

Arizona Department of Child Safety

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Preliminary Report Fatality 7/11/19

1. Victim: Jaymee Valenzuela Gonzalez – 3-month-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 1/27/19

3. Date of fatality: 2/14/19

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 2/6/19

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Yuma, AZ

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

Elena Sandoval-Bravo - age 24 - Yuma, AZ

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

On January 27, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-month-old Jaymee Valenzuela Gonzalez, who had been taken to the hospital by her mother, Elena Sandoval-Bravo. The child was determined to be in critical condition with severe malnutrition and dehydration. On February 6, 2019, the Yuma County Superior Court found a factual basis to the petition, in which the mother, Elena Sandoval-Bravo, admitted to not feeding the child properly or attending to her basic needs. The child later passed away on February 14, 2019.

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 Jaymee Valenzuela Gonzalez or Elena Sandoval-Bravo.

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, the other children in the home were placed in foster care. A dependency petition was filed on the children, including Jaymee, while she remained hospitalized.

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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.