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State blames prestigious club in boy's death

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The state has ruled that a prestigious [Houston club](#) is to blame for the death of a 4-year-old boy.

John Pluchinsky drowned in the Houston Racquet Club's pool in July.

The Department of Family and Protective Services recently closed its investigation and found the club broke two laws. [Also online](#)

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The report said there were not enough staff members to supervise the children, and the club did not have a license to run a day care.

The club can request an administrative review within 15 days if they disagree with the state's findings.



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John Pluchinsky

Pluchinsky's parents said they buried their son in his favorite Thomas the Tank Engine pajamas.

They released a statement Friday regarding the state's findings:

"We cherish our 4-year old son John with all our hearts, and our family has been shattered by his tragic death. Yesterday, we learned that Child Protective Services' investigation found that the Houston Racquet Club neglected our son John while he was placed in their care to learn and have fun. Our son's death was entirely preventable and should never have occurred. We thank CPS for its diligence in its investigation.

"While our family will have to live with the loss of John forevermore, we hope that other families are spared similar suffering and that all camps and childcare providers learn from the tragic death of our beloved son."