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| <b>Summary Report</b> | <b>Fatality</b> | <b>01/20/2022</b> |
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**1. Victim:** Delilah Jones – 3-year-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 August 30, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-year-old Delilah Jones who had been found unresponsive in the mother's car. She was taken to the hospital and pronounced deceased. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect by Tianna Jones, the mother.

**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, Tianna Jones, was involved in the following prior reports:

On October 4, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to Delilah Jones by Tianna Jones and another adult. The allegations were unsubstantiated as to Tianna Jones, the mother, and the other adult. The family was offered in-home services but they declined to participate and the case was closed.

On May 31, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to Delilah Jones by Tianna Jones, the mother, and another adult. Following an assessment of child safety, Delilah was placed in foster care. A dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court and the allegations were substantiated as to Tianna Jones. The mother successfully completed DCS services and on November 19, 2019, the court ordered Delilah be returned to her mother's care. The DCS in-home case was closed on March 2, 2020. The family continued to receive services through a community agency through an aftercare program until May 2020.



**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 was investigated and the case was closed. The allegation of neglect to Delilah by her mother was substantiated. There were no subsequent reports of abuse or neglect 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. There were no other children in the home and the case was closed. The allegations of neglect to Delilah by her mother, Tianna Jones, were substantiated.

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.

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.



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The Department reminds all caregivers to always double check for children in cars.

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