



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

Michael Wisehart, Interim Director
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Preliminary Report	Fatality	04/03/2023
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- 1. Victim:** Chase Miles – 8-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 07/20/21
- 3. Date of fatality:** 07/10/21
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 02/17/23
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Sahuarita, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Kaylen Shaffer – age 32 – Sahuarita, AZ
Christopher Miles – age 40 – Sahuarita, AZ

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

On July 20, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 8-month-old, Chase Miles. The child was found unresponsive after co-sleeping with his parents, Kaylen Shaffer and Christopher Miles. He was pronounced deceased at the home. The child was residing with an unlicensed relative under a safety plan due an ongoing dependency matter. The relative allowed unsupervised contact between Chase Miles and his parents, Kaylen Shaffer and Christopher Miles. On February 17, 2023, the Department substantiated allegations of neglect by the parents, Kaylen Shaffer and Christopher Miles towards Chase Miles.

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 Kaylen Shaffer and Christopher Miles:

On October 13, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to Chase Miles by his parents, Kaylen Shaffer and Christopher Miles. Following an assessment of child safety, Chase Miles was placed with a relative. A dependency petition was filed with the Pima County Juvenile Court on October 23, 2020, and the allegations were substantiated. The Department was providing services to the family when the fatality report was received.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Pima County Sheriff's Office.

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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:

There were no services 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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