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**Wagner Reese Retained to Investigate Tragic Overdose Death of Audrey Birch, A Young Mother of Four Children, While She was a Patient Under the Care of Hendricks Behavioral Hospital**

PLAINFIELD, Ind. – On July 14, 2022, Kenyatta Cook, mother of Audrey Birch, deceased, received the tragic news that her 30-year-old daughter had passed away during her in-patient stay at Hendricks Behavioral Hospital. Audrey Birch is survived by four minor children and her cause of death remains a mystery. Ms. Cook has engaged the services of Attorney Jason Reese of Wagner Reese law firm to get to the bottom of what happened and find out the truth by investigating the facts and circumstances leading to Audrey's suspicious death while under the care and exclusive custody of Hendricks Behavioral Hospital staff.

Audrey Birch voluntarily checked herself into Hendricks Behavioral Hospital on July 9, 2022 because she had been struggling with depression. Ms. Birch was to be checked on every ten (10) minutes because of her vulnerable mental state. On July 12, 2022, around 7:00 p.m., Hendricks Behavioral Hospital nurse, Crystal Grant, documented that Ms. Birch had been sleeping. According to RN Grant, during a subsequent physical assessment, Ms. Birch was found to be unresponsive. A Code Blue was initiated and the hospital used an AED to try and resuscitate Ms. Birch. Around 10:25 p.m., EMS arrived on the scene and Ms. Birch was found to have rigor mortis jaw and extremities. Ms. Birch was pronounced dead at 10:33 p.m. on July 12, 2022.

According to the coroner's verdict, the cause of Audrey Birch's death was a combined drug intoxication consisting of: Diphenhydramine, Olanzapine, and Methadone. Ms. Birch had been at Hendricks Behavioral Hospital for roughly three (3) days and was not reported to be "high" upon admission or experiencing an overdose. Something went seriously wrong in the treatment of Ms. Birch that resulted in her premature death. The Plainfield Police Department has an ongoing investigation into Hendricks Behavioral Hospital's actions as it relates to the care of Audrey Birch and Wagner Reese encourages all press members to contact Plainfield PD with questions about their investigation.

About Jason R. Reese and Wagner Reese:

*Attorney Jason R Reese's has repeatedly been named a Top 50 Indiana Super Lawyer and one of the Best Lawyers in America. His biography can be found at <https://www.wagnerreese.com/our-team/jason-reese/>. Wagner Reese is a personal injury and complex litigation law firm representing clients throughout Indiana and across the country. The Wagner Reese team handles many types of claims, including medical malpractice and wrongful death. For more information about Wagner Reese, visit <https://www.wagnerreese.com/>.*