



Summary Report	Fatality	10/29/2018
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1. Victim: Arabella Haynes– 2 year-old-female

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 her home when the following incident occurred:

On September 12, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2 year-old Arabella Haynes who had been transported to the hospital with severe head injuries. The injuries were determined to be non-accidental and resulted in Arabella's death on September 13, 2018. Arabella had been in the care of a caregiver, Carlos Hernandez, when the injuries occurred and he has since been arrested and charged with first degree murder and child abuse.

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:

No services were being provided to the family by the Department of Child Safety at the time of the incident.

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?

No.

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 following reports in the five years preceding the fatality incident:

On July 9, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to another child in the home by the mother. The investigation resulted in the Department filing a dependency with Pima County Juvenile Court. The allegations were substantiated. The mother completed services and the case was later closed.

On September 28, 2017, a report was received alleging abuse to Arabella by her father. There were also allegations of abuse and neglect to another child in the home by her mother and father. A subsequent report was received while this report was still open.

On October 5, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to another child in the home by her father. The allegations were unsubstantiated, the family was given information on community resources, and the case was closed.



On May 19, 2018 a report was received alleging abuse and neglect to another child in the home by the mother and father. A subsequent report was received while this report was still open.

On June 27, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to Arabella and another child in the home by her mother and another adult in the home. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with a day care referral and the case was closed.

DCS has received no prior reports involving Carlos Hernandez as an alleged perpetrator.

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 investigation of the fatality report resulted in the victim's sibling being placed with relatives. The caregiver was arrested for child abuse and later charged with 1st degree murder on 9/25/18. Services are being provided and 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 Tucson Police Department. The Department filed a dependency petition on the other child in the home with the Pima County Juvenile Court. Services are being provided. No subsequent reports have been received.

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.

Cases are 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 uses the aggregate data



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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 are compiled into an annual report to be shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of the next 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.