



Preliminary Report	Fatality	6/4/2020
---------------------------	-----------------	-----------------

- 1. Victim:** Charlotte Richardson – 1-day-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** December 30, 2019
- 3. Date of fatality:** December 30, 2019
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** March 30, 2020
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Michelle Wimberly – age 43 – Tucson, AZ

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

On December 30, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding Charlotte Richardson who was born at home and died shortly after. The baby’s mother, Michelle Wimberly, admitted to using “oxys” while pregnant with her daughter. The Pima County Medical Examiner later determined the cause of death was ascribed to the combined toxic effects of methamphetamine and morphine. The Department took custody of the baby’s sibling and filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Juvenile Court on January 3, 2020. On March 30, 2020, the court determined Ms. Wimberly’s neglect resulted in Charlotte’s 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 has received no prior reports involving Charlotte Richardson.

DCS received the following prior report involving Michelle Wimberly:

On June 27, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling by Michelle Wimberly and the baby’s father. The Department made numerous attempts to locate the family, but was ultimately unable to do so and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Pima County Sheriff’s Office.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was removed and placed in a licensed foster home.

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.



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

Mike Faust, Director
Douglas A. Ducey, Governor

*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.