Thank you for the opportunity to respond. Our written statement is:

“This was an unthinkable tragedy. Our hearts go out to those affected by this child’s death. We will not contribute to a story that sensationalizes a family’s pain by participating in an on-camera interview for which we were refused questions/accusations that would allow us to provide accurate responses. We have spent months providing information to KSN with regard to our policies and procedures. We also sat down with a KSN reporter on Friday, April 17, for more than an hour, to have an open discussion with a subject-matter expert as we provided even further information. Despite the many hours spent addressing KSN’s questions, the news outlet continues to insist that the Kansas Department for Children and Families has been uncooperative. We hope members of the public who have questions about agency efforts to protect children will contact DCF directly to receive accurate and complete information. It is our mission to protect children, promote healthy families and encourage personal responsibility.”

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