Black, DOB 8/XX/01**

- **Address:** XXX, Glendale, AZ 85306
- **Phone #:** (951) 389-XXXX and (480) 387-XXXX
- **Email:** [jXXXX@email.com](mailto:jXXXX@email.com)
- **ICWA Inquiry:** x Denied Native American / Alaskan Native heritage · Yes, Tribe:
- **Results:** On 01/10/2025, Mr. Black stated that while he is unable to have William in his care due to not having his own housing, he does want to maintain contact with his little brother. Mr. Black stated he would make himself available to the social worker to provide any information he can about William or mother. Mr. Black reported he is the closest significant connection to the child William, as they were not raised around much family. Mr. Black explained he is living with his girlfriend and her relatives, and they are expecting their first child. When/if he obtains his own housing, he would like to be considered for placement. Mr. Black reported a recent arrest for criminal traffic violation-speeding, court date remains pending. He would like to provide the following support / connection:
- **Ability / Willingness to Provide:**
  - x Placement (in the future)    x Visits    x Phone Calls    · Monitor Visits    · Assist w/ Transportation    · Financial Support    x CFT Meetings    · Other: Court hearings

##### **2. Maternal Aunt Latonya Yellow, DOB 7/XX/79**

- **Address:** XXXX, Little Rock, Arkansas 72206
- **Phone #:** (312) 208-XXXX
- **Email:** [latonyaXXXX@hayoo.com](mailto:latonyaXXXX@hayoo.com)

- **ICWA Inquiry:** · Denied Native American / Alaskan Native heritage · Yes, Tribe: ×  
Maybe  
MA believes (MGA) Earlene Purple has Indian ancestry and is enrolled in a tribe, but denied knowing which tribe. She is unsure if child has Native American or Alaskan Native ancestry.
- **Results:** On 02/15/2025, MA reported she did not have a relationship with the child William and has only met him once, but is interested in getting to know him as she is concerned he is in the system. MA expressed interest in telephone or video contact with the child and depending on how their relationship goes, she may consider potential placement in the future, should she meet criteria. MA reported she is currently residing in Arkansas caring for her adoptive mother who is having medical issues. MA denied prior CPS history. MA reported she has been arrested in the past, but denied any felony convictions. MA denied being in contact with MGM.
- **Ability / Willingness to Provide:**
  - × Placement (contingent on getting to know child and his needs) × Visits × Phone Calls
  - Monitor Visits × Assist w/ Transportation × Financial Support × CFT Meetings
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Maternal Aunt Priscilla White, DOB 9/XX/75

- **Address:** XXXX, Phoenix, AZ 85021
- **Phone #:** (623) 210-XXXX
- **Email:** [priscillaWhite@email.com](mailto:priscillaWhite@email.com)
- **ICWA Inquiry:** × Denied Native American / Alaskan Native heritage · Yes, Tribe:
- **Results:** On 02/24/2025, MA stated she is not interested in placement and since she is in Arizona she is not sure exactly how else she can support the child. MA identified the following relatives: MGF Earl Red (deceased), MGM Pearlene White (resides in a senior retirement community with her fiancé in California, not likely to provide support or connection, phone 951-591-XXXX), MA Trinette Red (who has a developmental/ cognitive impairment), MA Latonya Yellow, adult sibling Cornelius Black, MGA Earlene Purple (resides in Colorado and raised mother, phone 720-232-XXXX). On 03/08/25, MA contacted UFF CSW Apple to state she was interested in getting to know the child. She can provide support in the following ways:
- **Ability / Willingness to Provide:**
  - Placement × Visits × Phone Calls · Monitor Visits · Assist w/ Transportation
  - Financial Support × CFT Meetings · Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Maternal Great Aunt, Earlene Purple DOB 7/XX/54

- **Address:** XXXX, Commerce City, CO 80022
- **Phone #:** (720) 232-XXXX
- **Email:** [oneinblue@pomcast.net](mailto:oneinblue@pomcast.net)
- **ICWA Inquiry:** × Denied Native American / Alaskan Native heritage · Yes, Tribe:
- **Results:** On 02/26/2024, MGA confirmed she raised mother. MGA stated she is not interested in placement. MGA disclosed she has never met William and was worried she might disrupt his life. She stated maternal cousin once removed Jennifer Purple is MGA's daughter. She is interested in providing the following connections and/or supports:
- **Ability / Willingness to Provide:**

· Placement    × Visits    × Phone Calls    · Monitor Visits    · Assist w/ Transportation  
· Financial Support    · CFT Meetings    × Other: \_Willing to be contact to Department to help locate family members and/or answer any additional questions

**5. Maternal Grandmother, Pearlene White DOB 9/XX/58**

- **Phone #:** 951-591-XXXX
- **ICWA Inquiry:** × Denied Native American / Alaskan Native heritage    · Yes, Tribe:
- **Results:** On 02/14/2025, MGM confirmed her relationship with the child and confirmed she received the relative notification letter but declined to be involved. MGM stated she is not interested in contact, connection or support for the child.

