



Preliminary Report	Fatality	08/17/2017
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- 1. Victim:** Abbygail Benner—2 year old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 04/26/2017
- 3. Date of fatality:** 04/26/2017
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 08/11/2017
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Amber Benner – age 27 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On April 26, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the drowning of two year old, Abbygail Benner. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect by Amber Benner when she left Abbygail unattended with access to a backyard pool.

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 Amber Benner as a perpetrator and Abbygail as a victim:

On January 10, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to Abbygail and her sibling by Amber Benner. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed on March 5, 2015.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Pima County Sherriff's Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was assessed as safe with the parents.

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

The Department provided the family with information on services available in the community.

*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.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

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** 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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