



Summary Report	Fatality	5/20/2021
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1. Victim: Xavier Garcia – 1-month-old male

2. Was the child residing in the child's home or in an out-of-home placement at the time of the fatality?

The child was residing in his home when the following incident occurred:

On January 12, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-month-old male found unresponsive at home after co-sleeping with his mother, Corina Sanchez. On December 30, 2020, the Department substantiated the allegation of death due to child neglect against the child's mother, Corina Sanchez.

3. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in the child's home, the following information will be provided:

a. Services being provided to the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect at the time of the incident and the date of the last contact before the incident between the entity providing services and the person receiving services:

The Department was in the process of referring the family for services through an in-home dependency matter at the time of the incident. The last date of contact between the Department and the family prior to the incident was December 30, 2019.

b. Was the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect the subject of a report for investigation at the time of the incident?

The case was open when the incident occurred.

c. All involvement of the child's parents and of the person suspected of the abuse or neglect in a situation for which a report for investigation was made or in services provided pursuant to this chapter in the five years preceding the incident:

DCS received the following prior reports involving Corina Sanchez:

On August 8, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Corina Sanchez. The allegation of neglect was substantiated against Corina Sanchez. The family was provided with information on services available in the community. The case was closed July 9, 2018.

On March 28, 2019 a report was received alleging neglect to children by Corina Sanchez. The allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated against Corina Sanchez. The case was closed on May 23, 2019.

On December 13, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to Xavier Garcia by his mother, Corina Sanchez. Following an assessment of child safety, a safety plan was implemented with a relative regarding Xavier and his siblings requiring the contact between the mother and children to be monitored. An in-home dependency petition was filed with



Cochise County Superior Court on January 3, 2020. The Department was providing services to the family when the fatality report was received.

d. Any investigation pursuant to a report for investigation concerning the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect or services provided to the child or the child's family since the date of the incident involving the fatality:

The report regarding the fatality was investigated and the allegation of death due to child neglect to Xavier by his mother, Corina Sanchez, was substantiated. The family is still involved in the dependency matter through Cochise County Superior Court and the child's siblings remain together with a relative. There have been no subsequent reports of abuse or neglect received. The Department is providing services to the family.

4. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in an out-of-home placement, the following information will be provided:

a. Licensing Agency:

N/A

b. Licensing history of the out-of-home placement, including the type of license held by the operator of the placement and the period for which the placement has been licensed:

N/A

c. Summary of all violations by the licensee:

N/A

d. Any other actions by the licensee or an employee of the licensee that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of a child.

N/A

5. Actions taken by the Department in response to the case including any changes to policy or practice and/or recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes:

The Department conducted a joint investigation with the Bisbee Police Department. The family is still involved in the dependency matter through Cochise County Superior Court and the child's siblings remain together with a relative. There have been no subsequent reports of abuse or neglect received. The Department is providing services to the family.

The Department reminds all caregivers to practice safe sleep. For additional information please visit the DCS website at: <https://dcs.az.gov/Services/Safe-Sleep>.

Additionally, in accordance with the DCS Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16), multidisciplinary team (MDT) reviews of fatality and near fatality cases were implemented during the first quarter of FY16. The MDT reviews of fatality and near fatality cases, especially those with prior DCS involvement, are a key feature of the Strategic Plan and support the objective of increasing the accuracy of safety and risk assessments in investigations.



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Cases are reviewed by the MDT in order to identify any systemic factors, both internal and external to the Department that may have had an impact. The Department uses the aggregate data gathered through all of the MDT reviews to assess and guide future changes and/or recommendations to policies, practices, rules or statutes. Findings from these reviews are compiled into an annual report to be shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of the next report is December 1, 2021.

For more information regarding the Department of Child Safety's Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016, please visit the DCS website.