



Statement on the death of four-year-old Kaleb Stuart

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On August 15, 2018, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of a four-year-old boy, Kaleb Stuart.

Kaleb died on January 1, 2017, when the vehicle his father, Daniel Stuart, was driving crashed.

An autopsy report stated Kaleb died from blunt force head trauma since he was not properly restrained in his car seat.

The police investigation determined Mr. Stuart was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident.

Mr. Stuart was charged with reckless manslaughter, aggravated driving of a vehicle while under the influence with an alcohol concentration of .08 or more with a minor in the car, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The other children in the vehicle survived the accident since they were properly restrained.

The DCS investigation is currently on-going since a mandatory reporter failed to contact the Department immediately after learning of Kaleb's death in January 2017.

Kaleb and his family have the following DCS history:

On September 6, 2016, the Department received a report alleging Kaleb was neglected by Mr. Stuart and Kaleb's mother. According to the report, Kaleb suffered stomach aches due to ongoing domestic disputes between his parents. The Department's investigation could not find sufficient evidence to warrant removing Kaleb from his home. The family was offered community services and child care, but they refused. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On July 23, 2015, the Department received a report alleging Kaleb was physically abused by his mother and her live-in boyfriend. According to the report, the mother failed to protect Kaleb when her boyfriend physically abused the child. While DCS was investigating this case, the Department received another report on September 22, 2015, alleging Kaleb was physically abused by his mother

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and her live-in boyfriend. This report also alleged mother failed to protect Kaleb from her boyfriend. The investigation could not find sufficient evidence to warrant removing Kaleb from his home. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

Kaleb's mother has the following DCS history:

On May 14, 2018, the Department received a report alleging Kaleb's mother neglected his sibling. The investigation did not find any evidence of neglect. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.