



Preliminary Report	Fatality	5/20/2021
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- 1. Victim:** Xavier Garcia – 1-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 01/12/20
- 3. Date of fatality:** 01/12/20
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 12/30/20
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Cochise County – Bisbee, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Corina Sanchez – age 38 – Bisbee, AZ

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

On January 12, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-month-old male found unresponsive at home after co-sleeping with his mother, Corina Sanchez. On December 30, 2020, the Department substantiated the allegation of death due to child neglect against the child’s mother, Corina Sanchez.

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 Corina Sanchez:

On May 8, 2009, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Corina Sanchez. The allegation was unsubstantiated as to Corina Sanchez. The family was provided with information on services in the community. The case was closed on May 22, 2009.

On September 12, 2011, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Corina Sanchez. The family was provided with information on services in the community. The allegation was unsubstantiated as to Corina Sanchez. The case was closed on October 20, 2011.

On March 8, 2013, a report was received alleging neglect to children by Corina Sanchez. The Department made several attempts to locate the family, but was unsuccessful. Since the family could not be located to conduct the investigation, the case was closed on September 19, 2013.

On December 3, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse to another child by Corina Sanchez. The allegation of physical abuse was substantiated against Corina Sanchez. The family was provided services. The case was still open when the next report was received.

On December 10, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to another child by Corina Sanchez. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated against Corina Sanchez. The family was provided with information on services in the community. The case was closed on December 24, 2015.



On August 8, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Corina Sanchez. The allegation of neglect was substantiated against Corina Sanchez. The family was provided with information on services available in the community. The case was closed July 9, 2018.

On March 28, 2019 a report was received alleging neglect to children by Corina Sanchez. The allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated against Corina Sanchez. The case was closed on May 23, 2019.

On December 13, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to Xavier Garcia by his mother, Corina Sanchez. Following an assessment of child safety, a safety plan was implemented with a relative regarding Xavier and his siblings requiring the contact between the mother and children to be monitored. An in-home dependency petition was filed with Cochise County Superior Court on January 3, 2020. The Department was providing services to the family when the fatality report was received.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Bisbee 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 and remained with the relative under a safety plan monitoring the contact between the mother, Corina Sanchez, and the children. The case was changed to an out-of-home dependency and a motion was filed to have to children remain in the home with the relative without the mother. The motion was granted by the court on February 10, 2020.

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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