



Preliminary Report	Fatality	8/18/16
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- 1. Victim:** Ashlynn Abbott – 8-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 8/23/15
- 3. Date of fatality:** 8/24/15
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 8/5/16
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Richard Abbott – age 26 – Phoenix, AZ

7. Circumstances of the fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On August 23, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 8-month-old Ashlynn Abbott who drowned after being left unattended in a bathtub. Ashlynn was in the care of her father, Richard Abbott, when the incident occurred. The Department substantiated the allegation that Richard Abbott neglected the baby by failing to provide adequate supervision resulting in the drowning.

8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s):**

DCS has received no prior reports involving Ashlynn or Richard Abbott.

9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the fatality:

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was assessed as safe in the home with the other parent.

11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

The Department is providing services to the family.

*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

** Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.