



<b>Summary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>3/10/16</b>
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**1. Victim:** Tiana Capps – 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 incident occurred:

On November 19, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding three-year-old Tiana Capps who was pronounced deceased upon arrival at the hospital. Tiana was observed to have two black eyes and bruising to her head and abdomen. She was also severely dehydrated and malnourished. Tiana had been living with her mother, Tina Morse, and two other caregivers, Shawn Main and Maria Tiglao. All three women were indicted by a Pinal County grand jury on December 23, 2015, for charges of child abuse. In addition, Shawn Main received an indictment for first degree murder.

**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:**

The child's parents were involved in the following:

On August 15, 2013, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling of Tiana Capps by her father. The investigation assessed the children to be safe in the care of their mother, Tina Morse. The allegation against the father was unsubstantiated.

On September 22, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to Tiana Capps and her siblings by their mother, Tina Morse. The report alleged the children were not being adequately cared for and noted concerns regarding the condition of the home. The investigation assessed the children as safe in the care of their mother. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed. The family was not living with Shawn Main or Maria Tiglao at the time of this investigation.

**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 child's mother, Tina Morse, and caregivers, Shawn Main and Maria Tiglao, being charged with child abuse. Shawn Main was also charged with first degree murder. The Department removed the other children from the home and filed a dependency petition with the Pinal County Superior Court. The Department is providing services to the family and no subsequent reports of abuse or neglect 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:**

The Department conducted a joint investigation with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office. The child's mother, Tina Morse, and caregivers, Shawn Main and Maria Tiglao, were arrested and charged with child abuse. Shawn Main received an additional charge of first degree murder. The Department placed the child's siblings in foster care and filed a dependency petition with the Pinal County Superior 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 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>.