

Maricopa County (Arizona) Public Records Act Request

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Case Number: 2022-09785

Decedent's Name: Emery Victor Marshall Patterson

Victim Age: 1 years

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Not Hispanic

Race: White, Black or African American

Date of Death: 9/19/2022

Cause of Death: FENTANYL INTOXICATION::::

Manner of Death: Undetermined

Submanner: Drugs - Illicit

Preliminary Circumstances: This 1 year 1 month old African American male with a medical history significant for intrauterine diagnosis of ventricular septal defect and intrauterine exposure to methadone and fentanyl was found unresponsive and not breathing in bed by his mother while co-sleeping. 911 was called and the decedent was transported to a local hospital where death was pronounced after failed resuscitative efforts. The decedent's mother made comments to the fire department of him "possibly getting into her prescription pain medication". Drug paraphernalia was found on scene by law enforcement. Jurisdiction was accepted as admit.