

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>04/15/2024</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Cadance Langley – 14-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 08/24/22
- 3. Date of fatality:** October 2020
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 03/06/24
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Graham County – Safford, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Amber Langley– age 36 – Safford, AZ

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

On August 24, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of 14-year-old, Cadance Langley, who died approximately 2 years prior in October 2020. On March 6, 2024, the Graham County Superior Court found Cadance’s mother, Amber Langley, guilty of murder in the second degree.

**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 Cadance Langley and/or Amber Langley.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Graham County Sherriff’s Office.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children in the home were placed in foster care; the children were later transitioned into the care of a relative.

**11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:**

The Department provided services to the family.

\*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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