UFF CSW Apple identified, but was unable to successfully engage, additional maternal relatives:

6. Maternal Aunt, Trinette Red, DOB: 01/XX/77, No contact information available, lives in California
7. Maternal Cousin, Jasmine White, DOB: 02/XX/95, No contact information available, may live in Phoenix, Arizona
8. Maternal Cousin, Evelyn Blue, DOB: 04/XX/96, attempted at (213) 555-8385

**Paternal Relatives:**

**1. Step-Paternal Cousin twice removed, Gloria Pink DOB 3/XX/53**

- **Address:** 1062 W 131st St. Gardena, CA 90247
- **Phone #:** (213) 300-XXXX
- **ICWA Inquiry:** × Denied Native American / Alaskan Native heritage    · Yes, Tribe:
- **Date Interviewed:** 04/02/24
- **Results:** Note: father reports to Ms. Pink as his aunt. On 03/02/2025, Ms. Pink stated she is the cousin to step PGF Willie Keller (father to PA Lea Brown). Ms. Pink reported she has a significant and close relationship with father and used to babysit the child William when he was a baby. Ms. Pink reported she obtained LG of her grandchildren Genivia G. (7/XX/09) and Cherish P. (10/XX/06), previously. Also in the home: her husband Frederick Gardner (6/XX/62), niece Joann F. (6/XX/96) and (Calvin C Pink 10/XX/80-resides in trailer on the back of the property). (It should be noted Ms. Pink currently has an open FR case for another grandchild under LG.) CS CSW Hatter referred Ms. Pink to RFA for assessment. Ms. Pink stated she is willing/able to provide the following connections and / or supports:
- **Ability / Willingness to Provide:**  
× Placement    × Visits    × Phone Calls    × Monitor Visits    × Assist w/ Transportation  
× Financial Support    × CFT Meetings    · Other: Attend court hearings.

**2. Paternal Aunt, Adrienne Brown DOB 11/XX/75**

- **Address:** XXXX, Houston, TX 77377
- **Phone #:** (713) 240-XXXX
- **ICWA Inquiry:** × Denied Native American / Alaskan Native heritage    · Yes, Tribe:
- **Date Interviewed:** 4/25/24
- **Results:** On 03/25/2025, PA reported bio PGF is William Brown II and PGM Diane Brown are deceased. PA Adrienne reported she works for the Harris County Sheriff's Dept. and raised her son Isaiah Brown (25). She says her work hours (3-16 hour shifts) are not conducive to raising a child and is not interested in placement. PA Adrienne reported PA Lea Brown is in a rehabilitation (incarceration) program and not stable at this time. PA reported that her

aunts, uncles and grandparents are deceased. PA denied she is unaware of any relatives or connections interested in placement or connection with the child, except for relative Gloria Pink. Ms. Brown is willing/able to provide the following supports:

- **Ability / Willingness to Provide:**
  - Placement    x Visits    x Phone Calls    · Monitor Visits    · Assist w/ Transportation
  - Financial Support    · CFT Meetings    · Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Step- Paternal Great Aunt, Mercy Dee Teal

- **Phone #:** (341) 214-XXXX
- **ICWA Inquiry:** · Denied Native American / Alaskan Native heritage    · Yes, Tribe:    x  
Maybe  
On 02/03/2025, Ms. Teal reported possible Native American ancestry for the family through the "Cho" tribe. Ms. Teal denied she was enrolled and denied knowledge of the child or father being enrolled. Ms. Teal provided her first cousin Mary Maroon's contact information for further information. Ms. Teal denied knowledge of Native American or Alaskan Native ancestry for the child, father, or bio paternal family. Ms. Teal denied knowledge the child, father or paternal relatives were enrolled in a Native American or Alaskan tribe or have resided on a reservation.
- **Results:** Ms. Teal is the sister to step PGF Willie K. Jr. She is willing /able to provide support in the following ways:
- **Ability / Willingness to Provide:**
  - Placement    x Visits    x Phone Calls    · Monitor Visits    · Assist w/ Transportation
  - Financial Support    · CFT Meetings    x Other: Supporting placement with a relative

### 4. Step- Paternal Cousin twice removed, Mary Maroon DOB 9/XX/52

- **Address:** XXXX, Kansas City, MO 64106
- **Phone #:** (816) 372-XXXX
- **Email:** [maryMaroon60@email.com](mailto:maryMaroon60@email.com)
- **ICWA Inquiry:** x Denied Native American / Alaskan Native heritage    · Yes, Tribe:
- **Date Interviewed:** 4/24/24
- **Results:** Ms. Maroon is the cousin to father's stepfather Willie K. Ms. Maroon stated she has never met the child William. Ms. Maroon reported she was a licensed foster/adopt parent in Kansas City, MO and is interested in ICPC with the child William and would like to meet him and learn about his needs. She has a four-bedroom home and resides with her three adopted children ages: 18 female, 10 male and 7 male. No other adults in the home. She is willing / able to provide the following connection or support.
- **Ability / Willingness to Provide:**
  - x Placement    x Visits    x Phone Calls    · Monitor Visits    · Assist w/ Transportation
  - Financial Support    x CFT Meetings    · Other: \_\_\_\_\_

