Arizona Department of Child Safety



Preliminary Report	Fatality	8/9/18
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- 1. Victim: Christian Garcia-Sanchez 15-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS: 6/21/18
- 3. Date of fatality: 6/21/18
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 8/6/18
- 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:
- Donald Stanley age 49 Tucson, AZ

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

On June 21, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 15-year-old Christian Garcia-Sanchez who had been shot and killed by his stepfather, Donald Stanley. Tucson Police Department responded and it was determined that Donald Stanley had shot Christian before committing suicide.

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 prior reports involving Christian Garcia-Sanchez and/ or Donald Stanley:

On August 4, 2006, a report was received alleging physical and emotional abuse to a child by Donald Stanley. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On August 12, 2006, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by Donald Stanley. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On August 14, 2006, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Donald Stanley. The allegation was substantiated and the case was closed after the mother of the child was able to obtain physical custody.

On November 4, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to Christian by his mother and stepfather, Donald Stanley. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Tucson Police Department.

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 assessed as safe with the mother.

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

The Department provided the family with information on services available in the community.



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*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.