



Preliminary Report	Fatality	10/15/15
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- 1. Victim:** Lucious Fiedler – 3-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 9/14/15
- 3. Date of fatality:** 3/27/15
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 5/4/15
- 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:**

Lycrecia Vernon – age 50 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On September 14, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-year-old Lucious Fiedler who had died on March 27, 2015 from injuries sustained in a car accident. The child was not properly restrained when the accident occurred. The child's grandmother, Lycrecia Vernon, has been indicted on charges of reckless manslaughter, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument and endangerment.

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 Lucious Fiedler and/or Lycrecia Vernon.

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:

There were no other children in the home.

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

No services are being provided at this time.

*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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