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## **Mother Admits to Murder, Provides Motive**

**Casa Grande, AZ** – The Casa Grande Police Department has made significant progress in the investigation involving the death of 13 year old Aniarael Macias on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

On Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, Casa Grande Police arrested 35 year old Connie Villa in connection with the death of her 13 year old daughter Aniarael Macias and the attempted murder of her three surviving children and ex-husband. Investigators have reviewed numerous items of evidence and conducted interviews of all involved. Initial autopsy results did not show a cause of death for Aniarael Macias and Police are still awaiting toxicology results on her and her three siblings.

An interview of Connie Villa revealed that she did attempt to kill her children by forcing them to ingest prescription narcotic drugs. The names of those drugs have not been released by Investigators and we will wait for the toxicology results to address them. Connie Villa also admitted to investigators that she was unsuccessful in forcing Aniarael to ingest the drugs. She admitted to then forcefully suffocating Aniarael to death with her bare hands. Police have requested the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office to review the examination for signs of the suffocation. Connie Villa also admitted her reason for attempting to kill her children and ex-husband was because she did not want Adam Villa to have custody of their children.

Connie Villa made her initial appearance in front of a Pinal County Judge on Sunday night and was held without bond. She remains in custody in the Pinal County Adult Detention Facility. The Casa Grande Police Department will be submitting formal charges this week. As presented in earlier releases, Connie Villa is being charged with one count of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder for the



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death of Aniarael Macias and four counts of Attempted 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder in connection with the stabbing of her ex-husband Adam Villa and the drug poisoning of her three surviving children, ages 3, 5 and 8.

This remains an active investigation and our office has no further information available at this time.

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