



Summary Report	Fatality	1/28/16
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1. Victim: Aubreyana Ethel – 2-month-old female

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 her home when the following incident occurred:

On February 23, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding two-month-old Aubreyana Ethel who had been admitted to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. Doctors indicated she had no viable brain tissue, extensive retinal hemorrhaging and up to nine healing rib fractures. Aubreyana died from her injuries on February 26, 2015. On April 6, 2015, the Department determined the child's parents, Andre Ethel and Adrianna Price, either abused Aubreyana and/or failed to protect her from abuse.

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 February 23, 2015 report, the family was being investigated for an open report from January 8, 2015. The last date of contact with the family was on February 5, 2015.

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?

The child and her father, Andre Ethel, were subjects of the January 8, 2015 report.

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:

The child's parents, Adrianna Price and Andre Ethel, were involved in the following:

On April 10, 2012, a report was received alleging neglect to Aubreyana's siblings by their mother, Adrianna Price. The investigation assessed the children to be safe and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on community resources and the case was closed on June 13, 2013.

On January 8, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to Aubreyana by her father, Andre Ethel, after she was brought to the hospital with respiratory issues. The father reported he had been bathing her in the sink by holding her and letting the water run over her. During triage at the hospital, Aubreyana began throwing up copious amounts of water. An NG tube was inserted and produced excessive amounts of water. The parents were living in separate residences when this incident occurred and the children were assessed as being safe with their mother. The mother agreed to not allow contact with the father pending completion of the investigation. However, in February 2015, she did allow him back



into the family's home and the case remained open when the fatality occurred. The allegation has been substantiated.

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 investigation of the fatality report resulted in the removal of the other children from the home. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court and services are being provided to the family. The allegations pertaining to Andre Ethel and Adrianna Price have been substantiated.

A subsequent report involving a sibling was received on August 22, 2015 regarding allegations of abuse or neglect that occurred prior to the child coming into care. The investigation is ongoing.

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:

The Department's investigation determined that the child's parents, Andre Ethel and Adrianna Price, either abused Aubreyana and/or failed to protect her from abuse. The allegations pertaining to each of them have been substantiated. The Department removed the child's siblings from the home and filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court. The Department is providing services to the family.

Additionally, in accordance with the DCS Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16), multidisciplinary team (MDT) reviews of fatality and near fatality cases were implemented during the first quarter of FY16. The MDT reviews of fatality and near fatality cases, especially those with prior DCS involvement, are a key feature of the Strategic Plan and support the objective of increasing the accuracy of safety and risk assessments in investigations.

This case was reviewed by the MDT in order to identify any systemic factors, both internal and external to the Department that may have had an impact. The Department is using the aggregate



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data gathered through all of the MDT reviews to assess and guide future changes and/or recommendations to policies, practices, rules or statutes. Findings from these reviews will be compiled into an annual report to be shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of this report is September 1, 2016.

For more information regarding the Department of Child Safety's Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016, please visit the DCS website at: <https://dcs.az.gov/news/dcs-strategic-plan>.