

## Statement on the death of a five-year-old child

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On February 11, 2020, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of a 5-year-old girl, Jewel Shapiro.

Jewel sustained life-threatening injuries in a car accident when her mother, Jill Knox, was driving the vehicle and lost control.

Jewel was transported to a hospital where she died on February 13, 2020.

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office investigation determined that Ms. Knox was driving under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs at the time. She was charged with manslaughter on June 25, 2020.

The DCS investigation determined the other children were safe with their other parent who was not residing in the same home as Ms. Knox at the time of the incident.

DCS has the following history with Ms. Knox:

On November 8, 2018, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Knox neglected Jewel and her siblings. The report alleged Ms. Knox was exposing the children to illicit drug use in the home. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The family was provided with information on community services. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.