



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT of CHILD SAFETY

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Preliminary Report	Fatality	05/10/2023
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1. Victim: Grayson Sherwood – newborn male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 10/08/2021

3. Date of fatality: 10/07/2021

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
04/19/2023

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County – Mesa, AZ

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

Tabatha Ivie – age 38 – Mesa, AZ

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

On October 8, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a male who was born at home on October 7, 2021. The newborn, Grayson, was transported to the hospital shortly after his birth where he was pronounced deceased. The Maricopa County Medical Examiner ruled the cause of death was due to complications of prematurity in the setting of fentanyl and methamphetamine exposure. On April 19, 2023, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect pertaining to the mother, Tabatha Ivie.

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 reports involving Tabatha Ivie:

On March 5, 2006, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Tabatha Ivie. The family was referred for services, the allegations were unsubstantiated, and the case was closed on July 15, 2006.

On July 28, 2007, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Tabatha Ivie. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was referred for in-home services and the case was still open when a new report was received.

On October 31, 2007, a report was received alleging neglect to two children by their mother, Tabatha Ivie. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the Department provided in-home services to the family. Ultimately, a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa

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County Superior Court on November 30, 2007. Parental rights were terminated to these children in September 2008.

On July 12, 2008, a report was received alleging neglect to a newborn child by their mother, Tabatha Ivie. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The child was placed in out-of-home care and a dependency petition was filed for the child with the Maricopa County Superior Court on September 5, 2008. The Department continued to provide services to the family. Parental rights were terminated to the child in December 2008.

On August 4, 2011, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Tabatha Ivie. The allegation was substantiated. The child was placed in out-of-home care and a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court on August 11, 2011. The Department provided services to the family. Parental rights were terminated to the child in May 2012.

On June 14, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Tabatha Ivie. The child was assessed as safe with another adult. The allegation of neglect was substantiated and the case was closed on July 5, 2017.

On August 10, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Tabatha Ivie. The child was assessed as safe with another adult. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on October 17, 2018.

On January 26, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Tabatha Ivie. The child was assessed as safe with another adult. The allegation of neglect was substantiated and the case was closed on February 3, 2020.

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

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

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.

*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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