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 Sheriff’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.

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*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based on 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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