



## **Statement on the death of a three-year-old boy and the near death of a six-year-old girl**

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On February 13, 2018, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of a three-year-old boy, Noah Perry, and the near fatality of his sister, a six-year-old girl.

According to the report, the children were not sitting in a car seat or wearing a seatbelt when the car they were riding in was involved in an accident.

Noah died from his injuries on February 12, 2018.

After a DCS investigation, the Department substantiated the neglect allegation against Noah's father, John Perry, who was driving the car at the time of the accident.

DCS removed the other children living in the home and placed them with a relative.

When the near fatality victim was released from the hospital, she was also placed with a relative.

The family is currently receiving services through DCS.

The Department will continue to assist the Phoenix Police Department's investigation into Noah's death and the near fatality.

Mr. Perry does not have prior DCS history.

However, there is prior DCS history involving Noah.

On October 4, 2014, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Noah by his mother. The report stated that mother tested positive for THC while seven-weeks pregnant with Noah. Mother said she stopped smoking marijuana after she learned she was pregnant. Both the mother and Noah were drug tested after Noah was born. The tests came back negative. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community, and the case was closed.