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Statement on the fatality of a newborn male, Baby Boy Nulsen:

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On May 19, 2020, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of a newborn male who had passed away while still at the hospital, shortly after birth.

There were no other children residing in the home. Children from the prior reports were residing with their fathers or legal guardians at the time of this incident

The Mohave Medical Examiner ruled the death due to methamphetamine intoxication due to maternal methamphetamine abuse.

On December 17, 2021, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect of Baby Boy Nulsen by his mother, Sabrina Nulsen.

There were no services provided to the family the case was closed on September 9, 2020.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Ms. Nulsen:

On July 31, 2019, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Nulsen. The report alleged Ms. Nulsen had used methamphetamines throughout her pregnancy. Following an assessment of child safety, the child was assessed as safe with her father. The allegation of neglect was substantiated and no services were offered to the family. The case was closed on October 10, 2019.

On November 12, 2019, the Department received a report alleging neglect to children by Ms. Nulsen and the children's father. The report alleged Ms. Nulsen had previously engaged in domestic violence with the father to the children. There were additional alleged concerns of needles used for drugs being within reach of the children and one child being stuck with a needle. It also alleged possible sexual abuse of a child. The children were assessed as safe with their legal guardian. 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 January 14, 2020.