



Statement on the fatality of a four-year-old girl

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On July 1, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of a 4-year-old girl, Aleena Bermudez.

Aleena and her mother were shot to death in their Glendale home by her mother's boyfriend, Brandon Andres Bautista Torres.

Mr. Torres was indicted on two counts of first degree murder.

Aleena's sibling was taken into DCS custody and placed in a foster home.

DCS has received the following prior report involving Brandon Andres Bautista Torres and Aleena Bermudez:

On June 25, 2019, the Department received a report alleging Mr. Torres neglected and physically abused Aleena and her sibling. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to remove the children. Neither Aleena nor her sibling had any visible injuries or signs of maltreatment. Aleena denied she or her sibling were abused or neglected.

While the report was still pending at the time of the fatality report, the June 25, 2019 allegations were ultimately unsubstantiated.