

Mike Faust, Director Douglas A. Ducey, Governor

Preliminary Report	Fatality	11/28/2022

1. Victim: Michah Dahlberg - 7-month-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 08/07/2021

**3. Date of fatality:** 08/07/2021

- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*: 11/02/2022
- **5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County Apache Junction, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Amy Dahlberg - age 25 - Apache Junction, AZ

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

On August 7, 2021 the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 7-month-old, Michah Dahlberg, who was found unresponsive after being left in a vehicle for approximately 3 hours. He was transported the to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by the child's mother, Amy Dahlberg.

# 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 Amy Dahlberg.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Mesa 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 the parents.

## 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.

<sup>\*</sup>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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.