



Summary Report	Fatality	3/10/16
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1. Victim: Samuel Quirino – one-year-old male

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 his home when the following incident occurred:

On January 12, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding one-year-old Samuel Quirino who died at the hospital while being treated for an overdose of aspirin. The child had previously been at home in the care of his uncle, Encensio Montalbo, and his uncle's girlfriend, Veronica Vidalez. The investigation determined that the uncle and the girlfriend neglected the child when they failed to supervise him and he ingested an unknown amount of aspirin at approximately 11:00 a.m. that day. The adults then delayed seeking medical treatment and did not take the child to the Emergency Department until 3:00 p.m. Samuel was pronounced deceased at 3:59 p.m.

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:

There has been no prior involvement of the child's parents, Encensio Montalbo or Veronica Vidalez with DCS.

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 found the victim's sibling to be safe in the care of the child's mother. The allegation of neglect pertaining to her was unsubstantiated and the Department provided the family with services. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received.

The incident resulted in a separate report dated January 12, 2015, alleging neglect to the biological children of Encensio Montalbo and Veronica Vidalez. The Department began providing in-home



services to the family, but the children were later removed and placed with a relative. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court and services were provided to the family. 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:

The Department conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department. A sibling to the deceased child was assessed as safe and remained in the care of the mother. The allegation pertaining to the mother was unsubstantiated and the Department provided the family with services.

A separate report was initiated to assess the safety of the biological children to Enocensio Montalbo and Veronica Vidalez. The Department was providing in-home services to the family, but the children were later removed and a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court. The Department provided services to the family.

Additionally, in accordance with the DCS Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16), multidisciplinary team (MDT) reviews of fatality and near fatality cases were implemented during the first quarter of FY16. The MDT reviews of fatality and near fatality cases, especially those with prior DCS involvement, are a key feature of the Strategic Plan and support the objective of increasing the accuracy of safety and risk assessments in investigations.

This case was reviewed by the MDT in order to identify any systemic factors, both internal and external to the Department that may have had an impact. The Department is using the aggregate data gathered through all of the MDT reviews to assess and guide future changes and/or recommendations to policies, practices, rules or statutes. Findings from these reviews will be compiled into an annual report to be shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of this report is September 1, 2016.

For more information regarding the Department of Child Safety's Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016, please visit the DCS website at: <https://dcs.az.gov/news/dcs-strategic-plan>.