

Information for Release	9/4/2012

Date of the notification to CPS: 5/16/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: On or about 5/16/2012

Child's name: Alexus Salazar-Garcia

Age at time of incident: 2 Months

Perpetrator(s): Unknown

Age:

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident, the child was living in Chandler, Arizona.

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

On or around May 16, 2012, an unknown perpetrator physically abused Alexus when the child sustained bi-lateral skull fractures, severe retinal hemorrhages, multifocal intracranial bleeds and a severe diffuse brain injury. The child also suffered from fractured ribs. The injuries were diagnosed as non-accidental, resulting in Alexus' 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*:

CPS has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Alexus.

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

CPS investigated the allegations through a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was placed in foster care.

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

Intensive out of home services being offered to the family include parenting classes, TASC, psychological consultation, visitation and case management.

^{*}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.