



Summary Report	Fatality	10/15/15
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1. Victim: Lucious Fiedler – 3-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 September 14, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-year-old Lucious Fiedler who had died on March 27, 2015 from injuries sustained in a car accident. The child was not properly restrained when the accident occurred. The child's grandmother, Lycrecia Vernon, has been indicted on charges of reckless manslaughter, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument and endangerment.

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 or grandmother 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 resulted in the arrest of the child's grandmother, Lycrecia Vernon. There were no other children in the home and no subsequent reports involving the family have been received.

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 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 properly restrain children in vehicles. For additional information please visit the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Office of Injury Prevention: A Safe Ride home at:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/ipcfr/a-safe-ride-home/index.php>