

Summary Report	Fatality	07/30/2024
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 04/19/2021 are displayed below in red.

Victim: Zaniyah Quiroz – 1-year-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 July 30, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-year-old Zaniyah who was taken to the hospital after sustaining an accidental gunshot wound. The child later passed away on July 31, 2019. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court regarding the fatality victim's sibling on August 2, 2019. On September 23, 2019, the court granted the dependency petition as to the child and the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by the mother, Analisa Molina. **On 7/9/2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by the maternal grandmother, Cecilia Canez, who resided in the home with and cared for the child at the time of her death.**

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:

Although no services were being provided to the family by the Department of Child Safety at the time of the incident, the family was being investigated for one open report dated July 24, 2019. The last date of contact between the Department and the family was on July 26, 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 mother, Analisa Molina, and a sibling were subjects of the July 24, 2019 report.

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 report involving Analisa Molina:

On July 24, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Analisa Molina. The report was open and being investigated when the fatality report was received. A dependency petition was filed on August 2, 2019. The allegation of neglect was substantiated.

There has been no prior DCS reports involving Cecilia Canez in the preceding five years as a perpetrator.

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 resulted in the sibling being placed with a relative. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court on August 2, 2019, and provided services to the family. On September 23, 2019, the court granted the dependency petition as to the child and the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect as to the mother, Analisa Molina. On 7/9/2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by the maternal grandmother, Cecilia Canez. The Department offered reunification services to the family. The sibling was returned back to the care of their mother, Analisa Molina, on June 1, 2020. The Dependency was dismissed on September 22, 2020.

The investigation also resulted in a separate report regarding another member of the child's family who resided in the home. The investigation assessed the child as safe. There have been no other subsequent reports received regarding 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 Tucson Police Department. The sibling in the home was removed and the Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court on August 2, 2019. On September 23, 2019, the court granted the dependency petition as to the child and the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect as to the mother, Analisa Molina. *On 7/9/2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by the maternal grandmother, Cecilia Canez. The Department offered reunification services to the family. The sibling was returned back to the care of their mother, Analisa Molina, on June 1, 2020. The Dependency was dismissed on September 22, 2020.*

The Department also investigated the report regarding another child who lived in the home. That child was assessed as safe. There have been no subsequent reports received regarding the family.

The Department reminds all caregivers to practice firearm safety and always store all firearms unloaded, in a secure locked location.

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.

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, 2020.

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