



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>8/21/19</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Harlee Netter – 22-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 5/31/19
- 3. Date of fatality:** 6/2/19
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 7/23/19
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Mohave County – Lake Havasu City
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Sharece Hughes – age 27 – Lake Havasu City  
Ryan Rothleutner – age 25 – Lake Havasu City

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

On May 31, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 22-month-old Harlee Netter who was transported to the hospital after being found unresponsive in a pool at her residence. Harlee was determined to be in critical condition and died two days later. Harlee had been in the care of her mother, Sharece Hughes, and step-father, Ryan Rothleutner, when the incident occurred. The Department removed the other children in the home after the fatality and filed a dependency petition on June 7, 2019 with the Mohave County Superior Court. On July 23, 2019, the court found through the dependency proceeding that the parents neglected Harlee by failing to provide her with adequate supervision.

**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 Harlee Netter or Ryan Rothleutner.

DCS has received the following prior report involving Sharece Hughes:

On March 11, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling of Harlee’s by their mother, Sharece Hughes. The Department assessed the children as safe and referred the mother for services through a provider in the community. The allegation was substantiated and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Mohave 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 placed in foster care.

**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 including services to support the other children involved.



## *Arizona Department of Child Safety*

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\*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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