



Preliminary Report	Fatality	09/07/17
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- 1. **Victim:** Jose J. Mendez-age 20 months-male
- 2. **Date of notification to DCS:** 06/20/17
- 3. **Date of fatality:** 06/20/17
- 4. **Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 08/16/17
- 5. **County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Buckeye
- 6. **Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Lineth Alvarado – age 26 – Buckeye

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

On June 20, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding Jose J. Mendez, 20 months old, who was left unattended in the bathtub by the mother, Lineth Alvarado, resulting in the child drowning. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect by Lineth Alvarado.

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 has received no prior reports involving Lineth Alvarado as a perpetrator or Jose J. Mendez as a victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Buckeye Police Department.

10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

A safety plan was implemented with relatives for the other children in the home. The children were later determined to be safe with the parents and the Department is providing services to the family.

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

The Department is providing services to the family.

*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.