

## **Statement on the death of a six-week-old female, Kaoir Harris**

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On July 30, 2023, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 6-week-old, Kaoir Harris, who was found deceased at home after being left unattended for 37 hours.

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

On January 5, 2024, the mother, Sara Lashae Harris, was arrested and charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder and child abuse due to Kaoir's death.

The Department is providing services to the family.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Ms. Harris:

On February 10, 2023, the Department received a report alleging physical abuse to children by Ms. Harris. The report alleged there was a domestic violence incident at the home with Ms. Harris and another adult when the children were present. Ms. Harris was no longer allowing the adult at the home. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the family was provided with community resources. The case was closed on February 22, 2023.