

Statement on the fatality of 2-year-old boy Kenny Ray Gamble:

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On June 3, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding two-year-old Kenny Ray Gamble who had been taken to the hospital in critical condition with concern for non-accidental trauma. The child passed away on June 6, 2020.

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children were removed and placed with a relative.

The Department filed a dependency petition with the Cochise County Superior Court on June 22, 2020.

On August 27, 2021, the mother, Alysha Hop, and her boyfriend, Daniel Foster, were charged with first degree murder and child abuse.

DCS received the following reports involving Alysha Hop and/or Daniel Foster:

On March 24, 2016, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to a child by Daniel Foster. The report alleged domestic violence by Mr. Foster to the mother of his child. When the child tried to intervene, it was alleged Mr. Foster hit the child. Law enforcement investigated and determined a domestic violence incident had occurred, however, there were several inconsistencies in the stories. The child had a mark on their head, however, it was not from this incident. Criminal charges were not filed regarding the incident. The child was assessed as safe with the parents. The parents reported they were no longer in a relationship and would utilize another adult to assist the parents when exchanging the child with one another. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On May 13, 2019, a report was received alleging physical abuse to multiple children and Kenny Ray Gamble by Daniel Foster and neglect to a child by Alysha Hop. The report alleged Mr. Foster was abusing the children and the mother was abusing drugs. The report also alleged the children may have been left alone. Upon investigation, the children appeared safe and there were no disclosures of any maltreatment. The investigation did not find evidence of abuse or neglect. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

A subsequent report was received on January 20, 2021. The report alleged prior sexual abuse to one of the children by Daniel Foster. The child disclosed sexual abuse in a forensic interview and outcome of the investigation is pending. The child remained placed with a relative.