UFF CSW Apple identified, but was unable to successfully engage, additional paternal relatives:

5. Paternal Aunt, Lea Brown, DOB: 11/XX/71, No contact information

6. Paternal Cousin, Isaiah Brown, DOB: 05/XX/90, (713) 555-8371 – no return call, possibly lives in Houston, TX

### NREFM:

1. NREFM, Willet Gray DOB 7/XX/89

- **Address:** XXXXX Houston, TX 77004
- **Telephone:** (713) 402-XXXX
- **ICWA Inquiry:** x Denied Native American / Alaskan Native heritage · Yes, Tribe:
- **Results:** On 01/25/2025, Ms. Daniels reported she has been a friend of father William Brown for over 20 years and states she is the conservator of father's affairs. Ms. Daniels expressed willingness to participate in ICPC process. She denied substantiated CPS history. She reported a felony charge for possession in 2008 and a misdemeanor in 2005. Ms. Daniels stated she has a 4 bedroom home, resides with her mother and her three children: ages 11, 6 and 4. She is willing / able to provide the following supports / connections:
- **Ability / Willingness to Provide:**
  - x Placement    x Visits    x Phone Calls    · Monitor Visits    · Assist w/ Transportation
  - Financial Support                      x CFT Meetings                      · Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. NREFM, Rhonda Orange DOB 9/XX/57

- **Address provided by mother:** XXXXX, Cerritos CA 90703
- **Address per CLEAR, last updated 03/26/24:** XXXX, Long Beach, CA 90806
- **Telephone:** (562) 229-XXXX
- **ICWA Inquiry:** · Denied Native American / Alaskan Native heritage · Yes, Tribe: x Inquiry Pending
- **Results:** On 5/20/24, UFF CSW Apple attempted to contact Ms. Orange at (562) 416-XXXX and spoke to her husband, Mr. Terri Orange who reported Ms. Orange is currently in the hospital. Mr. Orange reported that he and his wife know mother from "a while back," but denied that they have a close or significant relationship with mother or the child William. Mr. Orange reported that there is nothing they can do for the child at this time. Mr. Orange denied the child, mother or family have Native American or Alaskan Native ancestry. Relative Notification letters were sent out to Ms. Orange at both addresses listed. Should she respond later, she will be referred to the primary CSW.

### ICWA Summary:

The family does not appear to have documented evidence of ICWA. While MA Latonya Yellow initially brought up possible Native American or Alaskan Native ancestry, ultimately MGA Earlene Purple denied the child, mother or family being enrolled in a tribe or having Native American or Alaskan Native ancestry. Further, Ms. Teal and Ms. Maroon expressed possible Native American ancestry in their family ancestry, but it was determined the relatives are related to PA Lea Brown, who per PA Adrienne does not share the same father as herself and father. In addition, Ms. Teal and Ms. Maroon denied child or father are enrolled or eligible for tribal enrollment.

### UFF Services Accomplished/Closing Summary:

During this assignment, UFF CSW Apple identified nine (9) maternal relatives, six (6) paternal relatives, and two (2) NREFMs. Of the relatives identified, UFF CSW Apple engaged with 6 maternal relatives, 4 paternal relatives, and 2 NREFMs; however, UFF CSW was unable to engage 3 maternal relatives and 2 paternal relatives (detailed efforts documented in CWS/CMS). Of those relatives contacted, only MGM Pearlene White denied interest in connection, contact or support for the child William. MGF Earl Red along with PGPs William Brown II and Diane Brown are deceased.

The paternal and maternal relatives shared that they did not have consistent or significant contact/connection with the child and mother. Per the family, it appears mother and child were isolated

from the family due to their instability moving from place to place. Despite this, many relatives were interested in forming a connection and supporting the child. Per adult sibling Cornelius Black, he has the most significant relationship with the child and while he is not in a current position for placement, he is interested in maintaining contact and connection with the child while making efforts to obtain stable housing. MA Latonya Yellow and MA Priscilla White expressed interest in getting to know the child William and explore possible placement of the child through ICPC.

Paternal relatives Ms. Pink and Ms. Maroon expressed interest in placement of the child. PA Adrienne Brown expressed interest in maintaining connection with the child. RFA is currently pending for NREFM Ms. Pink. It is recommended CS CSW continue to engage and maintain contact with interested relatives to develop ongoing connection and concurrent planning for the child.

**Follow-Up Steps for Primary CSW to Complete:**

- It is recommended that CS CSW follow up with adult maternal half sibling Cornelius Black for further assessment and contact with the child.
- It is recommended that CS CSW continue to follow up with results of RFA for Gloria Pink and assess contact with the child in the meantime.
- It is recommended that CS CSW determine appropriateness of contact/relationship for MA Priscilla White, MA Latonya Yellow, and PA Adrienne Brown to maintain familial bond and connection.
- It is recommended that CS CSW follow up with NREFM Rhonda Orange via telephone to inquire about her relationship with mother and child and if she is interested in a connection with child as she resides in Cerritos, California and child may be familiar with her.
- It is recommended that CS CSW engage interested relatives to maintain maternal and paternal connection for the child.