



Preliminary Report	Fatality	06/13/2022
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- 1. Victim:** Harvey Adams – 1-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 4/9/21
- 3. Date of fatality:** 4/9/21
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 9/27/21
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Tammy Lou Adams – age 37 – Maricopa County, AZ

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

On April 9, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-year-old Harvey Adams who had been found in his home, unresponsive. Harvey was pronounced deceased and the autopsy determined his cause of death was due to fentanyl toxicity. A dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court on April 27, 2021, regarding the sibling. On September 27, 2021, the Court terminated Tammy Lou Adams’s parental rights and found the mother’s neglect contributed to Harvey’s death.

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 Tammy Lou Adams and/or Harvey Adams:

On July 16, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Tammy Lou Adams. After the mother completed in-home services, the case was closed and the allegation of neglect was substantiated.

On May 21, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to Harvey by Tammy Lou Adams. The investigation did not find evidence of neglect and the case was closed. The allegation was unsubstantiated.

On October 11, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to Harvey and another child by Tammy Lou Adams. The mother did not cooperate with the investigation and there was not enough evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On May 29, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to Harvey and another child by Tammy Lou Adams. The family was unable to be located and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Department.

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



Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was removed and placed with 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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