



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>11/17/20</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Caden Sarver- 13-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 10/26/20
- 3. Date of fatality:** 10/30/20
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 11/1/20
- 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:**

Paul Sarver – age 53 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On October 26, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 13-year-old Caden Sarver, who had been taken to the hospital in critical condition after being injured by his father during a domestic violence incident. The father, Paul Sarver, was shot and killed by police after they responded to the home. Upon investigation it was determined that Mr. Sarver inflicted the injuries to Caden and caused his 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 received the following prior report involving the child, Caden Sarver, and his father, Paul Sarver:

On October 13, 2020, a report was received alleging physical abuse to Caden Sarver and his sibling by Mr. Sarver. The children were assessed as safe in the care of the mother and the report remained open at the time the fatality report was received. The allegations of abuse have since been unsubstantiated.

**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 removed and 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.

\*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.



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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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