



Summary Report	Child Fatality	8/6/15
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1. Victim: Alpha Koryor – 2 ½ years old

2. Was the child residing in the child's home or in an out-of-home placement at the time of the fatality?

The child was residing in his home at the time of the fatality.

3. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in the child's home, the following information will be provided:

a. Services being provided to the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect at the time of the incident and the date of the last contact before the incident between the entity providing services and the person receiving services:

Although no services were being provided prior to the April 20, 2015 fatality report, the family was being investigated for an open report from March 4, 2014. Alpha was seen during this investigation on July 24, 2014. The investigation was completed and no safety concerns were found. However, the case remained open pending the entry of all necessary documentation.

b. Was the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect the subject of a report for investigation at the time of the incident?

Although Alpha was not reported to be a victim of abuse or neglect for the March 4, 2014 report, it did involve the parents and two other children in the home.

c. All involvement of the child's parents and of the person suspected of the abuse or neglect in a situation for which a report for investigation was made or in services provided pursuant to this chapter in the five years preceding the incident:

On March 4, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse and/or neglect to two other children in the home by the parents. Alpha was not reported to be a victim of abuse or neglect, but was seen as part of the investigation. No evidence was found to support the allegations and the children were assessed as being safe. The case remained open pending the entry of all necessary documentation.

d. Any investigation pursuant to a report for investigation concerning the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect or services provided to the child or the child's family since the date of the incident involving the fatality:

The father, James Koryor, was charged with reckless manslaughter and child abuse in connection to the death. The DCS investigation determined that the other children in the home were safe. However, the investigation of a subsequent report determined that a half-sibling to Alpha was in need of legal intervention due to the father's incarceration. The case remains open and the Department is providing services to support the family.

4. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in an out-of-home placement, the following information will be provided:



a. Licensing Agency:

N/A

b. Licensing history of the out-of-home placement, including the type of license held by the operator of the placement and the period for which the placement has been licensed:

N/A

c. Summary of all violations by the licensee:

N/A

d. Any other actions by the licensee or an employee of the licensee that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of a child:

N/A

5. Actions taken by the department in response to the case including any changes to policy or practice and/or recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes:

A Fatality/Near Fatality Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) reviewed the case and determined that the report of March 4, 2014 was not assigned for investigation until April 1, 2014, due to staff shortage at the time. When assigned the investigation was conducted appropriately, except for the lack of the ability to close the documentation in a timely manner. One of the Department's 2016 Strategic Plan goals is to create manageable workloads for case managers.

Due to the arrest of the father, the investigation of a subsequent report determined that a half-sibling to Alpha was in need of legal intervention due to the father's incarceration. The cases remain open and the Department is providing services to support the family.

The Department reminds all caregivers to always double check for kids in cars. For more information, please visit the DCS website at: <https://dcs.az.gov/news/double-check>