



Preliminary Report	Fatality	11/3/16
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- 1. Victim:** Serenity Beatty – 2-year-old – female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 6/17/16
- 3. Date of fatality:** 6/17/16
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/28/16
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Glendale, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Jessica Lightfoot – age 25 – Glendale, AZ
Colleen Sheridan – age 52 – Glendale, AZ

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

On Jun 17, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding Serenity Beatty being found in the pool at her home and taken to the hospital where she died. The child was outside with her mother, Jessica Lightfoot, and her paternal grandmother, Colleen Sheridan. The Department substantiated neglect allegations as to Jessica Lightfoot and Colleen Sheridan as they did not provide adequate supervision to Serenity Beatty and she fell into the backyard pool and drowned.

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 Jessica Lightfoot, Colleen Sheridan and/or Serenity Beatty.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Glendale 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 with the other parent.

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

The Department provided the family 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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