



Information for Release		8/27/2014
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Date of the notification to DCS: 7/18/2014

Near Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 7/18/2014

Child's name: Marcelino

Age at time of incident: 11 months

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Olivia Collazo – age 25

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

Tucson, AZ

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

On July 18, 2014, the Department of Child Safety (DCS) received a report after Olivia Collazo, caregiver to 11-month-old Marcelino, failed to retrieve him from her vehicle after returning home from running errands. Marcelino was transported to the hospital in critical condition suffering from severe heat stroke, respiratory failure, shock, seizures, metabolic acidosis and global hypoxic injury.

Whether DCS 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*:

DCS has received no prior reports involving Marcelino and Olivia Collazo.

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

DCS, in conjunction with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, is conducting a joint investigation with the Tucson Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the sibling was placed with a relative. Marcelino remained hospitalized until being discharged to a long-term healthcare facility.

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

The Department of Child Safety is providing services to the family.

*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.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

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Director

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.