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| Preliminary Report | Fatality | 04/16/2024 |
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- 1. Victim:** Andrea Herrera one-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 8/4/2023
- 3. Date of fatality:** 8/4/2023
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 2/14/2024
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pinal County – Coolidge, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Bryan Andres Herrera-Ruiz – age 26 – Coolidge, AZ

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

On August 4, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding one-month-old Andrea Herrera who was found unresponsive at the home while in the care of her father, Bryan Andres Herrera-Ruiz. She was transported to the hospital and later passed away due to non-accidental head trauma. The father, Bryan Andres Herrera-Ruiz, has been charged with first degree murder and child abuse due to Andrea’s 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 received one prior report involving the child, Andrea Herrera:

On July 6, 2023, a report was received alleging neglect to Andrea by her mother. The child was assessed as safe with mother and father, Bryan Andres Herrera-Ruiz. The investigation was pending when the fatality occurred. The allegation was later unsubstantiated and no services were offered to the family.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Coolidge 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 being safe with the other parent.

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).
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