



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>12/13/18</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Kaiden Centano – 3-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 6/13/17
- 3. Date of fatality:** 6/13/17
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 12/3/18
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Buckeye, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

John Centano – age 24 – Buckeye, AZ

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

On June 13, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-month-old Kaiden Centano who had been transported to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. Kaiden was found to have bleeding in his brain and was pronounced deceased. The Maricopa County Medical Examiner’s Office ruled the cause of death as complications of head trauma and the manner of death as homicide. On December 3, 2018, Kaiden’s father, John Centano, was indicted on charges of first degree murder and child abuse.

**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 John Centano and/or Kaiden Centano.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Buckeye Police Department.

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

There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident.

**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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