



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT of CHILD SAFETY

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Summary Report	Fatality	04/03/2023
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1. Victim: Kayden Lewis – 2-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 January 12, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2-year-old Kayden Lewis who had been shot in his home. The child was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. On January 18, 2022, the Department of Child Safety filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa Superior Court for Kayden's siblings. The Court found the mother, Amanda Bailey, failed "to provide a safe and stable home environment and proper supervision" on April 12, 2022.

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 mother, Amanda Bailey, and/or the father were involved in the following reports in the five years preceding the fatality incident:

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On September 9, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling by the mother, Amanda Bailey. The allegation was unsubstantiated as to the mother. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On February 1, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to Kayden and another child by the father, and the mother, Amanda Bailey. After several attempts were made, the Department was unable to locate the family and the case was closed.

On August 14, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect to another child by the mother, Amanda Bailey. The allegation was unsubstantiated 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 resulted the Department filing a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court. The other children in the home were placed with relatives. Services are being provided. There were no subsequent reports 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 Phoenix Police Department. The other children in the home were placed with relatives. The Department filed a dependency petition with Maricopa County Juvenile Court and services are being provided.

The Department reminds all caregivers to practice firearm safety and always store all firearms unloaded, in a secure locked location.

For additional information on firearm safety, please visit the Arizona Firearm Injury Prevention Coalition's website at: <http://www.afipc.org/afipc.html>.

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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.