



Statement on the death of Christian Garcia-Sanchez

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On June 21, 2018, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of a 15-year-old boy, Christian Garcia-Sanchez, in Tucson.

Earlier that day, Christian's stepfather, Donald Stanley, shot Christian and his mother before committing suicide.

Christian died from his injuries while his mother survived.

After a DCS investigation, the Department determined the other child living in the home was safe to remain in the care of his mother.

However, the child was temporarily placed with relatives while the mother recovered from her injuries. The family was informed about services in the community and the case was closed.

DCS has the following history involving Christian and Mr. Stanley:

On November 4, 2014, DCS received a report alleging neglect to Christian by his mother and by Mr. Stanley. The report alleged that Mr. Stanley would force Christian to leave the home on weekends and not allow him to return until the evening. After a DCS investigation, there was not enough evidence to support the neglect allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated, and the case was closed.

Mr. Stanley has the following additional history with the Department:

On August 4, 2006, DCS received a report alleging Mr. Stanley physically and emotionally abused his child from another relationship.

While the DCS investigation was ongoing, the Department received two more allegations against Mr. Stanley. On August 12, 2006, DCS received a report alleging Mr. Stanley physically abused the child. On August 14, 2006, DCS received a report alleging Mr. Stanley neglected the child.

The DCS investigation revealed that the child had been living in another state with the mother and was visiting with Mr. Stanley during the summer. When the mother attempted to pick-up the child, Mr. Stanley refused to return the child. The neglect allegation was substantiated against Mr. Stanley while the physical and emotional abuse allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed after the child's mother obtained legal, physical custody.