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Preliminary Report Fatality 06/14/2022
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 11/04/2021 are displayed below in red.

1. Victim: Dominic Aleff – 7-month-old male

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 01/10/2020

**3. Date of fatality:** 01/09/2020

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*: 10/26/2021

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Pinal County - Saddlebrooke, AZ

6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Sean Constantino – age 29 – Saddlebrooke, AZ Erika Wahab- age 29 – Saddlebrooke, AZ

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

On January 10, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 7-month-old male, Dominic Aleff, found unresponsive at home. Dominic was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. An autopsy was conducted and it was determined Dominic had high levels of fentanyl in his system, along with other substances. Dominic was in the care of his mother, Erika Wahab, and her significant other, Sean Constantino, when Dominic was found unresponsive. On October 26, 2021, the Department substantiated neglect and physical abuse allegations against Sean Constantino. On March 2, 2022, the mother, Erika Wahab, was arrested for one count of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder and one count of child 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)\*\*:

There have been no prior reports involving Sean Constantino.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Dominic Aleff and his parents:

On October 12, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Erika Wahab and father. The child was removed and taken into DCS custody on October 15, 2015. Ultimately, the parent's rights to the child were terminated on May 31, 2017. The allegations were substantiated and the case was closed on September 15, 2017.

On May 17, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to Dominic Aleff by his mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with in-home services which they successfully completed and the case was closed October 29, 2019.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office.

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



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There were no other children in the home at the time of the fatality.

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

The Department provided the family with information on services available in the community.

\*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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.