



Preliminary Report	Fatality	01/20/2022
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1. Victim: Hendrix Chovnick – 1-year-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 6/2/20

3. Date of fatality: 6/2/20

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:

Jennifer Carlson – 11/5/21

Josh Chovnick – 11/5/21

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County, AZ

6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Jennifer Carlson – age 34 – Maricopa County, AZ

Josh Chovnick – age 45 – Maricopa County, AZ

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

On June 2, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of 1-year-old Hendrix Chovnick. The child was in the care of his parents when he drowned in the family's pool. On November 5, 2021, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect by the parents, Jennifer Carlson and Josh Chovnick.

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 Josh Chovnick:

On March 13, 2017, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by their father, Josh Chovnick. There was not enough evidence to support the allegation and the case was closed.

On September 25, 2017, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by their father, Josh Chovnick. There was not enough evidence to support the allegation and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the 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 children in the home were assessed as being safe with the parents.

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. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).
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