



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>05/30/19</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Eythan Gonzalez – 14 year old male.
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 04/30/2019
- 3. Date of fatality:** 01/02/2018
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 05/07/2019
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Maricopa County, AZ

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

Patrick Gonzalez – age 38 – Maricopa County, AZ

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

On April 30, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 14-year-old, Eythan Gonzalez, who had died in a one motor vehicle accident on January 2, 2018, when his father, Patrick Gonzalez, was driving while under the influence. The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to the father.

**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 Patrick or Eythan Gonzalez

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

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

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was assessed as being safe with the other parent.

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

The Department referred the family for in-home services through a community provider and the case was closed.

\*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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