

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>08/06/2024</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Kumalo Molina – 7-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 06/12/2022
- 3. Date of fatality:** 06/12/2022
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 7/31/2024
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Vail, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Imani Muhammad – age 22 – Vail, AZ

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

On June 12, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 7-month-old Kumalo Molina. The child was found unresponsive in his crib with several large blankets and was pronounced deceased at the home. On July 9, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by relative caregiver, Imani Muhammad, to Kumalo Molina.

**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 Imani Muhammad as an alleged perpetrator.

DCS received the following prior report involving Kumalo Molina:

On October 26, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect to Kumalo by his mother. Following an assessment of child safety, Kumalo was placed with a relative. A dependency petition was filed with the Pima County Superior Court. On July 21, 2022, the dependency action was dismissed prior to adjudication and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The Department was providing services to the family when the fatality report was received.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Pima County Sherriff’s Office.

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

The other children in the home where the incident occurred were assessed as safe in the care of their parents.

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

The Department provided the family with information on services available in the community.

\*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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