



Preliminary Report	Fatality	2/23/17
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- 1. Victim:** Charles Frymire – 3-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 3/31/16
- 3. Date of fatality:** 3/31/16
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/28/16
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Cochise County, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Cheryl Morgan – age 21 – Cochise County, AZ
Joseph Frymire – age 22 – Cochise County, AZ

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

On March 31, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding three-month-old Charles Frymire who died while co-sleeping on a couch with his mother. The allegations of neglect were substantiated as to the parents, Cheryl Morgan and Joseph Frymire, for failing to provide a safe living environment and allowing the baby to sleep with his mother on the couch. The cause of death was determined to be asphyxiation.

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 the following prior report involving Cheryl Morgan:

On November 23, 2012, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling by Cheryl Morgan. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the family was provided with information on services available in the community.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Cochise County Sheriff's Office.

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 safe with the parents.

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

The Department provided 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.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

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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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