

Statement on the death of 2-month-old Emoni-Rose Senegal

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On September 15, 2022, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 2-month-old, Emoni-Rose Senegal, who was found deceased at home after co-sleeping with her parents, Mikeisha Arinwin and Allen Senegal.

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children in the home were assessed as safe.

On July 9, 2024, the Department substantiated allegations of neglect by Mr. Senegal. On March 12, 2025, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by Ms. Arinwin.

The Department provided the family with information on services available in the community.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Ms. Arinwin and Mr. Senegal:

On May 31, 2017, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Arinwin. The report alleged a 3-month-old child was found unresponsive at home after co-sleeping with their parents. The child was transported to the hospital and pronounced deceased. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was offered in-home services and daycare assistance which they declined. The case was closed on November 16, 2017.

On September 30, 2018, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Arinwin. The report alleged Ms. Arinwin had given birth to a child who was exposed to marijuana in utero. The DCS investigation found evidence to support the allegation. The allegation was substantiated. The family declined services from DCS. The case was closed on November 21, 2018.

On July 8, 2022, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Emoni-Rose by Ms. Arinwin. The report alleged Ms. Arinwin had exposed Emoni-Rose to marijuana in utero. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The case was open when the fatality report was received. Ultimately, the allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services in the community.