

**This child was previously posted as a near-fatality on 08/10/2020.**

## **Statement on the death of 2-year-old Aubrielle Johnson**

**Date Issued: November 5, 2024**

On October 9, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2-year-old Aubrielle Johnson, who was found unresponsive in her placement's home. Aubrielle was removed from her parents' home on February 7, 2020, when the father, Dontae Lavvone Johnson, admitted to shaking the child on several occasions resulting in life-threatening injuries consistent with non-accidental trauma. Ultimately, the child died due to the injuries caused by her father, Dontae Lavvone Johnson, on October 9, 2022.

The other children in the home where the incident occurred were found to be safe in the care of their licensed foster placements.

The Department substantiated the allegations of physical abuse by the father, Dontae Lavvone Johnson. On May 24, 2024, Dontae Lavvone Johnson was convicted of two counts of child abuse and two counts of attempted child abuse. He received consecutive sentences of 17 years and 10 years along with lifetime supervised probation with domestic violence terms.

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

DCS received the following prior reports involving Mr. Johnson:

On December 15, 2018, the Department received a report alleging neglect children by the mother and father, Mr. Johnson. The report alleged the home was found to have drugs, paraphernalia, and unsecured weapons within reach of the children. Although the family was not able to be located during the assessment, there was enough evidence found in the investigation to support the allegations. The allegation of neglect was substantiated. The case was closed on May 5, 2019.