

Preliminary Report	Fatality	04/18/2024
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- 1. Victim:** Keandre Gant Jr – 2-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 03/24/23
- 3. Date of fatality:** 03/24/23
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 02/06/24
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Katie Hernandez – age 24 – Tucson, AZ

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

On March 24, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2-year-old Keandre Gant Jr. being found deceased at home. On February 6, 2024, the child’s mother, Katie Hernandez, was indicted on charges of first degree murder for Keandre’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 Katie Hernandez:

On September 25, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Katie Hernandez. The family was referred to services available in the community. In-home services were declined by the family. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed November 26, 2018.

On March 23, 2023, a report was received alleging neglect to children by their father and mother, Katie Hernandez. The children were taken into DCS custody and the case was pending further investigation when the fatality report was received. The family has been offered services. The allegations have since been substantiated.

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:

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children in the home were placed in a licensed foster home and then transitioned to a relative's home.

11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

The Department is providing 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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