



Preliminary Report	Child Fatality	7/23/15
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- 1. Victim:** Jayden Rice – 4-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 1/26/15
- 3. Date of fatality:** 1/26/15
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 6/25/15
- 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:**

Robyn Rice, age 24 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On January 26, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the accidental death of 4-year-old Jayden Rice. Jayden had gained access to a bedroom where a large, heavy, unsecured tube television was placed on a small end table. The television fell on the child and resulted in his death due to traumatic brain injury. The child's mother, Robyn Rice, was responsible for supervising him when the incident occurred. The allegation of neglect to Jayden by his mother was substantiated by the Department.

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 Jayden or Robyn Rice.

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, the other children were determined to be safe in the home with their parents.

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

The Department provided the family with information on available community resources.

*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).