



<b>Summary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>03/21/2022</b>
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**Amendments to the information originally posted on 5/7/2021 are displayed below in red.**

**1. Victim:** Zi’Kahi West – Two-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 April 20, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 2-month-old child who was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. The child died at the hospital. The autopsy conducted on April 21, 2020 revealed several injuries that were determined to be non-accidental. On April 24, 2020, the Department filed a dependency petition with Maricopa County Juvenile Court. On November 24, 2020, the Office of the Medical Examiner finalized their report determining that the manner of death was homicide. The father, Marquey West, has pending criminal charges for child abuse. **On March 2, 2022, the Juvenile Court found that the mother’s, Quinnisha Kincherlow, home is “unfit by reason of abuse or failure to protect from abuse.”**

**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:**

The parents agreed to participate in in-home services through the Department. The services were in the process of being implemented when the fatality occurred. The last date of contact between the Department and the family prior to the fatality incident was on April 14, 2020.

**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, **Quinnesha Kincherlow**, was involved in the following prior report:

On February 25, 2020, the report was received alleging neglect to Zi’Kahi West and his sibling by their mother. The allegations were substantiated. The family was participating in in-home services when the fatality report was received.

**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 of the father, Marquey West, for child abuse. The siblings were placed in foster care and the Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court. **The court later found the surviving siblings dependent to the Quinnesha Kircherlow, the mother.** Services are being provided to the family.

**Three** subsequent reports involving siblings were received on July 4, 2020, July 8, 2020, **and September 1, 2021** regarding allegations of abuse that reportedly occurred prior to the children coming into care. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the siblings remained in out-of-home placement.

**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 father, Marquey West, was arrested for felony child abuse. The children in the home were placed in out-of-home care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court and services are being provided. Two subsequent report involving the father and siblings were received on July 4, 2020 and July 8, 2020, regarding allegations of abuse that reportedly occurred prior to the children coming into care. The allegations were unsubstantiated. **On March 2, 2022, the Juvenile Court found the dependency to the mother, Quinnesha Kircherlow, saying that her home was unfit due to either abuse or failure to protect from the abuse.**

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 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.



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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.