

<b>Summary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>07/08/2024</b>
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**1. Victim:** Princeton Johnson 3-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 June 28, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-year-old Princeton Johnson who was found unresponsive at the home and was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The Maricopa County Medical Examiner concluded that the cause of death was acute fentanyl toxicity. On June 25, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of physical abuse as to Keosha Caldwell.

**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, Keosha Caldwell, and father were involved in the following reports in the five years preceding the fatality incident:

On February 10, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to Princeton by his mother, Keosha Caldwell and father. Following an assessment of child safety, Princeton was removed from the home and placed with a relative. A dependency petition was filed with Maricopa County Superior Court and the allegations as to the parents were substantiated. The Department offered reunification services to the

family. Ms. Caldwell successfully reunified with the children and the dependency was dismissed on October 22, 2019.

On May 7, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to Princeton by his mother, Keosha Caldwell. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. No services were offered to the family 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 report regarding the fatality incident was investigated and the case was closed on June 6, 2023. There were no other children in the home. The allegation of physical abuse to Princeton by Ms. Caldwell was substantiated. 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 Phoenix Police Department. There were no other children in the home and the case was closed. The allegation of physical abuse to Princeton by Ms. Caldwell was substantiated. 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.