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Date of the notification to DCS: 1/13/2015

Child Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 1/4/2015

Child's name: Christlyn Martinez

Age at time of incident: 16 years

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Irma Martinez

City, town or general location of residence of the child and alleged perpetrator(s):

Phoenix, AZ

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

On January 13, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 16-year-old Christlyn Martinez. Christlyn was killed when the vehicle being driven by her mother, Irma Martinez, was involved in a rollover accident on Interstate 10. It was determined that Irma Martinez was driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Charges against Irma Martinez include second-degree murder, driving or actual physical control while under the extreme influence of liquor (0.15), and two counts of driving with an illegal drug or its metabolite.

Whether DCS 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*:

DCS has received one prior report of neglect involving Irma Martinez and Christlyn Martinez:

On February 7, 2014, a report of neglect was received regarding an incident of domestic violence between Irma Martinez and her boyfriend. Christlyn was present when the incident occurred but was not harmed. The allegation against Irma Martinez was unsubstantiated.

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

The Department of Child Safety is conducting a joint investigation with the Pima County Sheriff's Department.

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

There were no other children in the home.

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

No services are currently being provided.

*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).



Douglas A. Ducey
Governor

Arizona Department of Child Safety

Gregory McKay
Director

*Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.

Information, if any, regarding the child and other family or household members, not specifically related to the fatality or near fatality, is not posted on the website. This also applies to information, if any, regarding the alleged perpetrator(s) and other family or household members.