



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>11/19/15</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Eric Case – 2-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 1/31/15
- 3. Date of fatality:** 2/2/15
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 10/23/15
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – El Mirage, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Janel Case – age 31 – El Mirage, AZ  
Daniel Case – age 29 – El Mirage, AZ

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

On January 31, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2-year-old Eric Case who was on life support at the hospital after a drowning incident in the bathtub at home. The child was declared deceased on February 2, 2015. A grand jury indicted the child's parents, Janel and Daniel Case, on charges of negligent homicide on October 23, 2015.

**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 Eric, Janel, or Daniel Case.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the El Mirage Police Department.

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

The other children in the home were assessed as safe with intervention and oversight from DCS and the Maricopa County Juvenile Court.

**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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