

Statement on the fatality of three-year-old boy, Mason Konkol AKA Durham:

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On June 14, 2020, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of a three-year-old boy, Mason Konkol (also known as Mason Durham).

Mason was found unresponsive at his home and pronounced deceased.

A subsequent toxicology report showed the child tested positive for fentanyl.

On May 19, 2021, the child's mother, Shala Durham, and father, Ryan Konkol, were charged with manslaughter and child abuse.

The DCS investigation determined the other children, who were living in the home part time, were safe to live with their biological father.

The Department did not provide services to the family.

DCS has the following history involving Shala Durham:

On May 16, 2017, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Durham neglected Mason. The report alleged Mason was born with methadone in his system. The DCS investigation determined Ms. Durham was participating in a treatment program for substance abuse. DCS offered the family in-home services. The family successfully completed services in October 2017. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.