



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Child Fatality</b>	<b>7/9/15</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Elise Ishimwe – 4-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 10/24/14
- 3. Date of fatality:** 10/24/14
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 3/11/15
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Nyirakaneza Mazayire, age 45 – Tucson, AZ

**7. Circumstances of the fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:**

On October 24, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the drowning death of 4-year-old Elise Ishimwe. The child was in the care of Nyirakaneza Mazayire when the incident occurred. The investigation determined that the drowning was the result of neglect as the child was left unsupervised and was able to access a neighboring pool.

**8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s)\*\*:**

DCS received one prior report involving Elise Ishimwe:

On August 12, 2014, a report was received alleging domestic violence in the home toward Elise and other household members by Elise's father. The father was arrested and not allowed to return to the home. The investigation found Elise's mother to be protective of her and she was assessed as safe. The case was pending the completion of the necessary documentation when the fatality occurred.

DCS has received no prior reports of abuse or neglect involving Nyirkaneza Mazayire.

**9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the fatality:**

A joint investigation was conducted with the Tucson Police Department.

**10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:**

The other children were assessed as being safe in the home.

**11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:**

The family was provided with information on available community resources.

\*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

\*\* Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).