



Preliminary Report	Fatality	6/16/2020
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- 1. Victim:** Samora Cousin – 4 month old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 10/01/2019
- 3. Date of fatality:** 10/01/2019
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 04/03/2020
- 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:**

Robert AKA Roger Young-Ham– age 56 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On October 1, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding Samora Cousin (4 month old female) who was found deceased in her caregiver's, Robert AKA Roger Young-Ham, vehicle, after being left unattended in the vehicle for several hours. An autopsy report, finalized on December 26, 2019, revealed the cause of death was environmental heat exposure and the manner was accident. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect against her caregiver, Robert AKA Roger Young-Ham.

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 Robert AKA Roger Young-Ham:

On February 13, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by Robert AKA Roger Young-Ham. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

DCS received the following prior report involving Samora Cousin and her biological mother and father:

On May 23, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to Samora by her mother and father. The allegations were substantiated. Samora was taken into custody and placed in an unlicensed kinship home. A dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court and the Department provided services to the family.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix 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 assessed as being safe.

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 in-home services and closed the case. The family was also provided with information on services available in the community.

*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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