

Preliminary Report	Fatality	04/15/2025
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- 1. Victim:** Baby Girl Taylor – Newborn Female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 8/7/22
- 3. Date of fatality:** 8/7/22
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 4/8/25
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Mesa, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Rachelle Lyn Taylor – age 34 – Mesa, AZ

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

On August 7, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the birth of Baby Girl Taylor, who passed away shortly after her birth. The Maricopa Medical Examiner ruled the death due to placental abruption in the setting of intrauterine methamphetamine exposure due to maternal drug use. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect pertaining to Rachelle Lyn Taylor.

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 report involving Rachelle Lyn Taylor:

On December 7, 2008, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by the mother, Rachelle Lyn Taylor. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The child was considered safe in the home with mother, Rachelle Lyn Taylor, and another adult. The case was closed on December 9, 2008.

On March 20, 2011, and on March 22, 2011, reports were received alleging neglect to a child by the mother, Rachelle Lyn Taylor and another adult. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The Department provided the family with Family Preservation Program Team (FPPT) and daycare services. The case was closed on April 4, 2011.

On April 21, 2011, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by the mother, Rachelle Lyn Taylor. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was still engaging with FPPT services. The case was closed on May 29, 2011.

On May 30, 2011, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by the mother, Rachelle Lyn Taylor and other adults. Following an assessment of child safety, the child was removed from the home and placed in a licensed foster home. A dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa Superior Court and the allegations were substantiated. The parents failed to

remedy the circumstances that brought the child into care and parental rights were severed and the child was adopted. The case closed on February 23, 2015.

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:

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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