



## **STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF ONE-YEAR OLD ANDREANA CARDIEL**

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**On November 24, 2016**, one-year-old Andreana Cardiel was found unresponsive at her home. She was taken to a hospital where she was pronounced deceased upon arrival. An autopsy revealed Andreana had methadone in her system. Methadone was also found in Andreana's bottle.

Over seven months later, the Department of Child Safety received a report on June 14, 2017, regarding the death of Andreana as the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction delayed this mandated report to DCS.

After a DCS investigation, the Department determined Andreana died due to neglect by her mother, Tammy Galvan. This was following the allotted timeframe allowed for Ms. Galvan to appeal the substantiated findings.

The Department initially removed the other children living in the home.

But after a reassessment, DCS placed the children with their father.

DCS offered in-home services to them, and they accepted. The family successfully completed services in October 2017.

Andreana's family does have prior DCS history.

On April 21, 2013, a report was received alleging Ms. Galvan's substance abuse had caused her to neglect one of Andreana's half-siblings. The allegation was substantiated and the case was closed after the Department provided services.

On September 10, 2015, a report was received alleging Ms. Galvan's substance abuse had caused her to neglect Andreana. The family successfully completed services provided by the Department and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The case was closed on April 27, 2016.

On September 6, 2016, a report was received alleging physical abuse by Andreana's father to a half-sibling. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on September 22, 2016.