



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>11/21/2022</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Scarlett Hughes – 3-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 05/10/2019
- 3. Date of fatality:** 05/12/2019
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 05/27/2021
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Glendale, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Steven Hughes – age 25 – Glendale, AZ  
Tatum Shocklee – age 23 – Glendale, AZ

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

On May 10, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report involving 3-month-old Scarlett Hughes regarding an incident that occurred in the home. The child was transported to the hospital, where she was pronounced deceased on May 12, 2019. Once it was determined that Scarlett’s injuries were non-accidental, the Department filed a dependency petition in regards to the surviving child against Steven Hughes, the father, and Tatum Shocklee, the mother, with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court on May 29, 2019. The petition alleged that Scarlett died from abuse and that the parents had either abused her or failed to protect her from abuse. On May 27, 2021, the Maricopa County Juvenile Court found the dependency stating the home was unfit by reason of abuse and/or neglect of Scarlett resulting in her death.

**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 Scarlett Hughes and/or Tatum Shocklee:

On October 24, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Tatum Shocklee, the mother. The allegation was substantiated. The family declined to participate in Department in-home services. They were provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On February 12, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to Scarlett by her mother, Tatum Shocklee. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Glendale Police Department. The police investigation is closed with no charges filed.

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



Following an assessment of child safety, the sibling in the home was placed with relatives.

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

The Department has provided services to the family including services to support the other child involved.

\*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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