

Preliminary Report	Fatality	09/23/25
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1. Victim: Lydia Mater – 6-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 05/29/2024

3. Date of fatality: 05/19/2024

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 09/17/2025

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County – Surprise, AZ

6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Brock Mater – age 34 – Surprise, AZ

7. Circumstances of the fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On May 29, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 7-year-old Alec Mater and 6-year-old Lydia Mater, who had been discovered deceased at their home due to gunshot wounds. Upon investigation, the Department determined their father, Brock Mater, inflicted the injuries to Alec and Lydia. Mr. Mater was also discovered deceased at the home due to a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s):**

DCS received the following prior report involving Brock Mater:

On October 20, 2023, a report was received alleging neglect to Alec and Lydia by Mr. Mater. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family declined in-homes services, and the case was closed on November 8, 2023.

9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the fatality:

A joint investigation was conducted with the Surprise Police Department.

10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

There were no other children in the home.

11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

There were no services provided by the Department.

*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

** Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).
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