



Preliminary Report	Fatality	12/10/15
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- 1. Victim:** Paula Harvey – 18 month old – female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 06/30/15
- 3. Date of fatality:** 07/02/15
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 11/28/15
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Richard Defour – age 24 – Tucson, AZ

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

On June 30, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report that paramedics responded to a call regarding an 18 month old child who was having trouble breathing and was unresponsive. The child was taken to the hospital. It was learned that the child sustained an occipital hematoma to her head, retinal hemorrhages and a retinal detachment. The child died from her injuries on 07-02-15. The child had been in the care of her step-father, Richard Defour. The Department substantiated the allegation as to Richard Defour.

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 Richard Defour and/or Paula Harvey.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Tucson Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was removed and placed in a licensed DCS placement.

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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