



Summary Report	Fatality	11/19/15
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1. Victim: Eric Case – 2-year-old male

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 when the following incident occurred:

On January 31, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2-year-old Eric Case who was on life support at the hospital after a drowning incident in the bathtub at home. The child was declared deceased on February 2, 2015. A grand jury indicted the child's parents, Janel and Daniel Case, on charges of negligent homicide on October 23, 2015.

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:

No services were being provided to the family by the Department of Child Safety at the time of the incident.

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?

No.

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:

There has been no prior involvement of the child's parents with DCS.

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 found the other children in the home to be safe with oversight from DCS and the Maricopa County Juvenile Court. DCS filed an in-home dependency petition and the family is being provided with services through DCS.

The investigation also resulted in the indictment of the parents on charges of negligent homicide.

Two subsequent reports were received on March 4, 2015 and September 17, 2015, alleging neglect and physical abuse to a sibling. Both reports have been investigated and the allegations were unsubstantiated.



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 – both in response to the investigation of the fatality or in general:

A Fatality/Near Fatality Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) reviewed the case and determined that the investigation was conducted by the Department of Child Safety in accordance with policy and procedure. No changes to policy or practice were recommended as a result of the review.

The Department reminds all caregivers to always watch children around water.