



Preliminary Report	Fatality	2/20/2020
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- 1. Victim:** Jayden Wideman 28 day-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 1/13/2019
- 3. Date of fatality:** 1/23/2019
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 2/11/2020
- 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:**

Joshua Wideman– age 29 – Phoenix, AZ
Andrea Wideman AKA Andrea Ferrell – age 27 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On January 13, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 18 day old Jayden Wideman who was transported the hospital with a severe brain bleed, skull fracture and 8 broken ribs. The child later died as a result of the injuries. The Medical Examiner’s Report states the manner of death as Homicide. A sibling was taken into custody and a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court on January 16, 2019. Additionally, a petition for termination of parental rights was filed on February 1st, 2019. On February 11, 2020, the Superior Court granted the termination of parental rights of Andrea Wideman AKA Andrea Ferrell and Joshua Wideman to the sibling due to abuse and/ or neglect.

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 Andrea Wideman AKA Andrea Ferrell and/or Joshua Wideman.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Avondale Police Department.

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 placed with relatives.

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.

*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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