



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT of CHILD SAFETY

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Preliminary Report	Fatality	12/30/2022
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 07/02/2021 are displayed below in red.

1. Victim: Amarii Adams – 4-year-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 05/31/2021

3. Date of fatality: 05/31/2021

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:

Michelle Shirley -06/24/2021

Davionne Dunson- 09/19/2022

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:

Michelle Shirley – age 32 – Phoenix, AZ

Davionne Dunson- age 31- Phoenix, AZ

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

On May 31, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 4-year-old Amarii Adams, who was found unresponsive at home. The child was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. The child had multiple non-accidental injuries. The child's mother, Michelle Shirley, was charged with first degree murder and child abuse on June 24, 2021. **On September 19, 2022, the Department substantiated allegations of abuse and neglect by the child's step-father, Davionne Dunson.**

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):**

There are no prior DCS reports involving Michelle Shirley **or Davionne Dunson.**

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:

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.



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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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