



Preliminary Report	Fatality	01/20/2022
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- 1. Victim:** Cameron Sam – one-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 05/10/2020
- 3. Date of fatality:** 05/10/2020
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/18/2021
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Avondale, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Cameron Sam – age 33 – Avondale, AZ
Sarajeon Claw – age 36 – Avondale, AZ

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

On May 10, 2020 the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the drowning of one-year-old, Cameron Sam. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect by Cameron Sam, the father, and Sarajeon Claw, the mother, when they left Cameron unattended in the bathtub.

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 Sarajeon Claw, the mother and Cameron Sam, the father:

On October 22, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to other children by Sarajeon Claw, the mother, and physical abuse by Cameron Sam. The allegations were unsubstantiated as to both Sarajeon and Cameron. The family agreed to participate in in-home services and completed the program successfully.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Avondale 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 found to be safe in the care of their parents.

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

The Department provided the family with information on services available in the community and grief counseling.



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*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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