

Information for Release		5/24/2010
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Date of the notification to CPS: 1/25/2010

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 9/18/2009

Child's name: Candelaria Linares

Age at time of incident: 9 Months

Perpetrator(s): Martin Garcia, 44; and Veronica Linares, 21.

Age: see above

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): The child and perpetrators were residing in Glendale at the time of the incident.

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

CPS received a report indicating the medical examiner had determined Candelaria had died as a result of ingesting a lethal dose of methamphetamine.

B. Whether CPS has received any reports or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian* :

CPS had received two prior reports alleging neglect of Candelaria, the first in December 2008 and the second in September 2009. In the first report, the perpetrator was Veronica Linares and CPS provided in-home services to the family until June 2009. In the second report, the perpetrator was Martin Garcia. This report was in the process of being investigated when Candelaria died; the allegations were unsubstantiated because the cause of death was uncertain and CPS had received no report that her death was the result of abuse or neglect. CPS was aware Glendale PD was involved in investigating the death.

1. Actions taken by CPS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:

CPS completed a joint investigation of the report with Glendale Police Department.

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

There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident.

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

Services are being provided to the family.

*Posted information provides whether there have been reports or any current or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).

Information, if any, regarding other family or household members and the child or the alleged perpetrator is not posted on the Web site. Calls to the Child Abuse Hotline that do not meet the criteria of a report because they do not contain allegations of abuse or neglect (or because there is no information provided to locate the child or family) are not posted.