Preliminary Report	Fatality	02/11/2026

1. Victim: Alijandra Celaya– 1-month-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 08/09/2024

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4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 02/04/2026

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

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

Arianna Garza – age 27 – Phoenix, AZ
Frank Celaya – age 31 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On August 9, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-month-old Alijandra Celaya, who was found unresponsive after co-sleeping in an adult bed with her parents, who were under the influence of alcohol. The child was transported to the hospital, where she was pronounced deceased. On January 26, 2026, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to Alijandra by her parents, Arianna Garza and Frank Celaya.

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 Frank Celaya.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Arianna Garza:

> On November 26, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Arianna Garza. The report was still open when another report was received. This allegation of neglect was later unsubstantiated.
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> On April 16, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their father and their mother, Arianna Garza. The report was generated due to the filing of a private dependency petition in the Superior Court. The Department was added as a party to the court case and provided services to the family. The allegations of neglect to the child by Ms. Garza were substantiated. Ms. Garza's parental rights were terminated in May 2016, and the case was closed.

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

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A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children in the home were determined to be safe.

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

The Department provided services to the family and provided the family with information about additional services available in the community.

*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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