



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT of CHILD SAFETY

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| Preliminary Report | Fatality | 03/12/2024 |
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- 1. Victim:** Ian Garcia-Machado – 1-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 02/08/24
- 3. Date of fatality:** 02/08/24
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 02/13/24
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Glendale, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Maria Perez-Machado – age 19 – Glendale, AZ
Francisco Felix-Higuera – age 22 – Glendale, AZ

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

On February 8, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-year-old Ian Garcia-Machado who was transported to the hospital and pronounced deceased. The child was found to have multiple severe injuries. The child's mother, Maria Perez-Machado, and her significant other, Francisco Felix-Higuera, were both charged with first degree murder and child abuse due to Ian'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):**

There are no prior reports involving Francisco Felix-Higuera

DCS received the following prior report involving Maria Perez-Machado:

On August 10, 2023, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Maria Perez-Machado. The allegations were unsubstantiated. There were no services provided and the case was closed on October 2, 2023.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Glendale 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 placed with relatives.

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

The Department is providing 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.

** 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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