Preliminary Report	Fatality	09/18/2025

1. Victim: Sophia Murguia – 7-month-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 03/15/2022

3. Date of fatality: 03/15/2022

4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 09/17/2025

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:

Eunice Murguia-Cervantes – age 22 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On March 15, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of 7-month-old Sophia Murguia. Sophia was found unresponsive after co-sleeping in an adult bed with her mother, Eunice Murguia-Cervantes. On September 10, 2025, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to Sophia by her mother, Eunice Murguia-Cervantes.

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 Eunice Murguia-Cervantes and/or Sophia Murguia.

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

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, a sibling was determined to be safe in the care of their parents.

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

The Department provided services to the family.

*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.

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** 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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