



Preliminary Report	Fatality	2/7/19
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1. Victim: Shaylynn Kennedy – 1-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 7/12/18

3. Date of fatality: 7/12/18

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

Victor Sanchez – 12/5/18

Brianna Casteel – 2/1/19

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County – Goodyear, AZ

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

Victor Sanchez – age 28 – Goodyear, AZ

Brianna Casteel – age 26 – Goodyear, AZ

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

On July 12, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-year-old Shaylynn Kennedy who died after drowning in a pool at the home where she lived. Shaylynn was being cared for by her maternal aunt, Brianna Casteel, and the aunt’s significant other, Victor Sanchez, at the time of the incident. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect pertaining to each of the caregivers.

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 Brianna Casteel, Victor Sanchez and/or Shaylynn Kennedy.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Goodyear 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 safe in the care of their parents.

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

No services were provided by the Department.

*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.