

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>01/23/2024</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Kaoir Harris – 6-week-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 07/30/23
- 3. Date of fatality:** 07/30/23
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 01/05/24
- 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:**

Sara Lashae Harris – age 23 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On July 30, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 6-week-old, Kaoir Harris, being found deceased at her home. Upon investigation it was determined the child was left unattended for 37 hours. On January 5, 2024, the mother, Sara Lashae Harris, was arrested and charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder and child abuse due to Kaoir’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 report involving Sara Lashae Harris:

On February 10, 2023, a report was received alleging physical abuse to children by Sara Lashae Harris. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with community resources and the case was closed on February 22, 2023.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix 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 with a relative.

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

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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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