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The Honorable Doug Ducey
Governor of Arizona
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The Honorable David M. Gowan, Sr.
Arizona Speaker of the House
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2890

The Honorable Andy Biggs
Senate President
1700 West Washington
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Dear Governor Brewer, President Biggs, and Speaker Gowan:

Pursuant to A.R.S. 8-817, The Pima County Attorney's Office is responsible for providing an annual report on the investigation of child abuse in the county to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representative and the President of the Senate. Enclosed please find the Pima County Attorney's 2014-2015 Annual Report on Child abuse for Pima County, Arizona.

The report details all investigations of extremely serious conduct of child abuse, as defined by A.R.S. § 8-801, that were reported in Pima County during the past year. The data was collected from all of the municipal law enforcement agencies in Pima County, the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center and the Pima County Attorney's Office.

If you have any questions concerning this report please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Barbara LaWall

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C: The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Kim MacEachern, APAAC

Annual Report on the Investigation of Child Abuse 2014-2015 Pima County, Arizona

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Pima County Attorney's Office

Number of Defendants: 846 Number of Charges: 968

13-1404:	66 defendants	69 charges
13-1405:	108 defendants	112 charges
13-1406:	76 defendants	83 charges
13-1410:	88 defendants	92 charges
13-1417:	18 defendants	19 charges
13-3212:	2 defendants	2 charges
13-3552:	1 defendants	1 charge
13-3553:	29 defendants	29 charges
13-3601:	121 defendants	135 charges
13-3623:	418 defendants	426 charges

Number of cases presented by Agency:

Air Force	1
Department of Public Safety:	10
Department of Corrections	1
Department of Homeland Security	3
Marana Police Department:	24
Oro Valley Police Department:	11
Pascua Law Enforcement:	3
Pima Community College PD	1
Pima County Sheriff's Department:	258
Sahuarita Police Department:	4
South Tucson Police Department	7
Tohono O'Odham PD	5
Tucson Police Department:	510
University of Arizona PD:	11

Case Dispositions (these include actions that occurred both at issuing and after indictment).

Number of Defendants: 846 Number of Charges: 961

Unique Defendant Count by Disposition:

Dismissed With Prejudice:	6
Dismissed Without Prejudice:	157
Guilty but Insane:	1
Guilty-Plea:	327
Guilty-Trial:	16
Not Guilty:	9
Reviewed and Refused:	347

Physical Abuse	415	219
Neglect	122	60

There are more cases received by each unit that are not depicted in this report. Only the specified crime classifications were recorded here. All cases assigned through the TPD Dependent Child Unit are jointly investigated with DCS (formerly CPS) however, TPD does not document which cases in the Child Sexual Assault (CSA) unit are jointly investigated. However, any CSA case that involves a child where the suspect is a guardian or caregiver would be a joint investigation with DCS.

Pima County Sheriff's Office – Crimes Against Children Unit

	Received
Child Molestation:	175
Sex Offenses (other):	319
Physical Abuse:	412
Neglect:	39
Sex Assault/Rape (child):	129
Sex Offender Registration:	222
Missing/Endangered:	133

Unless a case does not meet the criteria for DCS (formerly CPS) involvement, 90% of PCSO sex abuse/sex offense cases are jointly investigated. On physical abuse cases the PCSO works joint investigations only 45% of the time and DCS conducts their own follow-up.

Oro Valley Police Department

31 cases involving serious child abuse conduct allegations

- 23 cases jointly investigated with DCS (formerly CPS)
- 3 cases jointly investigated with Tucson Police Department
- 2 case jointly investigated with the Marana Police Department
- 1 case jointly investigated with Pima County Sheriff's Office
- 10 cases referred for prosecution:
- 12 cases jointly investigated with Children's Advocacy Center

Of the cases were charged under the follow statutes:

- 8 cases of § 8-309 Unlawful use of an electronic communication device by a minor
- 1 cases under § 13 -1102 Negligent Homicide
- 2 case under § 13-1203A1/13-3601 DV Assault
- 1 case under § 13-1204A2 Agg Assault with knife
- 1 case under § 13-1204A6 Agg Assault on Minor under 14 YOA
- 1 case under § 13-1204B1 Agg Assault Impede Breathing

2. "Extremely serious conduct allegation" means an allegation of conduct by a parent, guardian or custodian of a child that, if true, would constitute any of the following:
(a) A violation of section 13-3623 involving child abuse.
(b) A felony offense that constitutes domestic violence as defined in section 13-3601.
(c) A violation of section 13-1404 or 13-1406 involving a minor.
(d) A violation of section 13-1405, 13-1410 or 13-1417.
(e) Any other act of abuse that is classified as a felony.
Because of item (e) above the Pima County Attorney's Office report includes: *§13-3552 - commercial sexual exploitation of a minor,*
§13-3553 - sexual exploitation of a minor,
§13-3212 - child prostitution.

The Pima County Attorney's Office CAPS data collection system allows reporting by statute charged. Some Law Enforcement agencies are able to report by the Arizona statute, while others use the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system of the FBI. Adding to the problem is that when searching by statute, A.R.S. § 13-3623 and § 13-3601 include not only acts against children but against adults, thus additional vigilance of the data is needed.

Cases that occur out of the home or do not involve a family member are not within the scope of authority for DCS (formerly CPS) so they are not jointly investigated.