



Preliminary Report	Fatality	8/3/17
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- 1. Victim:** Saviear Jones – 5 year old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 9/28/16
- 3. Date of fatality:** 9/28/16
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 1/5/17
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Avondale, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Michael Jones – age 26 – Avondale, AZ

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

On September 28, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 5-year-old Saviear Jones who had been shot at home and was later pronounced deceased. The investigation determined that the gun belonged to the child's father, Michael Jones, and had been left loaded and accessible to the child. The father was later charged with manslaughter and child abuse in recklessly causing the death.

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 Michael Jones as an alleged perpetrator.

DCS has received the following prior reports involving Saviear Jones:

On May 8, 2011, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by his mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family declined services offered by the Department and the case was closed.

On March 21, 2012, a report was received alleging neglect to the child and his siblings by their mother. The allegations were substantiated. The family was offered services by the Department, but declined. Information on resources available in the community were provided and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Avondale Police Department.

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

The other children in the home were initially assessed as safe with the parents with a Safety Plan in place. The case was later closed after successful completion of services provided by the Department.

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

The Department provided services to the family.



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*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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