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| Preliminary Report | Fatality | 1/26/17 |
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- 1. Victim:** Samuel Garcia – 1-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 10/14/16
- 3. Date of fatality:** 10/11/16
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 1/24/17
- 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:**

Damon Garcia – age 33 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On October 14, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding Samuel Garcia, who was involved in a possible bathtub drowning. Samuel was found without a heartbeat and transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. It was determined that Samuel sustained his injuries while in the care of his father, Damon Garcia, who failed to adequately supervise the child which resulted in his death.

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 Samuel or Damon Garcia.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Buckeye 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 other parent.

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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