



Preliminary Report	Fatality	8/21/19
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1. Victim: Aleena Bermudez 4 year old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 07/01/19

3. Date of fatality: 06/30/19

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 7/10/19

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County – Glendale, AZ

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

Brandon Andres Bautista Torres – age 24 – Glendale, AZ

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

On July 1, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 4-year-old Aleena Bermudez and her mother, who had been shot in their home. The mother and child were pronounced deceased upon arrival of the police and fire departments. The mother’s significant other, Brandon Andres Bautista Torres, was later indicted on two counts of first degree murder.

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 the following prior report involving Brandon Andres Bautista Torres and Aleena Bermudez:

On June 25, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to Aleena Bermudez and her sibling by Brandon Andres Bautista Torres. The report was still pending at the time of the fatality report. The allegations have since been unsubstantiated.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Glendale Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the 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.

*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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