



**ARIZONA**  
DEPARTMENT  
*of* CHILD SAFETY

Mike Faust, Director  
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<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>3/17/2020</b>
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**1. Victim:** Victoria Okolo – 1-year-old female

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 4/22/19

**3. Date of fatality:** 4/22/19

**4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 2/28/20

**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:**

David Okolo – age 37 – Glendale, AZ

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

On April 22, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-year-old Victoria Okolo who was pronounced deceased after being left unattended in a vehicle for several hours during the day. Victoria had been in the care of her father, David Okolo, when the incident occurred. The Department proposed to substantiate the allegation of neglect pertaining to the father on August 13, 2019. This process was finalized and the allegation was substantiated on February 28, 2020.

**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 no prior reports involving David Okolo and/or Victoria Okolo.

**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:**

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:**

No services were provided by the Department.

\*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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