



Preliminary Report	Fatality	05/03/18
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- 1. Victim:** Elijah Dennis – 7 day old - male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 04/17/18
- 3. Date of fatality:** 04/24/18
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 04/26/18
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Dwight A. Miles – age 36- Phoenix

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

On April 17, 2018, the Department received a report regarding a child being present when a pregnant woman was shot and killed by her significant other. The mother’s unborn child was delivered at the hospital and was determined to be in critical condition. On April 24, 2018, Elijah passed away and on April 26, 2018, a Grand Jury indicted the child’s father, Dwight A. Miles, on charges of 1st degree murder for the death.

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 Dwight A. Miles as a perpetrator.

DCS has received no prior reports involving Elijah Dennis as a victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix 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 with a relative.

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 including services to support the other child involved.

*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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