



Summary Report	Fatality	12/06/18
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1. Victim: Kaleb Stuart – 4-year-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 August 15, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 4-year-old, Kaleb Stuart, who had died on January 2, 2017 from injuries sustained in a car accident. The child was not properly restrained when the accident occurred. The child's father, Daniel Stuart, has been indicted by a Grand Jury on May 25, 2017 on charges of reckless manslaughter, aggravated driving a vehicle while under the influence with an alcohol concentration of .08 or more, aggravated driving a vehicle while under the influence with an alcohol concentration of .08 or more while a minor in the car, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

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 mother and father, Daniel Stuart, were involved in the following reports in the five years preceding the near fatality incident:

On September 6, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to Kaleb and another child in the home by Kaleb's mother, another adult in the mother's home and the father, Daniel Stuart. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On May 10, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to another child in the home by Kaleb's mother. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community 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:



Due to the fatality incident, there is another report regarding other children who were in the car with Daniel Stuart. Both of the reports regarding the fatality incident are still under investigation; however, there are no children in Daniel's home at this time.

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 is conducting a joint investigation with Department of Public Safety. Both of the reports regarding the fatality incident are currently under investigation; however, there are no children in Daniel's home at this time.

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, 2019.

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

The Department reminds all caregivers to always properly restrain children in vehicles.



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For additional information please visit the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Office of Injury Prevention: A Safe Ride home at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/injury-prevention/index.php#safe-ride-home>