



Summary Report	Fatality	10/6/2020
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1. Victim: Jewel Shapiro – 5 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 February 11, 2020 the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 5-year-old Jewel Shapiro who sustained serious injuries in a car accident. The child died about 3 days later as a result of the injuries from the accident. The child's mother, Jill Knox, was driving the vehicle when she lost control resulting in the single-car accident. The law enforcement investigation determined that Ms. Knox was driving under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs at the time. She has since been charged with manslaughter.

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 Department of Child Safety was not providing services to the family 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 mother, Jill Knox, was involved in the following prior report:

On November 8, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to the mother, Jewel and her siblings by Jill Knox. The family was provided with information on services available in the community. The allegations as to Jill Knox were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

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:

There have been no subsequent reports received since the fatality incident.

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 Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. The child's mother, Jill Knox, was charged with manslaughter. All of the other children in the home were assessed safe as to the other parent. There have been no subsequent reports since the fatality incident.

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 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, 2020.

For more information regarding the Department of Child Safety's Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016, please visit the DCS website.