



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

Mike Faust, Director
Douglas A. Ducey, Governor

Preliminary Report	Fatality	04/19/2022
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- 1. Victim:** Anastasia Dittmeier, two-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 11/20/2021
- 3. Date of fatality:** 11/20/2021
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 3/21/2022
- 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:**

Sarah Anderson – age 29 – Vail, AZ

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

On November 20, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the drowning of two year old, Anastasia Dittmeier, alleging Sarah Anderson, the mother, had left the child unattended with access to a backyard pool. On November 29, 2021, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court with an amended petition being filed on December 22, 2021. The amended petition stated that the Ms. Anderson “failed to provide normal supervision of a child.” The Pima County Superior Court found the petition to be true on March 21, 2022.

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 were no prior DCS reports involving Anastasia Dittmeier and/or Sarah Anderson.

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

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

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was placed with relatives.

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 support for the other child involved.

*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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