

## **Statement on the death of a one-year-old boy**

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On June 23, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of a one-year-old boy, Jeremiah Hernandez.

Jeremiah was killed in a single-vehicle accident when his mother, Amanda Olson, allegedly fell asleep while driving.

Ms. Olson was found to be under the influence of opiates and amphetamines at the time of the accident.

The Department removed the other children from the home and placed them with relatives.

On July 3, 2019, a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court for Jeremiah's siblings.

On November 19, 2019, the Department filed a petition for termination of parental rights.

The court terminated Ms. Olson's parental rights on February 19, 2020.

DCS has one prior report involving Amanda Olson:

On April 11, 2019, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Olson neglected Jeremiah. According to the report, Ms. Olson was seen sleeping in a parked car with Jeremiah in the back seat. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support removing Jeremiah. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.