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	01/20/2022	Fatality	Preliminary Report
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1. Victim: Delilah Jones – 3-year-old-female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 08/30/2020

3. Date of fatality: 08/30/2020

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 11/05/2021

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:

Tianna Jones - age 25 - Phoenix, AZ

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

On August 30, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-year-old Delilah Jones who had been found unresponsive in the mother's car. She was taken to the hospital and pronounced deceased. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect by Tianna Jones, the mother.

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 reports involving Delilah Jones and Tianna Jones:

On October 4, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to Delilah Jones by Tianna Jones and another adult. The allegations were unsubstantiated as to Tianna Jones, the mother, and the other adult. The family was offered in-home services but they declined to participate and the case was closed.

On May 31, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to Delilah Jones by Tianna Jones, the mother, and another adult. Following an assessment of child safety, Delilah was placed in foster care. A dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court and the allegations were substantiated as to Tianna Jones. The mother successfully completed DCS services and on November 19, 2019, the court ordered Delilah be returned to her mother's care. The DCS in-home case was closed on March 2, 2020. The family continued to receive services through a community agency through an aftercare program until May 2020.

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:

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:



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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. \S 8-807.01(A)(1)(e). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.