



Preliminary Report	Fatality	05/23/18
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- 1. **Victim:** Ariel Horn – age 19 months - female
- 2. **Date of notification to DCS:** 05/04/17
- 3. **Date of fatality:** 05/04/17
- 4. **Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 05/08/18
- 5. **County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Cochise County
- 6. **Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Wanda Watson – age 62 – Cochise County
John Watson – age 59 – Cochise County

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

On May 4, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 19 month old Ariel Horn who was found unresponsive in her bed by her mother. The investigation determined that Ariel had taken a morphine pill she found on the floor that had not been picked up by the maternal grandmother and grandfather, Wanda and John Watson. The Office of the Medical Examiner determined the cause of Ariel's death was due to morphine toxicity. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect to Ariel by Wanda and John Watson.

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 Wanda and/or John Watson as perpetrators:

DCS has received the following prior report involving Ariel Horn as a victim:

On September 9, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect of the child and her siblings by the mother and father. The allegations were unsubstantiated to the mother and father. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Cochise County Sheriff's 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 assessed as being safe with their parent.

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

The family received services provided in the community.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

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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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