

**Statement on the fatality of a four-year-old boy, Holden Wilson:**

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On December 4, 2018, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 4-year-old child who was taken to the hospital unresponsive. The child passed away on December 7, 2018 due to multiple non-accidental injuries, including subdural hematomas, fractured ribs and retinal hemorrhaging. The child was in the care of his mother, Elena Wilson.

Following an assessment of child safety, the siblings were taken into DCS custody and placed in a licensed foster home.

On December 22, 2021, the Department substantiated the allegations of physical abuse of Holden Wilson by his mother, Elena Wilson.

The Department provided services to the family. Ultimately, the parental rights to the siblings were terminated.

Law enforcement did not file criminal charges in this case.

DCS received the following prior report involving Ms. Wilson:

On February 15, 2018, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Holden Wilson by Ms. Wilson and his father. The report alleged Holden had jumped off a counter and fractured his leg. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and no services were offered to the family. The case was closed on March 9, 2018.