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Preliminary Report Fatality 06/04/2024
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1. Victim: Sergio Reyes – 15-year-old male

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 06/21/19

**3. Date of fatality:** 06/21/19

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*: 5/29/24

**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:

Kimberly Lambert - age 32 - Tolleson, AZ

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

On June 21, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 15-year-old Sergio Reyes who was shot and killed at a park. The investigation determined that Sergio's mother, Kimberly Lambert, had taken Sergio with her to the park for a drug transaction. On May 6, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to Sergio by his mother, Kimberly Lambert.

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 Kimberly Lambert and/or Sergio Reyes.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

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 in foster care.

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

The Department provided services to the family.

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