



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

David Lujan, Director
Katie Hobbs, Governor

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	07/11/2023
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 9/14/22 are displayed below in red.

- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 2/10/22
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 2/10/22
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:**
Javier Orantez – 2/22/22
Vanessa Ramirez – 4/21/22
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ

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

Javier Orantez – age 27 – Tucson, AZ
Vanessa Ramirez – age 25 – Tucson, AZ

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

On February 10, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old female who was found unresponsive in her home while she was in the care of her parents. The child was taken to the hospital in critical condition and tested positive for fentanyl. On February 22, 2022, the father, Javier Orantez, was charged with child abuse. **On March 2, 2022, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court. On April 21, 2022, the court found that the mother, Vanessa Ramirez, failed to protect the child from abuse or neglect.**

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 the near fatality victim, **Vanessa Ramirez** and/ or Javier Orantez.

On July 30, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by Mr. Orantez, **and neglect to the child by Ms. Ramirez.** The investigation found evidence of abuse **and failure to protect the child from abuse.** The child was removed and placed in foster care. The allegations **were substantiated as to both Mr. Orantez and Ms. Ramirez.** The child was reunified with **Ms. Ramirez** in May 2015.



On April 5, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Ramirez. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed. The family was provided with daycare and community services.

On March 23, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect to multiple children, including the near fatality victim, by Mr. Orantez and the mother, **Vanessa Ramirez**. The family was unable to be located and the case was closed.

On August 22, 2021, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to multiple children, including the near fatality victim, by Mr. Orantez and the mother, **Vanessa Ramirez**. The family was unable to be located and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Tucson Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the children 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.

*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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