



Summary Report	Fatality	04/12/17
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1. Victim: Adrianna Gutierrez-three month old female

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 her home when the following incident occurred:

On February 27, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a three month old female who arrived at the hospital in respiratory distress. Upon examination, the victim was found to be in critical condition and her injuries included a skull fracture, a subdural hematoma and bruising to her face. On February 27, 2017, Phoenix Police Department arrested the child's father, Jose Orellana-Ruiz, for child abuse. Adrianna did not survive her injuries. On March 13, 2017, Jose Orellana-Ruiz was indicted for first degree murder.

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:

No services were being provided to the family by the Department of Child Safety at the time of the incident.

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?

No.

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:

The child's father, Jose Orellana-Ruiz, was involved in the following report:

On September 30, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to the child's half sibling by Jose Orellana-Ruiz. The allegations were unsubstantiated as to Jose Orellana-Ruiz. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed on November 19, 2015.

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 investigation of the fatality report found the other child in the home to be safe. The Department provided the family with services and information on available community resources.

Jose Orellana-Ruiz was involved in the following report:



On February 28, 2017, a report was received stating Jose Orellana-Ruiz abused Adrianna Gutierrez. There were concerns of the safety of his other child while in his care. The investigation assessed that child as safe and the allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on March 17, 2017.

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 and Phoenix Police Department conducted a joint investigation of the fatality. Jose Orellana-Ruiz was indicted for first degree murder. The other children were assessed as safe with their parents.

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.

This case was 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 is using 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 will be compiled into an annual report to be shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of this report is December 1, 2017.

For more information regarding the Department of Child Safety's Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016, please visit the DCS website at: <https://dcs.az.gov/news/dcs-strategic-plan>.