

Information for Release	AMENDED	4/4/2014
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This is an amended posting, the original posting was on 07/26/2013

**Date of the notification to DCSFS:** 7/24/2013

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 7/24/2013

**Child's name:** Sabrina Santos-Vasquez AMENDED

**Age at time of incident:** 8 Months

**Perpetrator(s):** Adrian Ponce

**Age:** 21

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** At the time of the incident, the child and alleged perpetrator(s) were living in Phoenix, Arizona.

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

On July 24, 2013 an emergency call was received at 3:31am because Sabrina was not breathing. When Phoenix Fire arrived she was unresponsive and not breathing. The child was transported to the hospital where she was reported to have significant trauma to her body. Sabrina died as a result of her injuries. Adrian Ponce was arrested and charged with Child Abuse.

**B. 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\* :**

UPDATE: It has been determined that the Hotline received a call regarding this family on June 21, 2013. This call was classified as a "communication" rather than a report. This classification has been determined to be inaccurate and the call has been reclassified as a report. In addition, resources have been added to aid the Hotline in locating families where the initial report provides insufficient information.

The Division of Child Safety and Family Services (DCSFS) received one prior call to the Hotline on June 21, 2013 alleging abuse or neglect of Sabrina Santos-Vasquez by Adrian Ponce. It was reported that Sabrina's mother had taken Sabrina to an appointment with her pediatrician. Sabrina presented with a fracture to her arm that was suspicious due to appearing older than reported as well as being a long bone injury to a non-ambulatory child. It was later determined that Adrian Ponce had caused the injury by picking Sabrina up by her arm. Adrian Ponce is charged with child abuse involving this injury.

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

The Office of Child Welfare Investigations (OCWI), assisted by the Division of Child Safety and Family Services (DCSFS) is conducting 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 safety, the other children in the home were placed with their father.

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

No services were provided.

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\*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.