

Preliminary Report	Fatality	04/30/2024
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- 1. Victim:** Yulissa Moreno Perez – 7-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 06/24/2022
- 3. Date of fatality:** 06/24/2022
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 1/17/2024
- 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:**

Cristina Rene Moreno– age 27 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On June 24, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of 7-year-old Yulissa Moreno Perez and her 10-year-old sister Xenia Moreno Perez. The children were not restrained in the vehicle when their mother, Cristina Moreno, lost control of the vehicle resulting in a rollover accident. Yulissa, was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced deceased. The sibling, Xenia, was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced deceased at the scene. On January 17, 2024, Cristina Moreno was indicted by a Maricopa County Grand Jury on two counts of felony manslaughter related to the death of the children.

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 reports involving Xenia Moreno Perez, Yulissa Moreno Perez, and/or Cristina Moreno:

On December 13, 2011, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by their mother, Cristina Moreno. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On May 1, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Cristina Moreno. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On July 31, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to Yulissa by the mother, Cristina Moreno. The report also included allegations of sexual abuse to Yulissa by another adult. A joint investigation was completed with law enforcement and the allegation of sexual abuse was substantiated. The DCS investigation determined that there was no evidence to support the allegation of neglect against Ms. Moreno and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The Department remained involved with the family and assisted in connecting the family with community resources. The Department offered additional services, which the family declined, and the case was closed in June 2020.

On September 29, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to Xenia by her father. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

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:

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was assessed as safe with their other parent.

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.

** 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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