



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>3/8/18</b>
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**Amendments to the information originally posted on 2/12/18 are displayed below in red.**

**1. Victim:** Killian MacDonald– 6 month-old male

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 2/8/18

**3. Date of fatality:** 2/8/18

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

Zechariah MacDonald - 2/8/18

Tamara Fowler – 2/23/18

**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:**

Zechariah MacDonald – age 22 – Tucson, AZ

Tamara Fowler – age 31 – Tucson, AZ

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

On February 8, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 6-month-old Killian MacDonald being found unresponsive at home. The infant was in the care of the father, Zechariah MacDonald, while the mother was at work. On February 8, 2018, Zechariah MacDonald was arrested and charged with manslaughter. **Mr. MacDonald was later charged with child abuse and first degree murder. On February 23, 2018, the mother, Tamara Fowler, was arrested and charged with child abuse and first degree murder regarding the same incident.**

**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 no prior reports involving Killian, **Tamara Fowler**, or Zechariah MacDonald.

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

A joint investigation **was** conducted with the Tucson Police 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 placed in foster care.

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

The Department is providing services to the family.

\*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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