



## Division of Child Safety and Family Services

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**Date of the notification to DCSFS:** 11/26/2013

**Near Fatality**

**Date of fatality or near fatality:** 11/25/2013

**Child's name:** Jahaziel

**Age at time of incident:** 16 years old

**Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:**

Ramon Villalobos – age 41

Mariana Ruiz – age 41

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

Phoenix, Arizona

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

On November 26, 2013, a report was made regarding Jahaziel and his parents, Ramon Villalobos and Mariana Ruiz. The report alleged that Mr. Villalobos shut off Jahaziel's ventilator the night before causing Jahaziel to go into respiratory distress. The report noted this is a life-threatening issue that has been long-standing with Mr. Villalobos. It was also reported that both parents have failed to follow-through with medical care and recommendations for Jahaziel although both have received extensive education regarding his needs and services to support them.

**Whether DCSFS 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\*:**

DCSFS has received four prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Jahaziel by Ramon Villalobos and/or Mariana Ruiz:

On April 28, 2000, a report was made regarding neglect of Jahaziel by his parents. The parents brought Jahaziel to the hospital under orders from his physician. It was reported that the parents had not been compliant with giving Jahaziel his medication regiment for a significant period of time. The parents were unwilling to allow medical staff to give him the required medication, forcing the physician to seek court intervention. An investigation was completed and the family was provided with intensive in-home services. The allegations were unsubstantiated.

On December 19, 2001, a report was received regarding concerns that Jahaziel was not being given his medication and specialized formula as directed. An investigation was completed and the family was again provided with intensive in-home services. The allegations were unsubstantiated.

On March 13, 2009, a report was received regarding concerns that Jahaziel was being medically neglected by his parents. It was reported that the parents had not been providing Jahaziel with his medication. An investigation was completed and it was determined that the parents were meeting Jahaziel's needs. The allegations were unsubstantiated.



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On April 22, 2013, a report was received regarding concerns that Mr. Villalobos was changing the settings on Jahaziel's ventilator and drip IV fluids while he was in the hospital. Although Mr. Villalobos was instructed by medical staff several times to not touch the medical equipment, he continued to do so. The hospital expressed concern that if the father disconnects the ventilator at home, Jahaziel will die. An investigation was completed and insufficient evidence was found to support the allegations. The report was unsubstantiated.

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

DCSFS conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, Jahaziel was placed in foster care. The other children were determined to be safe in the home with the parents.

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

Services offered to the family include case management and parent aide services.

\*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).

\*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.