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Summary Report Fatality 9/10/15
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**1. Victim:** HaeleaMae Trujillo Hawkins – 3-year-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 occurred:

On April 30, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 3-year-old HaeleaMae Trujillo Hawkins who was being cared for by Heather Trujillo. The child had been placed in the care of Ms. Trujillo by her mother, Ruby Barrientos. The Department determined that Ms. Trujillo abused HaeleaMae by forcing her to drink water as a form of punishment. It was further found that Ms. Barrientos knew or reasonably should have known that the child was being abused and failed to protect her. An autopsy was performed by the Pima County Medical Examiner whose pathologic diagnoses included: (1) acute water intoxication, (2) failure to thrive, and (3) soft tissue injuries of head, torso, and extremities including abrasions and contusions. The manner of death was noted to be homicide with the cause of death being "ascribed to hyponatremia, due to acute water intoxication."

- 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 Heather Trujillo, Ruby Barrientos, the child's father and/or HaeleaMae Trujillo Hawkins 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 resulted in the removal of the other children in the home as well as a sibling to the victim. The Department filed dependency petitions with the Pinal County Superior Court and services are being provided to the families. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received.

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

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 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.