



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>1/28/16</b>
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**1. Victim:** Kelsie Cook 7-month-old female

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 8/7/15

**3. Date of fatality:** 9/2/15

**4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 12/17/15

**5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Tolleson, AZ

**6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Eric Cook – age 38 – Tolleson, AZ  
Crystal Cook – age 27 – Tolleson, AZ

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

On August 7, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 7-month-old Kelsie Cook who was hospitalized in critical condition after being left in a vehicle for approximately one and a half hours. The investigation found that Kelsie had been in the care of her parents, Eric and Crystal Cook, when the incident occurred. She was not expected to survive and died on September 2, 2015. The allegations that the parents neglected Kelsie were substantiated by the Department on December 17, 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 the child or her parents.

**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 in the home were placed in a licensed foster home.

**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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