Preliminary Report	Fatality	09/19/2025

1. **Victim:** Azim Asaju – 10-month-old male

2. **Date of notification to DCS:** 10/21/24

3. **Date of fatality:** 11/5/24

4. **Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 9/17/25

5. **County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ

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

Jimmy McElroy – age 28 – Tucson, AZ

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

On October 21, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 10-month-old Azim Asaju, who was in the care of his father when he became stiff and unresponsive. Upon examination, Azim was experiencing seizures and had a subdural hematoma indicating non-accidental trauma. The child ultimately died due to his injuries. The medical examiner determined the child suffered from blunt force injuries causing his death. On November 12, 2024, the father, Jimmy McElroy, was indicted by a Pima County Grand Jury on charges of second-degree murder and child abuse in relation to Azim's death.

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 Jimmy McElroy.

DCS received the following prior reports involving the child, Azim Asaju:

> On October 10, 2024, a report was received alleging neglect to Azim and a sibling by their mother. The investigation assessed Azim as safe with his father. A sibling with a different father was removed from the home and placed in a licensed foster home. Azim's father filed for temporary custody orders for him when the fatality report was received.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Tucson Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was removed and placed in a licensed foster home.

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

The Department is providing services to the family.

*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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