

Statement on the death of a one-year-old girl

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On February 9, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of a one-year-old girl, Sophie Bojorquez.

Sophie arrived at the hospital unresponsive and suffering from multiple injuries.

Sophie passed away two days later on February 11, 2020.

On February 18, 2020, Luis Medina was charged with first degree murder and child abuse.

Mr. Medina is Sophie's mother's boyfriend and was caring for the child when Sophie received her injuries.

After DCS assessed the safety of the other child living in the home, the other child was placed under the supervision of a relative through a safety plan and remained in the home.

The DCS investigation is on-going.

DCS has received no prior reports involving Sophie Bojorquez.

DCS received the following prior report involving Luis Medina:

On August 7, 2018, the Department received a report alleging Mr. Medina neglected his biological children. According to the report, Mr. Medina was abusive towards the children's mother. During the investigation, the mother denied that any physical domestic violence occurred in front of the children. The children also denied seeing any physical violence between their parents. The DCS investigation did not find enough evidence to support the neglect allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.