Preliminary Report	Fatality	09/08/2025

1. Victim: Maya Modrzejewski – 3-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 5/2/2025

3. Date of fatality: 5/5/2025

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 9/3/2025

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

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

Dariusz Modrzejewski – age 48 – Suprise, AZ

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

On May 2, 2025, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-year-old Maya Modrzejewski, who was discovered to be in critical condition after being shot in the face by her father, Dariusz Modrzejewski. The child later died from her injuries. On May 9, 2025, the father, Dariusz Modrzejewski, was indicted by a Maricopa County Grand Jury on charges of first-degree murder and child abuse in relation to Maya's death.

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 Dariusz Modrzejewski.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Surprise Police Department.

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

The other child in the home where the incident occurred was determined to be safe in the care of the other parent.

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

The Department provided the family with information on services available in the community and a family connections referral.

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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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