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## Statement on the near fatality of 8-month-old girl.

**Date Issued: March 14, 2023**

On June 7, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding an 8-month-old female who was taken to the hospital after nearly drowning in a bathtub. The child was in the care of her mother, Jocelyn Adrianson, and another adult, Cassandra Mata. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition.

Following an assessment of child safety, the near fatality victim was removed and placed with a relative. Ms. Mata's children were also removed and placed in foster care.

The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court on June 28, 2021.

The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by Ms. Adrianson and is providing services to the family.

Additionally, on March 14, 2022, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by Cassandra Mata.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Jocelyn Adrianson:

On November 23, 2007, a report was received alleging neglect to two children by their mother, Jocelyn Adrianson. There was no evidence to support the allegations. The report alleged the children were not being adequately fed. The investigation did not find evidence of the allegations. The children were assessed as safe and the case was closed.

On June 14, 2010, a report was received alleging neglect to multiple children by Jocelyn Adrianson. The report alleged the mother was using marijuana around the children. The investigation did not find evidence of the allegations. While the investigation was open, an additional report was received.

On June 2, 2011, a report was received alleging neglect to multiple children by their mother, Jocelyn Adrianson. The report alleged one of the children was sexually abused by another adult and the mother was not protective of the child. The Department removed the children and provided services to the mother through a dependency action. After the mother successfully completed services, the court dismissed the dependency and the case was closed on March 10, 2015.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Cassandra Mata:

On February 3, 2012, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by Ms. Mata. The report alleged the child disclosed he was punched in the eye by his mother. The investigation did not find evidence of abuse. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On February 8, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to multiple children by Ms. Mata. The report alleged that Ms. Mata and her significant other were engaged in domestic violence in front of the children. The investigation determined there was a domestic

violence incident, however, the mother and the significant other were no longer in a relationship. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed. The family was provided with resources within the community.

On April 17, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to multiple children by Ms. Mata. The report alleged there was a domestic violence incident between multiple adults while the children were present in which the mother's car was struck by a vehicle and pushed into a fire hydrant. It was also alleged the mother's vehicle had marijuana in it. A witness believed a weapon had been fired. Upon investigation it was learned the mother's tire burst and there was no indication a weapon was fired. Tucson Police were involved and no arrests were made. The mother was initially cooperative and the children were assessed as safe. The mother was asked to drug test but did not participate further. The case was closed and the allegations were unsubstantiated.