



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>10/02/2019</b>
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**Amendments to the information originally posted on 4/12/2019 are displayed below in red.**

- 1. Fatality Victim:** Damian Pittman 4 month old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 02/11/2019
- 3. Date of fatality:** 02/13/2019
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 05/24/2019
- 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:**

Andrew Pittman –age 24

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

On February 11, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 4 month old child, **Damian Pittman**, who was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition with severe head trauma. **Damian did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased on February 13, 2019.** On February 20, 2019, the father, Andrew Pittman, was indicted by a Maricopa County grand jury with two counts of child abuse. **On May 24, 2019, the father was also charged with first degree murder.**

**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 Andrew Pittman and/or **Damian Pittman.**

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

A joint investigation **was** conducted with the Phoenix PD.

**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 safe in the care of the other parent.

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

The Department **provided services to help support 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.

\*\* 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.