



Preliminary Report	Fatality	4/24/18
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- 1. Victim:** Samuel Hamilton – 21-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 4/19/18
- 3. Date of fatality:** 4/19/18
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 4/19/18
- 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:**

Richard Hamilton – age 49 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On April 19, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 21-month-old Samuel Hamilton. Samuel was pronounced deceased after being run over by a truck driven by his father, Richard Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton was observed to have bloodshot, watery eyes and had a moderate odor of alcohol coming from him. Mr. Hamilton was charged with negligent homicide.

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 the following prior reports involving Richard Hamilton:

On January 16, 2003, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by their father, Richard Hamilton. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the family was provided with information on services available in the community.

On January 16, 2003, a report was received alleging neglect to three children by their father, Richard Hamilton. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the family was provided with information on services available in the community.

On June 14, 2004, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their father, Richard Hamilton. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

DCS has received the following prior report involving Samuel Hamilton:

On July 17, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to Samuel Hamilton by his mother. The allegation was substantiated and the family was provided with information on services available in the community.

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

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

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

There were no other children in the home.



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

The Department will determine if services are needed to support 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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