



Summary Report	Fatality	10/19/17
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1. Victim: Jason Gleason – 3-month-old 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 his home when the following incident occurred:

On April 1, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-month-old Jason Gleason who was found unresponsive at home after being placed face down on a bed to sleep for approximately 1 and ½ hours. Jason had been in the care of his father, Kevin Gleason, who placed him in the unsafe sleeping position. The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect pertaining to the father.

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:

On March 30, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to Jason and his siblings by their parents. The Department attempted to contact the family in order to assess the safety of the children and the family's need for services or further intervention. Contact had not yet been established when the fatality report was received on April 1, 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?

The child, his parents, and siblings were subjects of the March 30, 2017 report.

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 prior reports:

On October 19, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to Jason's siblings by their father, Kevin Gleason, and their mother. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case remained open pending the required documentation when another report was received.

On December 17, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to Jason's sibling by their father, Kevin Gleason. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case remained open when a subsequent report was received.

On December 27, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to Jason by his mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed with the family declining services offered by the Department.



On March 30, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to Jason and his siblings by their father, Kevin Gleason, and their mother. An investigation was initiated and the case remained open when the fatality occurred. The allegations have since been substantiated.

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 other children in the home being removed and placed in foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pinal County Superior Court and is providing services to the family. 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 Casa Grande Police Department. The other children in the home were removed and placed in foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pinal County Superior Court and is providing services to the family. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received.

The Department reminds all caregivers to practice safe sleep. For additional information please visit the DCS website at: <https://dcs.az.gov/Services/Safe-Sleep>.

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



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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, 2017.

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>.