



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>10/02/2018</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Arabella Haynes– 2 year-old-female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 09/12/2018
- 3. Date of fatality:** 09/13/2018
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 09/25/2018
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Carlos Hernandez– age 30 – Tucson, AZ

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

On September 12, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2 year-old Arabella Haynes who had been transported to the hospital with severe head injuries. The injuries were determined to be non-accidental and resulted in Amelia's death on September 13, 2018. Amelia had been in the care of a caregiver, Carlos Hernandez, when the injuries occurred and he has since been arrested and charged with first degree murder and child abuse.

**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 the following priors involving Arabella Haynes:

On September 28, 2017, a report was received alleging abuse to Arabella by her father. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On May 18, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to Arabella by her mother and another adult in the home. The family was provided with a day care referral and the case was closed.

DCS has received no prior reports involving Carlos Hernandez as an alleged perpetrator.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Tucson PD.

**10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:**

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was placed with relatives.

**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 including services to support the other child involved.



## *Arizona Department of Child Safety*

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Director

\*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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