



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>1/3/18</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Nigel Ross – 11-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 12/27/17
- 3. Date of fatality:** 12/25/17
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 12/25/17
- 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:**

Anthony Milan Ross - age 45 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On 12/27/17, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 11-year-old Nigel Ross. On 12/25/17, the father, Anthony Ross, was arrested for three counts of first degree murder after a several hour stand-off with police. Anthony Ross first shot the mother and later shot both children resulting in their deaths.

**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 has received no prior reports involving Anthony or Nigel Ross.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

There were no surviving children in the home.

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

No services were 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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