

## **Statement on the fatality of a 15-year-old boy**

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On April 10, 2021, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 15-year-old Sean Schulman due to fentanyl toxicity.

The other children in the home were taken into custody and placed with relatives.

On April 14, 2021, a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On June 14, 2021, the court found the mother, Jaime Barrett AKA Tucker, neglected the fatality victim and his siblings.

DCS is currently providing services to the family.

DCS received the following history with the family:

On May 16, 2011, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Barrett AKA Tucker neglected her child. The report alleged Ms. Barrett AKA Tucker brought her child to the hospital due to being lethargic and having injuries on both sides of his head. There was also a bruise and red marks near his right eye. The DCS investigation did not find enough evidence to support the allegation. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed on August 12, 2011.

On October 14, 2017, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Barrett AKA Tucker neglected Sean and his siblings. The report alleged the children were exposed to illicit substance use in the home. There was not enough evidence to support the allegation of neglect by Ms. Barrett AKA Tucker. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The report also alleged there was domestic violence occurring in the home between Ms. Barrett AKA Tucker and another adult in the home while Sean was present. The allegation of neglect towards Sean by the other adult was substantiated. The family was referred for in-home services which the family did not participate. The case was closed on December 14, 2017.

On March 3, 2018, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Barrett AKA Tucker neglected Sean and his siblings. The report alleges Ms. Barrett AKA Tucker was allowing a sex offender to reside in the home. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed on April 12, 2018.

On September 15, 2018, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Barrett AKA Tucker neglected Sean and his siblings. The report alleged Ms. Barrett AKA Tucker exposed her children to illicit substance abuse in the home. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided

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with information on services available in the community and the case was closed on November 21, 2018.

On April 25, 2019, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Barrett AKA Tucker neglected Sean and his siblings. The report alleged Ms. Barrett AKA Tucker exposed her children to illicit substance abuse in the home. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed on June 28, 2019.