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| <b>Summary Report</b> | <b>Fatality</b> | <b>12/15/17</b> |
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**1. Victim:** Victor Self – 8-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 December 3, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 8-month-old Victor Self who was pronounced deceased after being found unresponsive in his home. Examination revealed that Victor had extensive injuries including two skull fractures and significant bleeding in the brain. The Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner designated the death as a homicide, specifically by blunt force trauma. Victor had been in the care of his mother, Kimberly Self, who was present in the home along with three other adults when his injuries occurred. On December 5, 2017, the Pima County Juvenile Court found through a severance proceeding that regardless of who killed Victor, his mother failed to protect him from the extensive injuries that caused his death.

**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 parents were involved in the following reports in the five years preceding the incident:

On February 21, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to Victor's sibling by their mother, Kimberly Self, and their father. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On April 7, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to Victor by his mother, Kimberly Self. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On July 23, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to Victor and his sibling by their mother, Kimberly Self, and her boyfriend. An investigation was initiated and still in



progress when a subsequent report was received. The allegations pertaining to Kimberly Self were later substantiated.

On August 24, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to Victor and his sibling by their mother, Kimberly Self. The family was offered services by the Department, but declined. Information on services available in the community was provided and the case was closed with the allegations unsubstantiated.

**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 removal of a sibling from the home. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Juvenile 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 Tucson Police Department. A sibling was removed and placed in a licensed foster home. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Juvenile Court and is providing services to the family. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received.

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, 2018.

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>.