



**ARIZONA**  
DEPARTMENT  
*of* CHILD SAFETY

David Lujan, Director  
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<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>06/06/2023</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Giovanni Contreras – 1-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 02-02-2023
- 3. Date of fatality:** 02-02-2023
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 02-13-23
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ

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

Diego Garcia – age 23 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On February 2, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-year-old Giovanni Contreras, who was found unresponsive at home and transported to the hospital. The child was pronounced deceased due to multiple inflicted injuries. The child was in the care of his mother’s boyfriend, Diego Garcia. On February 13, 2023, Diego Garcia was 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)\*\*:**

There were no prior DCS reports involving Diego Garcia and/or Giovanni Contreras.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix 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 part time was assessed as safe with their 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.

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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).  
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