



Preliminary Report	Fatality	10/16/21
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- 1. Victim:** Ava Mouton – 11-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 10/4/21
- 3. Date of fatality:** 10/4/21
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/4/21
- 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:**

Louis Mouton – age 34 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On October 4, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 11-month-old, Ava Mouton, who had been shot in her home along with her mother. The child was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced deceased. On October 4, 2021, the father, Louis Mouton, was arrested on two counts of first-degree murder and one count of first-degree burglary. On October 7, 2021, a direct complaint was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court charging Louis Mouton with four counts of first-degree murder and one count of first-degree burglary.

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):**

There were no prior DCS reports involving Louis Mouton.

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

A joint investigation is being 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 children in the home were assessed as being safe with relatives.

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

There were no services provided by the Department.

*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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.