



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>1/28/16</b>
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**1. Victim:** Jax Nichols – 4-year-old – male

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 4/26/15

**3. Date of fatality:** 4/26/15

**4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 1/26/16

**5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ

**6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Jessica Alcantar – age 21 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On April 26, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding law enforcement and the fire department responding to a child drowning. The child was unconscious and not breathing after being pulled out of the family pool. The child was taken to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The child had been in the care of Jessica Alcantar at the time of his drowning. The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect as to Jessica Alcantar as she did not provide adequate supervision to Jax Nichols when he was able to access the family pool and drowned.

**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 Jessica Alcantar or the fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, another child in the home was assessed as safe with the child's mother.

**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 services available in the community.

\*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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