

Statement on the death of 1-month-old boy Gil Gomez

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On June 18, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-month-old, Gil Gomez, who was found approximately 11 days after he passed away in a plastic tote on the porch of the home. On June 26, 2024, Gil's parents, Coty and Robert Gomez, were charged with child abuse, abandonment or concealment of a dead body, and negligent homicide.

There were no other children in the home.

There were no services provided by the Department.

There were no prior DCS reports involving Mr. Gomez as an alleged perpetrator.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Mrs. Gomez:

On September 27, 2022, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Mrs. Gomez. The report alleged that her newborn child was substance exposed to amphetamine, methamphetamine, and marijuana. The investigation resulted in the child being placed in foster care and a dependency petition was filed with the Yuma County Superior Court. On October 7, 2022, the courts determined the dependency would be transferred to Riverside County, California, as the family lived there and had an open dependency matter in that jurisdiction. The child was assessed as safe in California CPS custody. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.