

Preliminary Report	Fatality	11/29/2024
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1. Victim: Sophia Holliman 2-month-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 1/3/2024

3. Date of fatality: 1/2/2024

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
11/20/2024

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Coconino County – Flagstaff, AZ

6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Kyle Holliman – age 26 – Flagstaff, AZ

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

On January 3, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2-month-old Sophia Holliman, who was found unresponsive and pronounced deceased at the home. The medical examiner determined the child suffered from blunt force trauma to the head while in the care of her father, Kyle Holliman. On August 19, 2024, Kyle Holliman was convicted of one count manslaughter-domestic violence and one count child abuse-domestic violence in relation to the fatality of his daughter. He was sentenced to 16 years in prison and 3 years of standard probation following his release.

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):**

On November 20, 2023, a report was received alleging physical abuse to Sophia Holliman by her mother and father, Kyle Holliman. The allegations were 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 Flagstaff 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 with the other parent.

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

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The Department is providing 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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