

Preliminary Report	Fatality	05/02/2024
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- 1. Victim:** Sofia Melendez – 1-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 07/26/22
- 3. Date of fatality:** 07/26/22
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 05/01/24
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Sahuarita, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Lesly Burgos – age 20 – Sahuarita, AZ

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

On July 26, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of 1-year-old Sofia Melendez. Sofia was in the care of her mother when she drowned after being left unsupervised in a bathtub. On April 19, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to Sofia Melendez by her mother, Lesly Burgos.

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 Lesly Burgos and/or Sofia Melendez.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Sahuarita 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:

The Department provided the family with information on services available 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.

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** 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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