



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>7/21/17</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Brooke Sands – 3-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 6/29/17
- 3. Date of fatality:** 6/29/17
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 7/18/17
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Chandler, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Eric Sands – age 33 – Chandler, AZ

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

On June 29, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-year-old Brooke Sands who had been shot in her home. The child was transported to the hospital, where she was pronounced deceased. The child’s father, Eric Sands, was later charged with reckless manslaughter.

**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 Eric or Brooke Sands.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Chandler 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 assessed as being safe with the other parent.

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

No services are being provided at this time.

\*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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