



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

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Preliminary Report	Fatality	06/02/2023
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- 1. Victim:** Kannan Johnson – 2-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 10/29/21
- 3. Date of fatality:** 10/29/21
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 5/25/23
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Buckeye, AZ

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

Unknown

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

On October 29, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2-month-old Kannan Johnson who was having difficulty breathing and was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The Maricopa County Office of the Medical Examiner ruled the cause of death as blunt force head injuries and the manner of death as homicide. No arrests have been made in connection to the fatality.

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 Kannan Johnson.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Buckeye Police 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 assessed as being safe.

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.

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*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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