



Statement on the death of 12-year-old, Baynen Fitz

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On December 18, 2023, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 12-year-old Baynen Fitz, who was discovered deceased at his home due to gunshot wounds to the head.

There were no other children in the home.

Upon investigation, the Department determined his father, Bryan Fitz, inflicted the injuries to Baynen and caused his death. Mr. Fitz also shot and killed the child's mother at her place of employment before he was found deceased at home due to self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

There were no services provided to the family.

DCS received the following prior report involving Mr. Fitz:

On March 11, 2017, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by Mr. Fitz and the child's mother. The report alleged a 6-month-old child was found unresponsive at home. The child was transported to the hospital and pronounced deceased. 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 May 22, 2018.