

Statement on the deaths of 9-year-old Charlotte Foster and 16-year-old Charisse Foster:

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On February 4, 2022, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the deaths of two children and an adult that were found deceased in their home. The investigation determined the father, Steven Foster, shot and killed the two children, Charlotte and Charisse Foster, before committing suicide.

There were no other children and the home and services were not provided to the family.

DCS received the following prior report involving Mr. Foster:

On May 11, 2015, the Department received a report alleging neglect to the two children by the mother and father. The report alleged the parents were having difficulty keeping medication away from the younger child and that the mother's judgment was decreasing due to a medical condition. Upon investigation, it was discovered the parents stored medication out of reach of the children and the child did not ingest any of the medication. Additionally, the children were assessed as safe with both parents and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed on October 20, 2016.