

Preliminary Report	Fatality	06/27/2024
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- 1. Victim:** Ariza Chavez-Boilard – 7-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 05/13/24
- 3. Date of fatality:** 09/06/23
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 6/26/24
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Cochise County – Sierra Vista, AZ

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

Christina Boilard – age 42 – Sierra Vista, AZ

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

On May 13, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 7-year-old Ariza Chavez-Boilard, who was discovered deceased at her home due to a gunshot wound on September 9, 2023. Upon investigation, the Department determined her mother, Christina Boilard, inflicted the injuries to Ariza and caused her death. Ms. Boilard was also discovered deceased at the home due to a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

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 Christina Boilard and/or Ariza Chavez-Boilard:

On May 4, 2012, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Boilard. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed on July 31, 2012.

On February 4, 2013, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Boilard. The allegation was unsubstantiated. There were no services offered to the family and the case was closed on March 29, 2013.

On August 8, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to a child by Ms. Boilard. The allegations were unsubstantiated. There were no services offered to the family and the case was closed on January 27, 2015.

On October 19, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Boilard. The allegation was unsubstantiated. There were no services offered to the family and the case was closed on March 2, 2016.

On April 21, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to Ariza by Ms. Boilard. The allegation was unsubstantiated. There were no services offered to the family and the case was closed on June 17, 2016.

On June 21, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Boilard. The allegation was unsubstantiated. There were no services offered to the family and the case was closed on August 19, 2016.

On January 13, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to Ariza by her father and Ms. Boilard. The DCS investigation found evidence to support the allegations and Ariza was taken into DCS custody and placed in a foster home. Another child residing in the home part-time was assessed as safe with their father. A dependency petition was filed with the Cochise County Superior Court and the family was provided services. Ms. Boilard successfully completed services and reunified with Ariza. The dependency matter was dismissed on November 15, 2017, and the DCS case was closed on December 20, 2017. The allegations as to the parents were substantiated.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Sierra Vista Police Department.

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

There were no other children residing in the home.

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

There were no services 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.