



Information for Release		1/23/2015
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Date of the notification to DCS: 1/13/2015

Child Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 1/15/2015

Child's name: Amelia Gutierrez

Age at time of incident: 16 months

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Adrian Moreno – age 26

City, town or general location of residence of the child and alleged perpetrator(s):

Phoenix, AZ

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

On January 13, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 16-month-old Amelia Gutierrez who had been transported to the hospital with severe head and internal injuries. The injuries were determined to be non-accidental and resulted in Amelia's death on January 15, 2015. Amelia had been in the care of her mother's boyfriend, Adrian Moreno, when the injuries occurred and he has since been arrested and charged with first degree murder and child abuse.

Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian*:

The Department of Child Safety has received no prior reports of abuse or neglect involving Adrian Moreno and Amelia Gutierrez.

1. Actions taken by DCS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:

The Department of Child Safety, in conjunction with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, is conducting a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

There were no other children in the home.

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

No services are being provided to the family at this time.

*Posted information provides whether there have been reports, or any current or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).

*Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

Douglas A. Ducey
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Director

Information, if any, regarding the child and other family or household members, not specifically related to the fatality or near fatality, is not posted on the website. This also applies to information, if any, regarding the alleged perpetrator(s) and other family or household members.