Preliminary Report	Fatality	10/20/2025

1. Victim: Myles Patterson– 1-year-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 10/22/23

3. Date of fatality: 10/21/23

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 10/15/25

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

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

Marcellus Patterson– age 32 – Glendale, AZ

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

On October 22, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-year-old Myles Patterson, who was found unresponsive. The father, Marcellus Patterson, was under the influence of alcohol and had co-slept with the child on a couch. Myles was brought to hospital and was later pronounced deceased. The medical examiner determined that the cause of death was complications of mechanical asphyxia, resulting from the child being smothered or compressed by an adult. On September 11, 2025, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to Myles by his father, Marcellus Patterson.

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):**

There were no prior DCS reports involving Marcellus Patterson and/or Myles Patterson.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Peoria 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:

The Department provided the family with information about available community services and offered a Family Connections referral, which the family declined.

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*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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