

Information for Release		12/22/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 12/11/2011

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 12/11/2011

Child's name: Aleigh Torres

Age at time of incident: 1 Year

Perpetrator(s): Miguel Garcia

Age: 22 years

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Both child and the alleged perpetrator were residing in Glendale, Arizona at the time of the incident.

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

On December 11, 2011, Glendale Police Department responded to a 9-1-1 call of a 1 year old female child unresponsive. Paramedics arrived and transported the child identified as Raleigh to the hospital where she was pronounced dead. Miguel Angel Garcia had wrapped Aleigh Torres in a blanket and laid her face down in the closet. Aleigh was later found in the closet by Miguel.

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* :

CPS had no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Aleigh Torres by Miguel Angel Garcia.

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

CPS is conducting a joint investigation with the Glendale Police Department.

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

The siblings have been taken into CPS custody and have been placed in foster care.

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

The investigation is ongoing.

*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.