



Preliminary Report	Fatality	11/4/16
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 10/13/16 are displayed below in red.

1. Victim: Amora Richards – 3-month-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 9/23/15

3. Date of fatality: 9/23/15

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:

Amanda Jackson – 10/7/16

Leondre Richards – 11/2/16

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Apache County

6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Amanda Jackson – age 18 – Apache County

Leondre Richards – age 18 – Apache County

7. Circumstances of the fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On September 23, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-month-old Amora Richards. Amora was found unresponsive after being placed face down on an adult pillow with soft bedding and blankets in her bassinet. The allegations of neglect to Amora by her mother, Amanda Jackson, and her father, Leondre Richards, were substantiated by the Department.

8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s):**

DCS has received the following prior report involving Amora Richards, Amanda Jackson, Leondre Richards:

On August 26, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to Amora by her father, Leondre Richards, and her mother, Amanda Jackson. The investigation assessed the baby as safe with her parents with a safety plan in place. The family agreed to participate in in-home services and the case was pending services when the fatality report was received. The allegations as to the mother and father have since been substantiated.

9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the fatality:

A joint investigation was conducted with the Apache County Sheriff's Office.

10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

There were no other children in the home.

11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

No services were provided by the Department.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

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*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

** Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).
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