



Preliminary Report	Fatality	10/6/21
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- 1. Victim:** Esperanza Isidro – 2-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 9/27/21
- 3. Date of fatality:** 9/27/21
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/1/21
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Esther Callejas – age 24- Phoenix, AZ

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

On September 27, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the near death of a 6-year-old male and the death of a 2-year-old female. Police had responded to the home and found both children had been shot by their mother, Esther Callejas. On October 1, 2021, the Esther Callejas was charged with first degree murder and attempted 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):**

There were no prior DCS reports involving the children or Esther Callejas.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

The near fatality victim was assessed as safe with his father and remains hospitalized.

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

The Department intends to provide services and/or resources as the investigation continues.

*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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