



Preliminary Report	Fatality	12/15/17
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- 1. Victim:** Victor Self – 8-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 12/3/16
- 3. Date of fatality:** 12/3/16
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 12/5/17
- 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:**

Kimberly Self – age 23 – Tucson, AZ
Unknown Perpetrator

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

On December 3, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 8-month-old Victor Self who was pronounced deceased after being found unresponsive in his home. Examination revealed that Victor had extensive injuries including two skull fractures and significant bleeding in the brain. The Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner designated the death as a homicide, specifically by blunt force trauma. Victor had been in the care of his mother, Kimberly Self, who was present in the home along with three other adults when his injuries occurred. On December 5, 2017, the Pima County Juvenile Court found through a severance proceeding that regardless of who killed Victor, his mother failed to protect him from the extensive injuries that caused his 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 the following prior reports involving Victor and/or Kimberly Self:

On February 21, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to Victor’s sibling by their mother, Kimberly Self, and their father. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On April 7, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to Victor by his mother, Kimberly Self. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On July 23, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to Victor and his sibling by their mother, Kimberly Self, and her boyfriend. An investigation was initiated and still in progress when a subsequent report was received. The allegations pertaining to Kimberly Self were later substantiated.

On August 24, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to Victor and his sibling by their mother, Kimberly Self. The family was offered services by the Department, but declined. Information on services available in the community was provided and the case was closed with the allegations unsubstantiated.



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

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

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

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was removed and placed in a licensed foster home.

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

The Department is providing services to 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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