

## **Statement on the Fatality of a two-year-old girl, London Glass:**

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On April 14, 2020, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of a two-year-old girl, London Glass. London was found unresponsive at home and later died at the hospital. An autopsy confirmed that London died of methadone intoxication/overdose.

On that same day, a sibling in the home was transported to the hospital after showing signs of methadone intoxication. While waiting for additional testing, the child became disoriented and later tested positive for methadone.

The Department removed London's sibling from the home and placed them with a relative. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court on April 17, 2020. DCS is providing services to the family.

On July 7, 2021, the mother, Shae'd Bowen, was arrested for one count of first degree murder and two counts of Child Abuse.

DCS has the following history with the family:

On September 24, 2017, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Bowen neglected London. At time of birth, London tested positive for marijuana and opiates. The DCS investigation determined Ms. Bowen had been under the care of medical providers while taking prescribed medication during pregnancy, except for the marijuana. DCS substantiated the allegation of neglect for exposing London to marijuana while pregnant. DCS offered the family in-home services, but the mother did not participate and the case was closed.

On September 14, 2018, the Department received a report alleging London was neglected by another adult living in the home. The report alleged London was taken to the hospital for opioid ingestion. A joint investigation was completed with Chandler Police Department. The investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations after learning the adult accidentally dropped the bottle of medication. It was determined one of the pills must have been lost in the plush carpet and was later discovered by London who ingested it. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.