



<b>Summary Report</b>	<b>Fatality</b>	<b>10/22/15</b>
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**1. Victim:** Geneviene Gonzales – 17-month-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 13, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of Geneviene Gonzales. Geneviene was involved in a three car accident in which mother was driving. Geneviene Gonzales and her mother, Valare Peralta, passed away at the scene. There was methamphetamine drug paraphernalia found in the vehicle. It is unknown if the child was properly restrained. The child's sibling was transported to the hospital. It was determined that Valare Peralta had significant amounts of methamphetamine in her system while driving the vehicle. The allegations have been substantiated.

**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:**

No services were being provided to the family by the Department of Child Safety at the time of the incident.

**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?**

No.

**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:**

Geneviene and her mother, Valare Peralta, were involved in the following report in the five years preceding the fatality incident:

On February 24, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to the fatality victim by mother, Valare Peralta. The investigation assessed the child to be safe. The family was offered services by the Department, but declined. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on June 6, 2014.

**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 a sibling being placed with a relative. The relative has since obtained guardianship of the child. The allegation that Valare Peralta neglected the child



was substantiated. The case was closed on October 15, 2015. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received.

**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:**

A Fatality/Near Fatality Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) reviewed the case and identified the following issue:

During the July 13, 2015 investigation the investigator placed a sibling in the home of a relative prior to having a home inspection completed. A home inspection was completed at a later date.