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**INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY (IS)**  
**Adult In-Home Investigation**  
**(without Reporter Information)**

Case Name Cruz, Nikolas	Intake Number 2016-271667-01	Investigative Sub-Type In-Home	County Broward
Date/Time Intake Received 09/28/2016 1:48 PM		Protective Investigator THOMAS, BEATRICE	
Date/Time Investigation Closed 11/12/2016 6:23 PM		Protective Investigator Supervisor HARDING, BERNADETTE	

**I. Allegation Narrative(s)**

Sequence Type Initial	Date/Time Received 09/28/2016 1:48 PM	Response Priority Immediate
<p>Narrative</p> <p>Mr. Cruz is a vulnerable adult due to mental illness. He has Depression. In the past, he was taking medicine but it is unknown if he is taking any medicine now.</p> <p>Yesterday, Mr. Cruz and his Mom were arguing over paperwork he needs to get an identification card. Mr. Cruz said he needed the identification card to get a game. Mr. Cruz was on Snapchat cutting both of his arms. Mr. Cruz has fresh cuts on both his arms. Mr. Cruz stated he plans to go out and buy a gun. It is unknown what he is buying the gun for. A year ago, Mr. Cruz had hate signs on a book bag, stating "I hate niggers." In the past, Henderson Mental Health was called out to for Mr. Cruz to be Baker Acted but he denies everything. In the past, he was taking medicine for his Depression but it is unknown if he is taking any medicine now.</p> <p>Mr. Cruz has a Mom and brother that lives in the area.</p> <p>Mr. Cruz does not receive in home services.</p>		
Field Narrative		

**II. Victim(s)**

Name Cruz, Nikolas	DOB 09/24/1998	Age 19	Gender Male	Race White	Disabilities Mental Illness
Maltreatment Inadequate Supervision	Findings No Indicator	Incident Date	Caregiver Responsible		Fatality No
Lacks Capacity to Consent NO	Intervention Services are Needed No	Placement Outside the Home is Required No		Judicial Action Required No	
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**III. Other Participant(s)**

Name Cruz, Lynda	DOB 09/25/1949	Age 68	Gender Female	Race White	Role Household member
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**IV. Implications for Victim Safety**

- A. **Victim Safety Factors Implications**  
There are some implications for the V's safety based on the above factors. The V behavior puts him at risk however there is support for the V.  
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There are some implications for v's safety based on v safety factors as the v needs assistance
- B. **Service Needs Implications**  
There are no services identified. The V is linked to service through Henderson and his school  
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- C. **PRP Factors Implications**  
There are no implications for the V's safety based on AP factors.  
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There are no implications for the V's safety based on AP factors.
- D. **Criminal History Summary and Implications for Victim Safety**  
All appropriate checks were conducted and there are no implications for the V's safety based on criminal history.
- E. **Prior Reports and Service Records Implications for Victim Safety**  
There are no implications for the V's safety based on prior intakes.

**V. Overall Safety Assessment**

The initial level of risk to the V is low since the V has services already in place. The V is an 18y/o male suffering from Depression, ADHD and which impair his ability to cope with the demands of everyday life without the use of medication. The V ambulates independently. The V is able to perform his ADLs independently as well however at times lacks the motivation to address his personal care needs in the midst of an episode. The V has capacity based on PI's observation and collateral statements. The V lives with his mother AP, brother and two dogs in the Parkland area. The V's home was clean, no clutter observed anywhere in the home. All the utilities were working order. There were no foul odors detected in the home or from the V. The V presented well, dressed appropriately. PI was not able to see any scars or cuts on the V's arms because he was wearing long sleeves. No other marks or bruising was observed on the V. The V has capacity based on PI and Deputy Feduik's observation, assessment and the statement from Counselor [REDACTED] statement. PI reviewed the allegations with the V. No APS services were identified.

