

Preliminary Report	Fatality	01/14/2025
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- 1. Victim:** Juliana Antonio – 3-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 06/16/22
- 3. Date of fatality:** 06/16/22
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 1/9/25
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pinal County – Florence, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Jesse Antonio – age 19 – Adelanto, CA

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

On June 16, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-month-old Juliana Antonio, who was found deceased at her home. The child was placed by her father, Jesse Antonio, into a swing to sleep with two blankets and a bottle propped up to her mouth. The Pinal County Medical Examiner’s report states the cause of death was asphyxia due to suffocation due to unsafe sleep environment. On December 18, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by her father, Jesse Antonio.

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 the child, her mother or her father, Jesse Antonio.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Florence 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 safe.

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

The Department provided the family with resources in the community.

*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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