



<b>Summary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>05/16/2023</b>
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**1. Victim:** Nevaeh Turner – 1-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 October 18, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of 1-year-old Nevaeh Turner. The child drowned while she was in the care of Keilan Marshall when he left her a bathtub without adult supervision. On May 1, 2023, the Maricopa County Superior Court found Mr. Marshall neglected the child.

**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 Nevaeh Turner, Keilan Marshall, and/or the child’s parents:

On June 22, 2020, a report was received alleging physical abuse to three children by Mr. Marshall. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the children were assessed as safe with their parents.

On February 9, 2021, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Nevaeh by her mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On July 13, 2021, the Department received a report alleging neglect to two children by Nevaeh's parents. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The mother declined services from the Department and the case was closed.

On April 26, 2022, the Department received a report alleging physical abuse to Nevaeh and two siblings by Mr. Marshall. While the case was open, another report was received on July 19, 2022, alleging neglect by Nevaeh's mother to another child. The allegations were unsubstantiated as to both reports 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:**

The investigation of the fatality report resulted in one child being assessed as safe with their father. Two children were ultimately removed and placed in foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court and is providing services to the family. On May 1, 2023, the Maricopa County Superior Court found Mr. Marshall neglected the child.

A subsequent report alleging neglect to a sibling by Nevaeh's mother was received on March 23, 2023. The child was assessed as safe with their father.

**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. One child in the home was assessed as safe with their father. Two children were ultimately removed and placed in foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court and is providing services to the family. On May 1, 2023, the Maricopa County Superior Court found Mr. Marshall neglected the child.

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The Department reminds all caregivers to always watch children around water. For information and additional resources, please visit the Arizona Department of Health Services website at:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/injury-prevention/drowning-prevention/index.php>

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 fatality and near fatality cases with prior DCS involvement, which are a key feature of the Strategic Plan and supports 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, 2023.