

Mike Faust, Director Douglas A. Ducey, Governor

Preliminary Report	Fatality	4/12/2021
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1. Victim: Aitana Lucia Morales-Lopez – 1-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 03/20/2021

**3. Date of fatality:** 03/20/2021

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*: 03/30/2021

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:

Joel Morales Corral – age 38 – Tucson, AZ Claudia Lopez Corral – age 36 – Tucson, AZ

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

On March 20, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-year-old Aitana Lucia Morales-Lopez, who had been found unresponsive due to a possible fentanyl overdose. The child was transported to the hospital, where she was pronounced deceased. The child's father, Joel Morales Corral, was indicted on one count of child abuse and one count of manslaughter on March 30, 2021. The child's mother, Claudia Lopez Corral, was indicted on one count of child abuse on March 30, 2021.

## 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 are no prior DCS reports involving Joel Morales Corral or Claudia Lopez Corral.

#### 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.

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

The Department is providing supportive services to the sibling and will continue to assess for other services to be provided to the family.

<sup>\*</sup>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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.