

Statement on the fatality of a three-year-old boy, Tyler Cleverly

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On January 5, 2022, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 3-year-old, Tyler Cleverly, who was taken to the hospital after a drowning incident. The child was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children in the home were taken into custody and placed with relatives.

On January 20, 2022, the department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court, alleging neglect by Lori and Nathaniel Cleverly. On May 23, 2022, the court ruled the parents, Lori and Nathaniel Cleverly, neglected Tyler Cleverly and his siblings.

The Department is providing services to the family.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Mr. and Mrs. Cleverly:

On March 11, 2021, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by Mr. and Mrs. Cleverly. The report alleged a 6-year-old child was found unsupervised by a neighbor. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and no services were offered to the family. The case was closed on April 9, 2021.

On April 11, 2021, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by Mr. and Mrs. Cleverly. The report alleged a 6-year-old child was seen unsupervised in the neighborhood by multiple parties. DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and no services were offered to the family. The case was still open when the next report was received.

On July 29, 2021, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Tyler Cleverly and his siblings by Mrs. Cleverly. The report alleged Tyler and his 1-year-old and 5-year-old siblings were left unsupervised in Mrs. Cleverly's vehicle for 4-5 minutes. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and no services were offered to the family. The case was still open when the next report was received.

On October 28, 2021, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Tyler Cleverly and his siblings by Mr. and Mrs. Cleverly. The report alleged Mr. and Mrs. Cleverly were locking their children in their rooms at night. There were additional concerns the parents were struggling to control the behaviors of another child while driving. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and no services were offered to the family. The case was closed on December 26, 2021.