Preliminary Report	Fatality	09/18/2025

1. **Victim:** Gabriel Alay – 2-year-old male

2. **Date of notification to DCS:** 10/24/24

3. **Date of fatality:** 10/27/24

4. **Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 9/17/25

5. **County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Peoria, AZ

6. **Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Hein Lwin– age 26 – Phoenix, AZ

7. **Circumstances of the fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:**

On October 24, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2-year-old Gabriel Alay, who was found unresponsive with multiple injuries. Upon examination, it was determined the injuries were due to non-accidental trauma. The child ultimately died due to his injuries. The medical examiner determined the child suffered from complications of blunt force head and neck trauma. On November 1, 2024, the parent's significant other, Hein Lwin, was indicted by a Maricopa County Grand Jury on charges of first-degree murder and two counts of child abuse.

8. **Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s)**:**

There were no prior DCS reports involving Hein Lwin.

9. **Actions taken by DCS in response to the fatality:**

A joint investigation was conducted with the Peoria Police Department.

10. **Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:**

There were no other children in the home.

11. **Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:**

The Department provided the mother with information on services available in the community.

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*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

** Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).
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