



Preliminary Report	Fatality	6/6/16
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- 1. Victim:** Avery Rogers – 12-week-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 6/2/16
- 3. Date of fatality:** 6/2/16
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 6/5/16
- 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:**

Octavia Rogers – age 29 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On June 2, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the deaths of 8-year-old Jaikare Rahaman, 5-year-old Jerimiah Adams, and 12-week-old Avery Rogers. The report stated the children had been killed by their mother, Octavia Rogers, who was taken to the hospital with self-inflicted wounds. On June 5, 2016, Octavia Rogers was charged with three counts of first-degree murder.

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 the following prior reports involving Octavia Rogers and the children:

On December 27, 2010, a report was received alleging physical abuse to Jerimiah Adams by an unidentified perpetrator. The report stated that the child was taken to the hospital by his parents with an abrasion to his forehead and what appeared to be bruises and scratches on his right leg. According to the parents, the injuries were observed after Jerimiah was picked up from daycare. The Peoria Police Department photographed the injuries and conducted interviews with the mother and daycare employees. Upon follow-up from the Department, it was found that the family had moved. Attempts to locate them were unsuccessful and the case was closed.

On August 11, 2011, a report was received alleging neglect to Jaikare Rahaman and Jerimiah Adams by Octavia Rogers. The report noted concerns that the mother was possibly smoking marijuana around the children and that one of them recently required medical attention after being bitten by a dog. The investigation resulted in the Department attempting to provide the family with in-home services. The family ultimately declined the services and the case was closed with the allegations unsubstantiated.

On March 11, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to Avery Rogers by Octavia Rogers when he was born substance-exposed to marijuana. The investigation assessed all three children to be safe in the care of their mother. The mother declined services offered by the Department and the case was closed with the allegation proposed for substantiation.

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

A joint investigation is being 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 are being provided at this time.

*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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