



Preliminary Report	Fatality	11/30/17
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- 1. Victim:** Ximena Sierra – 8-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 7/24/17
- 3. Date of fatality:** 7/28/17
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/16/17
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Graham County, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Artemio Sierra – age 33 – Graham County, AZ

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

On July 24, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 8-year-old Ximena Sierra who had been injured in an ATV accident. The child was not wearing a helmet and had reportedly been thrown from the vehicle that was being driven by her father, Artemio Sierra. She was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced deceased several days later. Artemio Sierra, was later charged with manslaughter for the 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 Ximena and/or Artemio Sierra.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Graham County Sheriff's Office.

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 in the home.

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).
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