

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>01/15/2025</b>
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**Amendments to the information originally posted on 10/17/23 are displayed below in red.**

**1. Victim:** Kenneth Jones – 16-year-old male

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 03/02/2023

**3. Date of fatality:** 02/28/2023

**4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:**

Amberleah Valentine and Jon Imes - 08/02/2023

Richard Pounds and Shioban Kennedy – 01/09/2025

**5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Mohave County – Kingman, AZ

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

Amberleah Valentine – age 41 – Kingman, AZ

Jon Imes – age 41 – Kingman, AZ

Richard Pounds – age 34 – Kingman, AZ

Shioban Kennedy– age 39 – Kingman, AZ

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

On March 2, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 16-year-old Kenneth Jones. The report alleged that the mother, Amberleah Valentine, and the father, Jon Imes, helped dispose of the body after another adult, **Richard Pounds**, allegedly murdered Kenneth. There were additional allegations of neglect and physical abuse to a sibling in the home. On March 7, 2023, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Mohave County juvenile court for the sibling. On August 2, 2023, the court found that the parents, Amberleah Valentine and Jon Imes, neglected and/or failed to protect Kenneth Jones and the sibling from abuse. **On November 21, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to Kenneth by other adult, Shioban Kennedy, who was present when the physical abuse to the children occurred. On December 18, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of physical abuse to Kenneth by other adult, Richard Pounds.**

**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)\*\*:**

There were no prior DCS reports involving Amberleah Valentine, Jon Imes, or Kenneth Jones.

**There were no prior DCS reports involving Richard Pounds as an alleged perpetrator.**

DCS received the following prior report involving Shioban Kennedy:

On September 22, 2014, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Shioban Kennedy. An investigation was initiated and efforts were made to locate the family without success. The case was closed on June 3, 2015.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Mohave County Sherriff's Office.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was removed and placed in a licensed foster home.

**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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