



Summary Report	Fatality	01/18/18
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1. **Victim:** Zane Endress – 6 months-male

2. **Was the child residing in the child's home or in an out-of-home placement at the time of the fatality?**

The child was residing in an out-of-home placement when the following incident occurred:

On July 28, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 6 month old Zane Endress, who was found deceased after being left in a vehicle for several hours during the day. On May 16, 2017, the parents had agreed for Zane to be placed with the maternal grandfather, Norman Anderson, under an out of home voluntary foster care agreement and the child was in his care when the fatality occurred. The allegation of neglect of the child by Norman Anderson was substantiated.

3. **If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in the child's home, the following information will be provided:**

a. Services being provided to the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect at the time of the incident and the date of the last contact before the incident between the entity providing services and the person receiving services:

The family was involved in services in the community and Zane was receiving child care services at the time of the incident. The last date of contact with the family by the Department was July 26, 2017.

b. Was the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect the subject of a report for investigation at the time of the incident?

Zane Endress was the subject of a neglect report received on May 4, 2017 involving the child's parents.

c. All involvement of the child's parents and of the person suspected of the abuse or neglect in a situation for which a report for investigation was made or in services provided pursuant to this chapter in the five years preceding the incident:

The child's parents were involved in the report received on May 4, 2017.

DCS had no prior involvement with perpetrator, Norman Anderson.

d. Any investigation pursuant to a report for investigation concerning the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect or services provided to the child or the child's family since the date of the incident involving the fatality:

The Department conducted a joint investigation with Phoenix Police Department. There were no other children in the home. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received.



4. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in an out-of-home placement, the following information will be provided:

a. Licensing Agency:

N/A

b. Licensing history of the out-of-home placement, including the type of license held by the operator of the placement and the period for which the placement has been licensed:

N/A

c. Summary of all violations by the licensee:

N/A

d. Any other actions by the licensee or an employee of the licensee that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of a child.

N/A

5. Actions taken by the Department in response to the case including any changes to policy or practice and/or recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes:

The Department conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

Additionally, in accordance with the DCS Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16), multidisciplinary team (MDT) reviews of fatality and near fatality cases were implemented during the first quarter of FY16. The MDT reviews of fatality and near fatality cases, especially those with prior DCS involvement, are a key feature of the Strategic Plan and support the objective of increasing the accuracy of safety and risk assessments in investigations.

This case was reviewed by the MDT in order to identify any systemic factors, both internal and external to the Department that may have had an impact. The Department is using the aggregate data gathered through all of the MDT reviews to assess and guide future changes and/or recommendations to policies, practices, rules or statutes. Findings from these reviews will be compiled into an annual report to be shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of this report is December 1, 2018.

For more information regarding the Department of Child Safety's Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016, please visit the DCS website at: <https://dcs.az.gov/news/dcs-strategic-plan>.

The Department reminds all caregivers to always double check for kids in cars.

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