



Preliminary Report	Fatality	8/31/15
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1. Victim: Jeremiah Lopez – 2-year-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 8/30/15

3. Date of fatality: 8/30/15

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 8/30/15

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County – Avondale, AZ

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

Mireya Lopez – age 22 – Avondale, AZ

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

On August 30, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of 2-year-old twins, Isaiah and Jeremiah Lopez. The children's mother, Mireya Lopez, reportedly told police officers that she drowned them. The mother was arrested on suspicion of two counts of homicide.

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 has received no prior reports involving Mireya Lopez and/or Isaiah and Jeremiah Lopez.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Avondale Police Department.

10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

The other children were assessed as being safe in the home.

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

Services will be determined pending the outcome of the investigation.

*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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.