

Information for Release	AMENDED	3/19/2013
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**Date of the notification to CPS:** 3/13/2013

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 3/15/2013

**Child's name:** Adyson Gaxiola

**Age at time of incident:** 18 Months

**Perpetrator(s):** Monique Gaxiola and Kristepher Banavidez

**Age:** 30 and 25 years

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** At the time of the incident, the child and perpetrators were living in Tucson, Arizona

**A. Circumstances of the fatality or near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:**

On or about March 13, 2013, Adyson Gaxiola arrived at University Medical Center after she stopped breathing at home. Adyson was found to have blood excreting from both ears, bite marks on both arms and right foot, scratches on neck and bruising on facial cheeks, forehead, neck, both legs, back and abdomen. She died as a result of her injuries on March 15, 2013. Monique Gaxiola and Kristepher Banavidez have been charged with first degree murder in connection with Adyson's death.

**B. Whether CPS has received any reports or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian\* :**

Arizona CPS had received one prior report alleging abuse or neglect of Adyson Gaxiola by Monique Gaxiola.

On April 2, 2012 a report was made when Monique Gaxiola took Adyson into the medical clinic to have the doctor check blisters located on the back of Adyson's head. The nurse practitioner cultured the blisters, which returned positive for MRSA. The clinic medical staff called the mother with the results of the culture and requested that Adyson be brought back into the clinic that afternoon so she could be treated for MRSA and the mother stated she would bring Adyson in that same afternoon. The mother never brought Adyson into the clinic even after medical staff continued to call and leave voice messages regarding the urgency.

The children were observed in the home. The antibiotics were observed and it was noted that they were filled within several days of the report. The allegations were unsubstantiated.

**1. Actions taken by CPS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:**

CPS is conducting a joint investigation with Tucson Police Department

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

Following an assessment of child safety, two siblings were placed in foster care.

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

Services will be determined following completion of the investigation.

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\*Posted information provides whether there have been reports or any current or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).

Information, if any, regarding other family or household members and the child or the alleged perpetrator is not posted on the Web site. Calls to the Child Abuse Hotline that do not meet the criteria of a report because they do not contain allegations of abuse or neglect (or because there is no information provided to locate the child or family) are not posted.