



Information for Release		8/19/2014
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Date of the notification to DCS: 8/19/2014

## Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 8/8/2014

Child's name: Amy Vega

Age at time of incident: 6 years old

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Palemon Vega-Maqueda – age 30

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

Glendale, AZ

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

On August 8, 2014, six-year-old Amy Vega was killed after her father, Palemon Vega-Maqueda, lost control of the vehicle he was driving and collided with oncoming traffic. Witnesses stated Mr. Vega-Maqueda was traveling at approximately 60-75 mph in a 40 mph zone. Amy was not properly restrained in the vehicle and died as a result of her injuries. Mr. Vega-Maqueda was arrested for reckless manslaughter and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

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 Amy Vega and Palemon Vega-Maqueda.

**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 are no other children in the home.

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

Services will be determined pending the outcome of the investigation.

\*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).



## *Arizona Department of Child Safety*

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**Janice K. Brewer**  
Governor

**Charles Flanagan**  
Director

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

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.