

Preliminary Report	Fatality	04/19/2024
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1. Victim: Kaleil Jones – 9-year-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 07/10/2023

3. Date of fatality: 07/10/2023

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
07/12/2023

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Sacramento County –
Sacramento, CA

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

Darius Franklin – age 28 – Sacramento, CA

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

On July 10, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 9-year-old Kaleil Jones. Kaleil was a passenger in a vehicle being driven by his legal guardians' significant other, Darius Franklin. The accident resulted in Kaleil being ejected from the vehicle and pronounced deceased. On July 12, 2023, Darius Franklin was charged in Apache Superior Court with first degree murder, child abuse, aggravated assault, and aggravated DUI.

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 Darius Franklin and/or Kaleil Jones.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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

The Department took temporary custody of the children and coordinated a safe return of the siblings to their state of residence. A report was made to California Child Protective Services.

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).
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