



Preliminary Report	Fatality	3/2/2021
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1. Victim: Julius Rodriguez – 6-month-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 1/9/18

3. Date of fatality: 1/9/18

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:

Sabrina Ortiz – 9/21/20

Edgar Rodriguez – 10/23/20

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:

Sabrina Ortiz – age 23 – Phoenix, AZ

Edgar Rodriguez – age 25 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On January 9, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 6-month-old Julius Rodriguez who had been found unresponsive in his home. Julius had been put to sleep in a crib which also contained a plastic bag. On September 21, 2020, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect as to the child's mother, Sabrina Ortiz. On October 23, 2020, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect as to the child's father, Edgar Rodriguez.

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 received the following prior reports involving Julius Rodriguez, Sabrina Ortiz and/or Edgar Rodriguez:

On October 27, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Sabrina Ortiz. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On November 29, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to Julius by his parents, Sabrina Ortiz and Edgar Rodriguez. The investigation assessed the children as safe with the parents. The case was pending completion of necessary follow-up when the fatality occurred. The allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated.

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 assessed as being safe with the parents.



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

The Department provided the family with information on services available in the community.

*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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