

Preliminary Report	Fatality	02/16/2024
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- 1. Victim:** Dior Echoles – 8-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 12/25/23
- 3. Date of fatality:** 12/24/23
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 12/28/23
- 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:

Sophia Simmons – age 38 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On December 25, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 8-year-old Dior Echoles, whose body was found in a dumpster with multiple injuries. On December 28, 2023, the child’s mother, Sophia Simmons, was arrested and charged with child abuse, first degree murder, and abandonment or concealment of a dead body.

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 Dior Echoles and/or Sophia Simmons.

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:

There were no services provided by the Department.

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*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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