

Statement on the Fatality of a three-month-old boy, Tymeer Livingston-Harris:

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On January 27, 2021, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 3-month-old male, Tymeer Livingston-Harris, who was transported to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. The child presented with multiple injuries suspected to be non-accidental trauma.

The child passed away from his injuries on January 31, 2021. An autopsy conducted by the Maricopa County Medical Examiner's report states the manner of death was homicide.

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was placed in foster care.

On February 3, 2021, the child's father was indicted with one count of child abuse, a class 2 felony dangerous crime against children, and one count of aggravated assault, a serious physical injury, a class 2 felony dangerous crime against children.

A dependency petition was filed on March 8, 2021 with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On September 3, 2021, the court made a finding the mother, Azunhae Thornton, was responsible for the injuries to Tymeer Livingston-Harris, which resulted in his death.

There are no prior reports involving Tymeer Harris.

DCS received the following prior report involving Azunhae Thornton:

On November 30, 2014, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by Azunhae Thornton. The report alleged the mother was not bonding with the child. It alleged the mother had limited mental capacities and was not prepared to care for a newborn. The child was taken into custody and placed in foster care. A dependency petition was filed with the Pinal County Superior Court on December 16, 2014. The family was provided services and the child reunified with the mother, Azunhae Thornton on October 7, 2015. The allegation was substantiated against the mother and the case was closed on February 11, 2015.