



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>9/17/15</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Aubreyana Ethel – 2-months
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 2/23/15
- 3. Date of fatality:** 2/26/15
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 4/6/15
- 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:**

Andre Ethel – age 32 – Phoenix, AZ  
Adrianna Price – age 34 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On February 23, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding two-month-old Aubreyana Ethel who had been admitted to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. Doctors indicated she had no viable brain tissue, extensive retinal hemorrhaging and up to nine healing rib fractures. Aubreyana died from her injuries on February 26, 2015. On April 6, 2015, the Department determined the child's parents, Andre Ethel and Adrianna Price, either abused Aubreyana and/or failed to protect her from abuse.

**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 three prior reports involving Andre Ethel, Adrianna Price and/or Aubreyana Ethel:

On May 23, 2008, a report was received alleging physical abuse to Aubreyana's sibling by the children's mother, Adrianna Price. The investigation assessed the children to be safe and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with in-home services through the Department and the case was closed on November 18, 2008.

On April 10, 2012, a report was received alleging neglect to Aubreyana's siblings by the children's mother, Adrianna Price. The investigation assessed the children to be safe and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on community resources and the case was closed on June 13, 2013.

On January 8, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to Aubreyana by her father, Andre Ethel, after she was brought to the hospital with respiratory issues. The father reported he had been bathing her in the sink by holding her and letting the water run over her. During triage at the hospital, Aubreyana began throwing up copious amounts of water. An NG tube was inserted and produced excessive amounts of water. The parents were living in separate residences when this incident occurred and the children were assessed as being safe with their mother. The mother agreed to not allow contact with the father pending completion of the investigation. However, in February 2015, she did allow him back into the family's home and the case remained open when the fatality occurred.



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

A joint investigation is being 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, the other children in the home were placed in foster care.

**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).  
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