



Preliminary Report	Child Fatality	7/23/15
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- 1. Victim:** Celine Matus-Carreno – 20-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 5/19/15
- 3. Date of fatality:** 5/19/15
- 4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect:** 6/19/15
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Yuma County – Yuma, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Jared Cardwell – age 20 – Yuma, AZ

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

On May 19, 2015 Celine was taken to Yuma Regional Medical Center Emergency Department pulseless and apneic. Celine was unable to be revived and she was pronounced deceased at 8:38 am. Rigor and lock jaw were present. Celine had various marks over her face. There was a large mark from the corner of the left side of her mouth to the left side of her cheek that encompasses the side of the cheek with various markings over the face. The markings were small, circular, and nickel sized. It was difficult to determine if they were burns or not but they were blistered. There were also markings on the forehead, right cheek, and chin. Jared Cardwell was arrested after Celine's autopsy ruled her death as a homicide.

8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s):

DCS has received no prior reports involving Jared Cardwell or the child.

9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the fatality:

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Yuma Police Department. Yuma Police Department assisted the Naval Criminal Investigation Service.

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

There were no other children in the home.

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

The Department provided the family with information on available community resources.

*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

** Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).



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