



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Child Fatality</b>	<b>4/6/16</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Terrence Neal – 14-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 6/30/15
- 3. Date of fatality:** 6/30/15
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect:** 2/29/16
- 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:**

Rodrigues Jermaine Brooks– age 28 – Phoenix, 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 regarding a call made to 911 that a child was found unresponsive. The child was taken to a nearby hospital where he died. There was unexplained bruising on the child's abdomen. The Maricopa County Medical Examiner's Office determined that the cause of death was due to blunt force torso trauma. The Department determined Terrence Neal was alone with Rodrigues Jermaine Brooks for a portion of the day when the injuries occurred.

**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 Rodrigues Jermaine Brooks and/or Terrence Neal.

**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:**

Following an assessment of child safety, Terrence's sibling was considered safe in the care of the mother with a safety plan in place.

In addition, the other children in the home were considered safe in the care of their mother with a safety plan in place.

**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.



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\*\* 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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.