

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>02/08/2023</b>
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**1. Victim:** Lorenzo Sanders – 4-month-old male

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 9/26/20

**3. Date of fatality:** 9/28/20

**4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 12/16/22

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

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

Oscar Sanders – age 55 – Tolleson, AZ

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

On September 26, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 4-month-old Lorenzo Sanders who had been taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home by his father, Oscar Sanders. The child's injuries were determined to be non-accidental. The child passed away on September 28, 2020. On December 16, 2022, the Department substantiated the allegation of abuse by the father, Oscar Sanders.

**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 received the following prior report involving the child, Lorenzo Sanders.

On May 24, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to Lorenzo by his mother. The allegation was substantiated and the case was closed. The child was assessed as safe with his family.

There were no prior DCS reports involving Oscar Sanders.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Tolleson 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.

\*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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