



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

Mike Faust, Director
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Preliminary Report	Fatality	09/13/2022
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- 1. Victim:** Logan Seiser – newborn male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 5/6/22
- 3. Date of fatality:** 5/6/22
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 5/12/22
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Coconino County, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Jessica Seiser – age 33 – Coconino County, AZ
Nancy Bell – age 40 – Coconino County, AZ

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

On May 6, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a deceased newborn male who was brought to the hospital by Ms. Bell. The child appeared to be severely malnourished. Upon investigation it was determined the mother, Ms. Seiser, had given the newborn to Ms. Bell days prior, as she was unable to care for the child. On May 12, 2022, Ms. Bell and Ms. Seiser were charged with first degree murder and child abuse.

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 the child, Logan Seiser.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Jessica Seiser:

On September 17, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Seiser. The allegation was substantiated and a safety plan was put in place while the mother participated in services. The safety plan was lifted and the case was closed after the mother continued to demonstrate sobriety.

On September 9, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Seiser. The child was removed and placed in foster care. A dependency petition was filed and the allegation was substantiated. A safety plan remained in place for the other children as to both parents. The child was eventually adopted and the other children remained with their father.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Nancy Bell:

On October 28, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to two children by Ms. Bell. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case remained open when additional reports were received.



On December 21, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to two children by Ms. Bell. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case remained open when an additional report was received.

On February 25, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to two children by Ms. Bell. The allegations were unsubstantiated and all three reports were closed.

On November 29, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Bell. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On March 8, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Bell. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On May 11, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to three children by Ms. Bell. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On September 7, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to two children by Ms. Bell. The case remained open when additional reports were received. This allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On October 6, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to three children by Ms. Bell. The case remained open and the allegations of neglect were substantiated in relation to the subsequent report that was received on October 17, 2017.

On October 17, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to three children by Ms. Bell. The children were removed and placed in foster care. A dependency petition was filed and the Department substantiated the allegations. The dependency was dismissed in 2019 after a permanent guardianship was established.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Page 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 Nancy Bell's care was removed and placed in foster care. The other children in Jessica Seiser's care were also removed and placed in foster care.

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

The Department is providing services to the families.

*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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