



**ARIZONA**  
DEPARTMENT  
*of* CHILD SAFETY

Matthew Stewart, Director  
Katie Hobbs, Governor

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>02/03/2023</b>
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- 1. Victim:** Luis Chavez Jr – 4-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 12/01/21
- 3. Date of fatality:** 12/01/21
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 01/23/23
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Luis Chavez– age 25 – Phoenix, AZ  
Monica Nava AKA Gonzalez– age 23 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On December 1, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 4-year-old, Luis Chavez Jr after a motor vehicle accident. It was reported the child was unrestrained and on the mother’s lap when the accident occurred. On January 23, 2023, the Department substantiated allegations of neglect by the child’s father, Luis Chavez and the child’s mother, Monica Nava AKA Gonzalez.

**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 Luis Chavez and/or Monica Nava AKA Gonzalez.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

There were no other children in the home.

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

There were no services provided by the Department.

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\*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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