

Preliminary Report	Fatality	07/08/2024
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- 1. Victim:** Princeton Johnson– 3-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 6/28/2022
- 3. Date of fatality:** 6/28/2022
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 7/3/2024
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Keosha Caldwell – age 34 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On June 28, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-year-old Princeton Johnson who was found unresponsive at the home and was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The Maricopa County Medical Examiner concluded that the cause of death was acute fentanyl toxicity. On June 25, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of physical abuse as to Keosha Caldwell.

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):**

DCS received the following prior reports involving Keosha Caldwell and Princeton Johnson:

On May 15, 2013, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by the mother, Keosha Caldwell. The allegation was substantiated. A safety plan was implemented during the assessment, which was not followed by the family. Ultimately, the child and siblings were taken into DCS custody and a dependency petition was filed. The parents did not complete reunification services and parental rights were terminated. The dependency matter was ongoing at the time of the next report.

On May 2, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by the mother, Keosha Caldwell. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The child was a ward of the court and not in the care of Ms. Caldwell at the time of this report. The case was closed on July 25, 2014.

On August 18, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by the mother, Keosha Caldwell. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was receiving reunification

services through the ongoing dependency matter regarding her other children. The case closed on March 20, 2015.

On September 13, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to children by the mother, Keosha Caldwell. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was offered in-home services through the Department. The case closed on September 24, 2015.

On November 5, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to children by the mother, Keosha Caldwell and their father. The allegation of neglect was substantiated. The safety plan, at that time, was not being followed by the family as implemented. Ultimately, the children were removed from the home and taken into DCS custody. A dependency petition was filed. The parents did not complete reunification services and parental rights were terminated.

On February 10, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to Princeton by his mother, Keosha Caldwell and father. Following an assessment of child safety, Princeton was removed from the home and placed with a relative. A dependency petition was filed with Maricopa County Superior Court and the allegations as to the parents were substantiated. The Department offered reunification services to the family. Ms. Caldwell successfully reunified with the children and the dependency was dismissed on October 22, 2019.

On May 7, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to Princeton by his mother, Keosha Caldwell. The allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. No services were offered to the family and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

There were no other children in the home.

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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