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:	2023-09657
Decedent’s Name:	Jeremiah Viera
Victim Age:	1 years
Sex:	Male
Ethnicity:	Hispanic or Latino
Race:	White
Date of Death:	9/9/2023
Cause of Death:	FENTANYL INTOXICATION::::
Manner of Death:	Undetermined
Submanner:	Drugs - Illicit

Preliminary Circumstances: This 1-year 7-month-old male with a history including a resolved skin rash was found unresponsive by his aunt, who was caring for him while his parents worked. First responders were called and emergently responded to the scene. Upon their arrival, it was determined that he was pulseless and resuscitative efforts were made en route to the hospital. Shortly after admission to the emergency department, death was pronounced. The fire department reported a possible fentanyl exposure to hospital staff. A male reportedly present at the home today has a history of child abuse. There are no obvious signs of trauma.