



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>11/27/19</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Indigo Baez - 9-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 8/17/19
- 3. Date of fatality:** 9/29/19
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 10/8/19
- 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:**

Lorimar Baez – age 26 – Phoenix, AZ  
Ramon Baez – age 25 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On August 17, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 9-month-old Indigo Baez, who had been taken to the hospital after drowning in a bathtub. The child was in critical condition and remained in the hospital. The Department filed a dependency petition as to Indigo and his siblings on August 21, 2019. Indigo later passed away on September 29, 2019. On October 8, 2019, the court granted the dependency petition as to the siblings and the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect as to the parents, Lorimar and Ramon Baez.

**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 Ramon Baez.

DCS has received the following priors involving Lorimar Baez and/or Indigo Baez:

On May 30, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Lorimar Baez. The report was substantiated and the case was closed.

On February 2, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to three children by their mother, Lorimar Baez. The report was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On October 25, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to Indigo by his mother, Lorimar Baez. The report was substantiated and the family was referred to in-home services. The case was closed on August 9, 2019 after completion of the voluntary services.

**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:**

Following an assessment of child safety, Indigo remained in the hospital and the other children in the home were removed and placed with a relative.

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

The Department is providing 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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