

Preliminary Report	Fatality	06/03/2024
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- 1. Victim:** Kace Calderon – 3-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 03/18/22
- 3. Date of fatality:** 03/21/22
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 05/29/24
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Santa Cruz County – Rio Rico, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Freddi Calderon– age 32 – Rio Rico, AZ
Fantasia Chambers– age 31 – Rio Rico, AZ

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

On March 18, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-month-old Kace Calderon who had been transported to the hospital unresponsive. He died on March 21, 2022, due to multiple injuries. On March 23, 2022, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Santa Cruz County Superior Court regarding Kace’s sibling. On July 29, 2022, the court found Fantasia Chambers abused and/or neglected Kace and his siblings. On October 18, 2022, the child’s father, Freddi Calderon, was charged with nine counts of child abuse and first-degree murder.

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 Fantasia Chambers, Freddi Calderon and/or Kace Calderon.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Santa Cruz Sheriff’s Office.

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 placed with a kinship caregiver until they transitioned to a relative’s home in August of 2023.

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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