

Statement on the deaths of Alec and Lydia Mater

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On May 29, 2024, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatalities of 7-year-old Alec Mater and 6-year-old Lydia Mater, who were discovered deceased due to gunshot wounds at their home.

There were no other children in the home.

Upon investigation, the Department determined their father, Brock Mater, inflicted the injuries to Alec and Lydia. Mr. Mater was discovered deceased at the home due to a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

There were no services provided to the family.

DCS received the following prior report involving Mr. Mater:

On October 20, 2023, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Alec and Lydia by Mr. Mater. The report alleged the father was experiencing a mental health crisis and expressing suicidal ideations. There were additional concerns regarding a domestic violence incident between the parents. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated, and services were declined by the family. The case was closed on November 8, 2023.