



## **Statement on the Death of a one-year-old boy Jasiah Riggins**

**Issue Date: February 21, 2018**

Jasiah Riggins tragically died after being left alone in a hot car on July 29, 2017.

He was one-year old.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jasiah's family.

Jasiah died when his father, Marjony Riggins, left Jasiah in a car for several hours while Mr. Riggins was inside his home.

On February 6, 2018, DCS substantiated the allegations that Mr. Riggins' neglect caused Jasiah's death. This was following the allotted timeframe allowed for Mr. Riggins to appeal the substantiated findings.

DCS will continue to work with the Mesa Police Department.

The family agreed to participate in the Department's intensive, in-home service program to address any concerns that the Department had related to the death of Jasiah.

DCS does have prior history with Jasiah's family.

On March 29, 2017, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Jasiah and his siblings by his mother. The report stated there were issues with vehicle safety when the car the children were riding in crashed.

The allegations were substantiated regarding two of Jasiah's siblings and were unsubstantiated as to Jasiah and another sibling.

DCS did not have legal grounds to file a dependency petition with the court.

The family was offered Building Resilient Family services and the investigation was closed.