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Preliminary Report Fatality 02/01/2024
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1. Victim: Zyanya Ramirez – 1-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 06/17/2022

3. Date of fatality: 06/20/2022

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 1/16/2024

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Pinal County – Casa Grande, A7

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

Kaitlyn Cecil - age 19 - Casa Grande, AZ

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

On June 17,2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-year-old Zyanya Ramirez who drowned after being left unsupervised in a bathtub. The child was transported to the hospital, where she was later pronounced deceased. On January 16, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect to Zyanya Ramirez by her mother, Kaitlyn Cecil.

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 Kaitlyn Cecil and/or Zyanya Ramirez.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Casa Grande 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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.