

Statement on the death of a one-year-old girl, Nevaeh Turner

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On October 18, 2022, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of a one-year-old girl, Nevaeh Turner.

Upon investigation, it was determined the child drowned while she was in the care of Keilan Marshall when he left her in a bathtub without adult supervision.

One of the children in the home was assessed as safe with their father. A dependency petition was filed for two children that remained in their mother's care with a safety plan in place. After the safety plan was violated, the two children were removed and placed in foster care.

On May 1, 2023, the Maricopa County Superior Court found Mr. Marshall neglected the child.

The Department is providing services to the family.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Mr. Marshall:

On June 22, 2020, a report was received alleging physical abuse to three children by Mr. Marshall. The report alleged Mr. Marshall physically assaulted three children in the home he was residing in after one bumped into him on accident. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the children were assessed as safe with their parents as they removed Mr. Marshall from their home.

On April 26, 2022, the Department received a report alleging physical abuse to Nevaeh and two siblings by Mr. Marshall. The report alleged Mr. Marshall was speeding with the children in the car, and when police attempted to pull him over, he fled with the children still in the car. The children were not harmed during the incident and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The children were assessed as safe and the Department attempted to provide resources and supplies to further assist the family, however, the family ceased communication and did not cooperate. The case was closed on September 13, 2022.