

Statement on the death of 1-year-old Harvey Adams:

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On April 9, 2021, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of 1-year-old Harvey Adams. Harvey was found unresponsive in his home and pronounced deceased. The autopsy determined his cause of death was due to fentanyl toxicity.

Following an assessment of child safety, the sibling was removed and placed with a relative.

The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court on April 27, 2021, and provided services to the family.

The Court terminated Tammy Lou Adam's parental rights and found the mother's neglect contributed to Harvey's death.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Tammy Lou Adams and/or Harvey Adams:

On July 16, 2016, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by Tammy Lou Adams. The report alleged the mother's child was born substance exposed to methamphetamine. A safety plan was implemented while the mother completed in-home services. After providing consistent negative drug tests, the safety plan was lifted. The case was closed after the mother successfully completed services. The allegation of neglect was substantiated.

On May 21, 2019, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Harvey by Tammy Lou Adams. The report alleged Harvey was born substance exposed to methamphetamine. Upon investigation, all of the mother's drug tests were negative. Harvey's drug test was negative as well. The report was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On October 11, 2019, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Harvey and another child by Tammy Lou Adams. The report alleged the mother was a severe drug addict and dangerous to her children. The children were observed to be healthy and showed no visible signs of abuse. The mother did not fully cooperate with the investigation and without evidence to support the allegations, the report was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On May 29, 2020, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Harvey and another child by Tammy Lou Adams. The report alleged the mother was using methamphetamine in the home and that Harvey appeared high. The family was unable to be located and the case was closed.