



Preliminary Report	Fatality	1/29/2021
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- 1. Victim:** Emma Givens – 1-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 9/13/20
- 3. Date of fatality:** 9/13/20
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 9/22/20
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Yuma County - Yuma, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

James Givens – age 39– Yuma, AZ
Jamie McBride – age 28– Yuma, AZ

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

On September 13, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-year-old Emma Givens who was taken to the hospital and pronounced deceased. Emma was found to be malnourished. On September 22, 2020, the parents, James Givens and Jamie McBride, were charged with first degree murder and child abuse.

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 prior reports involving James Givens and Jamie McBride:

On April 29, 2013, a report was received alleging neglect to two children by their parents, James Givens and Jamie McBride. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On April 25, 2019, a report received alleging physical abuse to a child by their parents, James Givens and Jamie McBride. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

DCS received no prior reports involving Emma Givens.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Yuma 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 placed in foster care.

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

The Department is providing services to the family.



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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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