

Statement on the fatality of fourteen-year-old boy, Jaiden White:

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On July 1, 2021, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of a 14-year-old child, Jaiden White, who was found deceased in the home with a gunshot wound. An adult sibling and the mother were also found in the home deceased. The investigation determined there were no other children in the home and the case was closed on June 23, 2022.

On June 27, 2022, the stepfather, John James, was indicted on three counts of first degree murder by a Pima County Grand Jury.

DCS received the following prior report involving Mr. James:

On December 18, 2019, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to another child by John James, the stepfather. Law enforcement responded to a domestic disturbance between the children's mother and Mr. James. When the child in the home tried to intervene, he saw Mr. James pull out a handgun and then later a shotgun while still yelling at the mother. The allegations were substantiated for neglect as to John James. The children in the home were assessed as safe with their mother and the case was closed.