



Summary Report	Fatality	4/13/2021
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1. Victim: Quince Rowe – 1-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 October 29, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old male, Quince Rowe, found unresponsive at home. Quince was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. An autopsy was conducted and it was determined Quince Rowe had high levels of fentanyl in his system. Quince Rowe was in the care of his father, Terrance Rowe, when he was found unresponsive. On December 29, 2020, Terrance Rowe was arrested for negligent homicide.

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:

There were no services being provided to the father, Terrance Rowe, or child, Quince Rowe, 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?

The child's mother and half siblings were involved in a dependency matter and the child's half siblings were in care at the time of the incident.

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:

DCS received the following prior reports involving Terrance Rowe or the child's mother:

On June 17, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to children by their mother and father, Terrance Rowe. The children were taken into custody and a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court on June 29, 2015. The parents were offered services by the Department. On February 18, 2016, the dependency matter was dismissed and the children were returned home. The allegations as to Terrance Rowe were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on March 15, 2016.

On March 2, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Quince's mother. At the time of the report, the mother and child were in another state. This report was still open when the next report was received.



On June 3, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Quince's mother. When the mother and child returned to Arizona, the child was taken into custody and a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court on June 8, 2016. The mother was provided services by the Department. On October 11, 2017, the dependency matter was dismissed and the child was returned home to their father. The allegation of neglect by mother was substantiated for both reports.

On July 19, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to Quince by his mother. Quince Rowe was taken into custody and a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court on July 24, 2019. The mother and father, Terrance Rowe, were offered services by the Department. On December 2, 2019, the dependency matter regarding Quince was dismissed and the court granted father, Terrance Rowe, sole custody of Quince. The allegation regarding Terrance Rowe was unsubstantiated. The allegation of neglect by Quince's mother was substantiated.

On March 16, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to Quince by his mother. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided information on services in the community and the report was closed on April 16, 2020.

On June 17, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to children by Quince's mother. The children were taken into custody and a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court on July 28, 2020. The Department is providing services to the mother and the matter is ongoing.

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 resulted in the child's father, Terrance Rowe, being arrested for negligent homicide. There are no other children in the home where the fatality occurred. There have been no subsequent reports involving this family.

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. Terrance Rowe was arrested for negligent homicide. There are no other children in the home where the fatality occurred. There are no services being provided to the family.

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, 2021.

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