



Preliminary Report	Fatality	3/26/2021
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1. Victim: Rakim Ramsay – 1-month-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 11/14/19

3. Date of fatality: 11/15/19

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:

Latricia Payne – 12/23/20
Joshua Ramsay – 12/15/20

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:

Latricia Payne – age 29 – Tucson, AZ
Joshua Ramsay – age 32 – Tucson, AZ

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

On November 14, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-month-old Rakim Ramsay who was found unresponsive by his parents, Latricia Payne and Joshua Ramsay. Rakim passed away the following day on November 15, 2019. The parents were co-sleeping with the child in their bed, which contributed to the child's death. On December 15, 2020, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by the father, Joshua Ramsay. On December 23, 2020, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by the mother, Latricia Payne.

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 the following prior report involving Latricia Payne:

On May 13, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Latricia Payne. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

There were no prior DCS reports involving Joshua or Rakim Ramsay.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Tucson Police Department.

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

Following an initial assessment of child safety, the other children in the home were assessed as safe with their parents. After additional information was received, the children were removed.

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



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The Department provided the family with services.

*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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