Preliminary Report	Fatality	4/24/19

Amendments to the information originally posted on 8/27/18 are displayed below in red.

1. **Victim:** Gabriel Thomas – 4-month-old male

2. **Date of notification to DCS:** 12/1/17

3. **Date of fatality:** 12/1/17

4. **Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:**

Abraham Mota- 6/25/18
Damaris Paz-Thomas – 9/17/18

5. **County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pinal County, AZ

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

Abraham Mota – age 28 – Pinal County, AZ
Damaris Paz-Thomas – age 20 – Pinal County, AZ

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

On December 1, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of 4-month-old Gabriel Thomas. On June 25, 2018, the Pinal County Juvenile Court found through a dependency proceeding that the child died from non-accidental injuries suffered while in Mr. Mota's care and his explanation of the injuries was inconsistent with the severity of the injuries found. On September 17, 2018, the Pinal County Juvenile Court found through a dependency proceeding that the mother, Damaris Paz-Thomas, failed to protect the child from abuse.

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)**:**

DCS has received no prior reports involving Gabriel Thomas, Damaris Paz-Thomas or Abraham Mota.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office.

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

There were no other children in the home at the time of the fatality.

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

The Department provided 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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