



Preliminary Report	Fatality	01/03/2022
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- 1. Victim:** Emani Bridges – One-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 09/11/2020
- 3. Date of fatality:** 09/11/2020
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 12/10/2021
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Litchfield Park, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Unknown Perpetrator – Unknown age– Litchfield Park, AZ

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

On September 11, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of one-year-old, Emani Bridges. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect by an unknown perpetrator when Emani was able to access fentanyl causing her to overdose.

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 Emani Bridges:

On September 17, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to Emani Bridges by her mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with a day care referral and information on services available in the community. The case was closed without further involvement from the Department.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with Maricopa County Sherriff's Office.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was assessed as being safe with the parent.

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.

*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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