



Summary Report	Fatality	06/13/2022
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1. Victim: Tymeer Livingston-Harris 3-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 January 27, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding, 3-month-old, Tymeer Livingston-Harris, being found unresponsive at home and was transported to the hospital. The child presented with multiple injuries suspected to be non-accidental trauma. The child passed away from his injuries on January 31, 2021. A sibling in the home was taken into custody. A dependency petition was filed on March 1, 2021 with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On February 3, 2021, the child's father was indicted with one count of child abuse, a class 2 felony dangerous crime against children, and one count of aggravated assault, a serious physical injury, a class 2 felony dangerous crime against children. On September 3, 2021, the court made a finding the mother, Azunhae Thornton, was responsible for the injuries to Tymeer Livingston-Harris, which resulted in 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:

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 report involving Azunhae Thornton:

On November 30, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Azunhae Thornton. The child was taken into custody and placed in foster care. A dependency petition was filed with the Pinal County Superior Court on December 16, 2014. The family was provided services and the child reunified with the mother, Azunhae Thornton, on October 7, 2015. The allegation was substantiated against the mother and the case was closed on February 11, 2015.

There are no prior reports involving Tymeer Harris.



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 in the child's father, Tymeer Harris, being indicted on February 3, 2021 with one count of child abuse, a class 2 felony dangerous crime against children, and one count of aggravated assault, a serious physical injury, a class 2 felony dangerous crime against children. A sibling in the home was taken into custody. A dependency petition was filed on March 1, 2021 with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On September 3, 2021, the court made a finding the mother, Azunhae Thornton, was responsible for the injuries to Tymeer Livingston-Harris, which resulted in his death. There have been no subsequent reports regarding abuse or neglect involving this 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. The investigation of the fatality resulted in the child's father, Tymeer Harris, being indicted on February 3, 2021 with one count of child abuse, a class 2 felony dangerous crime against children, and one count of aggravated assault, a serious physical injury, a class 2 felony dangerous crime against children. A sibling in the home was taken into custody. A dependency petition was filed on March 1, 2021 with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On September 3, 2021, the court made a finding the mother, Azunhae Thornton, was responsible for the injuries to Tymeer Livingston-Harris, which resulted in his death. The family was provided with services during the dependency matter. There have been no subsequent reports regarding abuse or neglect involving this 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 of fatality and near fatality cases, especially those with



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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.

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, 2021.

For more information regarding the Department of Child Safety's Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016, please visit the DCS website.