

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>01/16/2025</b>
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**1. Victim:** Estrella Wools – 4-month-old female

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 02/01/2022

**3. Date of fatality:** 02/01/2022

**4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:**  
01/09/2025

**5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Sahuarita, AZ

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

Antania Surakus – age 32 – Sahuarita, AZ

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

On February 1, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 4-month-old, Estrella Wools, who was found unresponsive on the couch after being left with a propped bottle by other adult, Antania Surakus. Estrella was transported to the hospital where she was later pronounced deceased. On December 18, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to Estrella by Antania Surakus.

**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 received the following prior report involving Antania Surkas:

On August 17, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Antania Surkas. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

DCS received the following prior report involving Estrella Wools:

On October 8, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect to Estrella by her mother. Following an assessment of child safety, Estrella was placed in foster care and a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court on October 14, 2021. The Department was providing services to the family when the fatality report was received.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Sahuarita Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other foster child that was placed in the home was removed and placed with another foster care provider. The other children who reside in the home were assessed as safe.

**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.

\*\* 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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