



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>8/10/2020</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Caleb Hatch– 10-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 3/27/20
- 3. Date of fatality:** 3/26/20
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 4/17/20
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Sahuarita, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Steven Hatch – age 50 – Sahuarita, AZ

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

On March 27, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 10-year-old Caleb Hatch, who was found deceased in his home. His father, Steven Hatch, shot and killed him prior to committing suicide. On April 17, 2020, the Department substantiated the allegation of abuse.

**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 no prior reports involving Caleb Hatch.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Steven Hatch:

On January 20, 2012, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by Mr. Hatch. The report was unsubstantiated and the family was offered child care, counseling, and a list of resources within the community.

On May 31, 2012, a report was received alleging emotional abuse and neglect to another child by Mr. Hatch. A dependency petition was filed and the child was adjudicated dependent. The allegation of neglect was substantiated.

On December 3, 2013, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Mr. Hatch. The allegation was unsubstantiated.

On February 14, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by Mr. Hatch. The allegation was unsubstantiated.

On March 7, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by Mr. Hatch. The allegation was unsubstantiated.

On June 5, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to two children by Mr. Hatch. The allegations were unsubstantiated.



On June 6, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by Mr. Hatch. The allegation was unsubstantiated.

On June 10, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse to two children by Mr. Hatch. The allegations were unsubstantiated.

On February 17, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Mr. Hatch. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed. The family was involved in services within the community.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Sahuarita Police Department.

**10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:**

There were no other children in the home.

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

The Department provided the family with information on services available in the community.

\*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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