Summary Report	Fatality	09/19/2025

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

2. Was the child residing in the child's home or in an out-of-home placement at the time of the fatality?

The child was residing in his home when the following incident occurred:

> 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.

3. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in the child's home, the following information will be provided:

a. Services being provided to the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect at the time of the incident and the date of the last contact before the incident between the entity providing services and the person receiving services:

Although no services were provided to the family prior to the October 21, 2024, fatality incident, the family was being investigated for an open report dated October 10, 2024. Azim's father, Jimmy McElroy, was assessed as safe. The sibling with a different father was removed from the home and placed in a licensed foster home. The case was pending services when the fatality report was received. The last date of contact between the Department and Azim's father, Jimmy McElroy, was on October 11, 2024.

b. Was the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect the subject of a report for investigation at the time of the incident?

Azim Aaju, the sibling, and their mother were subjects of the October 10, 2024, report.

c. All involvement of the child's parents and of the person suspected of the abuse or neglect in a situation for which a report for investigation was made or in services provided pursuant to this chapter in the five years preceding the incident:

The child's mother was involved in the following reports in the five years preceding the fatality incident:

> On August 14, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to a child by the mother. Following an assessment of child safety, the child was removed

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from the home and placed with a relative. A dependency petition was filed with Pima County Superior Court, and the allegations were substantiated. The Department provided services to the family, and the child was returned to their mother. The case was closed on February 28, 2023.

On August 23, 2023, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by the mother. An investigation was conducted and the child was assessed as safe with their parents. The allegation was substantiated. The family was provided with community resources and the case was closed on October 19, 2023.

On October 10, 2024, a report was received alleging neglect to Azim and a sibling by their mother. An investigation was conducted and Azim was assessed as safe with his father. It was determined that impending danger existed for the sibling. Azim's father filed for temporary custody orders for him when the fatality report was received.

There were no prior DCS reports involving Jimmy McElroy.

d. Any investigation pursuant to a report for investigation concerning the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect or services provided to the child or the child's family since the date of the incident involving the fatality:

The investigation of the fatality resulted in the child's father, Jimmy McElroy, being indicted on charges of second-degree murder and child abuse in relation to Azim's death. The other child in the home was removed and placed in licensed foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court and services are being provided.

A subsequent report alleging neglect to a newborn sibling was received on May 12, 2025. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the sibling was assessed as safe in the care of their parents.

4. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in an out-of-home placement, the following information will be provided:

a. Licensing Agency:

N/A

b. Licensing history of the out-of-home placement, including the type of license held by the operator of the placement and the period for which the placement has been licensed:

N/A

c. Summary of all violations by the licensee:

N/A

d. Any other actions by the licensee or an employee of the licensee that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of a child.

N/A

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5. Actions taken by the Department in response to the case including any changes to policy or practice and/or recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes:

The Department conducted a joint investigation with the Tucson Police Department. The child's father, Jimmy McElroy, was indicted on charges of second-degree murder and child abuse in relation to Azim's death. The other child in the home was removed and placed in licensed foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court and services are being provided.

A subsequent report alleging neglect to a newborn sibling was received on May 12, 2025. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the sibling was assessed as safe in the care of their parents.

Additionally, in accordance with A.R.S. § 8-469, cases with prior involvement with the Department within 3 years of the critical incident are reviewed by a multidisciplinary team (MDT). The team selects cases that present opportunities for systemic learning or that demonstrate opportunities for systemic change. The Department uses the aggregate data gathered through the MDT reviews to assess and guide future changes and/or recommendations to policies, practices, rules, or statutes to improve the quality of outcomes for children and families receiving services from the department. Findings from these reviews are compiled into an annual report which is shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of the next report is December 1, 2025.

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