

Preliminary Report	Fatality	2/22/2023
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- 1. Victim:** Arsema Kidane – 9-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 6/28/20
- 3. Date of fatality:** 6/28/20
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 2/8/23
- 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:**

Mulue Yamane – age 28 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On June 28, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding Meadin Meles-Heptom and Arsema Kidane who had both been found deceased in their home. On July 2, 2020, Mulue Yamane was charged with first degree murder for the deaths. On February 8, 2023, the Department substantiated the allegations of 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 no prior reports involving the children or Mr. Yamane.

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:

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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