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v's final level of risk is low as the v resides with his mother, attends school and receives counseling through henderson

**VI. Summary/Findings Implications**

Investigation Completed: This investigation is being closed with no indicators to support the allegations of inadequate supervision or medical neglect. Regarding the allegation of inadequate supervision the v does have capacity and has a behavior disorder and was apparently exhibiting those behaviors, however the v does not require 24 hour supervision and the collaterals have indicated that they have no issues with the ap's care for the v. Regarding the allegation of medical neglect the v's clinician from Henderson mental health has stated that there are no issues with the v's medication and he has been compliant with taking his medications and keeps all of his appointments. The V declined to discuss the matter with PI. The V stated he has counselors in school and at home. The V stated that he talked about the situation enough  
AP stated that the V does suffer from ADHD, Autism and ADHD. She stated that the V is on medication for the ADHD. She stated that the V gets his medication. She stated that she is involved in the V's life and have the V in counseling. The AP denies them getting into an argument over his ID. She stated that the V's behavior is surrounding a breakup with a girl who was cheating on the V. AP stated that she and the girl's mother told the kids they had to end the relationship because it was unhealthy for everyone. The AP stated that she made sure to contact Henderson's counselor [REDACTED] who she stated that is in the home now meeting with the V. The AP stated that the V doesn't have a gun. She stated that the V has an air gun and that was taken away from him when didn't follow house rules about only shooting it within the backyard at the targets. The AP

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stated that the V started cutting only after the V and the girl broke up. She stated that there has never been any issues with other races or issues with racism in her family or the V. She stated that the V she even asked the V why would he draw something like that and the V claimed not knowing what it was. She stated that she made the V clean it off his bag. Counselor [REDACTED] stated that the V had already left school to return home. She stated that Henderson's Mobile crisis unit had been call out to the school and determined that he was not at risk to harm himself or others. She stated that the person from Henderson [REDACTED] was the V's counselor and agreed to follow up with the V at home. She stated that there was some concern regarding the V when they noted some behavior changes which they believe were due to a recent break up. She stated that it was reported to her that the V had started "cutting" and had a Nazi symbol drawn on his book bag. She stated that the V has gotten in a fight with a boy about the girl

PI spoke with Counselor [REDACTED]. She stated that she met with the Specialist [REDACTED] who advised her that during a session the V revealed that he was feeling depressed and started cutting himself. She stated that Specialist [REDACTED] also informed her that the V had gotten in a fight with another student because of a girl. She stated that is all the information that the Counselor had.

Counselor [REDACTED] stated that the V admitted to her that he was feeling depressed. She stated that she was concerned about the V talk about wanting to purchase a gun and feeling depressed. She stated that at no time during the year that the V has been enrolled in the school has there been any concern about the AP's care for the V. She stated that there was no concern that the V was taking his medication. She stated that the AP: has always followed up with the V therapy. She stated that AP has always advocated for the V.

She stated that Henderson came out and assessed the V found him to be stable enough not be hospitalized. She stated that the concern she and the other staff had was to ensure that the assessment of Henderson was not premature.

PI spoke with Crisis Clinician [REDACTED] with Henderson. He stated that the he is very familiar with the V and the AP. CC [REDACTED] stated that AP has always been an attentive mom and followed through with care needs. CC [REDACTED] stated that he initially went out to the school and the V was not risk to harm himself or anyone else. He stated that he had the V sign a safety contract and the counseling services are in place at home now and will also continue in school. CC [REDACTED] stated that the information he obtain regarding the V's medication is all up to date and correct.

Resource Officer Deputy Peterson and he refused to share any information with PI regarding the incident that took place with the V. But did confirm that Henderson did come out and assessed the V and did not hospitalize the V.

no implications for v's safety

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**VII. Recommended Disposition Narrative**

No implications for v's safety based on the recommended disposition narrative as the v resides with his mother, receives in home services from Henderson mental health and attends school as well. No other referrals or services were needed.

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**VIII. Signatures**

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**SIGNATURE** – Protective Investigator

Date Signed

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**SIGNATURE** – Protective Investigator Supervisor

Date Signed