



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>08/31/2022</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Gregnacio Hernandez – 2-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 6/25/21
- 3. Date of fatality:** 6/25/21
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 2/1/22
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Buckeye, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Tatiana Gabaldon – age 24 – Buckeye, AZ  
Luis Hernandez – age 32 – Buckeye, AZ

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

On June 25, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2-month-old Gregnacio Hernandez who had been taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. The child was pronounced deceased at the hospital and tested positive for methamphetamine. On February 1, 2022, the Maricopa County Superior Court found the parents, Tatiana Gabaldon and Luis Hernandez, caused the death of the child from their use of and exposure to methamphetamine.

**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 report involving the parents, Tatiana Gabaldon and Luis Hernandez:

On January 21, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their parents, Tatiana Gabaldon and Luis Hernandez. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the family was offered community resources and a referral for daycare. The family declined and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Buckeye 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 removed and placed with a relative.

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

The Department provided services to the family.

\*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.



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\*\* 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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