



Summary Report	Fatality	08/06/2021
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1. Victim: Siren Flowers – 4-month-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 May 5, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding four-month-old Siren Flowers, who was found unresponsive at home. A toxicology report indicated the child was positive for methamphetamine. The other children in the home were taken into custody and a dependency petition was filed on May 8, 2020 with the Maricopa County Superior Court alleging neglect by their parents Lisa and James Flowers. On July 7, 2020, the Department filed a motion for termination of parental rights. The motion was granted on February 11, 2021. The allegations of neglect regarding Siren by her parents were substantiated.

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 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:

DCS received the following prior reports involving Siren Flower's parents, Lisa and James Flowers:

On June 20, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to children by Lisa and James Flowers. Following an assessment of child safety, the children were taken into custody and placed in a licensed foster home. A dependency petition was filed on June 29, 2016 with the Maricopa County Superior Court. The parents were offered services. The allegations of neglect were substantiated while the physical abuse allegations were unsubstantiated. The dependency matter was ongoing when the next report was received.

On August 28, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to a newborn child by Lisa and James Flowers. Following an assessment of child safety, the child was taken into custody and placed in a licensed foster home. A subsequent dependency petition was filed on September 1, 2017 with the Maricopa County Superior Court. The allegations were



substantiated as to both parents. The family was being provided with services. The children were reunified with the mother on March 9, 2018 and the dependency was dismissed on September 24, 2018.

On February 20, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to children by Lisa Flowers. As a result of the investigation, the children were assessed as safe. The family was provided with daycare services. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on May 3, 2019.

On May 8, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to children by Lisa Flowers. As a result of the investigation, the children were assessed as safe. The family was provided with daycare services and community resources. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on July 18, 2019.

On January 22, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to children by Lisa and James Flowers. As a result of the investigation, the children were assessed as safe. There were no services offered to the family. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on April 13, 2020.

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 placed in licensed foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court on May 8, 2020; ultimately, parental rights were terminated as to these children. The family was provided services through the dependency matter. 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:



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The Department conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department. The other children in the home were taken into custody and placed in licensed foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court on May 8, 2020; ultimately, parental rights were terminated as to these children. The family was provided services through the dependency matter. There have been no subsequent reports involving this 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.