Maricopa County (Arizona) Public Records Act Request

The following information was received in response to a public records request from Lives Cut Short to the Maricopa County Office of the Medical Examiner. Records were received on February 19, 2025. Please note that text was copied exactly as it was presented in what was shared with us even if it appears there was minor text extraction error (e.g., “admit. ”).

Case Number:	2022-12183
Decedent’s Name:	Emmanuel Bear-Hawk Diaz
Victim Age:	0 years
Sex:	Male
Ethnicity:	Not Hispanic or Latino
Race:	White
Date of Death:	11/27/2022
Cause of Death:	Complications of prematurity::::Chorioamnionitis, methamphetamine exposure
Manner of Death:	Accident
Submanner:	Drugs - Illicit

Preliminary Circumstances: This decedent was a 30- to 32-week-old baby that was delivered at home. Shortly following the birth, the mother was emergently taken to a local hospital for complications and the baby was air evacuated to an appropriate hospital due to respiratory distress. The mother tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine and has a known history of illicit substance use. The placenta was noted to be intact and will be sent to pathology for testing. This case is an Admit.