

Summary Report	Fatality	05/12/2025
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 11/29/2024 are displayed below in red.

1. Victim: Sophia Holliman 2-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 January 3, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2-month-old Sophia Holliman, who was found unresponsive and pronounced deceased at the home. The medical examiner determined the child suffered from blunt force trauma to the head while in the care of her father, Kyle Holliman. On August 19, 2024, Kyle Holliman was convicted of one count manslaughter-domestic violence and one count child abuse-domestic violence in relation to the fatality of his daughter. He was sentenced to 16 years in prison and 3 years of standard probation following his release. **On October 9, 2024, Andrea Hernandez was convicted of one count child abuse-domestic violence in relation to the unexplained injuries to Sophia while under the care of her father, Kyle Holliman. Andrea Hernandez was sentenced to 5 years of standard probation.**

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:

The child's parents were involved in the following report:

On November 20, 2023, a report was received alleging physical abuse to Sophia Holliman by her mother, **Andrea Hernandez**, and father, Kyle Holliman. 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:

The investigation of the fatality report resulted in the arrest and conviction of the father, Kyle Holliman, for manslaughter-domestic violence and child abuse-domestic violence in relation to the fatality of his daughter. He was sentenced to 16 years in prison and 3 years of standard probation following his release. **The mother, Andrea Hernandez, was convicted for child abuse-domestic violence in relation to the unexplained injuries to Sophia. Andrea Hernandez was sentenced to 5 years of standard probation.** The other child in the home was assessed as safe with the **mother, Andrea Hernandez**. The Department **was** providing the family with in-home services. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect were received regarding the 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 Flagstaff Police Department. Kyle Holliman was convicted of one count manslaughter-domestic violence and one count child abuse-domestic violence in relation to the fatality of his daughter. He was sentenced to 16 years in prison and 3 years of standard probation following his release. **The mother, Andrea Hernandez, was convicted for child abuse-domestic violence in relation to the unexplained injuries to Sophia. Andrea Hernandez was sentenced to 5 years of standard probation.** The other child in the home was assessed as safe with the **mother, Andrea Hernandez**. The

Department **was** providing in-home services. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect were received regarding 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 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, 2024.