



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>08/04/2022</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Jaiden White 14-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 07/01/2021
- 3. Date of fatality:** 07/01/2021
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 06/27/2022
- 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:**

John James – age 45 – Tucson, AZ

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

On July 1, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 14-year-old, Jaiden White, who had been shot at home and was pronounced deceased. The mother and an adult sibling were also found deceased in the home. On June 27, 2022, the stepfather, John James, was indicted on first degree murder by a Pima County Grand Jury.

**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 John James:

On December 18, 2019, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to another child by John James, the stepfather. The allegations were substantiated for neglect as to John James. The children in the home were assessed as safe and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Tucson 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.

\*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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.