

Information for Release		5/10/2010
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Date of the notification to CPS: 12/16/2010

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 12/16/2009

Child's name: Amanda

Age at time of incident: 23 Months

Perpetrator(s): Michelle Corbett

Age: 42

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): The child and perpetrator are from Mesa.

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

CPS received a report indicating Amanda had been hospitalized in serious condition after becoming dehydrated. It was reported by the medical providers that Amanda's condition was believed to be the result of the caretaker's failure to follow recommended treatment for Amanda.

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 received six prior unsubstantiated reports alleging neglect of Amanda by Michelle Corbett. The first report was received on Feb. 15, 2007. Prior to the near-fatality incident, the most recent report was received on Dec. 11, 2008. In March 2007, CPS filed a dependency petition with the juvenile court requesting the court to order in-home intervention because the family was willing to participate in services that appeared likely to resolve the risk issues involving the child. CPS provided services to the family from March through October 2007. The family continued to receive and participate in services through community providers after the court dismissed the in-home intervention in October of 2007.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation of the report with the Mesa Police Department.

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

When Amanda was discharged from the hospital in January 2010, CPS took her into custody. A dependency petition was filed.

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

Services are being provided to the family.

*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.