



Preliminary Report	Fatality	5/7/2021
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- 1. Victim:** Zi’Kahi West – Two-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 04/20/20
- 3. Date of fatality:** 04/20/20
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 11/24/20
- 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:**

Marquey West – age 32 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On April 20, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 2-month-old child who was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. The child died at the hospital. The autopsy conducted on April 21, 2020, revealed several injuries that were determined to be non-accidental. On November 24, 2020, the Office of the Medical Examiner finalized their report determining that the manner of death was homicide. The father, Marquey West, has pending criminal charges for child abuse.

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 the following prior report involving the child, Zi’Kahi West:

On February 25, 2020, the report was received alleging neglect to Zi’Kahi West and his sibling by their mother. The allegations were substantiated. The family was participating in in-home services when the fatality report was received.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children in the home were placed in foster care. On April 24, 2020, the Department filed a dependency petition with Maricopa County Juvenile Court.

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 including services to support the other children involved.



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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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