



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

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Preliminary Report	Fatality	03/21/2022
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- 1. Victim:** Nova Conner – one-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 7/4/2021
- 3. Date of fatality:** 7/8/2021
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 1/28/2022
- 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:**

Christina Conner – age 30 – Sun City, AZ
Shawn Conner – age 26 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On July 4, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding one-month-old, Nova Conner, who had been transported to the hospital with severe head injuries. The injuries were determined to be non-accidental and resulted in Nova’s death on July 8, 2021. On July 8, 2021 the Department of Child Safety filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court. On January 28, 2022, the Juvenile Court found that the father had “seriously abused” Nova which resulted in her death. The court also found that the mother “should have known that the father was a risk to the child and she failed to protect the child from the father”.

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):**

There were no prior DCS reports involving Shawn Conner, the father, Christina Conner, the mother, and/or Nova Conner.

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:

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children in the home were placed in foster care.

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

The Department is providing services to the children.

*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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